

Message Three

“Know That I Am Jehovah”

Scripture Reading: Ezek. 36:11, 23, 38; 37:6, 13-14, 28; 38:23; 39:6-7, 22, 28

- Ezek 36:11 I will also multiply upon you man and beast, and they will increase and be fruitful, and I will make you inhabited as you were formerly, and I will make it better for you than when you began. Then you will know that I am Jehovah.
- Ezek 36:23 And I will sanctify My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations will know that I am Jehovah, declares the Lord Jehovah, when I am sanctified in you in their sight.
- Ezek 36:38 Like the holy flock for sacrifices, like the flock of Jerusalem in her appointed feasts, so will the waste cities be filled with flocks of men; and they will know that I am Jehovah.
- Ezek 37:6 And I will put sinews on you and bring flesh back on you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you will know that I am Jehovah.
- Ezek 37:13 And you will know that I am Jehovah, when I open your graves and bring you up out of your graves, O My people.
- Ezek 37:14 And I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live; and I will place you in your own land. Then you will know that I, Jehovah, have spoken and that I have performed it, declares Jehovah.
- Ezek 37:28 Then the nations will know that I am Jehovah, who sanctifies Israel, when My sanctuary will be in their midst forever.
- Ezek 38:23 And I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself and make Myself known in the sight of many nations, and they will know that I am Jehovah.
- Ezek 39:6 And I will send fire on Magog and on those who dwell securely in the isles, and they will know that I am Jehovah.
- Ezek 39:7 And I will make known My holy name in the midst of My people Israel, and I will not allow My holy name to be profaned anymore. Then the nations will know that I am Jehovah, the Holy One in Israel.
- Ezek 39:22 So the house of Israel will know that I am Jehovah their God from that day onward.
- Ezek 39:28 And they will know that I am Jehovah their God because I brought them into captivity among the nations and have gathered them to their own land; and I will never again leave any of them there.

I. Elohim is the name of God in relation to creation; Jehovah is the name of God in relation to man—Gen. 1:1; 2:4; Isa. 1:2, 4:

- Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- Gen 2:4 These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created. When Jehovah God made earth and heaven,
- Isa 1:2 Hear, O heavens, and hearken, O earth, / For Jehovah has spoken: / I have brought up children, and I have raised them; / And yet they have rebelled against Me.
- Isa 1:4 Alas, sinful nation, / A people heavy with iniquity, / Seed of evildoers, / Children acting corruptly! / They have forsaken Jehovah; / They have despised the Holy One of Israel; / They have become estranged and have gone backward.

- A. The name God—Elohim—means “the strong and mighty One”; this name refers to God’s relationship with creation.
- B. God implies God’s power and His relationship with creatures; Jehovah God denotes God having a relationship with man:
1. God is the common name, and Jehovah is the name of intimacy and love.
 2. Jehovah God is not only the One who is powerful but also the One who draws near to man—Gen. 2:4, 8, 15-16, 18-19, 21-22.

- Gen 2:4 These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created. When Jehovah God made earth and heaven,
- Gen 2:8 And Jehovah God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there He put the man whom He had formed.
- Gen 2:15 And Jehovah God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and to keep it.
- Gen 2:16 And Jehovah God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden you may eat freely,
- Gen 2:18 And Jehovah God said, It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper as his counterpart.
- Gen 2:19 Now Jehovah God had formed from the ground every animal of the field and every bird of heaven. And He brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called any living animal, that was its name.
- Gen 2:21 And Jehovah God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh in its place.
- Gen 2:22 And Jehovah God built the rib, which He had taken from the man, into a woman and brought her to the man.

II. Jehovah means “I am who I am,” indicating that Jehovah is the self-existing and ever-existing eternal One, the One who was in the past, who is in the present, and who will be in the future forever—Exo. 3:14; Rev. 1:4:

Exo 3:14 And God said to Moses, I AM WHO I AM. And He said, Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, I AM has sent me to you

Rev 1:4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is coming, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,

- A. The divine title I Am indicates that, as the self-existing One, God depends on nothing apart from Himself—Exo. 3:14:

Exo 3:14 And God said to Moses, I AM WHO I AM. And He said, Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, I AM has sent me to you

1. The term self-existing refers to something that exists of or by itself without beginning.

2. God, the I Am, is self-existing, having no beginning.

- B. The term ever-existing refers to something that exists forever; God exists forever, eternally, without ending.

