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Scripture

“Before Abraham Was, I AM” (John 8:58)

The Names of God

I AM

God Hides His Names

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Jehovah – My Lord God

El Shaddai – Almighty God

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And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being” (Genesis 2:4-7).

“Then Jacob asked, saying, ‘Tell me Your name, I pray.’

And He said, ‘Why is it that you ask about My name?’ And He blessed him there.

So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: ‘For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved’” (Genesis 32:29-30).

Then Moses said to 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?”

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.’ ”

Moreover God said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: ‘The Lord 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 to all generations’” (Exodus 3:13-15).

“Then Manoah said to the Angel of the Lord, ‘What is Your name, that when Your words come to pass we may honor You?’

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“Be still, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations,

I will be exalted in the earth!” (Psalm 46:10).

Gabriel said to Mary: “. . . And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus” (Luke 1:31).

“. . . an angel of the Lord appeared to [Joseph] in a dream, saying, . . . ‘you shall call His name Jesus . . .’” (Matthew 1:21).

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (John 1:1).

“Jesus said to them, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM’ (John 8:58).

The supreme purpose of man is knowing God.

The greatest, highest and only privilege for man is knowing God.

Someone may ask, what is God like? What is the Father, Son and Holy Spirit like?

He is the most wonderful, most beautiful Person in the universe.

The only true God is an eternal mystery and revelation.

He is the great I AM.

He is so glorious, so wonderful, so powerful – and infinitely, eternally more – He is beyond human comprehension and words.

Those who find Him and make it to heaven will be in awe of Him, forever.

He is indescribable, incomprehensible, unfathomable . . . omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent . . . life, love, eternity . . . holy . . . and infinitely more.

Yet, He has revealed Himself.

He is no longer a mystery.

He is available.

He is a present reality.

The only true God, the infinite, eternal mystery, can be summed up in one word, one name, one Person: Jesus.

Revelation 10:7, Matthew 13:11, Colossians 1:27, John 8:58, John 17:3, Psalm 139:6, Revelation 19:6, John 14:6, 1 John 4:8, Leviticus 19:2, John 8:58, Hebrews 1:3, Colossians 1:15

The only true God is an eternal revelation.

Man was born to know and fellowship with Him, forever.

He is eternity.

He is life.

He is existence.

He is love.

He is holy.

And infinitely, eternally more.

He has revealed Himself as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

His Son Jesus Christ is the revelation of God (John 1).

He is the image of the invisible God (Colossians 1:15).

He is the exact representation of God's nature.

He is the great I AM (John 8:58).

He is Son of God and . . . the Lord God Almighty.

God has chosen to give Himself to mankind.

He gives Himself through His Son Jesus Christ.

God has offered His glory to every person.

He and His glory are inexpressible.

He is so powerful, if someone receives Him, they will live forever.

God has chosen to give Himself in totality to every person, forever.

He has chosen to give every person the totality of all that they are.

He has chosen to believe in every person, more than they can comprehend.

There is one choice He cannot and will not make for a person: the choice to believe in Him.

John 3:16, John 17:22, Matthew 13:44-46, John 6:51, Psalm 139, John 3:17, Joshua 24:15

God believes in you.

Jesus believes in you.

He created you.

He knows everything about you.

He loves you with an everlasting love.

He died for you.

He's all around you.

He knocks on the door of your heart.

He wants you to choose Him and not self.

He wants you to live forever with Him in heaven, His home.

Psalm 139:7-10, Matthew 10:30, Jeremiah 31:3, Psalm 139:7-10, Revelation 3:20

God chose to create you.

You are fearfully and wonderfully made.

He made you into His image and likeness.

If you had died before the age of five, you would have gone to heaven to live with Him, forever.

He sustains you.

He gives everything that keeps you alive.

He gives you every good gift.

He gives you faith.

He put eternity in your heart.

He gave you choice.

He believes in you . . . more than you can comprehend.

Even if you do not believe in Him, He believes in you.

He believes in you, even forever.

There is one choice He will not make for you: the choice to believe in Him.

Psalm 139:14, Genesis 1:27, 2:7, John 3:16, 1 Timothy 2:4, 2 Peter 3:9, Isaiah 42:5, Job 12:10, James 1:17, Romans 12:3, Ecclesiastes 3:11

How much does God the Father and Jesus believe in you?

The Father gave Jesus to you and the world.

The Father sent Jesus from heaven to die for you and the world.

Jesus came to the earth and lived as a human like you.

Jesus became what you are, so you could become what He is.

He was born, lived for 33 years, and died.

He died for the world.

He died that you might live, forever.

There is no greater love than someone laying down their life for his friends.

The fact that God sent His Son to die for you and the world reveals His love for mankind and how much He believes in you.

Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the Lord God Almighty.

John 3:16, John 6, John 10:28, John 6:51, John 15:13, John 8:58

How much does Jesus believe in you?

Jesus died for you.

He chose to die.

No one took His life from Him.

He chose to die for you and the world.

He had the power to lay down His life.

He had the power to take it up again.

He received that command from His Father.

After He rose from the dead, He ascended to heaven and to the right hand of God's Power.

Jesus is alive, forever.

Matthew 26:36-46, John 10:18a, John 3:16, John 10:18b, John 10:18c, Matthew 26:64

ONE

“Before Abraham Was, I AM” (John 8:58)

Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.”

Summary of parts of John 8:49-58:

1. Jesus honors His Father (v.49).
2. Jesus does not seek His own glory (v. 50).
3. The only true God, the Father, seeks Jesus’ glory (v. 50).
4. God judges (v. 50).
5. If anyone keeps Jesus’ word, he will never see death (v. 51).
6. If Jesus honors Himself, His honor is nothing (v. 54).
7. The Father honors Jesus (v. 54).
8. Jesus knows the Father (v. 55).
9. Jesus knows Him and keeps His word (v. 55).
10. Abraham rejoiced to see Jesus’ day (v. 56).
11. Abraham saw it and was glad (v. 56).
12. Jesus said, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM” (v. 58).

Then the Jews answered and said to Him, “Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?”

49 Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. 50 And I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks and judges. 51 Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death.”

52 Then the Jews said to Him, “Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, ‘If anyone keeps My word he shall never taste death.’ 53 Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Who do You make Yourself out to be?”

54 Jesus answered, “If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God. 55 Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, ‘I do not know Him,’ I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word. 56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.”

57 Then the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?”

58 Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM” (John 8:49-58).

Translations of John 8:50:

Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge (John 8:50, numerous translations).

TWO

The Names of God

The only true God reveals Himself to mankind in many ways. One of the primary ways He reveals Himself is through His name.

He is one God – the only true God – with one name.

In the Old Testament, He reveals Himself in twelve primary revelations of His name; one name, twelve revelations.

As we will see, His name is Jehovah (Yahweh).

When He came to the earth as a man, He revealed Himself as the Father, His Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

The names in order are:

Elohim (My Creator) – Genesis 1:1

Jehovah (My Lord God) – Genesis 2:7

Jehovah El-Shaddai (My Supplier) – Genesis 17:4

Adonai (My Master) – Genesis 18:3

Jehovah Jireh (My Provider) – Genesis 22:8

Jehovah Rophe (My Healer) – Exodus 15:26

Jehovah Nissi (My Banner) – Leviticus 17:15

Jehovah Mikkadesh (My Sanctifier) – Leviticus 20:7-8

Jehovah Shalom (My Peace) – Judges 6:24

Jehovah Tsidkenu (My Righteousness) – Jeremiah 23:5-6

Jehovah Rohi (My Shepherd) – Psalm 23:1

Jehovah Shammah (My Abiding Presence) – Ezekiel 48:3

Elohim

The first name the Bible introduces is “God,” in Genesis 1:1. “God” is translated from “Elohim,” which means “Gods.” Elohim is the plural of the word “Eloah,” which means God.

Therefore, the first verse of the Bible introduces the three-in-one God.

“El” means God. “Elohim” speaks of the “God of glory and might.”

The name Elohim declares that He is the God of: authority, majesty, creation, dominion, government, rule, might, and infinitely more.

