

Exodus 3:13-15 And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them? And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.

- **I AM THAT I AM / I AM** - original form spoken by God Himself
- **YHWH / YAHWEH** - Hebrew form, or Holy Tetragrammaton
- **ADONAI / ADON** - Hebrew form used as a substitute (when this word was read the Jewish congregation would say “HA SHEM” or “THE NAME”)
- **JHVH / JEHOVAH / LORD** - 16th century English translation for above Hebrew
- **KURIOS / LORD** - Greek form of “Lord,” but an inadequate equivalent

- In Egyptian theology, you could defeat a god if you knew his secret name; but the true God was not afraid to reveal His name to Moses. However, the Jews eventually degenerated into much the same practice, not even speaking the name out of superstition. This was a misinterpretation of Leviticus 24:16. (*“And he that blasphemeth the name of the LORD, he shall surely be put to death, and all the congregation shall certainly stone him: as well the stranger, as he that is born in the land, when he blasphemeth the name of the LORD, shall be put to death.”*)

- When God described Himself as **I AM**, He was describing these attributes: Eternal, Self-Existent, Omnipotent, Omnipresent, Omniscient (“I AM ... everything you need!”)
- **GOD NEVER REVOKED THIS NAME!** It is His redemptive name and all the compound names of God are built on it. Even in the Old Testament, people could call on the “name of the Lord,” as in Genesis 4:26. (*“And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.”*)

- **THERE ARE MANY COMPOUND NAMES OF GOD IN THE OLD TESTAMENT:**

Jehovah Elohim	Genesis 2:4	The Lord, Our Creator
Jehovah El Elyon	Genesis 14:22	The Lord, Most High God, The Owner
Jehovah Adonia	Genesis 15:2	The Lord, The Master
Jehovah El Olam	Genesis 21:33	The Lord, The Everlasting
Jehovah Jireh	Genesis 22:14	The Lord, The Provider
Jehovah Rapha	Exodus 15:26	The Lord, The Healer
Jehovah Nissi	Exodus 17:15	The Lord, The Banner (“Miracle”)
Jehovah MakaddeshKem	Exodus 31:13	The Lord, Our Sanctification
Jehovah Shalom	Judges 6:24	The Lord, Our Peace
Jehovah Shaphat	Judges 11:27	The Lord, The Judge
Jehovah Saboath	1 Samuel 1:3	The Lord of Hosts
Jehovah Zidkenu	Jeremiah 23:6	The Lord, Our Righteousness
Jehovah Raah	Psalms 23:1	The Lord, The Shepherd
Jehovah Elyon	Psalms 7:17	The Lord, The Blessor
Jehovah Hosenu	Psalms 95:6	The Lord, The Maker
Jehovah Gibbor	Isaiah 42:13	The Lord, The Mighty
Jah Jehovah	Isaiah 12:2, 26:4	The Lord, The Jehovah
Jehovah Shammah	Ezekiel 48:35	The Lord, The Everpresent

- **BUT ONLY ONE COMPOUND NAME IS REVEALED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT:**

Jehovah Jehoshua Messiah	Matt. 1:21, Acts 2:36	The Lord Jesus Christ
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- Hebrews 1:1-4 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.
- JESUS is the Greek form of JOSHUA, which means “YAHWEH - SAVIOR”
- **Jesus had a right to use God’s name because HE WAS GOD!**
- **YAHWEH:** Isaiah 45:22-23 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.
- **JESUS:** Philippians 2:10-11 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
- **YAHWEH:** Psalms 68:18 Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell among them.
- **JESUS:** Ephesians 4:8-10 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)
- **MOSES SUFFERED THE REPROACH OF CHRIST IN EGYPT:** Hebrews 11:24-27 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward. By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.
- **ISRAEL TESTED CHRIST IN THE WILDERNESS:** 1 Corinthians 10:9 Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.
- **JOHN THE BAPTIST WAS A FORERUNNER TO YAHWEH:** Malachi 3:1 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.
- **THE JEWS WILL LOOK UPON YAHWEH WHOM THEY HAVE PIERCED:** Zechariah 12:10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.
- **JESUS WAS CONSTANTLY USING “I AM” - THE UNPRONOUNCEABLE, UNUTTERABLE, INEFFABLE NAME OF GOD - IN REFERENCE TO HIMSELF!**
- This was the name the Jews would not say out of mistaken reverence (Leviticus 24:16)
- The Jews knew who Jesus was claiming to be; that’s why they tried to stone Him!

- **TO THE SAMARITAN WOMAN AT THE WELL:** *John 4:23-26* But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth. The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. Jesus saith unto her, **I** that speak unto thee **am** *he*.
- *John 6:35* And Jesus said unto them, **I am** the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.
- *John 8:12* Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, **I am** the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life..
- *John 10:9* **I am** the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.
- *John 10:11* **I am** the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.
- **TO MARTHA AT LAZARUS' TOMB:** *John 11:25* Jesus said unto her, **I am** the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:
- *John 13:13* Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so **I am**.
- *John 14:6* Jesus saith unto him, **I am** the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.
- **IN A DISCUSSION WITH THE PHARISEES AT THE TEMPLE:** *John 8:24* I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that **I am** *he*, ye shall die in your sins. *John 8:28* Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that **I am** *he*, and *that* I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things. *John 8:58-59* Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, **I am**. Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.
- **TO THE DISCIPLES AS HE WALKS TO THEM ON THE WATER:** *Matthew 14:27* But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. **(Greek: TAKE COURAGE, I AM)**
- **TO THE HIGH PRIEST AT HIS TRIAL:** *Mark 14:62* And Jesus said, **I am**: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.
- **TO THE SOLDIERS WHO CAME TO ARREST HIM IN GETHSEMANE:** *John 18:5-6* They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, **I am** *he*. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them. As soon then as he had said unto them, **I am** *he*, they went backward, and fell to the ground.
- **WHEN HE APPEARED GLORIFIED BEFORE JOHN ON PATMOS:** *Revelation 1:17* And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; **I am** the first and the last: *Revelation 22:16* I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. **I am** the root and the offspring of David, *and* the bright and morning star.
- **TO THE DISCIPLES ... AND TO US:** *Matthew 18:20* For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there **am I** in the midst of them. **(Greek: I AM)**
- **IF JUDAISM COULD HAVE STOPPED THE APOSTLES FROM SPEAKING IN THE NAME OF JESUS, THEY WOULD HAVE STRIPPED THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH OF ITS POWER. THE APOSTLES DID EVERYTHING IN THE NAME OF JESUS!**

- **Colossians 3:17** *And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.*