- C. Jehovah is the only One who is—Heb. 11:6:

Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing to Him, for he who comes forward to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

1. This unique One who has being is the great “To Be”; the verb to be can be applied only to God and not to us.

2. Everything will cease to be, but God will ever continue to be; He, the I Am, is the great To Be.

3. God is the universal To Be, the genuine being; only God is I Am—only He has being.

III. El Shaddai is God’s name for supply and promise; Jehovah is God’s name for existence and fulfillment—Gen. 17:1; 28:3; 35:11; Exo. 3:14; 6:6-8:

Gen 17:1 And when Abram was ninety-nine years old, Jehovah appeared to Abram and said to him, I am the All-sufficient God; / Walk before Me, and be perfect.

- Gen 28:3 And may the All-sufficient God bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may become a company of peoples.
- Gen 35:11 And God said to him, I am the All-sufficient God: / Be fruitful and multiply; / A nation and a company of nations shall come from you, / And kings shall come forth from your loins.
- Exo 3:14 And God said to Moses, I AM WHO I AM. And He said, Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, I AM has sent me to you
- Exo 6:6 Therefore say to the children of Israel, I am Jehovah, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment.
- Exo 6:7 And I will take you to Myself as My people, and I will be your God; and you shall know that I am Jehovah your God, the One who brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.
- Exo 6:8 And I will bring you to the land which I swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it to you as a possession. I am Jehovah.

A. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob experienced God as El Shaddai, but they did not experience Him as Jehovah, for they died in faith without receiving the fulfillment of God's promise regarding the good land—Heb. 11:13; cf. Gen. 15:13-16.

- Heb 11:13 All these died in faith, not receiving the promises but seeing them from afar and joyfully greeting them and confessing that they were strangers and sojourners on the earth.
- Gen 15:13 And He said to Abram, Know assuredly that your seed will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs, and they will serve them; and they will afflict them four hundred years.
- Gen 15:14 But I will also judge that nation, whom they will serve, and afterward they will come out with great possessions.
- Gen 15:15 But as for you, you will go to your fathers in peace; you will be buried in a good old age.
- Gen 15:16 And in the fourth generation they will come here again, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.

B. In Exodus 6:6-8 God came not to promise something to Moses but to fulfill the promise that He had made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; thus, He came to Moses not as El Shaddai but as Jehovah, the One who is and who will fulfill all that He has promised.

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- Exo 6:7 And I will take you to Myself as My people, and I will be your God; and you shall know that I am Jehovah your God, the One who brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.
- Exo 6:8 And I will bring you to the land which I swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it to you as a possession. I am Jehovah.

C. Because Jehovah exists eternally and because He is the reality of the verb to be, He will fulfill whatever He has spoken.

D. In the Lord's recovery today, we are not in the stage of promise but in the stage of fulfillment; we are experiencing God not only as El Shaddai but also as Jehovah, the great I Am.

IV. Jehovah—the self-existing and ever-existing One—is the Triune God; He is the unique God, yet He is triune—3:6, 14-16; Mal. 2:10; 1 Cor. 8:4, 6; 2 Cor. 13:14; Matt. 28:19:

- Exo 3:6 And He said, I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Exo 3:14 And God said to Moses, I AM WHO I AM. And He said, Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, I AM has sent me to you

Exo 3:15 And God also said to Moses, Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, Jehovah, 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, and this is My memorial from generation to generation.

Exo 3:16 Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say to them, Jehovah, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, has appeared to me, saying, I have surely visited you and seen what is being done to you in Egypt.

Mal 2:10 Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us? Why are we treacherous, each one to his brother, thus profaning the covenant of our fathers?