The name declares who God is. It does not reveal who God is. In Elohim there is declaration.

Elohim presents God and is connected to His acts. It is not connected to intimacy with Him or to His covenants, sacrifice or relationship.

The word Elohim is found more than 2,500 times in the Old Testament. He existed long before man could know Him as “God the Father.”

When God spoke, there is eternal force. His word released eternal power which is still being released throughout the universe.

God’s word has an eternal echo. God’s word lives. God’s word is established forever. Jesus said, “Heaven and earth will pass

away, but My words will by no means pass away” (Matthew 24:35).

In Isaiah, the coming Messiah is called Elohim:

“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6).

The Lord Jesus was there at creation.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (John 1:1).

The Greek word for “Word” is logos, which means “word, reason, plan.” Therefore, it could properly be translated “revelation.”

“In the beginning was the revelation, and the revelation was with God, and the revelation was God” (John 1:1).

Jesus is part of the Godhead who came to the earth as a man: “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:14).

Jehovah, LORD God

The next name for God in the Bible is “LORD God,” first seen in Genesis 2:4. The “LORD God” is the English translation of the Hebrew “Jehovah Elohim.”

Therefore, the simplified English translation for “Lord God” is Jehovah. Remember the name Jehovah, as future revelations of His name are presented.

The name “LORD God” is found more than 6,000 times in Scripture.

Why is this name revealed? Notice that Genesis 2:4 begins the portion of scripture where we learn about God creating man, which occurs in Genesis 2:7. The LORD God, or Jehovah, is the name of covenant and relationship.

Genesis 2:4-7:

“This is the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, before any plant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had grown. For the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and there was no man to till the ground; 6 but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground.

And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being”

LORD God

In the Bible, LORD in capital letters is “Jehovah.”

There is a holy history and mystery surrounding this name.

This glorious name LORD is translated from the Hebrew YHWH, which is the name God revealed to Moses in Exodus 3.

The name YHWH was so holy to the scribes and Jews, it was not to be read out loud, so they wrote it without vowels.

When they did have to pronounce it, they took the vowels from “Adonai” and inserted them into YHWH. The results is YaHoWaH, or Jehovah.

The Bible presents Jehovah Elohim, because it is through Jehovah – YHWH, or Yahweh – that a divine relationship with man was being established.

Covenant Precedes Power and Glory

When Adam was created, a relationship and a revelation began.

Adam was in God’s presence and glory. He was in glorious fellowship with the only true God. Adam was God’s partner, replacing the position Lucifer the angel had lost.

Jehovah is the name connected to covenant and relationship. We are sons of Jehovah and sons of Elohim. There is a very big difference between the two, because covenant comes before power, and relationship before authority. What does that mean?

By inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the writers of the Bible wrote this glorious name as the “LORD God” for a divine, holy, eternal reason: covenant and relationship come before power and authority. LORD is first. A person can only know God’s power, authority, victory and infinitely more, by first having a relationship with Him.

Someone can know God the Creator, Elohim, and know all about Him in that name. They can know and memorize the entire Bible and so forth. But if they do not actually have a relationship with Him, they will not be changed in any way spiritually. They will

not know God's power, authority, victory, and all the eternal, glorious things God offers, unless they know Him as Jehovah.

Elohim Presents . . . Jehovah Reveals

Jehovah reveals God. Jehovah is the name of revelation. Jehovah is connected to covenant.

Jehovah reveals and imparts God.

When someone knows God, then they can obey, surrender, serve, receive and infinitely more.

We receive in Jehovah. The angels know He is God, but they cannot know Him. They are sons of Elohim.

We are sons of Jehovah God.

Once the relationship is established, only then can someone surrender, submit, obey, and more, to Jehovah and the glorious revelations of Him, such as El-Shaddai and Adonai.

Elohim presents glory; Jehovah reveals glory.

Elohim presents love; Jehovah reveals love.

Elohim presents mercy; Jehovah reveals mercy.

Elohim presents grace; Jehovah reveals grace.

Elohim presents power; Jehovah reveals power.

The name Jehovah contains within it the revelation of God Himself.

THREE

God Hides His Name

God Hides His Name

In the Old Testament, God was asked His name at least three times, during His glorious visitations with man.

The first was when Jacob wrestled with the Angel of God, in Genesis 32.

The next was when God visited Moses in the burning bush passage, in Exodus 3.

The third was when God visited Manoah and his wife, in Judges 13.

Jacob and His Request to Know the Lord's Name

“Then Jacob asked, saying, ‘Tell me Your name, I pray.’

And He said, ‘Why is it that you ask about My name?’ And He blessed him there.

So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: ‘For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved’” (Genesis 32;29-30).

Moses Asks God's Name

“Then Moses said to 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?’”

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.’” Moreover God said to Moses, ‘Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: ‘The Lord 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 to all generations’” (Exodus 3:13-15).

I AM

The words I AM WHO I AM are a puzzle and mystery to Biblical scholars, even today.

The Hebrew for I AM WHO I AM is pronounced “Ehyeh asher ehyeh.” They could be translated as: “I am that I am” or “I will be what I will be” or even “Let it be who Let it be.”

The “root” of the first and third word means “to be, to become, to come to pass.” Experts believe this Hebrew root is the origin of the name YHWH. Therefore, God did not actually reveal a name as we know a name.

He revealed, among infinite revelation, that He is the ever present, ever living, no beginning, no end, God.

Manoah Asks God's Name

“Then Manoah said to the Angel of the Lord, ‘What is Your name, that when Your words come to pass we may honor You?’

And the Angel of the Lord said to him, ‘Why do you ask My name, seeing it is wonderful?’” (Judges 13:17-18)

Experts and Manoah himself (verse 22) believe that the Angel of the Lord in this passage is indeed the Lord God Almighty. Also, Isaiah 9:6 reveals the Lord’s name is Wonderful.

“Why do you ask My name, seeing it is wonderful?” (Judges 13:18)

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When God visited Manoah and his wife, He first appeared twice to Manoah’s wife (v. 6 and 8). His countenance was “very awesome” (v. 6). To Manoah, she described Him as a Man of God, twice (v. 8 and 10).

When Manoah first saw Him, the Lord is identified again as a Man, twice (v. 11). Then, we read that Manoah did not know He was the Lord (v. 16).

The Lord did a “wondrous thing” (v. 19). As Manoah offered a burnt offering on a rock, “it happened as the flame went up toward heaven from the altar – the Angel of the Lord ascended in the flame of the altar!” (v. 20)

Then Manoah realized He was God. He even said, “We shall surely die, because we have seen God!” (v. 22).

We see in this visitation that God hid Himself from both people.

When asked His name, He did not actually give a specific name. He actually responded with a question, and described His name as wonderful.

God Hides

In all three responses, God hid His name.

God hiding His name lines up with a major theme in the Bible: God hides Himself.

There are at least 33 specific scriptures about how God hides Himself. An example: “Truly You are God, who hide Yourself, O God of Israel, the Savior!” (Isaiah 45:15).

God Hides from Man

Moreover, God hides Himself in His dealings with mankind. This truth is a pervasive theme in the Bible.

Secrets . . . and Mysteries . . . and Revelations

As we have seen in the previous chapters, God hides Himself in many ways.

He dwells in the secret place (Matthew 6:6). In Him there is a secret (Psalm 25:14). In Him are secret things (Deuteronomy 29:29).

He Himself is a mystery and a reality (see Colossians 1:27).

His kingdom contains mysteries, which Jesus reveals (Matthew 13:11).

There is a secret will of God (Deuteronomy 29:29, Matthew 6:10).

He offers treasures of darkness and hidden riches of secret places (Isaiah 45:3).

The only true God is an eternal revelation (Revelation 4:8-11).

Jesus Revealed How to Go Deeper with God

Jesus revealed that to find God, we must seek Him (Matthew 6:3).

He revealed there are three realms of prayer; and that every realm gets closer to God (Matthew 7:7-8).

