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Seeing Christ in the Scriptures

In these days God is restoring ***“the apostles’ doctrine”*** to the church (**Acts 2:42**). The early apostles had a testimony of being ***“daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus the Christ”*** Acts 5:42. The ***apostles’ doctrine*** is primarily the preaching and teaching of Jesus the Christ. It is making known who He is ***“showing from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ”*** Acts 18:28.

The Scriptures testify of Jesus

Jesus told the Jews who sought to kill Him, ***“you search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me”*** John 5:39. This is a most wonderful insight that Jesus gives us for how to view the Scriptures! We are to look for Jesus! From **Genesis to Malachi** we can be looking to find Jesus in the Scriptures! He wants us to see Him. The ***“the revelation of the mystery, kept secret since the world began is now being made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations”*** Romans 16:25-26. The mystery of who Christ is, is to be made known by the prophetic Scriptures to all nations!

Open our eyes

After Jesus rose from the dead He met the two on the road to Emmaus and ***“beginning at Moses and in all the prophets, He expounded in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself”*** Luke 24:27. Then when Jesus broke the bread at the Table ***“their eyes were opened and they knew Him”*** Luke 24:31. When our eyes open to who Jesus is from all the prophetic Scriptures it causes us ***to know Him!***

May the ***“the Spirit of wisdom and revelation”*** be with you as you read and study the Scriptures in this booklet. May you come to ***know Him*** as the fulfilment of all that is written!

THE MESSENGER OF YAHWEH

A Revelation of Jesus Christ

The revelation of Jesus Christ

For some years now God has been unfolding to us the revelation of who Jesus is. When our eyes are open to who Jesus is, we begin to see Him all through the Scriptures. Jesus is not simply someone who appeared 2000 years ago. He is **“from everlasting [lit. “the days of eternity]”** Micah 5:2. Jesus said to the Jews, **“You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me”** John 5:39. As we search the Scriptures, we should take note of what Jesus said and look for Him.

The Messenger of YAHWEH

Throughout the history of God’s people, beginning in the days of Abraham, a person called the **“The Angel of the LORD [YAHWEH]”** appears on numerous occasions. While it is translated mostly as *Angel*, the word in Hebrew is *Malach* and means *a messenger, ambassador, someone dispatched to do a task or relay a message*. *Malach* messengers can be earthly or heavenly. The messenger who is called **The Angel [Malach] of the LORD** is not on the same level as other *angels*. He is not simply *an angel of the LORD* but He is *The Angel of the LORD*. It is a title given to this particular person. He is **The Messenger**; He is the Sent One.

No one has seen God

God is invisible. The apostle John declared that **“No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him”** John 1:18. No one has seen God. The visible manifestation of God is the Son of God. The Son declares the Father. He is **“the image of the invisible God”** Colossians 1:15. When God became a Man in Jesus the Messiah, we saw God. God sent Himself in His Son so that we could see the Father. The Son of God is the visible manifestation of God to us.

“I have seen God face to face”

While no man has seen God at any time, we see that Jacob had an amazing experience when he **“was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day”** Genesis 32:24. It seems this **Man** just appeared. After having his name changed and receiving the blessing of a transformed life **“Jacob called the name of the place Peniel [lit. Face of God]: for I have seen God face to face...”** Genesis 32:30. Jacob said **he saw God face to face!** Who did he see?

The Angel is the Man who wrestled with Jacob

Hosea declared that Jacob **“in his strength struggled with God. Yes, he struggled with the Angel and prevailed;... He found Him in Bethel, and there He spoke to us – that is, the LORD God of Hosts. The LORD is His memorable name”** Hosea 12:4-5. Hosea said that the **Man** Jacob struggled with was:

- God
- The Angel
- The LORD [Yahweh] God of Hosts
- The LORD [Yahweh] is His memorable name

This is all speaking of the same Person. The **Man** was **the Angel**. He was God appearing as a Man before He was actually incarnate as a man! Jacob wrestled with Jesus, the Son of God, before He came into the world as a man! **“The light of the knowledge of the glory of God is seen in the face of Jesus Christ”** 2 Corinthians 4:6. Jacob saw God by seeing the face of Jesus Christ. **“Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever”** Hebrews 13:8. God’s glory has always been hidden in Christ, revealed in His face!

He found Him in Bethel

Hosea also said that Jacob **“found Him in Bethel”**. When Jacob was in Syria **“the Angel of God spoke to him in a dream”** Genesis 31:11. The Angel then told him, **“I am the God of Bethel [lit. the God of the house of God] where you anointed the pillar and where you made a vow to Me”** (v.13).

The Angel of God is the God of the house of God! He is the same Person to whom Jacob vowed ***“the LORD [Yahweh] shall be my God...and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth [tithe] to You”*** Genesis 28:20-22. The Angel revealed Himself to be God, to be Yahweh. The Angel was the One that Jacob was to tithe to and He is the God of the house of God.

Jesus is over His own House

Jesus Christ is the ***“Apostle and High Priest of our confession”*** Hebrews 3:1. He is the Sent One, the ***“Messenger [Malach – Angel] of the Covenant”*** Malachi 3:2. As the Apostle He is the builder of the house of God and Christ is the ***“Son over His own house, whose house we are”*** Hebrews 3:6. Jesus Christ is the God of the house of God. Jacob found Him in Bethel. Jacob vowed to Him that He would be His God and that He would tithe to Him. The Angel of God is God and is a revelation of Jesus Christ as the God of the house of God!

Jacob knew God appeared as the Angel

When Jacob came to bless the sons of Joseph he said, ***“God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has fed me all my life long to this day, the Angel who has redeemed me from all evil, Bless the lads”*** Genesis 48:15-16. Jacob knew that the God who was revealed to him and to his fathers was ***the Angel who redeemed him from all evil!*** God appeared as the Angel to the patriarchs! The Jews chided Jesus, ***“You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?”*** John 8:57. Jesus in fact walked with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, appearing as the Angel and the God of Bethel!

The Angel of the LORD in the bush

When Moses was leading sheep in the desert the Scripture says ***“And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of the bush”*** Exodus 3:2. Who appeared as a flame of fire? It says the ***Angel of the LORD***. When Moses turned aside to see this miracle it says, ***“So when the LORD***

[Yahweh] saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush..." (v.4).

Who was amid the bush? The Angel of the LORD.

Who spoke to Moses from the midst of the bush? God.

God spoke to Moses through the Angel of the LORD.

Moses asked for His name. **"And God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM'... 'I AM has sent me to you'" Exodus 3:14.** God speaks to us through His Son (Heb.1:2). Jesus revealed the name, saying, **"Most assuredly I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM" John 8:58.** It was Jesus, God manifesting as the Angel, speaking from the bush to Moses declaring the name of the eternal God.

The Angel carries the name

When God began to give His instructions to Moses He said **"I send an Angel/Messenger before you...to bring you into the place which I have prepared" Exodus 23:20.** Later He calls Him **"My Angel"**. This Angel would drive out the inhabitants of Canaan before the children of Israel (Ex.23:23). In revealing the nature of this Angel, God says, **"Beware of Him and obey His voice; do not provoke Him, for He will not pardon your transgressions; for My name is in Him" Exodus 23:21-22.**

The Angel carries the name of Yahweh. The name of God is in Him. This means the very nature of God is in Him. If you meet the Angel, you meet God. Jesus said, **"I have come in My Father's name" John 5:43.** When God came into the world as Jesus, He carried the name of the Father. He is the One who leads us into the inheritance.

