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Exodus 20:24 *Wherever I cause My Name to be honored, I will come to you and bless you.*

Proverbs 18:10 *The Name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.*

Psalm 138:2 *...for You have exalted Your name and Your word above all things.*

Part 2 - JEHOVAH

1. In many translations, the name Jehovah is written as LORD in all capitals to distinguish it from Adonai, which is also translated as Lord but with lowercase letters. Jehovah is the most frequently used name for God in the Old Testament, appearing about 6,800 times, and is considered to be the personal and covenant name of God.
2. Jehovah appears for the first time in Genesis 2:4-22 with Elohim (the Triune Creator in Genesis 1, etc.). It is used throughout the second and third chapters, except in the temptation story and the serpent's dialogue with Eve where he uses only Elohim. (Genesis 3:1-7) After this, we find the name Jehovah alone or used with Elohim and other names separately in one sentence. (Genesis 28:13; Psalm 91:2; 110:1) *Scan the code for a list of the Names of God.*



The Name Jehovah

1. In Exodus 3 God met Moses at the burning bush and commanded him to lead His people out of bondage and the land of Egypt. It is here where Moses asked for His Name.
 - Exodus 3:13-15 *Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God (Elohim) of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is His Name?' Then what shall I tell them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM (I WILL BE WHAT I WILL BE)... God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD (I AM), the God of your fathers — the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob — has sent me to you.' This is My Name forever, the Name you shall call Me from generation to generation."*
2. The name Jehovah, a Latinized form of YHWH or Yahweh, comes from the Hebrew word for "I AM," and means "to be" or "being," and "to live," or "life." He is the One who possesses Life and eternal existence. (Psalm 102:12, 27; Isaiah 43:10-11) and the One who never changes. (Deuteronomy 33:27; Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8)

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- *All the names of God which occur in Scripture are derived from His works, except one, and that is Jehovah. This is called the "plain name of God," because it teaches unequivocally of the substance of God. — Jewish commentator, Moses Maimonides*
- *In the Name Jehovah the personality of the Supreme is distinctly expressed. It is everywhere a proper Name denoting the Person of God... The Hebrew (texts) may say the Elohim, the true God, in opposition to other false gods; but never says the Jehovah... — R.B. Girdlestone*

Jehovah, the Covenant God of Righteousness and Holiness

1. Although Elohim illustrates the Mighty, Omnipotent Creator who covenanted within the Godhead to show His love to and preserve His creation, Jehovah reveals His love as conditioned upon moral and spiritual behavior. It is Jehovah who places Adam in a position of responsibility over Eden but warns him of the grave consequences of disobedience.
 - *Genesis 2:15-17 The LORD God (Jehovah Elohim) took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."*
2. Jehovah represented two great attributes to Israel: righteousness (morally right) and holiness (morally clean). Jehovah, who is absolutely righteous and holy, *must* judge and punish all sin. It is Jehovah who banishes man from the garden. (Genesis 3:23-24) It is Jehovah who says to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against me I will blot out of my book." (Exodus 32:33) It is Jehovah who chastened His people who chose to rebel against His commands and allowed their enemies to place them under bondage. (Judges 10:6-7, 15-16)
3. Jehovah's Covenant with Israel is a central theme in the Old Testament. A few references include:
 - Genesis 12:1-3, Genesis 15 (With Abraham)
 - Exodus 6:4-5; Exodus 19:3-6 (Moses with Israel)
 - Exodus 24:1-11 (Sealed with the blood of sacrifice)
 - Deuteronomy 29:1, 14-19 (Moses renewed the covenant of the Promised Land)

Jehovah, the God of Love

1. Because Jehovah is a God of love He grieves over the sins of His creation.
 - *Judges 10:16 Then they got rid of the foreign gods among them and served the LORD. And he could bear Israel's misery no longer.*
 - *Isaiah 63:9 In all their distress He too was distressed...*