He revealed there are three phases of the new life in Him in the power of the Holy Spirit (John 3,4 and 7). He revealed the initial phase also: the born again phase (John 3). In all four phases, man gets closer to and goes deeper with God

The Bible reveals there are three anointings: for salvation, ministry, and authority, also called dominion (Leviticus 14; Exodus 30:30; 2 Samuel 5:3,7). In every anointing, a person goes deeper with God.

Two specific examples of God withdrawing or hiding Himself from man:

“And you shall remember that the Lord your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test

you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not” (Deut. 8:2).

Recommended Scripture: 2 Chronicles 32:31.

FOUR

I AM

I AM WHO I AM . . . I AM . . . YHWH

The first time God actually revealed His name to a person was when God revealed His name to Moses in about 1300 BC. It is recorded in Exodus 3, the burning bush passage. God appeared to Moses and told him He would deliver them from slavery in Egypt.

God appeared to Moses and in “a flame of fire from the midst of a bush” (Exodus 3:2). God said “I am the God of your father – the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob” (Exodus 3:6).

Moses asked God’s name, and God answered him:

Then Moses said to 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?”

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.’ ” Moreover God said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the children

of Israel: ‘The Lord 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 to all generations’” (Exodus 3:13-15).

YHWH

The Hebrew for I AM WHO I AM is: אֶהְיֶה אֲשֶׁר אֶהְיֶה, pronounced “Ehyeh asher ehyeh.”

These Hebrew words could be translated as: "I am that I am" or "I will be what I will be" or even “Let it be who Let it be.”

Hebrew is a complex language. Notice part of the first and third words: היה. This “root” היה, or h-y-h, means “to be, to become, to come to pass), and is a form of הוה, or h-w-h. Experts believe this Hebrew root is the origin of the name YHWH.

YHWH in the Bible

In the original Hebrew Old Testament, the word used most frequently for God is YHWH. It is used 6,800 times.

This four-letter word YHWH is called the Tetragrammaton. The four letters are: yodh, he, waw and he.

Through the centuries, the word YHWH has been a mystery and puzzle to Bible scholars, as it is today.

The Jewish scribes who copied and recorded manuscripts of the Bible, and Hebrew scholars and Jews through the centuries, felt the name was so holy they did not even pronounce it. In the original manuscripts, they wrote it without the vowels, because it was never to be spoken out loud.

Through the centuries, scholars presented various ways to pronounce YHWH. There is a general debate about how Rabbis and Hebrew scholars pronounced YHWH when they did say God's name. Examples of pronunciations centuries ago are "Yaoweh" and "Yabeh."

What did Jews do when they wanted to read the scriptures aloud? They took the vowels from the Hebrew name "Adonai," which means "Lord" or "Lords" and inserted them in the name to make the name YaHoWaH. This name is pronounced "Jehovah."

YaHoWaH is a combination of "God" and "Lord," and therefore it could safely be translated "Lord God."

"Jesus said to them, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM' (John 8:58).

FIVE

El Shaddai Almighty God

Nourisher, Provider, Supplier (Genesis 17:4)

Scripture reference: Genesis 17:1-8.

God appeared to and visited Abram, revealing to Abram and mankind that He is El-Shaddai, the Almighty God.

In El-Shaddai, God becomes a person's nourisher, provider, supplier and infinitely more.

God made a covenant with Abram.

He revealed to Abram that he would be the father of many nations. Therefore, God changed Abram's name to Abraham, which means "father of many nations."

SIX

Adonai

Lord – אֲדֹנָי (Genesis 18:1-3)

“Then the Lord appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamre, as he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day. So he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing by him; and when he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground, and said, ‘My Lord, if I have now found favor in Your sight, do not pass on by Your servant’” (Genesis 18:1-3).

Genesis 18:17

“And the Lord said, ‘Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing, since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?’” (Genesis 18:17-18)

When someone calls Him Adonai, all revelation is theirs. He reveals His plan. When we surrender and submit; when we make Him our leader and master, God says, “I will hold nothing from him.”

And then, a man is born into intercession. Abraham interceded for Sodom and Gomorrah. Intercession is the result of drawing near to God.

The name Adonai, אֲדֹנָי in Hebrew, means “My Lords.” It is the plural form of “adon,” along with the pronoun for “my.”

In the Bible, Adonai refers to God and occurs about 440+ times.

Adonai means “my owner.” Adonai speaks of lordship, complete possession, obedience, and submission.

When someone obeys and surrenders their life to God, that person can call Him “Adonai.”

The first time it is in the Bible is in Genesis 15:2:

“But Abram said, ‘Lord God, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?’ Then Abram said, ‘Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!’” (Genesis 15:2-3).

SEVEN

Jehovah Jireh – My Provider

“The Lord my Provider”

“My Vision”

“The One I see”

(Genesis 22:8,14)

“And Abraham called the name of the place, The-Lord-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, “In the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided” (Genesis 22:14).

And Abraham said, “My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering.” So the two of them went together.
Genesis 22:8

God commanded Abraham to sacrifice his only son, Isaac.
Abraham obeyed.

When God saw that Abraham feared Him and was obedient,
He provided a ram as a substitute.

Abraham called that place Jehovah Jireh, because the Lord provided.

This entire story is prophetic about the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Genesis 22:14 says: “In the mount of the Lord it shall be seen.”

In this miraculous provision, God revealed His Son’s death on the cross to Abraham. Jesus said:

“Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad” (John 8:56).

EIGHT

Jehovah Rophe – My Healer

“The Lord Who Heals” (Exodus 15:26)

Scripture reference: Exodus 15:23-26.

If the Israelites did the following, God offered them healing:

1. Diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God.
2. Do what is right in His sight.
3. Give ear to His commandments.
4. Keep all His statutes.

The tree in verse 25 represents and is symbolic of Jesus Christ, the true vine, and the cross, which was made of wood.

The waters represent and are symbolic of the Holy Spirit and the word of God.

NINE

Jehovah Nissi – My Banner

“The Lord my Victory”
“The Lord my Banner”
(Exodus 17:15)

“And Moses built an altar and called its name, The-Lord-Is-My-Banner; 16 for he said, “Because the Lord has sworn: the Lord will have war with Amalek from generation to generation” (Exodus 17:15).

In this passage, the children of Israel were in a battle with the armies of Amalek.

As long as Moses held up the rod, Israel prevailed. When his arms were heavy and he lowered the rod, Amalek prevailed. Aaron and Hur held up his hands until the battle was won.

Moses recognized that Israel won because they were under the Lord’s banner.

The word ‘Nissi’ comes from the word ‘Nes,’ which refers to a pole with an emblem or crest upon it.

Jehovah Nissi reveals God's power. He brings the victory. He gives a banner of hope, faith, love, encouragement and infinitely more.

TEN

Jehovah Mikkadesh – My Sanctifier

“The Lord my Sanctifier” (Leviticus 20:7-8)

Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am the Lord your God. 8 And you shall keep My statutes, and perform them: I am the Lord who sanctifies you (Leviticus 20:7-8).

The Lord my sanctifier makes us whole and sets us apart to be holy.

The word Mikkadesh comes from the Hebrew qadash, which means “sanctify,” “holy,” or “dedicate.”

Sanctify means to “set apart.” Throughout the Bible, God calls us to be set apart, or sanctified.

An example of God sanctifying His people is in Exodus 31: “And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 13 “Speak also to the children of Israel, saying: ‘Surely My Sabbaths you shall keep, for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the Lord who sanctifies[b] you” (Exodus 31:12-13).

Sanctify means to “set apart.” Throughout the Bible, God calls us to be set apart, or sanctified.

A primary theme of the Bible is redemption and sanctification.
In Genesis, God reveals sin. In Exodus, He reveals redemption. In Leviticus, He reveals sanctification.
Sanctification sets us apart for Him and for service.

ELEVEN

Jehovah Shalom – My Peace

“The Lord my Peace”

“The Lord is Peace”

(Judges 6:24)

“So Gideon built an altar there to the Lord, and called it [f]The-Lord-Is-Peace” (Judges 6:24).

“The Lord my Peace” is in the Old Testament 170 times.

Judges 6 tells the supernatural story of the Lord God visiting Gideon. God commanded Gideon to lead the Israelites into battle against the Midianites, a very formidable foe.