The Angel of the LORD is called the "Lord"

In the days of Gideon **"the Angel of the LORD appeared to him (Gideon)" Judges 6:12.** Gideon did not at first recognize who it was and he responded to Him, **"O, my lord [Hb. 'Adon', used of men as well as God]" (v.13).** The Scripture then says, **"Then the LORD turned to him...So he said to Him, "O my Lord [Hb. 'Adonai' used only of God, never of a man]" (v.15).**

Yahweh revealed Himself through the Angel of Yahweh. When this happened Gideon confessed Him as **Lord**, the Supreme authority, God! Gideon met Jesus, God appearing as the Angel, before He entered human flesh. When we see God in Christ we can only confess Him as **Lord!** Peter preached on the day of Pentecost that this Jesus who was crucified, ***“God has made Him both Lord and Christ” Acts 2:36. Jesus is the Lord.***

The name of the Angel is “Wonderful”

In the days of the **Judges** the Angel of the LORD appeared to the wife of a man named Manoah. When she saw Him she described Him as ***“A Man of God came to me, and His countenance was like the countenance of the Angel of God, very awesome” Judges 13:6.*** In the excitement of the moment she ***“did not ask Him where He was from, and He did not tell her His name”.***

Manoah prayed for Him to come again. The Angel did come again and Manoah asked the Angel of the LORD, ***“What is Your name...”.*** ***And the Angel of the LORD said to him, “Why do you ask My name, seeing it is wonderful?” (v.17-18).*** When Isaiah prophesied of the ***“Son who was given”*** he said the name of the Son of God would be called ***“Wonderful”*** **Isaiah 9:6.** This Angel was the manifestation of God as the Son of God before He was given as a Man in the earth. Jesus spoke with Manoah and prophesied the birth of Samson!

The Angel of the LORD was worshiped

This Angel was worshiped by Gideon and Manoah (**Judges 6:18-24, 13:15-20**) and the Angel received their worship. When they offered sacrifices to Him they received a revelation of who He was; Manoah even saying ***“we have seen God”*** **Judges 13:22.**

Joshua met ***“a Man”*** who was the ***“Commander of the army of the LORD”*** **Joshua 5:13-15.** This ***Man*** was going to lead Joshua into the land. Joshua ***“fell on his face to the earth and worshiped”.*** Then the Commander of the army of Yahweh told Joshua to take his sandal off his foot ***“for the place where***

you stand is holy". These were the exact words of the Angel of the LORD speaking to Moses at the bush (**Ex.3:5**). The ***Man*** received Joshua's worship. He was God Himself appearing as a man. He was Jesus, the Son of God, revealing the awesome authority of God in the affairs of men! When God entered into flesh and walked as a man on the earth He was worshiped (**Jn.9:38, Matt.14:33, Matt.9:18**). This Messenger is God Himself having the appearance of a man (**Phil.2:6-8**)!

The Angel is the Son of God who was in the fire

When Shadrach, Meshack and Abed-Nego declared their absolute allegiance to the True God, the king of Babylon was ***"full of fury"*** and commanded them to be burned in the fiery furnace. These three men ***"fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace"*** Daniel 3:23. When the king watched he said ***"Look! I see four men loose...they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God"*** Daniel 3:25.

Due to this event the king spoke saying, ***"Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshack and Abed-Nego, who sent His Angel and delivered His servants who trusted in Him..."*** Daniel 3:28. This Angel had the form like the Son of God. Jesus, the Son of God, is the Deliverer. He has appeared many times to His people in the form of a man and delivered them with mighty power.

The Angel of the LORD rebukes Satan

Zechariah had a vision of Joshua the High Priest standing before ***"the Angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him"*** (Zech.3:1). Then it says that ***"the LORD said to Satan, 'The LORD rebuke you, Satan!'"*** (v.2). The Angel of the LORD spoke as the LORD rebuking Satan! The Angel is the LORD and speaks with the authority of the LORD. When God came into the world as a man He rebuked the devil three times with the Word, finally saying, ***"Away with you, Satan! For it is written..."*** Matthew 4:10. Jesus is the One who rebuked the devil and took all of his authority away (**Heb.2:14-15, Col.2:15**).

As Joshua stood before the Angel, the Angel said, ***“Take away the filthy garments from him...See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes”*** (v.4). The Angel of the LORD has authority to remove iniquity! He is the visible manifestation of the invisible God and when He came into the world, incarnated as a man, it says that ***“He was manifested to take away sins”*** 1 John 3:5. He is the Son, sent by God to be ***“the propitiation for our sins”*** 1 John 4:10.

The Angel of the LORD was a visible manifestation of God, appearing as a man to the people of God before He entered the world in the flesh. He was a revelation of Jesus Christ, worshiped, called ‘Lord’, the ‘I AM’, the very God of the patriarchs.

He will encamp around all those who fear Him and will deliver them! Psalm 34:7

KNOWING GOD BY HIS NAME

Throughout the Scriptures God has revealed Himself through His many names. It is by His name that we come to be able to relate to God for who He really is. Jesus taught us to pray to our Father in heaven and to **“hallow His name” Matthew 6:9**. We can only effectively pray to our Father by apprehending who He is through His name. All of His names have their complete fulfilment in Jesus the Messiah as He is **“the fullness of the Godhead bodily” Colossians 2:9**. So when we pray in the name of **Jesus**, we actually pray according to, and in agreement with, all the fullness of who God has revealed Himself to be, and so **“If you ask anything in My [Jesus] name, I will do it” John 14:14**.

El Elyon – God Most High

The first appearance of the name **“God Most High”** is in **Genesis 14:18-20** where this name is mentioned three times in the context of Melchizedek appearing before Abram. In Hebrew this name is **El Elyon**. **El** means *God, God-like one, mighty one, strength*. **Elyon** means *an elevation, lofty; as a title ‘the Supreme’*. It also has the meaning of *uppermost; highness, exalted, high in rank. It is derived from the verb ‘alah meaning ‘to ascend’* [From Word Wealth in **Genesis 14:18** in New Spirit Filled Life Bible].

From **Genesis 14:18-20** we see that **El Elyon**:

- **Blesses** through His appointed **Priest/King (v.18-19)**
- **Possesses** heaven and earth
- Is to be **blessed** and praised (**v.20**)
- **Delivers** our enemies into our hands

El Elyon is referred to as the One **“most high above all the earth...exalted far above all gods” Psalm 97:9**. This name is linked to **YHWH** in **Psalm 7:17**, **“And will sing praise to the name of YHWH Most High”**; and **YHWH Elyon** is mentioned as the **“great King over all the earth”** in **Psalm 47:2**.

Jesus – El Elyon in the flesh

Jesus is the fulfilment and embodiment of *El Elyon*, God Most High.

- The **blessing** of the Most High God comes through His Priest/King. Jesus is that ***“priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek”*** Hebrews 7:17,21.
- Jesus is the **Possessor** of heaven and earth. It is written that the Son of God has ***“the ends of the earth for His possession”*** Psalm 2:7-8 and Jesus, after rising from the dead, said ***“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth”*** Matthew 28:18.
- Jesus is to be **blessed!** He is called ***“the blessed and only Potentate”*** 1 Timothy 6:15
- Jesus **delivers** our enemies into our hands! ***“Having made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it [the cross]”*** Colossians 2:15
- Jesus is **exalted far above all gods!** He has been raised and is seated at God’s right hand ***“far above all principality and power and might and dominion and every name that is named”*** Ephesians 1:21
- Jesus is the **great King over all the earth.** The Messiah was prophesied to be ***“the highest of the kings of the earth”*** Psalm 89:27 and He is now established as the ***“ruler over the kings of the earth”*** Revelation 1:5.

Jesus is *El Elyon*, God Most High, in flesh!

El Shadday – Almighty God

The word ***Shadday*** means *all powerful, most powerful. Some people trace its origin to the word meaning ‘mighty, unconquerable’. Some link it to a word meaning ‘all sufficient, eternally capable of meeting His people’s need’. Others link it to a word meaning ‘mountain, strength’.* [From Word Wealth in **Psalm 91:1** in New Spirit Filled Life Bible]. As the Almighty God, He is the One who has all power and is able to supply all things necessary for our needs.