1 Cor 8:4 Therefore concerning the eating of things sacrificed to idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world and that there is no God but one.

1 Cor 8:6 Yet to us there is one God, the Father, out from whom are all things, and we are unto Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and we are through Him.

2 Cor 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Matt 28:19 Go therefore and disciple all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

A. Jehovah is the God of three persons—Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; this implies that He is the Triune God—Exo. 3:14-16.

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Exo 3:15 And God also said to Moses, Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, Jehovah, 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, and this is My memorial from generation to generation.

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B. “The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob” is Jehovah Elohim, the Triune God—the Father, the Son, and the Spirit—v. 15; Matt. 28:19:

Exo 3:15 And God also said to Moses, Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, Jehovah, 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, and this is My memorial from generation to generation.

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1. The God of Abraham signifies God the Father who calls man, justifies man, and equips man to live by faith and to live in fellowship with Him—Gen. 12:1; 15:6; chs. 17—18; 19:29; 21:1-13; 22:1-18.

Gen 12:1 Now Jehovah said to Abram, Go from your land / And from your relatives / And from your father's house / To the land that I will show you;

Gen 15:6 And he believed Jehovah, and He accounted it to him as righteousness.

Gen 17:1 And when Abram was ninety-nine years old, Jehovah appeared to Abram and said to him, I am the All-sufficient God; / Walk before Me, and be perfect.

Gen 17:2 And I will make My covenant between Me and you, / And I will multiply you exceedingly.

Gen 17:3 And Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying,

Gen 17:4 As for Me, this is My covenant with you, / And you shall become the father of a multitude of nations.

- Gen 17:5 Your name shall no longer be called Abram, / But your name shall be Abraham; / For I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.
- Gen 17:6 And I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings will come forth from you.
- Gen 17:7 And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your seed after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your seed after you.
- Gen 17:8 And I will give to you and to your seed after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.
- Gen 17:9 And God said to Abraham, And as for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your seed after you throughout their generations.
- Gen 17:10 This is My covenant, which you shall keep, between Me and you and your seed after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised.
- Gen 17:11 And you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin, and it shall be a sign of a covenant between Me and you.
- Gen 17:12 And he who is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every male throughout your generations, he who is born in the house or bought with money from any foreigner who is not of your seed.
- Gen 17:13 He who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money must be circumcised; thus My covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.
- Gen 17:14 But as for the uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that person shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant.
- Gen 17:15 And God said to Abraham, As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but her name shall be Sarah.
- Gen 17:16 And I will bless her, and I will also give you a son by her. Indeed, I will bless her, and she will be a mother of nations; kings of peoples will come forth from her.
- Gen 17:17 Then Abraham fell upon his face and laughed and said in his heart, Will a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? And will Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?
- Gen 17:18 And Abraham said to God, Oh that Ishmael might live before You!
- Gen 17:19 But God said, No, but Sarah your wife will bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; and I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant for his seed after him.
- Gen 17:20 And as for Ishmael, I have heard you; indeed, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful and will multiply him exceedingly. Twelve princes will he beget, and I will make of him a great nation.
- Gen 17:21 But My covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you at this appointed time next year.
- Gen 17:22 And when He finished talking with him, God went up from Abraham.
- Gen 17:23 And Abraham took Ishmael his son and all who were born in his house and all who were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house, and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin on the very same day, as God had said to him.
- Gen 17:24 And Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.
- Gen 17:25 And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.
- Gen 17:26 On the very same day Abraham was circumcised as well as Ishmael his son.
- Gen 17:27 And all the men of his house, those born in the house and those bought with money from a foreigner, were circumcised with him.
- Gen 18:1 And Jehovah appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre as he was sitting at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day.
- Gen 18:2 And he lifted up his eyes and looked, and there were three men standing opposite him. And when he saw them, he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them. And he bowed down to the earth

Gen 18:3 And said, My Lord, if I have found favor in Your sight, please do not pass on from Your servant.

Gen 18:4 Please let a little water be fetched, and do wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree.