The Angel of the Lord in the story is indeed God Himself. As He did at various times in the Old Testament, the Lord God came in “human spirit form,” speaking to Gideon as man speaks to another man.

Gideon asked for a sign from the Lord (v. 17) and then prepared an offering for Him.

Gideon prepared a goat, unleavened bread, and a broth (soup) and presented them to the Lord (v. 19). The Angel of God said to

him: “Take the meat and the unleavened bread and lay them on this rock, and pour out the broth” (v. 20).

Then the Lord God did something most amazing:

“Then the Angel of the Lord put out the end of the staff that was in His hand, and touched the meat and the unleavened bread; and fire rose out of the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened bread. And the Angel of the Lord departed out of his sight” (v. 21).

Gideon then perceived who had visited him:

“Now Gideon perceived that He was the Angel of the Lord. So Gideon said, ‘Alas, O Lord God! For I have seen the Angel of the Lord face to face’” (v. 22).

Then the Lord revealed the He is the “the Lord my Peace:”

“Then the Lord said to him, ‘Peace be with you; do not fear, you shall not die.’ So Gideon built an altar there to the Lord, and called it The-Lord-Is-Peace” (v. 23-24).

TWELVE

Jehovah Tsidkenu – My Righteousness

“The Lord our Righteousness” (Jeremiah 23:5-6)

“Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord, “That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; a King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.⁶ In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely; now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS (Jeremiah 23:5-6).

Righteousness refers to right standing with God, through Jesus Christ. God becomes our righteousness as we accept and have a relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

“For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him” (2 Cor. 5:21).

THIRTEEN

Jehovah Rohi – My Shepherd

“The Lord My Shepherd”

(Genesis 48:15; 49:24; Psalm 23:1; 80:1)

The root word for Rohi means “shepherd.” It also means “intimate friendship” and “close companionship.”

The revelation of God’s name Jehovah Rohi conveys tender intimacy and fellowship.

In one of the most famous passages of scripture, David wrote: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake . . .” (Psalm 23:1-3).

God promises unspeakable blessings for those who follow Jesus:

“Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, ‘Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?’

And I said to him, “Sir, you know.”

So he said to me, “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. Therefore they are before the throne of

God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes” (Revelation 7:13-17).

FOURTEEN

Jehovah Shammah – My Abiding Presence

“My Abiding Presence” (Ezekiel 48:35)

“All the way around shall be eighteen thousand cubits; and the name of the city from that day shall be: THE LORD IS THERE” (Ezekiel 48:35).

The twelfth revelation of God’s name reveals the glorious, abiding presence of God. The prophet Ezekiel presents the revelation: Jehovah Shammah, which means The Lord is There.

Ezekiel prophesied about the restoration of God’s glory. He writes in detail about a temple and a future city where God’s glory will abide forever. The literal name of the city is The Lord is There (Ezekiel 48.35).

As we go deeper with God, He will reveal the glorious revelations of Him and His name. Deep calls unto deep: the Holy Spirit calls unto our spirit person, and we experience the riches of the glory of the mystery, of Jesus Christ in us.

We begin to learn and discover our purpose and reason for living: to know our wonderful, magnificent, unfathomable, mighty God.

FIFTEEN

God Reveals His Son Jesus

When God sent His Son to the earth, He made His Son's name very clear, obvious and definite.

God also made His thoughts about His Son very clear, obvious and definite.

He did not hide His Son's name.

And God the Father did not hide His thoughts about His Son.

Six Specific Revelations of Jesus, God's Son

The gospels of course reveal that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the Lord God Almighty – and infinitely more.

Six specific times, God introduces and reveals His Son Jesus, making His Son's name and His thoughts about His Son very clear.

The first time God reveals His Son and His Son's name is when the angel Gabriel visited Mary. Gabriel said to Mary: “”And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus”” (Luke 1:31).

In this visitation, Gabriel revealed that Jesus is the: Son, Son of the Highest, Holy One, and the Son of God (Luke 1:31-35).

The next time God revealed His Son's name was to Joseph, Mary's husband, in a dream (Matthew 1:18-21).

Months later, when Jesus was born, an angel of the Lord appeared to shepherds and revealed that Christ was born. A multitude of angels then appeared in the nighttime sky, proclaiming the glorious results of the sending and birth of Jesus (Luke 2:8-14).

Before Jesus' ministry began, the prophet John the Baptist announced and testified to the public that Jesus is the Lamb of God and the Son of God (John 1:29, 32-33).

God Speaks Audibly about His Son

When Jesus was baptized, God spoke audibly from heaven about His Son. God spoke supernaturally, clearly and obviously. He said:

“This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased” (Matthew 3:17).

When Jesus was transfigured, God spoke audibly about His Son (Matthew 17:1–8, Mark 9:2–8, Luke 9:28–36). While on a mountain with three of His disciples, Jesus became radiant in glory. A bright cloud overshadowed them, and God the Father spoke audibly:

“This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased and delighted! Hear Him! Listen to Him!” (Matthew 17:6, NKJV & Amplified)

SIXTEEN

Introductions and Announcements

Gabriel said to Mary: “. . . And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus” (Luke 1:31).

“. . . an angel of the Lord appeared to [Joseph] in a dream, saying, . . . ‘you shall call His name Jesus . . .’” (Matthew 1:21)

“. . . an angel of the Lord said to [the shepherds], ‘For there is born to you this day . . . a Savior, who is Christ the Lord’” (Luke 2:11).

“And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

‘Glory to God in the highest,

And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!’” (Luke 2:13-14)

“The next day . . . John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, ‘Behold! The Lamb of God . . . I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God’” (John 1:29,33).

When Jesus was baptized, God spoke audibly: “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased” (Matthew 3:17).

When Jesus was transfigured, God spoke audibly: “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased! Hear Him!” (Matthew 17:6).

God’s Specific Introductions and Announcements of Jesus:

1. The Annunciation: Gabriel visits Mary (Luke 1:31-35)
2. An angel appears to Joseph in a dream; “You shall call His name Jesus” (Matthew 1:18-21).
3. Announcement of the birth of Jesus: An angel visits shepherds; “There is born to you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:8-14).
4. John the Baptist announces that He is the Lamb of God and the Son of God (John 1:29,33).
5. When Jesus was baptized, God spoke audibly: “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased” (Matthew 3:17).
6. During the transfiguration, God spoke audibly: “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased! Hear Him!” (Matthew 17:6).

SEVENTEEN

The Annunciation

Gabriel Announces Mary Would Give Birth to Jesus

“. . . you . . . shall call His name Jesus” (Luke 1:31)

“And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus” (Luke 1:31).

Scripture reference: Luke 1:26-38.

The Annunciation reveals Jesus, the Son of God.

Think of how blessed and highly favored Mary is, to be chosen to carry and give birth to the Son of God!

Gabriel said: “Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!” (Luke 1:28).

Gabriel appears only one other time in Scripture, in the Book of Daniel.

Gabriel presents a most glorious introduction of the Son of God:

1. Mary will give birth to a Son (v. 31).

2. You shall call His name Jesus (v. 31).
3. He will be great (v.32).
4. He will be called the Son of the Highest (v. 32).
5. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David (v. 32).
6. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever (v. 33).
7. Of His kingdom there will be no end (v. 33).
8. The Holy Spirit will come upon Mary (v. 35).
9. The power of the Highest will overshadow Mary (v. 35).
10. The Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God (v. 35).
11. Mary's relative Elizabeth has conceived a son (v. 36).
12. For with God nothing will be impossible (v. 37).

Names of Jesus revealed in Luke 1:31-35:

1. Son – v. 31
2. Jesus – v. 31
3. Son of the Highest – v. 32
4. Holy One – v. 35
5. Son of God – v. 35

EIGHTEEN

He Called His Name Jesus

An Angel Appears to Joseph in a Dream

“. . . you shall call His name Jesus . . . ” (Matthew 1:21)

“And he called His name Jesus” (Matthew 1:25).

And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.’

Scripture reference: Matthew 1:18-25.