God spoke to Moses saying ***“I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob, as God Almighty [El Shadday], but by My name YHWH I was not known to them”*** Exodus 6:3. The patriarchs knew God as ***El Shadday***. They did not have the revelation of His name ***YHWH***. This was because God made covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as ***El Shadday*** (**Genesis 17:1-8, Genesis 28:1-4, Genesis 35:11**), whereas God made covenant with His people through Moses through His name ***YHWH***.

God as El Shadday:

- **Made covenant** with the patriarchs, making promises to his **Seed**, and supplying all that is necessary to bring His plans to pass
- **Brought forth the eternal destinies** of the patriarchs, even **changing their names** to fit the **destiny** He had for them - **Genesis 17:5, 35:10**
- **Gave profound blessings** upon the head of Joseph – **Genesis 49:25-26**
- Has a **voice like the sound of many waters** – **Ezekiel 1:24, 10:5**

Jesus – El Shadday in the flesh

God made covenant through His name ***El Shadday*** to Abraham. God now makes His New Covenant through His name ***JESUS!*** He is the ***“Mediator of the New Covenant”*** Hebrews 9:15. Jesus fulfils the name of ***El Shadday*** by:

- **Being the fulfilment of the covenant and promises** made to the patriarchs – **Galatians 3:16**
- Bringing believers in Jesus into their **eternal destinies**, the ***“good works which He prepared beforehand for us to walk in”*** Ephesians 2:10
- **Changing names (destinies)** also, changing **Simon to Peter** to fit his destiny as a founding stone in the building of His church **John 1:42**

- Pronouncing **profound blessings** of the kingdom of heaven on those who come in the right attitudes – **Matthew 5:3-10**
- Being the “**Almighty**” “*I am the Alpha and the Omega...the Almighty*” Revelation 1:8,11
- Speaking with **the voice** of the Almighty – Revelation 1:15, Ezekiel 1:24

Jesus is *El Shadday* in the flesh!

El Gibbor – the Mighty God

The word **Gibbor** means *powerful, warrior, strong one, valiant, brave man* and has been translated as *champion* and has the sense of meaning a *hero*. God is revealing Himself as **champion** and **hero** of His people, the **valiant** and **strong one** who fights as a **warrior** for us.

As ***El Gibbor***:

- “**Nothing is too difficult for You...the Mighty God...YHWH of Hosts is His name**” Jeremiah 32:17-18. YHWH Himself is the Mighty God
- He causes our “**persecutors to stumble**” as YHWH is known to be “**a Mighty awesome One**” Jeremiah 20:11
- YHWH is in the midst of us as “**The Mighty One who will save**” Zephaniah 3:17. He is the champion and hero of His people, **delivering** and **saving** us with great victories
- YHWH of Hosts is “**strong and Mighty [Gibbor], Mighty in battle**” and is known as the “**King of Glory**” Psalm 24:7-10. He is the King who wins every battle!
- The **Son of God** “**will be called...Mighty God...**” Isaiah 9:6.
- It was also prophesied “**YHWH shall go forth like a mighty man [a Gibbor]...He shall prevail against His enemies**” Isaiah 42:13.

Jesus – El Gibbor in the flesh

Jesus is the Mighty Champion, the Hero and “**Captain of our salvation**” Hebrews 2:10.

Jesus fulfilled this name:

- He is the **“great God and Saviour of us, Jesus Christ”** Titus 2:13. Jesus is the Mighty One in our midst to **save and deliver**
- He is the One who is **strong and Mighty** leading His hosts to victory **“And the armies in heaven...followed Him...out of His mouth goes a sharp sword...to strike the nations”** Revelation 19:14-15
- He is the **“King of glory”** as He was called the **“Lord of glory”** who brings the rulers of the earth to nothing – **1 Corinthians 2:6-8**
- He is the fulfilment of the prophecy in **Isaiah** to be the **Son** who is the **Mighty God – The Son of God is El Gibbor in the flesh**, being given to us
- He is YHWH in the flesh who came and prevailed against the devil as a man in the wilderness – **Matthew 4:1-11**

Jesus is El Gibbor, the Mighty God, in the flesh!

El Olam – The Everlasting God

The word **Olam** means *long duration, generally ‘time out of mind’, eternity*. In other words, God cannot be calculated by our minds, He is outside of our thinking, He is **God Everlasting**. After Abraham made a covenant with Abimelech, he **“called on the name of YHWH, the Everlasting God”** Genesis 21:33. It seems that the name **El Olam** is a good description of the name **YHWH**. He is the everlasting, eternal One, who is God. Moses also knew the awesome eternal nature of God by saying **“Even from everlasting [olam] to everlasting [olam], You are God”** Psalm 90:2.

Jesus – El Olam in the flesh

It was prophesied concerning the Messiah in **Micah 5:2** that He would be born in the earth in Bethlehem, but He would be

“from everlasting [literally ‘from the days of ‘olam’]”. This prophecy came to pass in Jesus. He is the One from Everlasting. Jesus said **“Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life” John 6:54**. By partaking of Jesus you partake of **El Olam** and you receive everlasting life!

Jesus is El Olam, the Everlasting God, in the flesh!

El Nasa – God-Who-Forgives

The word **Nasa** means *to lift, bear up, carry, take*. It is translated in many ways such as *bear, carry away, forgive, lift up* and many others. In **Psalm 99:8** it says **“You answered them, O YHWH our God; You were to them God-Who-Forgives [El Nasa]”**. It is one of the attributes that describes God’s manifest glory **“forgiving [nasa] iniquity, transgression and sin” Exodus 34:7**. It was also used of the Scapegoat on the Day of Atonement **“the goat shall bear [nasa] on itself all the iniquities to an uninhabited land...” Leviticus 16:22**. The revelation is that God forgives by carrying away and bearing our iniquities! He is the God who lifts up, takes away and bears all our iniquities!

Jesus – El Nasa in the flesh

It was prophesied in **Isaiah 53:12** that the Messiah, the Servant, would be **“numbered with the transgressors, and He bore [nasa] the sins of many”**. Jesus was the One who was **“lifted up from the earth” John 12:32** and **“who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree” 1 Peter 2:24**. It is in and through Jesus that we have **“redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace” Ephesians 1:7** and **“through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins” Acts 13:38**.

Jesus is El Nasa, the God-Who-Forgives, coming in the flesh!

El Roi – The God who Sees

When Hagar, the maidservant of Sarah, was chased away, she found herself alone and desperate. The Angel of YHWH

found her and spoke kindly to her. He promised her many descendants through her son Ishmael (**Genesis 16:6-12**). As a result of this encounter with God, Hagar **“called the name of YHWH who spoke to her, You-Are-the-God-Who-Sees: for she said, ‘Have I also here seen Him who sees me?’ Genesis 16:13.**

God has revealed Himself as the One who sees us. God spoke to the prophet Samuel **“Do not look at his appearance or physical stature...for man looks at the outward appearance, but YHWH looks at the heart” 1 Samuel 16:7.** The eyes of YHWH **“run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him” 2 Chronicles 16:9.** God sees the invisible reality of who we are and what we are going through.

Jesus – El Roi in the flesh

The apostle John saw Jesus as **“a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God...” Revelation 5:6.** The number ‘7’ speaks of a complete and perfect number, thus, seven eyes speaks of perfect sight, knowing all things. Jesus sees everything. He sees everything by the Spirit of God. He knows all things that are in us **“He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, nor decide by the hearing of His ears, but with righteousness...and equity...” Isaiah 11:3-4.** The Messiah does not judge by appearances but **“He knew all men...for He knew what was in man” John 2:24-25.** Jesus was able to **“perceive in His Spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves” Mark 2:8.** Jesus sees the hearts of men.

