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My Great Great Grandfather was Robert Pickens Henderson (1823-1900). Rev. Henderson was a County Evangelist, Circuit Riding Preacher, in Fannin County, Texas. He was my maternal Grandmother's Grandfather. In his old Analytical Bible, under the section, *History of the Bible*, I found a very wonderful and timely article about the Gospel of Matthew.

At first, Matthew wrote his Gospel in Hebrew (Aramaic) for the Jewish Converts in the First Century. As this "sort of Hebrew was undoubtedly the language in which our Saviour talked with His countrymen, and they were extremely tenacious of it, and therefore far more likely to read a book written in it than of Greek. This Hebrew Gospel (The Gospel of Matthew) was written not far from A.D. 40 (First Century)."¹

Therefore, Matthew in this Gospel would have used the Sacred Revealed Names, consistent with the Hebrew Old Testament, from which the Converts were taught about our Saviour. Today, in various Bibles, at the Book of Acts, we are told that the Old Testament Sacred Text (in Hebrew) was the "Bible" of that day. Yehoshua said, For had ye Believed Moses, ye would have Believed Me: for he Wrote of Me. John 5:46

This view about the Gospel of Matthew is still maintained today, and is on the Internet. It is held that Matthew wrote his Gospel initially in Aramaic Hebrew, the language of the Holy Land, the First Century. And again, we believe that Matthew, consistent with the Sacred Hebrew Text, would have used the Holy Revealed Names in that Text, YHWH, Yehoshua, Mashika.

And, Moody's Handbook of Theology confirms that Matthew originally wrote his Gospel in Aramaic, published in Hebrew (Aramaic). and that it was written about AD50.²

¹ Rev. R. D. Hitchcock, D.D., LL.D., Union Theological Seminary, NYC, Hitchcock's New And Complete Analysis of the Holy Bible, Publisher A.J. Johnson and Son, NYC, W.D. Cummings, Pittsburg PA, p.1150, p.1159. 1876

² Paul Enns, The Moody Handbook of Theology, Moody Press, Chicago, 1989, p.83

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