Names of Jesus revealed in Matthew 1:18-25:

1. Jesus Christ – v. 18
2. Son – v. 21
3. Jesus – v. 21
4. Immanuel – v. 23

Angels said it twice: “You shall call His name Jesus” (Luke 1:31 and Matthew 1:21).

The archangel Gabriel told Mary His name (Luke 1:31).
An angel of the Lord told Joseph His name (Matthew 1:21).
God made His Son's name very clear, obvious and
unmistakable.

“She was found with Child of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 1:18)

“That which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew
1:20)

The following is so holy, sacred and glorious, human words
cannot express it.

Think of the power and wisdom – and infinitely more – of the
Holy Spirit, that He would supernaturally, miraculously cause the
Son of God, indeed, the Lord God Almighty, to become a seed in
the woman.

This event and its eternal meaning is beyond human
comprehension.

“For He will save His people from their sins” (v. 21)

God reveals His divine plan.

God reveals His Son, His Son's name, and His divine plan of
redemption and salvation.

“And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name
Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins” (Matthew
1:21).

He will save . . . His people . . . from their sins.

Jesus saves . . . His people . . . from their sins.

Jesus saves

Jesus saves
Jesus saves

Immanuel, God With Us

Matthew reveals that Jesus is the fulfillment of a prophecy in Isaiah 7:14 about a virgin conceiving and bearing a Son:

“Then he said, ‘Hear now, O house of David! Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel’” (Isaiah 7:13-14).

Immanuel in Hebrew is translated “God is with us.”

NINETEEN

The Announcement of the Birth of Jesus

“A Savior, Who is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:11)

“Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.’

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

‘Glory to God in the highest,

And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!’ (Luke 2:8-14)

Names of Jesus revealed in Luke 2:8-14:

1. Savior – v. 11
2. Christ the Lord – v. 11
3. Babe – v. 12

Imagine this glorious visitation and announcement!

It is nighttime. Shepherds are out in the fields.

An angel stood before them. The glory of the Lord shone around them. They were greatly afraid!

Then the angel spoke to them!

The angel reveals that Jesus, the Savior and Christ the Lord, has been born!

Then, if it is possible, something even more incredible, glorious and awesome happens . . .

A Multitude of the Heavenly Host

A multitude of angels joined the other angel!

Imagine it!

It is beyond comprehension. But in the spirit, we realize and comprehend it: God is announcing the birth of the Savior, the Messiah, who is Jesus Christ the Lord.

The angels are praising God and saying:

“Glory to God in the highest,

And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!” (Luke 2:14)

We do not know how many angels appeared. We just know it was a multitude.

God’s Announcement of the Birth of Jesus

It is eternally significant that God would send a multitude of the heavenly host at the announcement of the birth of Jesus.

TWENTY

The Baptism of Jesus

John Baptizes Jesus – and reveals He is the lamb of God and the Son of God (John 1:29,34).

“Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. And John tried to prevent Him, saying, I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?’

But Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.’ Then he allowed Him.

When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased’ (Matthew 3:13-17).

“Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!’ . . . And John bore witness, saying, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said

to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God'" (John 1:29, 32-33).

1. Gabriel visits Mary – Son, Son of the Highest, Holy One, and the Son of God (Luke 1:31-35).
2. Angel appears to Joseph – Son, Jesus
3. Angel appears to shepherds – Savior, Christ the Lord, Babe
4. John the Baptist – Lamb of God, Son of God (John 1:29,34)
5. Baptism of Jesus – "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am Well-pleased" (Matthew 3:17)
6. Transfiguration – "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am Well-pleased. Hear Him!" (Matthew 17:6)

Names of Jesus revealed in the Annunciation, Luke 1:31-35:

1. Son – v. 31
2. Jesus – v. 31
3. Son of the Highest – v. 32
4. Holy One – v. 35
5. Son of God – v. 35

Names of Jesus revealed in Matthew 1:18-25:

1. Jesus Christ – v. 18
2. Son – v. 21
3. Jesus – v. 21
4. Immanuel – v. 23

Names of Jesus revealed in the Announcement of the birth of Jesus, Luke 2:8-14:

1. Savior – v. 11

2. Christ the Lord – v. 11
3. Babe – v. 12

Names of Jesus revealed by John the Baptist in John 1:

1. Lamb of God – v. 29
2. Son of God – v. 33

TWENTY-ONE

The Name of Jesus

Jesus

The name “Jesus” in Hebrew literally means “God saves.” The name “Jesus” in Hebrew is “Yeshua.”

In the Old Testament, Yeshua was an alternative form of the name Yehoshua, Hebrew for Joshua (Numbers 13:16, 1 Chronicles 7:27).

Therefore, Jesus is the Greek form of the Hebrew name Joshua.

The name Yeshua is related to the Hebrew verb root “rescue” and one of its noun forms, yesua, “deliverance.”

Yeshua in Greek is “Iesous,” and in Latin is “Iesus.” The name Jesus in English comes from Iesous and Iesus.

Christ

In the New Testament, which was written in Greek, “Christ” in the Greek is the word “christos,” which means “anointed.”

In the Old Testament, which was written in Hebrew, the word for “Messiah” is “mashiach,” which also means “anointed.”

Therefore, the Greek word for Christ, “christos,” is the Greek equivalent for the Hebrew word for Messiah, “mashiach.”

Therefore, His name could properly be written and spoken as, “Jesus the Anointed One.”

TWENTY-TWO

Jesus, the Messiah

One of the central themes of the Old Testament is the coming Messiah.

The word “Messiah” or “Anointed One,” or, in Greek, “Christ,” is found in Psalm 2:2 and Daniel 9:25-26.

Psalm 2:2: “The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying . . .”

Prophecy about the Messiah

Some scholars have found more than 400 places in the Old Testament that refer to the coming Messiah.

Author Paul Humber has found 414 prophecies, appearances, or foreshadowings (PAFs) of Christ in the Old Testament. This chapter includes 365 Old Testament prophecies and references to Christ.

Jesus Said He is the Messiah

In the Book of John, we read that Jesus said He is the Messiah.

In John 4:1-26, Jesus spoke with a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. It took place in the city of Sychar in Samaria, while Jesus and His disciples traveled from Judea to Galilee.

Jesus broke tradition in speaking with the woman, as Jews had no dealings with Samaritans (v. 9). After asking her for a drink of water, Jesus then told the woman about the "gift of God" and the "living water" (v. 10) that He could give her. In verses 13 and 14, Jesus reveals to her the results of drinking the living water.

Then, Jesus received a word of knowledge about the woman having five husbands and her current man not being her husband.

Following that, Jesus continued to reveal to her deep truths and teachings. He told the woman about salvation being of the Jews and about God being a Spirit. He finished the revelation about the Spirit with this: "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:24). Then, we read:

"The woman said to Him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When He comes, He will tell us all things.'

"Jesus said to her, 'I who speak to you am He'" (John 4:25-26).

Primary Prophecies of Jesus Christ

Some of the primary prophecies of Jesus Christ the Messiah are:

The Messiah would be the seed/offspring of a woman and would crush the head of Satan (Genesis 3:15).

He would be from the tribe of Judah (Genesis 49:10).

He would be born at Bethlehem of Judah (Micah 5:2).

He would be born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14).

He would have a throne, a kingdom, and a dynasty, or house, starting with King David, that will last forever (2 Samuel 7:16).

Messiah would be tortured to death (Psalm 22:1-31).

He would be pierced for our transgression and crushed for our iniquities (Isaiah 53:5).

His life would match a particular description, including suffering, silence at his arrest and trial, death and burial in a rich man's tomb, and resurrection (Isaiah 52:13-53:12).

He would die among the wicked ones but be buried with the rich (Isaiah 53:9).

He would be resurrected from the grave, for God would not allow His Holy One to suffer decay (Psalm 16:10).

TWENTY-THREE

Jesus the Revelation of God

It is simple – and yet an eternal mystery.

God is the perfect God and Father.

He loves the world so much, that gave His only Son to die for the world, to save mankind.