Jesus is El Roi, the God-Who-Sees, coming in the flesh!

El Bethel – God of the House of God

The patriarch Jacob had an awesome experience when he had to flee from his brother Esau. He met God in a dream and saw by revelation the **house of God.** He named the place of that experience **Bethel [literally ‘house of God’] Genesis 28:12-22.** When Jacob returned there many years later he

“called the place El Bethel, because there God appeared to him when he fled from the face of his brother” Genesis 35:7. This is a wonderful revelation that God is ***the God of the house of God!*** He is the One building His house, He is in charge of His house and looking after His house.

Jesus – El Bethel in the flesh

When Peter received the revelation that Jesus was the ***“the Christ, the Son of the Living God”*** Matthew 16:16, Jesus was able to say to him, ***“you are Peter and on this Rock I will build My church”*** Matthew 16:18. Jesus is building His church.

Paul wrote to Timothy to say that ***“the house of God is the church of the living God”*** 1 Timothy 3:15. The Church that Jesus is building is actually the house of God! In revealing Jesus as the ***“Apostle of our confession”***, the writer to the Hebrews says that Christ Jesus ***“built the house”***, ***“He who built all things is God”*** and that ***“Christ is the Son over His own house, whose house we are”*** Hebrews 3:1,3,4,6. Jesus is building the house, He is God and He is the Son over the house which we are! Hallelujah!

Truly Jesus is *El Bethel*, the God of the House of God, coming in the flesh!

El Emeth – The True God

The word ***Emeth*** means *stability, certainty, truth, trustworthiness, right and faithful*. It is clear in the Old Testament that ***“YHWH is the True God”*** Jeremiah 10:10. Knowing Him as the ***True God*** is directly related to having been taught the word, the truth. At the time when Asa was king of Judah, a prophet was raised up who spoke ***“For a long time Israel has been without the true God, without a teaching priest, and without law”*** 2 Chronicles 15:3. To know the True God we must have the right teaching because ***“wooden idols are a worthless doctrine”*** Jeremiah 10:8 (1 Tim.1:3b). Knowing the ***True God*** brings certainty and stability to our lives.

Jesus – El Emeth in the flesh

Jesus said clearly ***“I am the...truth”*** John 14:6. When we receive the testimony of Jesus the Messiah we actually certify that ***“God is true”*** John 3:33. The apostle John wrote clearly that ***“the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life”*** 1 John 5:20. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the ***True God!*** In knowing Jesus as the ***True God*** than we are to ***“keep ourselves from idols”*** 1 John 5:21. Jesus is the ***True God*** and any other so called ‘god’ is an idol, a worthless doctrine.

Jesus is *El Emeth*, the True God, in the flesh!

The names of God are clearly manifested in the name and person of Jesus. Apprehend Him, know Him and relate with Him according to His name. *“If you ask anything in My name, I will do it”* John 14:14

THE MANIFESTATION OF THE NAME

[Part 1]

I have manifested Your name

When Jesus prayed to the Father the night before He was crucified, He gave an account to Him that He had ***“finished the work”*** that He was given to do (John17:4). In **verse 6** Jesus mentions one of the main works that He completed was, ***“I have manifested Your name to the men You have given Me out of the world.”*** Jesus manifested the name of the Father! This is awesome! There is much revelation and understanding for us to grasp in this statement concerning who Jesus is!

In **1Corinthians 3:11** Paul writes, ***“For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.”*** The only ***“sure foundation”*** that we can build on is the revelation of who Jesus the Christ is. By the time that Jesus was to leave the disciples to go to the Cross and rise again He told the Father that He had successfully ***“manifested Your name”***. Jesus was saying that He was the manifestation of the Father’s name! Who Jesus is reveals the Father! ***“For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily”*** (Col.2:9).

The mystery of Godliness

In **1Timothy3:16** Paul writes that the mystery of godliness is that ***“God was manifested in the flesh.”*** In this chapter, we want to look at how Jesus could say ***“I have manifested Your name”***.

- How did Jesus manifest God’s name?
- Why is Jesus the name above all names?

We see that Philip in Samaria ***“preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ”*** (Acts8:12). Philip preached the name! There is a revelation for us to receive which is foundational to our faith. The revelation is in the name and in the person of Jesus! We need to understand God’s name and how Jesus has manifested that name!

The name of God revealed in the Old Testament

God reveals Himself many times in the Old Testament by His name. But on one specific occasion with Moses He clearly identified His name saying, ***“This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations”*** Ex.3:15. God was ready to send Moses to deliver His people from slavery to Pharaoh in Egypt, and Moses asked God, ***“Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they say to me, ‘What is His name?’ what shall I say to them?”*** God answered by saying, ***“I AM WHO I AM.”*** And He said, ***“Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you’”*** Ex.3:13-14. The name that God revealed to Moses that would be a ***“memorial to all generations”***, was the eternal name ***“I AM”***.

The name “Yahweh”

In Hebrew the name ***“Yahweh”*** is the name which expresses God’s eternal nature as the ***“I AM”***, the Self-existent One. It means that ***He is the eternal one; always was, always is and always will be.*** He is always present. He is! The name reveals who He is. To have revelation of God’s name is to have revelation of who He is. The writer to the Hebrews said that the first step of faith is to believe that ***“He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him”*** Heb.11:6.

The name is not “LORD”

In our English translations of the Bible, most have translated the name to be ***“LORD”***. This is not a good translation of the name because His name does not mean ***“Lord”***. His name means, ***“I AM”***, the Eternal One. He wants us to know Him by His name. He is the Lord, but His name is Yahweh, the Eternal One, the I AM.

Jesus said that He ***manifested the Father’s name.*** Jesus is the manifestation of God in the flesh (***1Tim.3:16, Jn.1:1,14***). Jesus is the manifestation of the ***“I AM”*** coming in the flesh!

HOW DID JESUS MANIFEST THE NAME?

The “Yahweh” names of God

There are several times in the Old Testament that God uses His name “**Yahweh**” alongside descriptive words and titles to reveal another facet or aspect of who He is in His eternal nature. We will look at ten such examples and see how Jesus manifested this name in His life, revealing who He is.

1) YAHWEH YIREH – “I AM will Provide”

In **Genesis 22**, Abraham was told by God, ***“Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains which I will show you”*** (v.2). This was foreshadowing the giving of God’s ***“only begotten son”*** (**Jn.3:16**). Abraham’s son was to become an offering. The son who was given as a promise to Abraham was to be offered as a sacrifice to God.

The Lamb Provided

In **verse 7**, Isaac asked Abraham, ***“My father!...Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering.”*** Isaac knew that God required a lamb for a sacrificial offering! Abraham replied, ***“My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering”*** (v.8). God did end up providing a lamb as a substitute for Isaac – again an awesome prophetic picture of the Lamb of God who was to come and be our substitute (v.12-13).

Abraham then called the name of the place ***“Yahweh Yireh (the LORD will provide); as it is said to this day, ‘In the mount of Yahweh (the LORD) it shall be provided’”*** (v.14). God provided a lamb to be a sacrifice. This was the provision of Yahweh!

The Lamb of God

Jesus is God’s provision for us! In the Mount of the Lord it has been provided! After Jesus was baptized, ***“John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, ‘Behold! The Lamb of***

God who takes away the sin of the world! This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me'" (Jn.1:29-30). Notice that the provision of God is a **lamb**. Many lay hold of the name *Yahweh Yireh* when they need some monetary provision. While this can be an aspect of God's provision, the true context is the provision of a sacrificial lamb!