Gen 18:5 And let me fetch a morsel of bread that you may sustain yourselves. After that you may pass on, since you have come to your servant. So they said, Do as you have said.

Gen 18:6 And Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, Quickly prepare three measures of fine flour, knead it, and make cakes.

Gen 18:7 And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, and he hurried to prepare it.

Gen 18:8 And he took curds and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and set them before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

Gen 18:9 And they said to him, Where is Sarah your wife? And he said, There, in the tent.

Gen 18:10 And He said, I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and then Sarah your wife shall have a son. And Sarah was listening at the entrance of the tent, which was behind Him.

Gen 18:11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old and advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah according to the manner of women.

Gen 18:12 And Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I have become old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?

Gen 18:13 And Jehovah said to Abraham, Why did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I indeed bear a child when I am old?

Gen 18:14 Is anything too marvelous for Jehovah? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.

Gen 18:15 Then Sarah denied it, saying, I did not laugh; for she was afraid. And He said, No, but you did laugh.

Gen 18:16 And the men rose up from there and looked down upon Sodom. And Abraham walked with them to send them away.

Gen 18:17 And Jehovah said, Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do,

Gen 18:18 Since Abraham will indeed become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth will be blessed in him?

Gen 18:19 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him to keep the way of Jehovah by doing righteousness and justice, that Jehovah may bring upon Abraham what He has spoken concerning him.

Gen 18:20 And Jehovah said, The cry of Sodom and Gomorrah, how great it is; and their sin, how very heavy it is!

Gen 18:21 I shall go down and see whether they have done altogether according to its outcry, which has come to Me; and if not, I will know.

Gen 18:22 And the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before Jehovah.

Gen 18:23 And Abraham came near and said, Will You indeed destroy the righteous with the wicked?

Gen 18:24 Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will You indeed destroy and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous who are in it?

Gen 18:25 Far be it from You to do such a thing, to put to death the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked. Far be it from You! Shall the Judge of all the earth not do justly?

Gen 18:26 And Jehovah said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare the whole place for their sake.

Gen 18:27 And Abraham answered and said, Now behold, I have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord, though I am but dust and ashes.

Gen 18:28 Suppose the fifty righteous are lacking five, will You destroy the whole city because of five? And He said, I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.

- Gen 18:29 And he spoke to Him yet again and said, Suppose forty are found there? And He said, I will not do it, because of the forty.
- Gen 18:30 And he said, Oh may the Lord not be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there? And He said, I will not do it if I find thirty there.
- Gen 18:31 And he said, Now behold, I have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there? And He said, I will not destroy it, because of the twenty.
- Gen 18:32 And he said, Oh let the Lord not be angry if I speak yet once more. Suppose ten are found there? And He said, I will not destroy it, because of the ten.
- Gen 18:33 And Jehovah went away as soon as He had finished speaking with Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.
- Gen 19:29 And when God destroyed the cities of the plain, God remembered Abraham and sent Lot out from the midst of the overthrow, when He overthrew the cities among which Lot dwelt.
- Gen 21:1 And Jehovah visited Sarah as He had said, and Jehovah did to Sarah as He had promised.
- Gen 21:2 And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the appointed time of which God had spoken to him.
- Gen 21:3 And Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore to him, Isaac.
- Gen 21:4 And Abraham circumcised Isaac his son when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him.
- Gen 21:5 And Abraham was a hundred years old when Isaac his son was born to him.
- Gen 21:6 And Sarah said, God has made me laugh; everyone who hears will laugh with me.
- Gen 21:7 And she said, Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.
- Gen 21:8 And the child grew and was weaned. And Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned.
- Gen 21:9 And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, mocking.
- Gen 21:10 So she said to Abraham, Cast out this maidservant and her son, for the son of this maidservant shall not inherit with my son Isaac.
- Gen 21:11 And the matter displeased Abraham greatly on account of his son.
- Gen 21:12 And God said to Abraham, Do not be displeased on account of the boy and on account of your maidservant. Whatever Sarah says to you, listen to her voice, for in Isaac shall your seed be called.
- Gen 21:13 And of the son of the maidservant I will also make a nation, because he is your seed.
- Gen 22:1 Now after these things God tested Abraham and said to him, Abraham. And he said, Here I am.
- Gen 22:2 And He said, Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you.
- Gen 22:3 And Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey and took two of his young men with him and Isaac his son. And he split the wood for the burnt offering and rose up and went to the place of which God had told him.
- Gen 22:4 On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar.
- Gen 22:5 And Abraham said to his young men, Stay here with the donkey; and I and the boy will go over there, and we will worship; and then we will return to you.
- Gen 22:6 And Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and laid it upon Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked together.
- Gen 22:7 And Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, My father! And he said, Here I am, my son. And he said, The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?
- Gen 22:8 And Abraham said, God Himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son. So the two of them walked on together.