He gave everything to His Son Jesus Christ and exalted Him to be equal with Himself. And “of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end . . .” (Isaiah 9:7).

Jesus is the perfect Son. He gave Himself to the world to save mankind. He came to earth and suffered and died for the life of the world.

Jesus has given everything to His people, the church, the saints (John 17:22 & more).

When someone goes to God the Father, He points to Jesus, who said: “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me” (John 14:6).

Jesus also said: “. . . that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father” (John 5:23).

When someone goes to Jesus, He says, “I and My Father are one” (John 10:30).

And Jesus points to the Father and says, “My Father . . . is greater than all” and “My Father is greater than I” (John 10:29, John 14:28).

TWENTY-FOUR

An Eternal Revelation

The only true God is an eternal revelation.

Those who find Him and make it to heaven will be in awe of Him, for eternity.

Eternal Life – Knowing Him

Jesus offers eternal, everlasting life.

What is eternal life?

Jesus said, “And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent” (John 17:3).

For all eternity, those in heaven will be in awe of the Father, His Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

The only true God is so glorious and wonderful, human words cannot express Him.

Jesus said, “The Age to Come, Eternal Life” (Mark 10:30).

Jesus revealed that eternal life is also “the age to come” (Mark 10:30).

Scripture reference: Mark 10:29-30.

God is Eternal

It is glorious that when someone knows Jesus as Lord and Savior, they are actually in “the age to come.”

Though still on the earth and in a human body, they have the opportunity to experience and partake of eternity. How is this possible?

God is eternal. In fact, eternity exists in Him – both eternity past and eternity future.

He is so giving and gracious, that when someone sincerely receives Jesus as Lord and Savior, they are immediately in “eternal life, the age to come.” They begin the eternal journey of knowing God.

Every Person Will Exist for Eternity

Every person is an eternal being.

God made man into His own image and likeness.

I write the following with great reverence: man is the image of God.

God is eternal. Man is eternal.

God is a trinity. Man is a trinity.

Because man is made in God’s image, he has the opportunity to know God – and infinitely, eternally more!

Those who know Jesus as Lord and Savior have eternal life and all it contains.

However, those apart from Jesus Christ are in eternal death.

When someone finds Jesus as Lord and Savior, they instantly move from eternal death to eternal life.

The New Life in Jesus

The glorious new life in Jesus Christ is an eternal revelation of God.

As the New Testament reveals, believers are to continue on in this most holy faith our entire time on earth and for eternity.

In eternity, saints will continue: growing, worshipping, praying, ministering, learning, serving, knowing God . . . and infinitely, eternally more.

The New Life Cannot be Expressed in Human Words

The new life in Jesus is so glorious, it cannot be expressed in human words.

The entire New Testament is an attempt to put it into words.

Why can it not be expressed? Because God is so glorious and wonderful, He cannot be put into human words.

How Do We Meet the Real God?

Perhaps the most important key to knowing God is meeting and knowing the Holy Spirit. He is God!

We get to go directly to Him. What a privilege it is to go directly to Him!

He is the Spirit of the Father and the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

Knowing Him is the greatest privilege a human can experience.

Angels

The following is an example of how awesome our God Isaiah
The only true God sits on the highest throne in the universe.

Around and above the throne, angels continually cry out: “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come” . . . Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!”

They continually see new revelations of the Lord God Almighty.

We do not know how long the angels have been at the throne.

The earth is estimated to be more than 4.5 billion years old.

We do not know how long the angels have existed.

Nevertheless, the angels are continually seeing new revelations of the only true God. And they cry “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come” (Revelation 4:8) . . . “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!” (Isaiah 6:3).

TWENTY-FIVE

Jesus: an Eternal Revelation

Jesus Christ is God and the Son of God

Jesus Christ is the Lord God Almighty.

And, Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

And, He is infinitely, eternally more. Amen!

The following is impossible to put into human words, but it is an attempt:

The revelation of the only true God, the great God Jehovah, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is certainly the most important revelation in the universe.

Within that revelation, the revelation of Jesus is also the most important revelation in the universe.

A person's eternal destiny depends on their response to the only true God's offer of Himself through Jesus Christ.

God has offered the Lord Jesus to every person. It is the greatest and only offer to mankind.

God wants to save all people. He wants everyone to spend eternity with Him in heaven (2 Peter 3:9 & many others).

The tragedy is that most people will not find Jesus as Lord and Savior.

If anyone says no to Jesus, God cannot do anything more for them.

God has done everything He can do to save mankind.

He sent His only Son to the earth to die for the world!

Jesus rose from the dead and lives forevermore.

God sent the Holy Spirit to the earth.

Jesus – the Lord God Almighty – is available to every person, all the time, everywhere they go, for all eternity!

What else could God do for mankind?

How Can Jesus be Both God and the Son of God?

Who are we to question God?

One should never cross-question God Almighty.

We should honor and fear Him.

We should humble ourselves before Him.

We should be in awe of Him.

We should be in awe of His offer of Himself through Jesus!

Objections

Some object and say, “Jesus cannot be both God and the Son of God . . .” and “Jesus was a man but he cannot be God also . . .” and other similar objections.

Those who object are a son. Every person on earth has parents.

And they also may be a father – they might have a child or children.

So, which are they, a son or a father? They are both.

And, they are many others things, potentially a: brother, grandfather, friend, nephew, uncle, citizen (of a place), professional, student, hobbyist, and many other “titles.”

So it is with Jesus Christ. He has many, many names and titles.

How is it that man has numerous “titles?” Because God created man into His own image and likeness. God has many, many names, offices, titles and descriptions, and so it is with man.

God’s Plan for Humanity

God’s plan for humanity is so glorious, human words cannot express it.

God’s magnificent offers to mankind are beyond human comprehension. He has offered Himself, to every person, all the time, everywhere they go, for all eternity.

God’s Offer to Mankind

God’s offer to mankind is priceless, infinite and eternal. Why?

Because He is priceless, infinite and eternal, and infinitely, eternally more!

For all eternity, man will be in awe of Him and His offer to mankind.

Beyond Human Description

Notice some of the ways His offer is described in the Bible:

“The glorious splendor of Your majesty” . . . “A treasure hidden in a field, which a man goes and digs up again and again” . . . “The riches of the glory of the mystery” . . . (Psalm 145:5, MT 13:44-46, Colossians 1:27).

What is the Father, His Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit like?

“On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works, will I meditate” (Psalm 145:5).

“One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold/gaze at/see the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire/seek Him in His temple” (Psalm 27:4, various translations).

Some translations, in place of beauty, say “splendor, delightfulness, sweetness, perfections, graciousness, goodness.” For Lord, some translations are “Lord Jehovah, Jehovah, Yahweh.”

The Father . . . the Lord Jesus . . . the Holy Spirit is indeed the most wonderful, most beautiful Person in the universe. His presence is . . . the glory of the Lord.

When we go deeper with Him in the power of the Holy Spirit, and we experience His presence and glory, He is the only One we will want.

And the Holy Spirit reveals who Jesus is. He's the savior. He's the Son of God. He's our master and friend. And infinitely more.

And He is the Lord God Almighty.

Yet, Jesus Himself said, "My Father . . . is greater than all," and "My Father is greater than I" (John 10:29, John 14:28).

It is an eternal mystery . . . the Father, Son and Holy Spirit . . . the trinity . . . one God . . . three Persons. They are one, yet they are separate and distinct Persons. The Holy Spirit reveals this mystery (Colossians 1:27, 1 Corinthians 2:10).

So when someone knows Jesus, they have a relationship with the Lord God Almighty. Knowing Him is the greatest and highest privilege for a human.

Another mystery is that it's up to a person what they do with that relationship. Why is it like that?

Because God made man into His image and likeness and gave us a free will (Genesis 1:27, 2:7). God cannot make anyone follow Him or do anything.

Within knowing Him, He offers priceless results found only in Him, some of which are below.

Experts have found more than 7,000 promises to mankind in the Bible.

But let's always remember: He Himself, His presence and His glory are the answer.

He is the answer: the only true God through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Everything a person wants, needs, desires and longs for, is found in Him.