The Lamb of God was an offering to take away the sin of the world. Even though Jesus was born after John, John says that this Man, who is the Lamb of God, ***"was before me"***. **Jesus is the Eternal One who is the provision that God has made for the sin of the world!**

The Eternal Lamb

"And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins..." (1Jn.3:5). In **Revelation 13:8** we see that the provision of God was eternal, ***"...of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."*** From the foundation of the world this provision was made. The Eternal God, Yahweh, was manifested in Jesus the Messiah to take away our sin and to be our provision for salvation, now giving us access into all the fullness of God and to partake of His ***"divine nature"*** **2 Peter 1:3.**

Jesus has manifested the name "Yahweh Yireh"!

2) YAHWEH ROPHEKA – "I AM your Healer"

In **Exodus15:26** the Eternal God reveals Himself to be the One ***"who heals you."*** We are healed by the name of the "I AM" who heals us. When the children of Israel were coming out of Egypt, which speaks to us today of God's people coming out of the world into the kingdom of God's Son (**Col.1:13**), they came to a place of bitter water. The people complained and God showed Moses what to do and the waters were made sweet. God then made a statute saying, ***"If you diligently heed the voice of Yahweh (the LORD) your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have***

brought on the Egyptians. For I AM heals you. God's promise to us is that He is our healer and none of the diseases of the world need to stay on us.

The One who heals

Matthew writes that early in Jesus' ministry, ***“His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them”*** (Matt.4:24). In **Matthew 9:35** we see Jesus again, ***“healing every sickness and every disease among the people.”*** Jesus is the One who heals you!

The Name that heals

In **Acts 3** the apostles Peter and John came across a lame beggar outside the temple. In **verse 6** Peter says, ***“Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.”*** Peter used the name of the One who heals and in the authority of His name the man rose up!

Faith in the name!

When Peter explained the reason for this man's healing he told the people, ***“And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all”*** (Acts3:16). Peter had no doubts as to the name! In **Acts 4:12** Peter spoke to the rulers of the people about this awesome healing and he said, ***“let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole.”***

The name that God has given that brings healing is the name of Jesus! He is our Healer!

Jesus has manifested the name “Yahweh Ropheka”!

3) YAHWEH NISSI – “I AM your Banner”

Not too long after the children of Israel had moved on from the place of healing, they encountered some enemies. Moses was on a mountain overlooking the battle with the Amalekites with the **“rod of God in his hand. And so it was, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed”** (Ex.17:9, 11). Moses had to hold up God’s rod of authority, and while the rod was held up they were prevailing! Two men had to help him keep his hands up and they won the battle (v.12-13).

The Banner of Victory

Then **“Moses built an altar and called its name, Yahweh (the LORD) is my Banner...”** (Ex.17:15). The Eternal One revealed Himself to be our banner, the One who gives us victory. We fight under, and in, His name. The notes in the New Spirit Filled Life Bible say that *“A banner is the pole-like standard beneath which armies or communities rallied. When lifted up, it called the people together for battle, for meeting, or for instruction. The phrase “Yahweh Nissi” could have been a battle cry!”*

The Eternal God is our banner. We come under Him and find refuge. When His **rod of authority** is held up we come to it and find victory! When we cry out His name as our banner we experience His victory over our enemies!

The Son of Man, the I AM, lifted up

When Jesus knew He was approaching the time of His death He said, **“Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.” This He said signifying by what death He would die**” (Jn.12:31-33). The time had come to judge the enemy of God, Satan. God did it by Jesus being **lifted up from the earth! Jesus became our Banner of victory!** Jesus had said, **“When you lift up [crucify]**

the Son of Man, then you will know that I AM” [literal in Greek, the “he” is an addition by the English translators but is not there in the Greek] **John 8:28**. Jesus was lifted up on the Cross as the “I AM” who gained the victory over the devil! Through the Cross, *the pole like standard*, Jesus is revealed as the Eternal One who has defeated our enemies!

Jesus destroyed the power of the devil!

Jesus won the victory by ***“wiping out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it”*** (Col.2:14-15).

Sin and Satan were defeated by Jesus, God’s Rod of authority, being **lifted up from the earth!** ***“For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil”*** (1John3:8). Even the seventy that were sent out by Jesus in **Luke 10** came back from their mission rejoicing saying, ***“Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name”*** (v.17). The name of Jesus is our *rod of authority*. The name of Jesus is our standard, our banner, against the enemy!

Jesus has manifested the name “Yahweh Nissi”!

4) YAHWEH M’KADDESH – “I AM Your Sanctification”

The Eternal God is the one who sanctifies and sets His people apart to Himself and from all things that displease Him. In the book of **Leviticus** Yahweh is giving His laws and statutes regarding morality, cleanliness and how to worship and approach God in terms of the priesthood, sacrifices and the arrangement of the Tabernacle.

Yahweh makes us holy

In **Leviticus 20**, Yahweh is telling Israel that if anyone turns away from the true worship of God and worships Molech or turns to spiritists and mediums for guidance they will be ***“cut off from***

his people” (v.6). He then tells Israel to **“Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I, Yahweh, your God. And you shall keep My statutes, and perform them: I, Yahweh who sanctifies you”** (v.7-8). It is by following His commands and doing what pleases Him that He sets us apart to Himself. We are set apart by being with Him!

Christ – our Sanctification

The apostle Paul writes that **“Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God – and...sanctification”** (1Cor.1:30). God is now sanctifying us through Christ Jesus – He is our sanctification from God! We are set apart by Him and in Him. **“For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying: ‘I will declare Your name to My brethren’** (Heb.2:11-12). Jesus is the One sanctifying us and so He is not ashamed to declare the name of God amongst His brethren. Jesus said, **“I have manifested Your name to the men you have given Me...”** (Jn.17:6). It is by His name that we are set apart!

Sanctified by the name

Paul explained to the Corinthians that we cannot inherit the kingdom if we are practicing gross sin and immorality (1 Cor.6:9-10). The names of the sins he lists are still prevalent in our society today! He then said to them, **“And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God”** (1Cor.6:11). We are sanctified in the name of the Lord Jesus!

How does this happen expressly?

- It is first by **calling on the name of Jesus** for salvation (Rom.10:9-13) – **“we are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus”** (1 Cor.6:11c)
- then we are **baptized in the name of Jesus** – **“repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins”** (Acts2:38). Paul

said ***“but you were washed...in the name of Jesus!”*** (1 Cor.6:11a). Ananias told Paul to, ***“Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord”*** (Acts.22:16).

- the name of **Jesus then sanctifies**, sets us apart, to God for His service – through faith and ***“baptism into Christ Jesus”*** (Rom.6:3), we are now ***“sanctified in Christ Jesus”*** (1 Cor.1:2)

Jesus has manifested the name “Yahweh M’Kaddesh”!

5) YAHWEH SHALOM – “I AM your Peace”

In **Judges chapters 6-8** Gideon lived in a time when the Israelites were oppressed by the enemy, the Midianites. While Gideon was hiding in a winepress the **Angel of Yahweh** appeared to him (**Ju.6:12**). It was only later when Gideon made an offering to Yahweh that he realized who he had seen and he cried out, ***“Alas, O Lord Yahweh [GOD]! For I have seen the Angel of Yahweh face to face.’ Then Yahweh said to him, ‘Peace be with you; do not fear, you shall not die.’ So Gideon built an altar there to Yahweh, and called it Yahweh Shalom [The LORD is peace]”*** (Ju.6:22-24).

Seeing God in the Sent One

It was through an offering that the Angel of Yahweh was revealed to Gideon. When Gideon realized he saw the **Angel of Yahweh**, he realized he had seen **Yahweh**. Gideon was afraid for his life because he saw Yahweh in the Angel of Yahweh! **We see God in the One whom God has sent!** Jesus said, ***“If you have seen Me, you have seen the Father”*** and ***“...if they receive Me, they receive the Father”*** (Jn.14:9, Matt.10:40).