Gen 22:9 And they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar on top of the wood.

Gen 22:10 And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.

Gen 22:11 And the Angel of Jehovah called to him from the heavens and said, Abraham, Abraham. And he said, Here I am.

Gen 22:12 And He said, Do not stretch out your hand upon the boy, nor do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.

Gen 22:13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram, caught in the thicket by its horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up for a burnt offering in place of his son.

Gen 22:14 And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh, as it is said to this day, On the mount of Jehovah it will be provided.

Gen 22:15 And the Angel of Jehovah called to Abraham a second time from the heavens

Gen 22:16 And said, By Myself I have sworn, declares Jehovah: Because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son,

Gen 22:17 I will surely bless you and will greatly multiply your seed like the stars of the heavens and like the sand which is on the seashore; and your seed shall possess the gate of his enemies.

Gen 22:18 And in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.

2. The God of Isaac signifies God the Son who blesses man with the inheritance of all His riches, with a life of the enjoyment of His abundance, and with a life in peace—25:5; 26:3-4, 12-33.

Gen 25:5 And Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac.

Gen 26:3 Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you and will bless you; for to you and to your seed I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath which I swore to Abraham your father.

Gen 26:4 And I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven and will give to your seed all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth will be blessed,

Gen 26:12 And Isaac sowed in that land and gained in the same year a hundredfold. And Jehovah blessed him,

Gen 26:13 And the man became rich and continued to grow richer until he became very rich.

Gen 26:14 And he had possessions of flocks and possessions of herds and a great household, so that the Philistines envied him.

Gen 26:15 Now all the wells which his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father the Philistines had stopped up and filled with earth.

Gen 26:16 And Abimelech said to Isaac, Go away from us, for you are much mightier than we.

Gen 26:17 So Isaac went away from there and camped in the valley of Gerar and dwelt there.

Gen 26:18 And Isaac dug again the wells of water which had been dug in the days of Abraham his father and which the Philistines had stopped up after the death of Abraham; and he called them by the same names which his father had given them.

Gen 26:19 And Isaac's servants dug in the valley and found there a well of springing water.

Gen 26:20 And the shepherds of Gerar strove with Isaac's shepherds, saying, The water is ours. So he called the name of the well Esek, because they contended with him.

Gen 26:21 And they dug another well; and they strove over that also, so he called the name of it Sitnah.

Gen 26:22 And he moved away from there and dug another well, but they did not strive over it, so he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said, Now Jehovah has made room for us, and we will be fruitful in the land.

Gen 26:23 And he went up from there to Beer-sheba.

- Gen 26:24 And Jehovah appeared to him the same night and said, I am the God of Abraham your father. Do not be afraid, for I am with you, and I will bless you and multiply your seed for My servant Abraham's sake.
- Gen 26:25 And he built an altar there and called upon the name of Jehovah and pitched his tent there. And there Isaac's servants dug a well.
- Gen 26:26 And Abimelech came to him from Gerar with Ahuzzath his adviser and Phicol the captain of his army.
- Gen 26:27 And Isaac said to them, Why have you come to me, since you hate me and have sent me away from you?
- Gen 26:28 And they said, We see plainly that Jehovah is with you; so we say, Let there now be an oath between us, even between us and you, and let us make a covenant with you,
- Gen 26:29 That you will not do us any harm, just as we have not touched you, and just as we have done to you nothing but good and have sent you away in peace. You are now the blessed of Jehovah.
- Gen 26:30 And he made them a feast, and they ate and drank.
- Gen 26:31 And they rose up early in the morning and swore to one another. And Isaac sent them away, and they departed from him in peace.
- Gen 26:32 And the same day Isaac's servants came and told him about the well which they had dug and said to him, We have found water.
- Gen 26:33 And he called it Shibah. Therefore the name of the city is Beer-sheba to this day.