When someone finds Him, all the things listed below are a natural result.

The Answer: Knowing Him

The answer is going directly to Him, the one and only true God. If someone goes to Him, with a repentant, humble spirit, and desires to meet Him, He will answer.

He will reveal Himself.

And that person will find the answer.

They will have the one and only thing, the thing that will last forever, that no one can ever take from them . . . knowing the only true God.

Sometimes, we do everything else except developing our relationship with Him.

We search the Bible, do ministry, learn, go to church, and so forth – and all those are good things.

But we might neglect the one and only thing – knowing Him!

The incredible truth is that He is merciful, gracious, patient, faithful and infinitely more.

When we come to Him, with a repentant heart, He receives us. Amen!

Some Results of Knowing Him . . .

Just some of the priceless gifts and attributes He offers are:

Eternal, everlasting life

The divine nature

Fullness of love

Fullness of joy; joy unspeakable and full of glory

Pleasures forevermore

Perfect peace

Blessed, favored and fortunate; happiness

Faith

Hope of glory

Harmony

Purpose

Prosperity

Divine health

Living forever in glory and never seeing death
and infinitely more.

TWENTY-SIX

Jesus, the Image of the Invisible God

Scripture reference: Colossians 1:15-20

Much in-depth study of Colossians 1 reveals 14 Revelations of Jesus Christ in Colossians 1:15-20

1. He is image of the unseen God
2. He is the beginning of all creation
3. He is the creator of all things in heaven
4. He is the creator of all things on earth
5. All things were created through Him and for Him
6. He is before all things
7. He is the sustainer of all things
8. He is the head of the church
9. He is the beginning
- 10 .He is the firstborn from the dead
11. He has the preeminence in all things
12. He is the reconciler of all things on earth
13. He is the reconciler of all things in heaven
14. He has made peace through the blood of His cross

TWENTY-SEVEN

Jesus, the Exact Representation of God's Nature

“. . . His Son . . . [is] . . . the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person” (Hebrews 1:3).

The Lord Jesus cannot be expressed fully in words.

The same is true for the Father. His glory is so powerful and strong, no man can see Him and live (Exodus 33:20). He told Moses that he, Moses, cannot see His face, for no man can see Him and live.

God set up the perfect plan.

He sent His only Son to the earth to save and redeem mankind. He sent Jesus to offer life to the world.

Then, He sent the Holy Spirit, who is the Spirit of the Father and of Jesus Christ.

What a wonderful, perfect, glorious plan!

Jesus: the Exact Representation of God's Nature

Again, when we try to “express” or “explain” Jesus Christ, there are no words to express Him fully, neither His Person nor His glory.

Jesus is an eternal revelation, just as the Father is an eternal revelation.

The New Testament letters are an attempt to “summarize” or “explain” Jesus Christ, our most holy faith, and much more.

A great concise summary is found in Hebrews 1:3.

Notice that there are two parts to the short “explanation: or “summary” of Jesus:

Jesus is:

1. The brightness of God’s glory
2. The express image of God’s person

Therefore, there is the glory of Jesus. And there is His Person.

The glory of Jesus Christ is inexpressible.

The Person of Jesus Christ is inexpressible.

Jesus, the Son of God

He is the Son of God.

God so loved the world He gave His Son, that whoever believes in Him shall find eternal life.

Jesus spoke and taught very clearly about His Father and their relationship.

He will forever be the Son of God.

The Father even spoke from heaven, twice, audibly saying, “This is My Beloved Son.”

Amen, and amen.

Jesus Christ, God Almighty

Jesus Christ is also the Lord God Almighty.

The Holy Spirit reveals this wondrous, glorious, eternal revelation . . . that Jesus Christ is God.

This revelation is also beyond human words.

A great man of God (John Wesley) summarized Jesus in this way:

God came to earth as a man and justified Himself to the world.

God Loves the World

Someone may ask, “Why is it all about Jesus?”

The answer is of course an eternal revelation and mystery.

God is love. Jesus is love.

God so loved the world . . .

He sent Jesus to save mankind . . . to die for the world.

The gospel is God’s love story to and for the world.

The gospel is beyond human words or explanation.

What God the Father and His Son have done and are doing – and will do for eternity – is beyond human comprehension.

The revelation that God is one – the Father, Son and Holy Spirit – and yet they are separate and distinct Persons . . . is truly beyond our limited understanding.

He is beyond us . . . He is an eternal revelation.

Some Translations

Some of the various translations of Hebrews 1:3 are below.

Some examples of translations include:

Jesus is the exact imprint of God's nature

He is the exact likeness of God's being.

Other translations:

“He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature” (ESV).

“The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His nature” (Berean Study & others).

“His Son . . . [is] . . . the radiance of His glory and the exact expression of His substance” (Berean Literal).

“God's Son has all the brightness of God's own glory and is like him in every way” (Good News).

“Who being the brightness of his glory” (KJV)

“For he is the Brilliance of his glory” (Aramaic Bible)

“His Son is the reflection of God's glory” (GWT).

“He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact likeness of his being” (ISV).

“The Son is the radiance of his glory and the representation of his essence” (NET).

“He brightly reflects God's glory and is the exact representation of His being” (Weymouth).

God . . . has in these last days spoken to us by His Son . . . who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person (Hebrews 1:1-3).

TWENTY-EIGHT

The Seven Revelations of Jesus in John 1:1-13

1. The eternal word (John 1:1a).
 2. The personal word (John 1:1b).
 3. The creative word (John 1:3).
 4. The life-giving word (John 1:4a).
 5. The light-giving word (John 1:5).
 6. The illuminating word (John 1:9).
 7. The saving word (John 1:12,13).
- Word incarnate (v. 14).
Gracious word (v. 16).

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but was sent

to bear witness of that Light. 9 That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God” (John 1:1-13).

The Twenty One Revelations of Jesus in the Gospel of John

Chapter 1 – The Word of God

Chapter 2 – The Son of Man

Chapter 3 – The Divine Teacher- John 3:2

Chapter 4 – The Soul Winner- woman at the well

Chapter 5 – The Great Physician- will you be made whole

Chapter 6 – The Bread of Life

Chapter 7 – The Water of Life

Chapter 8 – The Defender of the Weak

Chapter 9 – The Light of the World

Chapter 10 – The Good Shepherd

Chapter 11 – The Resurrection and the Life

Chapter 12 – The King

Chapter 13 – The Servant

Chapter 14 – The Comforter

Chapter 15 – The True Vine

Chapter 16 – The Baptizer in the Holy Spirit

Chapter 17 – The Intercessor

Chapter 18 – The Suffering Messiah

Chapter 19 – The Uplifted Savior

Chapter 20 – The Conqueror over Death

Chapter 21 – The Restorer of Human Lives

TWENTY-NINE

The Seven “I am” Revelations

And the Seven Confirming Miracles

Jesus spoke seven (7) “I am” revelations in the gospel of John. There are also seven (7) miracles, every one of which corresponds with one of the “I am” revelations. Jesus said:

“I am the bread of life” (John 6:35, 41, 48, 51).

“I am the light of the world” (John 8:12).

“I am the door of the sheep” (John 10:7,9).

“I am the good shepherd” (John 10:11, 14).

“I am the resurrection and the life” (John 11:25).

“I am the way, the truth, and the life” (John 14:6).

“I am the true vine” (John 15:1, 5).

“I am the bread of life.” (John 6:35, 41, 48, 51)

John 6 – Jesus feeds the multitude with five loaves and two fish. Jesus is the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that Jesus gave is His flesh, which He gave for the life of the world.

John 6:51

“I am the light of the world.” (John 8:12)

John 8 – Jesus forgives woman caught in adultery. Jesus and His light eliminate darkness and sin.

“I am the door of the sheep.” (John 10:7,9)

John 5 – man healed at the pool of Bethesda. Jesus said, “Rise, take up your bed and walk” (John 10:8) Jesus is the door to salvation, healing and eternally more.

“I am the good shepherd.” (John 10:11, 14)

John 6 – Jesus walks on the water. Then, in verse 21, “immediately the boat was at the land where they were going.” Jesus is the good shepherd who delivers us from storms and trouble.