Gideon saw Jesus

Gideon saw Yahweh and was afraid at first because it is written ***“You cannot see My face, for no man shall see Me, and live”*** (Ex.33:20). But Paul writes that, ***“The light of the knowledge of the glory of God is seen in the face of Jesus***

Christ” (2Cor.4:6). Gideon saw JESUS! He saw Yahweh appearing in the form of a person. At the place of sacrifice to Yahweh, Yahweh revealed His peace to Gideon!

Christ – our Peace

“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation... And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by One Spirit to the Father” (Eph.2:13-14,17-18). Peace has come through the blood of Jesus Christ. Peace with God and peace with each other. **Jesus is the manifestation of God’s peace! HE IS OUR PEACE!**

Heaven and earth brought together in Christ

“For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross” (Col.1:19-20). There is no longer any separation between God and men, between heaven and earth, because in Jesus, all the fullness dwelt, and by Him, God has reconciled all things and made **PEACE!**

Jesus ministered peace

Before the Cross Jesus was talking to His disciples of His departure and He said, ***“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid” (Jn.14:27).*** This was how Yahweh spoke to Gideon! Jesus ministered peace to His brethren telling them not to fear! The Son of God would be called the ***“Prince of Peace”*** Isaiah 9:6. Jesus also spoke to His disciples, ***“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace” (Jn.16:33).*** We have peace in **Jesus!**

After the resurrection Jesus appeared to His disciples in the house and said, ***“Peace be with you... Peace to you. As the Father sent Me, I also send you”*** (Jn.20:19, 21). Jesus is our peace and when we are sent by Him, we are to go and minister that peace to people. We have shod our ***“feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace”*** Ephesians 6:15.

Jesus has manifested the name “Yahweh Shalom”!

THE MANIFESTATION OF THE NAME

[Part 2]

6) YAHWEH ROHI – “I AM your Shepherd”

The revelation of the Eternal One being our Shepherd came through David in **Psalm 23:1** which says, **“Yahweh [the LORD] is my Shepherd, I shall not want.”** By providing for us our needs, tending, caring, healing and guiding us, He is our Shepherd. As the Shepherd, **“He restores my soul” (v.2).**

The Shepherd King

There were many prophecies in the Old Testament that talk of God being a shepherd and also talk of the one who will come to shepherd the people of God. Ezekiel prophesied, **“David My servant shall be king over them; and they all have one shepherd; they shall also walk in My judgements and observe My statutes, and do them” (Ez.37:24).** It was prophesied that God would come as a shepherd to His people through a King in the lineage of David. The Messiah would be a Shepherd King and there would only be **one shepherd!**

Jesus, the Good Shepherd

Jesus said, **“I AM the Good Shepherd” (Jn.10:11).** Jesus made it very clear that He is the fulfillment of “Yahweh Rohi”! He is also the door of the sheep and through Him we find pasture (**Jn.10:9**). He is the king that Ezekiel prophesied about who would be the one shepherd!

The Great Shepherd of the Sheep

In **Hebrews 13:20** it says, **“Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will.”** He is the great Shepherd who makes us complete!

The Chief Shepherd

In exhorting his fellow elders, Peter says to them, that if they continue to shepherd the flock of God well, **“when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away”** (1Pet.5:4). Jesus is the Chief Shepherd, the manifestation of God’s name, “Yahweh Rohi”, calling us by name, **leading us beside still waters, restoring our souls!** (Ps.23:2-3)

Jesus has manifested the name “Yahweh Rohi”!

7) YAHWEH TSIDKENU – “I AM your Righteousness”

Jeremiah prophesied of a great Ruler to come from the lineage of David who would reign and act wisely, executing **“judgement and righteousness in the earth. Now this is the name by which He will be called: Yahweh [the LORD] our Righteousness”** (Jer.23:5-6). The name of the ruler, the Messiah to come, would be the Eternal God, the “I AM”, our Righteousness!

The Bride has the name of her Husband

Again in **Jeremiah 33:15-16**, Jeremiah prophesied that not only will He be called **“Yahweh our Righteousness”** but also Jerusalem, the city of God, will be called by the same name, **“Yahweh our Righteousness”**. The Messiah and His people, His Bride and City, will carry the same name, even manifest the same name! The very nature of God Himself will be in His people, His Bride! The Eternal God is the One who makes us righteous and He is the One who is righteous and full of justice (**Deut.32:4**).

Jesus Christ the Righteous

The apostle Paul declares in **1Corinthians 1:30** that Christ Jesus **“became for us wisdom from God – and righteousness...”** Jesus the Christ is our righteousness! The apostle John says that **“if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous”**

(1Jn.2:1). Jesus is the Righteous One and that enabled Him to be **“the propitiation for our sins”** (1Jn.2:2). By being the propitiation, God made **“Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him”** (2Cor.5:21); and so we have the fulfillment, Jesus is the manifestation of the name, **“Yahweh our Righteousness”**. The Messiah, Jesus, and His people carry and manifest His righteousness!

Our righteousness is in Christ

The apostle Paul said, **“that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith...”** (Phil.3:8b-9).

Jesus is the manifestation of the name “Yahweh Tsidkenu”

8) YAHWEH SHAMMAH – “I AM There”

Ezekiel prophesied of the day that the city of God would be established and built (Ezek.40-48). Abraham saw this city also, a city **“which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God”** (Heb.11:10). The final declaration over the finished city is, **“and the name of the city from that day shall be: Yahweh [the LORD] IS THERE”** (Ez.48:35). When the eternal city is completed, the Eternal God will find His rest in this city and He will be there! The City will be called **“Yahweh is There”!**

Jesus, the I AM who is there

Jesus said, **“For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I AM There in the midst of them”** (Matt.18:20). Who is there? Jesus is there! Jesus is found in the midst of two or three gathering in His name! This is a manifestation of the great city! When two or three are in agreement and harmony and unity in the name of Jesus, the name of **“Yahweh Shammah”** is manifested! **“I AM There in the midst of them!”**

Jesus came as the Spirit of truth to live in us!

When Jesus was preparing His disciples for His departure He told them that He would send the Spirit of truth, ***“whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you”*** (Jn.14:17). How did the Spirit of truth dwell with them? Because He was standing right in front of them in Jesus! He then says not only will He be **with** you but He will be **in** you! ***“I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you”*** (Jn.14:18). Jesus will come to us! Jesus will be in us! He will be in you by the Spirit! He is there!

Jesus is in the midst of His church

After the resurrection of Jesus, His disciples were hiding in a house together and suddenly, ***“Jesus came and stood in the midst...”*** (Jn.20:19). In the book of Revelation John says that he saw, ***“in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man”*** Revelation 1:13. Jesus then said that the ***“seven lampstands are the seven churches”*** (Rev.1:20). In the same passage Jesus said, ***“I AM the First and the Last”*** (Rev.1:17). Jesus is the revelation of the Eternal God, the I AM, in the midst of the church. He is the One who is There!

God in the midst of His city, His people

Finally, John says that he saw, ***“the holy city, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God... And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, ‘Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God’”*** (Rev.21:2-3). God is in the midst of His city, He is There! The mystery of the church is that it is God’s dwelling place ***“in the Spirit”*** (Eph.2:22). When the church is walking in maturity and completeness, it will be clearly revealed that Jesus, the fullness of God (Col.2:9), lives in His church: ***“Christ in you, the hope of glory”*** Colossians 1:27. The ***“city will be called: Yahweh Shammah”*** because they will see that Jesus is There!

Jesus is the manifestation of the name “Yahweh Shammah”!