3. The God of Jacob signifies God the Spirit who works in all things for the good of His lovers, transforms man, and makes man mature in the divine life—27:41; 28:1—35:10.

- Gen 27:41 And the words of Esau her older son were told to Rebekah, so she sent and called Jacob her younger son and said to him, Now your brother Esau is consoling himself concerning you by planning to kill you.

Gen 28:1—35:10 (to be omitted)

C. Jehovah—the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—is the God of resurrection, the resurrecting Triune God—Exo. 4:5; Matt. 22:31-32.

- Exo 4:5 That they may believe that Jehovah, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you.
- Matt 22:31 But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read that which was spoken to you by God, saying,
- Matt 22:32 I am the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob? He is not the God of the dead, but of the living.

V. The Gospel of John reveals that Jesus is the great I Am—8:24, 28, 58; 18:4-8:

- John 8:24 Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am, you will die in your sins.
- John 8:28 Jesus therefore said to them, When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am, and that I do nothing from Myself, but as My Father has taught Me, I speak these things.
- John 8:58 Jesus said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, Before Abraham came into being, I am.
- John 18:4 Jesus therefore, knowing all the things that were coming upon Him, went forth and said to them, Whom do you seek?
- John 18:5 They answered Him, Jesus the Nazarene. He said to them, I am. And Judas also, who was betraying Him, was standing with them.
- John 18:6 When therefore He said to them, I am, they drew back and fell to the ground.
- John 18:7 Then again He asked them, Whom do you seek? And they said, Jesus the Nazarene.
- John 18:8 Jesus answered, I told you that I am; if therefore you seek Me, let these go away,

A. Jesus is not merely a man—He is I Am—8:24.

- John 8:24 Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am, you will die in your sins.

- B. The name Jesus means “Jehovah the Savior” or “the salvation of Jehovah”—Matt. 1:21:
- Matt 1:21 And she will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins.
1. The name Jesus includes the name Jehovah, which means “I am who I am”—Exo. 3:14.

Exo 3:14 And God said to Moses, I AM WHO I AM. And He said, Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, I AM has sent me to you
 2. Jesus is Jehovah becoming our Savior and our salvation—Rom. 10:12-13; 5:10; cf. Phil. 1:19.

Rom 10:12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord is Lord of all and rich to all who call upon Him;

Rom 10:13 For "whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Rom 5:10 For if we, being enemies, were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more we will be saved in His life, having been reconciled,

Phil 1:19 For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,
- C. The fact that Jesus is the great I Am implies that He is the eternal One—John 8:58:
- John 8:58 Jesus said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, Before Abraham came into being, I am.
1. Jesus is Jehovah, the I Am; His name is I Am—vv. 24, 28.

John 8:24 Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am, you will die in your sins.

John 8:28 Jesus therefore said to them, When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am, and that I do nothing from Myself, but as My Father has taught Me, I speak these things.
 2. The One who was arrested in the garden was not merely a Nazarene; this One was the great I Am, the infinite, eternal God; the One who was arrested was Jehovah God—18:4-8.

John 18:4 Jesus therefore, knowing all the things that were coming upon Him, went forth and said to them, Whom do you seek?

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John 18:7 Then again He asked them, Whom do you seek? And they said, Jesus the Nazarene.

John 18:8 Jesus answered, I told you that I am; if therefore you seek Me, let these go away,
 3. Jesus is the self-existing and ever-existing God; He is the complete God, the Triune God—14:9-10, 16-18.