- Hosea 11:8 *How can I give you up, Ephraim? (Northern Kingdom) How can I hand you over, Israel?... My heart is changed within Me; all My compassion is aroused.*
2. **As Jehovah, He must condemn sin. But as Perfect Love He seeks to redeem mankind!** In Genesis 3:9, when Adam sinned, we see Jehovah seeking to restore. In Genesis 3:21-24, Jehovah initiates the blood covenant by an innocent life sacrificed as the substitute for the guilty. He then clothed Adam and Eve with its skins.
 - John 3:16-17; 2 Corinthians 5:21
 3. The entire Jewish Levitical system and the Covenant of Blood was Jehovah's means for man to continue to approach Him until the time of Christ's coming. (Leviticus 16:15-16; Leviticus 17:11; Galatians 3:23-24)
 - In the first seven chapters of Leviticus, which established the system of sacrifice, Elohim occurs once while Jehovah occurs 86 times.
 - In Leviticus 16, which speaks of the Day of Atonement, only Jehovah (LORD) appears 12 times. Once a year, during the Day of Atonement, the High Priest would offer a young bull for his own atonement. He then provided two goats; one goat would be offered as a sin offering, and the other goat, the scapegoat, would carry the sins of Israel into the wilderness. In this way, Israel would be reconciled with God, free from the curse and penalty of sin. (Leviticus 16:6-10, 20-22)
 - However, this only foreshadowed the True sacrifice for sin: Jesus Christ. Jesus was not only the great Sacrifice on the cross in our place, (Hebrews 10:1-7) He was also the scapegoat who took away our sin! (Psalm 103:3-4, 11-12)
 4. In the Old Testament, Jehovah spoke through His prophets about a Day coming when His people would live in a state of redemption and grace!
 - Zechariah 13:9 *...They will call on My Name and I will answer them; I will say, "They are My people," and they will say, "The LORD (Jehovah) is our God (Elohim)."* (Isaiah 45:22-24, here "God: is EL in the singular)

John 8:58 *Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."*
 Jesus is the personification of Exodus 3:13-15, "I AM WHO I AM."

Jehovah's Salvation through Jesus Christ

1. Hebrews 1:1-4 *God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through 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,...*
 - John 14:1-11 *Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." Jesus answered: "Don't you know Me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"*

2. Jesus (Joshua), whose name means “Yahweh Saves” or “the LORD is Salvation,” was sacrificed as a substitute for us so that we might have fellowship with a Holy God! He was Jehovah who judged our sin and then gave Himself as the Final Sacrifice. (Hebrews 10:1-23)
 - Hebrews 10:14 *For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.*
 - 2 Corinthians 5:21 *God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*
3. Jesus, in His great love, aggressively seeks to redeem the lost.
 - Luke 19:10 *For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.* (Matthew 15:24)
 - The parables of the lost coin, the lost sheep and the lost son, all reflect the great redemptive heart of Jehovah! (Luke 15)
4. Because Jehovah is the God who redeems and restores, He desires for us to have the same heart.
 - 1 John 4:17 *Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.*
 - 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 *...All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation...*
 - Matthew 10:6-8 *...And as you go, preach, saying, “The Kingdom of Heaven (Kingdom of God) is at hand.” Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.* (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15)
5. As we understand the names of God, our eyes are opened to see His Character. Nowhere is God revealed as powerfully and clearly as in His names. When we know God as He is, we are inspired to carry His name into every aspect of our lives.

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The Old Testament Names of God



ADDENDUM

John 8:58 *"Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I AM!"*

The "I AM" declarations of Christ from the Gospel of John. Each one paints a clear picture of that aspect of His earthly ministry.

1. **I AM the Bread of Life.**

- John 6:35 *Then Jesus declared, "I AM the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. (John 7:37-39)*

2. **I AM the Light of the World.**

- John 8:12 *When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I AM the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

3. **I AM the Door (Gate) of the Sheep.**

- John 10:9 *I AM the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. (kept safe) They will come in and go out, and find pasture.*

4. **I AM the Good Shepherd.**

- John 10:11 *I AM the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.*

5. **I AM the Resurrection and the Life.**

- John 11:25 *Jesus said to her, "I AM the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.*

6. **I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life.**

- John 14:6 *Jesus answered, "I AM the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*

7. **I AM the True Vine.**

- John 15:1, 5 *I AM the true vine, and my Father is the gardener... I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.*