9) YAHWEH TSABAOTH – “I AM of My Armies”

Just before the Israelites conquered Jericho, Joshua as the leader of the people went out to seek God. They were about to enter into the inheritance and Joshua, it would seem, was looking for God’s direction. **“And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, ‘Are You for us or for our adversaries?’ So He said, ‘No, but as Commander of the army of Yahweh [the LORD] I have now come.’ And Joshua fell on His face to the earth and worshipped, and said to Him, ‘What does my Lord say to His servant?’”** (Josh.5:12-14). What an awesome encounter!

The Commander of the Army was worshiped!

Joshua met with the Commander of the army of Yahweh and **he worshipped Him**. If this was not God, Joshua would never have been allowed to worship Him! This was an appearance, a manifestation, of God in the likeness of a Man. This **Man** commanded Yahweh’s armies.

Joshua was being reminded that he was not in charge of the army that was going into Canaan. The **Commander of the army of Yahweh** had come and this **Commander** was Yahweh Himself appearing as a **Man**. He would lead His army into the Promised Land!

Who are the armies?

In Exodus 6:26 it says, **“These are the same Aaron and Moses to whom Yahweh said, ‘Bring out the children of Israel from the land of Egypt according to their armies.’”** This word *armies* is the same word translated as **“hosts”** when describing the Eternal God as **“Yahweh [the LORD] of hosts”**.

My People, My armies

In Exodus 7:4 it says, **“But Pharaoh will not heed you, so that I may lay My hand upon Egypt and bring My armies**

(and) My people, the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt.” In the New King James Version of the Bible you will notice that the “**and**” in this verse is in italic font. This means that the word is not in the Hebrew script but was added by the translators to “help us make sense of it”. However, in this case, and in many others, you can see the translators were battling with the same mindsets that many of us have had.

We have tended to think that the “**armies**” are heavenly angels but if you read without the “**and**”, which was added, it says, “*and bring My armies, My people, the children of Israel...*” Hallelujah! The armies are God’s people! God was not delivering heavenly angels from Egypt – He was saving His people and bringing them out as His armies!

God is seen in the midst of His army

This changes the whole way that we have seen the armies. Yes, God is the God of the angelic armies, but on most occurrences, He is revealing Himself to be the Eternal One who is seen in His armies, His people. He manifests in triumph through His people!

Invoking the name Yahweh Tsabaoth

The first mention of the name “**Yahweh Tsabaoth**” is in **1 Samuel 1:3** in the context of sacrificing to Him at Shiloh. It is mentioned well over 200 times in the Old Testament! Goliath dared to defy “*the armies of Israel*” (**1 Sam.17:10**). David took exception to this saying to King Saul, “*your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God*” (**1 Sam.17:36**). The armies of Israel are the **armies [hosts] of the living God!** David then came against Goliath “*in the name of Yahweh of hosts [armies]*” (**1 Sam.17:45**). He is known to be the God of His armies, His people!

Jesus the commander of the armies!

Joshua worshipped God when He came in the likeness of a man as the **Commander of the army of Yahweh!** Jesus is the manifestation of God as a man – the visible expression of the

invisible God (**Col.1:15**)! Jesus was and is that **Commander!** He was the One who led Joshua into the Promised Land and so He will lead us! ***“Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place”*** (**2Cor.2:14**). Jesus leads us in victory; our enemies being defeated! Within this army, the fragrance of Christ is manifested! He is the One in the midst of His army!

The armies follow Jesus!

Paul said to Timothy, ***“You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ”*** (**2Tim.2:3**). Timothy was a soldier in Jesus’ army. In the book of Revelation John writes, ***“And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS and LORD OF LORDS”*** (**Rev.19:14-15**). Jesus rides victoriously as the commander of His army.

His armies are not angels, but people

His army is ***“clothed in fine linen”*** (**Rev.19:14**). They are not angels from heaven but, ***“These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb”*** (**Rev.7:14**). It says about the Bride church which has ***“made herself ready”***, that, ***“And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints”*** Revelation 19:7-8. This is a heavenly army but it is not angels! These are heavenly people, bearing the ***“image of the heavenly Man”*** **1 Corinthians 15:49**. They are prepared as a Bride, following Jesus, the Word of God, into battle! Jesus is leading His army out of Egypt and into the Promised Land. He leads us out of the world and is bringing us into our inheritance,

a new creation, **“a new heavens and a new earth where righteousness dwells”** 2 Peter 3:13. He is “Yahweh of armies” – the Eternal One of His people, His armies!

Jesus has manifested the name “Yahweh of Armies/Hosts”

10. YAHWEH NAKAH – “I AM who strikes”

Ezekiel prophesied judgement on Israel: serious judgement! So much so that God said, **“My eye will not spare, nor will I have pity; I will repay you according to your ways, and your abominations will be in your midst. Then you shall know that I am YHWH who strikes”** Ezekiel 7:9. The judgements come so that we understand that God is not mocked – He is the **I AM who strikes**, paying back for wickedness not repented of.

God strikes to turn us back to Him!

God reveals Himself as the One who strikes, for the purpose of turning us back to Him. He laments for Israel in **Isaiah 9:13, For the people do not turn to Him who strikes them, nor do they seek YHWH of Hosts.**” God strikes so that we will turn to Him!

Prophecy of the Messiah who Strikes

When **Isaiah** prophesied of the Messiah to come, he said, **“He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked”** Isaiah 11:4. Jesus is the fulfilment of this Messianic prophecy. He is the One who strikes!

He Strikes with the Word

He strikes with the **rod of His mouth!** It is the Word coming out of His mouth that is the rod of authority, rebuke, correction and judgement. The Lord will consume **“the lawless one...with the breath of His mouth”** 2 Thessalonians 2:8. His name is called **“the Word of God”** and **“out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He**

Himself will rule [literally ‘shepherd’] them with a rod of iron” Revelation 19:13,15.

Jesus manifested the name YHWH who strikes! He said, **“He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him – the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day” John 12:48.** It is the word of Jesus that judges us.

The Good News

Even though Jesus is ***Yahweh who strikes***, the good news for those who believe is, **“surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows: yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten [struck – Hb ‘nakah’] by God and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions...” Isaiah 53:4-5a.**

While Jesus is ***Yahweh who strikes*** He allowed Himself to be ***struck*** for us! The strike of YHWH that deserved to fall on us, fell on Jesus! And by taking the ***strike*** on our behalf He has now purchased and secured our eternal redemption, salvation and inheritance!

Jesus truly manifested the name “Yahweh who strikes”

The Revelation of the Eternal One

In John’s gospel, Jesus reveals Himself to be the Eternal One many times. There are eight obvious occasions especially in John’s account where Jesus uses the awesome statement, **“I AM”** to reveal Himself, manifesting the name of God!

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| i. “I AM the Bread of Life” | Jn. 6:48 |
| ii. “I AM the Light of the world” | Jn. 8:12, 9:5 |
| iii. “I AM the Door” | Jn. 10:9 |
| iv. “I AM the Good Shepherd” | Jn. 10:11 |
| v. “I AM the Resurrection and the Life” | Jn. 11:25 |
| vi. “I AM the way, the truth and the Life” | Jn. 14:6 |
| vii. “I AM the True Vine” | Jn. 15:1 |
| viii. “before Abraham was, I AM” | Jn.8:58 |

The **eighth** occasion was the most direct. Jesus was talking to the Pharisees and they could not understand when He said that He knew Abraham. They said, ***“You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM’”*** (v.57-58).

Jesus is Yahweh saving us!