John 14:9 Jesus said to him, Have I been so long a time with you, and you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how is it that you say, Show us the Father?

John 14:10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak from Myself, but the Father who abides in Me does His works.

John 14:16 And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter, that He may be with you forever,

John 14:17 Even the Spirit of reality, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him; but you know Him, because He abides with you and shall be in you.

John 14:18 I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you.
- D. As the I Am, Christ is everything to us for our experience and enjoyment; His being I Am

means “I am whatever you need”—6:35; 8:12; 10:11; 11:25; 14:6:

- John 6:35 Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall by no means hunger, and he who believes into Me shall by no means ever thirst.
- John 8:12 Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall by no means walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.
- John 10:11 I am the good Shepherd; the good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.
- John 11:25 Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes into Me, even if he should die, shall live;
- John 14:6 Jesus said to him, I am the way and the reality and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.

1. The length, breadth, height, and depth of the name Jehovah are sufficient to include everything; whatever we need—all spiritual realities—can be added in faith to I Am.
2. In Exodus 3:14 God said only that He is, without saying what He is; this allows those who believe in Him to add what they need and then experience Him as that reality—John 8:32.

- Exo 3:14 And God said to Moses, I AM WHO I AM. And He said, Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, I AM has sent me to you
- John 8:32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free.

3. The Lord Jesus is the reality because He is the I Am—14:6; 8:32, 36:

- John 14:6 Jesus said to him, I am the way and the reality and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.
- John 8:32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free.
- John 8:36 If therefore the Son sets you free, you shall be free indeed.

- a. When the Lord as the I Am comes into us as life, He shines within us as light, and this light brings the divine element of reality into us—1:4; 8:12.

- John 1:4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.
- John 8:12 Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall by no means walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

- b. The reality that sets us free is the I Am; the eternal To Be sets us free—vv. 32, 36, 58.

- John 8:32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free.
- John 8:36 If therefore the Son sets you free, you shall be free indeed.
- John 8:58 Jesus said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, Before Abraham came into being, I am.

VI. “Without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing to Him, for he who comes forward to God must believe that He is”—Heb. 11:6:

Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing to Him, for he who comes forward to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

A. God requires us to believe that He is:

1. Only God is; nothing else is.
2. God is because He is real; all things created by Him are not real—Eccl. 1:2.
Eccl 1:2 Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher; / Vanity of vanities; all is vanity.
3. Apart from God, all else is nothing; He is the only One who is, the only One who has the reality of being—Isa. 40:1-18.

Isa 40:1 Comfort, O comfort My people, / Says your God.

Isa 40:2 Speak unto the heart of Jerusalem, / And cry out to her, / That her warfare has finished, / That the penalty for her iniquity has been accepted; / For she has received from the hand of Jehovah double / For all her sins.

Isa 40:3 The voice of one who cries / In the wilderness: Make clear / The way of Jehovah; / Make straight in the desert / A highway for our God.

Isa 40:4 Every valley will be lifted up, / And every mountain and hill will be made low, / And the crooked places will become straight, / And the rough places, a broad plain.

Isa 40:5 Then the glory of Jehovah will be revealed, / And all flesh will see it together, / Because the mouth of Jehovah has spoken.

Isa 40:6 A voice said, Cry out. / And he said, What shall I cry? / All flesh is grass / And all its glory is like the flower of the field;

Isa 40:7 The grass withers, the flower fades, / Because the breath of Jehovah blows upon it. / Surely the people are grass.

Isa 40:8 The grass withers and the flower fades, / But the word of our God will stand forever.

Isa 40:9 Go up to a high mountain, / O Zion, who brings glad tidings; / Lift up your voice with power, / O Jerusalem, who brings glad tidings; / Lift it up, Do not be afraid. / Say to the cities of Judah, / Behold your God!

Isa 40:10 Behold, the Lord Jehovah will come as a mighty One, / And His arm will rule for Him. / Behold, His reward is with Him, / And His recompense before Him.