The name of the Eternal God in the Old Testament revealed Him to be **“I AM”**. Jesus was the manifestation of that name in a man! The Eternal One made flesh! **Jesus is the “I AM”! Jesus is Yahweh in the flesh!** The name **Jesus** in Hebrew is **Yeshua** which means **Yahweh saves**. Jesus is Yahweh entering into human flesh to save us! ***“Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” Acts4:12.***

Jesus said, ***“I have manifested Your name to the men You have given Me.”*** Jesus revealed the name of God to men. He revealed the fullness of God to us! God’s name was revealed in **Jesus!**

JESUS MANIFESTATED THE NAME OF GOD!

JESUS THE “I AM”

Finally, all this understanding leads to the most awesome climax! Jesus said, **“Before Abraham was, I AM” John 8:58**. The Jews who heard Jesus make this statement and wanted to stone Him (**Jn.8:59**). They knew what He said. He was saying that He was Yahweh, the “I AM”. He was saying that He was the One who spoke to Moses in the burning bush and said, **“Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you’ Exodus 3:14b**. They saw this as blasphemy. To this day, many struggle to receive this truth.

The I AM walked on water

After Jesus had fed the five thousand, they still did not really understand who He was. In **Mark 6:52** it says, **“For they had not understood about the loaves, because their heart was hardened”**. They did not get the revelation of who Jesus was. Jesus made them get in the boat while He went up a mountain to pray and they struggled all night in that boat (**Matthew 14:22-24**). Then Jesus came in the early hours of the morning **“walking on the sea” Matthew 14:25**. He was about to reveal Himself very powerfully!

Our English translations of this account hide the reality of what Jesus said to His disciples while walking on the water. If you look in the margin of the **New King James Version**, it will tell you literally what Jesus said. Also, in **Jay P Green’s Interlinear Bible** you will see it clearly. He literally said, **“Take courage. I AM. Do not be afraid” Matthew 14:27** [see also **Mark 6:50 & John 6:20 – each time in the Greek it is “I AM”**]. Jesus did not just say, **“It is I”**. He said, **“I AM”**. In the Greek **“Ego Eimi”**. There is a big difference! Jesus was revealing His identity – a revelation of who He was to the disciples! When He got in the boat with them, they started understand; they **“came and worshiped Him, saying, ‘Truly You are the Son of God’” Matthew 14:33**. Jesus manifested the name **I AM** to His disciples and they **worshiped Him!**

You must believe He is I AM

Another place where it is hidden in our English translations is in **John 8:24 & 28**. In our New King James Version when you see a word in *italics* in the middle of a sentence it means it is a word added by the translators that is not in the original Greek manuscript. It is very powerful on most occasions to read without the *italics* wherever they appear as it has much more emphasis. Jesus said, ***“Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I AM, you will die in your sins”*** John 8:24. The **“He”** was added in the English translations and by adding it we lose the revelation of what Jesus said.

In order to be forgiven we must believe in who Jesus is. The revelation of “who Jesus is”, is so important for us – if we do not believe that Jesus is the **I AM** we will die in our sins. God was ***“manifested to take away sins”*** 1 John 3:5. The **I AM** became a Man to take away our sins!

You will know the Son of Man is the I AM

Then Jesus said, ***“When you lift up [crucify] the Son of Man, then you will know that I AM”*** John 8:28. Again the **“He”** was added by translators. Jesus actually said that when He is lifted up on the Cross there would be a revelation of who He is! He is the **I AM!** We would come to know that He is the **I AM** and realise and that His words were the Father’s words (**Jn.8:28b**).

When you see Jesus on the Cross, do you see the **I AM?** Jesus manifested the name **I AM** on the Cross and when we believe He is the **I AM** we will not die in our sins, but we will be forgiven and justified! ***“God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing men’s trespasses against them”*** 2 Corinthians 5:19.

The I AM arrested!

Another occasion where the translators added the word **“He”** is when Jesus was being arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane. When Jesus knew that they were arriving to arrest Him He ***“went forward and said to them, ‘Whom are you***

seeking?’ They answered Him, ‘Jesus of Nazareth.’ Jesus said to them, ‘I AM’...Now when He said to them, ‘I AM’, they drew back and fell to the ground” John 18:4-6. Why did these people fall back on the ground when Jesus said “***I AM***”? At that moment Jesus manifested the name! He spoke out who He was and power of God was unleashed momentarily so that these soldiers could not stand.

It was an unveiling of His glory in a moment of time, showing He had all power even at the time of His arrest! He then allowed them to arrest Him in obedience to the will of the Father. Jesus was the ***I AM*** even when being betrayed and arrested by wicked men! Jesus manifested the name ***I AM*** and the reverberations of that manifestation were physically felt in those men who fell in His Presence!

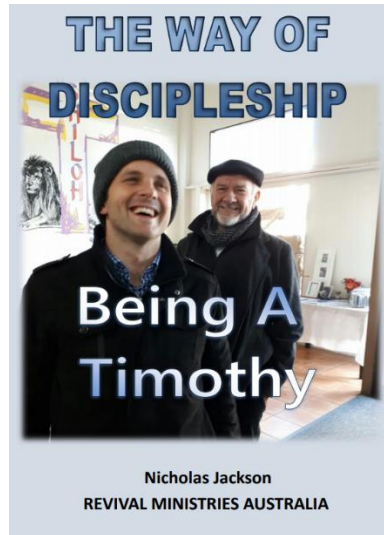
The Christ, the Son of God, is the I AM

When Jesus was on trial before the High Priest, He was asked, ***“Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” Jesus said, ‘I AM. And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.’ Then the High Priest tore his clothes and said, ‘What further need do we have of witnesses? You have heard the blasphemy!’ Mark 14:61-64.*** What was the blasphemy? Jesus did not only admit to being the Christ, the Son of God, but that as the Christ, He was the ***I AM***.

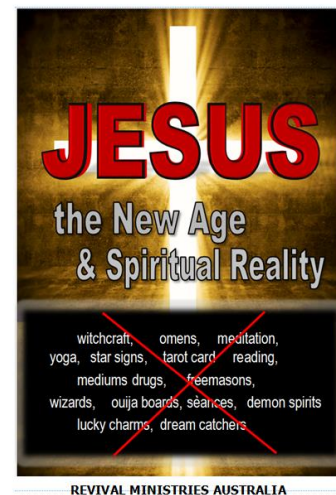
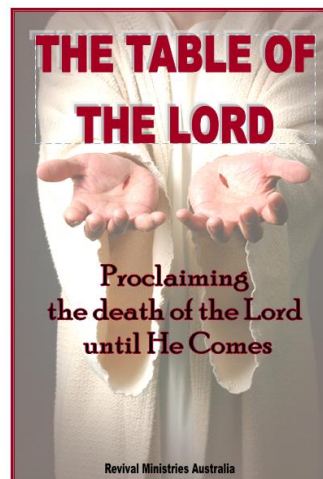
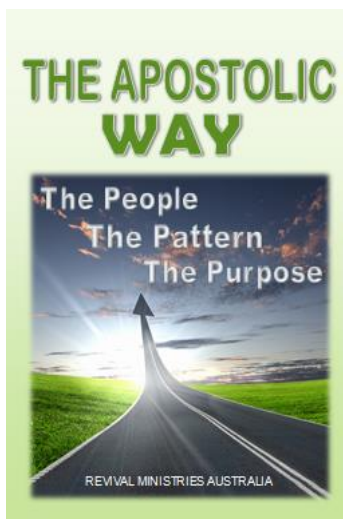
May God open our eyes to see the wonder and majesty of who Jesus is! The Eternal God, the great I AM, was manifested in the Man, Jesus! This was recorded many times in the New Testament. It is time to declare boldly that Jesus truly is the ***I AM*** who came in the flesh! This is what it means to call Him, ***the Son of God!*** When we see the ***I AM*** in Jesus then we will be like His disciples in the boat who ***"came and worshiped Him, saying, 'Truly You are the Son of God' Matthew 14:33.***

Jesus is the manifestation of the I AM in the flesh!

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