Isa 40:11 He will feed His flock as a Shepherd; / In His arm He will gather the lambs; / In His bosom He will carry them. / He will lead those who are nursing the young.

Isa 40:12 Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, / Who has calculated the extent of the heavens with a handspan, / And measured out the dust of the earth by a measure, / And weighed the mountains in scales / And the hills in balances?

Isa 40:13 Who has direct the Spirit of Jehovah, / Or who has made matters known to Him as His counselor?

Isa 40:14 With whom did He consult and who instructed Him, / And taught Him in the path of justice, / And taught Him knowledge, / And caused Him to know the way of understanding?

Isa 40:15 Indeed the nations are like a drop from a bucket, / And are accounted as specks of dust on the scales. / Indeed He takes up the islands as very fine powder.

Isa 40:16 And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, / Nor are its beasts sufficient for a burnt offering.

Isa 40:17 All the nations are as nothing before Him; / They are counted by Him as less than nothing and vanity.

Isa 40:18 To whom then will you liken God? / Or what likeness will you compare to Him?

B. Faith is to believe that God is—Heb. 11:6:

Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing to Him, for he who comes forward to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

1. Faith joins us to God, the only One who is—John 14:1.

John 14:1 Do not let your heart be troubled; believe into God, believe also into Me.

2. To believe that God is, is the only way, the unique way, to make God happy, to be well pleasing to Him—Heb. 11:6.

Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing to Him, for he who comes forward to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

VII. Eventually, all will know that God is Jehovah—Ezek. 36:11, 23, 38; 37:6, 13-14, 28; 38:23; 39:6-7, 22, 28:

- Ezek 36:11 I will also multiply upon you man and beast, and they will increase and be fruitful, and I will make you inhabited as you were formerly, and I will make it better for you than when you began. Then you will know that I am Jehovah.
- Ezek 36:23 And I will sanctify My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations will know that I am Jehovah, declares the Lord Jehovah, when I am sanctified in you in their sight.
- Ezek 36:38 Like the holy flock for sacrifices, like the flock of Jerusalem in her appointed feasts, so will the waste cities be filled with flocks of men; and they will know that I am Jehovah.
- Ezek 37:6 And I will put sinews on you and bring flesh back on you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you will know that I am Jehovah.
- Ezek 37:13 And you will know that I am Jehovah, when I open your graves and bring you up out of your graves, O My people.
- Ezek 37:14 And I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live; and I will place you in your own land. Then you will know that I, Jehovah, have spoken and that I have performed it, declares Jehovah.
- Ezek 37:28 Then the nations will know that I am Jehovah, who sanctifies Israel, when My sanctuary will be in their midst forever.
- Ezek 38:23 And I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself and make Myself known in the sight of many nations, and they will know that I am Jehovah.
- Ezek 39:6 And I will send fire on Magog and on those who dwell securely in the isles, and they will know that I am Jehovah.
- Ezek 39:7 And I will make known My holy name in the midst of My people Israel, and I will not allow My holy name to be profaned anymore. Then the nations will know that I am Jehovah, the Holy One in Israel.
- Ezek 39:22 So the house of Israel will know that I am Jehovah their God from that day onward.
- Ezek 39:28 And they will know that I am Jehovah their God because I brought them into captivity among the nations and have gathered them to their own land; and I will never again leave any of them there.

A. “You will know that I am Jehovah, when I open your graves and bring you up out of your graves, O My people”—37:13.

Ezek 37:13 And you will know that I am Jehovah, when I open your graves and bring you up out of your graves, O My people.

B. “I will make known My holy name in the midst of My people Israel, and I will not allow My holy name to be profaned anymore. Then the nations will know that I am Jehovah, the Holy One in Israel”—39:7.

Ezek 39:7 And I will make known My holy name in the midst of My people Israel, and I will not allow My holy name to be profaned anymore. Then the nations will know that I am Jehovah, the Holy One in Israel.

C. “Before Abraham came into being, I am”—John 8:58.

John 8:58 Jesus said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, Before Abraham came into being, I am.