“I am the resurrection and the life.” (John 11:25)

John 11 – Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. Jesus raises us from the dead, giving us eternal life.

“I am the way, the truth, and the life.” (John 14:6)

John 4 – the nobleman’s son healed. Jesus said, “Go your way, your son lives” in verse 50. Jesus is the way leading to truth and life and infinitely more.

“I am the true vine.” (John 15:1, 5)

John 2 – Jesus turns water to wine. Jesus is the vine that produces the new wine of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is the vine, we are the branches that bear fruit.

Miracles that Correspond with Jesus' "I am" statements

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THIRTY

Jesus' Words Revealing the Only True God

“Jesus said to them, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM’” (John 8:54-58).

“Jesus cried out and said: ‘He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me. He who sees Me sees Him who sent Me’” (John 12:45).

Jesus said: “He who has seen Me has seen the Father” (John 14:9)

“And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, ‘Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. 18 I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death’” (Revelation 1:17-18).

“All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the

Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him” (Matthew 11:26).

“He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me” (Luke 10:16).

“Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel. For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will. For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him” (John 5:19-23).

Jesus answered them and said, “My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me” (John 7:16).

“You both know Me, and you know where I am from; and I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know. But I know Him, for I am from Him, and He sent Me” (John 7:28-29).

“He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me. And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me. 46 I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness. And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world

but to save the world. 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. For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak” (John 12:44-50).

“If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him”

Philip said to Him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.’

Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves” (John 14:7-11).

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you (John 16:12-15).

THIRTY-ONE

Heaven

Believers in Jesus will spend eternity in heaven.

Those who know Jesus as Lord and Savior, who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life, will live forever in God's home, a place of absolute glory.

Scriptures and descriptions of heaven:

“Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!” (Matthew 13:36-43).

Then the King will say to those on His right hand, "Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world . . . "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, "Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels . . . (Matthew 25:34,41).

“In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you” (John 14:2).

Scripture reference: Revelation 7:9-17.

Scripture reference: Revelation 21:3-8.

Scripture reference: Revelation 22:1-5.

Descriptions of Heaven and Jesus Christ

People who have been to heaven and returned to earth describe their experience:

They placed me at the feet of the most glorious Being I could ever imagine. A crown of pure light rested on His head, and hair as white as snow fell upon His shoulders. No words could begin to describe His splendor . . . I was totally overawed by Him. His goodness, tenderness, and love overwhelmed me. I bowed down.¹

-Marietta Davis

He looked down at me. He had such beautiful eyes. I'll never forget those eyes. They were so large and full of meaning – and kindness and forgiveness and compassion. Everything you would want to see in Jesus' face was there.²

-Lorraine Tutmarc

I looked into Jesus' eyes . . . they looked like wells of living love. It seemed as if one could see a half mile deep into them, and the tender look of His love is indescribable. As I looked into His face and into His eyes, I fell at His feet.³

-Kenneth Hagin

“I felt I had everything I ever wanted to have. I was everything I had ever intended to be. I was arriving at where I had always dreamed of being.”⁴

-Betty Malz

Eby calls his visit “unutterable . . . indescribable . . . spiritually resplendent . . . and most ecstatically moving.”⁵

The scene was “gorgeously unsurpassable in its beauty,” with the foliage having a radiance. It was a great outdoors of mountains, trees, flowers, music, and sweet smells. Forests of symmetrical trees unlike anything on earth covered the foothills on each side. Every tree was tall, graceful, perfect, unblemished . . . Rolling hills under cloudless skies seemed to stretch for miles. The skies were a new color, an iridescent white-gold light. The valley floor was gorgeous. Stately grasses with perfectly straight blades were mixed in with ultra-white, four-petalled flowers on stems two feet tall, with a touch of gold at the centers.⁶

-Richard Eby

She looked into his eyes, which were loving and clear as blue water, yet piercing. It was like she was mirrored in his eyes . . . There was a heavenly illumination that made his hair light red, his eyes bluish and transparent, and his skin a light gold color . . . “There is no way to describe his coloring. It is like another world’s color. It’s the Shekinah glory, iridescent golden light glowing through him.”⁷

-Valvita Jones

As he turned around, he saw Jesus Christ. The glory about Him moved toward Roberts and came upon him, engulfing him. Roberts fell to his knees, and tears began to stream from his eyes, running down his face. Jesus said, "I want to give you a tour through heaven, this place I have made for all who believe, because I love you so much."⁸

As he said this, tears again poured down Roberts' face. To Roberts, Jesus' presence is so tender that your joy turns to tears.

He said repeatedly, "I love my people so much. Why do people not take me at My word? Do they not know that I have all power in heaven and on earth to back up what I said? It is so easy. I made it so simple. If people would just take me at My word, I will do what I said."⁹

-Roberts Liardon

Richard saw a crystal city made entirely of glowing lights of different types. The lights gave off rays of glory brighter than the sun. The whole city was filled with tall buildings . . . Some were round, and one was shaped like a diamond. There were choirs and angels singing from the heights. Richard still remembers weeping with adoration and joy at seeing and hearing these inexpressible things.¹⁰

Jesus walked onto the stage to thunderous praise, worship, and adoration. The Lord looked at people lovingly . . . "You could feel the Shekinah glory love that came out of Him. It was awesome . . . words fail."¹¹

-Richard Sigmund

Suddenly . . . there stood Jesus . . . glory and power billowed all around Him . . . His piercing eyes were beautiful . . . the tenderness in His eyes' is beyond a writer's description. The loveliness of the Blessed Savior was awe-inspiring and wonderful.¹²

-Mary Baxter

A voice said: "Come with me into the Throne Room where the secrets of the universe are kept!"¹³

Chrioni said to him: "You can never comprehend the depth of God's love because it is too great!"¹⁴

-Roland Buck

"Jesus spoke with a voice that relayed the same love his glance transmitted to me – such gentleness and tenderness. Once you hear it, you will never forget it."¹⁵

-Gerald Landry

The light was so intense, he had to look away and keep looking down . . . He is so big – you can't describe Him in a dimension . . . The form of God's body is somewhat like energy and spirit. The power, the energy-like smoke of God, covers all around the chair of the throne itself . . . There was a massive amount of energy, power, smoke, and noise there.¹⁶

-Jesse Duplantis

Jesus was dressed in a white robe down to His feet, with a golden sash around His chest. His eyes were gleaming and welcoming. His hair was white as snow, thick, and hanging down

below His shoulders . . . His face oozed with love that was tangible and real . . . His face is radiant and inviting.17

-Maurice Maelo

THIRTY-TWO

Hell

The unsaved, those who do not know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, whose names are not written in the Lamb's book of life, will spend eternity in hell, in the lake of fire and burning sulfur.

They will be tormented with fire and brimstone, forever. The smoke of their torment will ascend forever and ever. They have no rest day or night.

Hell is a place of continual fire, suffering, torment, loud wailing, weeping, screaming, and gnashing of teeth.

The lost souls in hell burn in fire forever. Their flesh literally burns and falls off their bodies. Worms and maggots crawl inside them.

They feel and know everything going on. They suffer a literal eternal death. Human beings exist forever, because we are eternal beings, made in God's image. Their souls exist forever.

Jesus Christ spoke about hell often in the gospels, in: Matthew 5:22,29,30; 10:28; 11:23; 12:40; 16:18; 18:9; 23:15; 23:33; 25:41; Mark 9:44,46,48; and Luke 16:19-31.

Hell is currently located in the center of the earth.

At the end times, it will be thrown into the lake of fire.

In hell, a person has ALL their senses – sight, smell, hearing, taste, and touch – and all five are a lot stronger there. The spirit realm is on a much higher level than the natural realm.

There are more than 110 specific Scriptures in the Bible about hell and the other four worlds under the earth, which are: the pit, tartarus, the lake of fire, and paradise.

Jesus preached and talked about hell more often than He spoke about heaven.

Who goes to hell?

Anyone on earth who dies and does not know Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior, whose name is not in the book of life, will go to hell and spend their eternity there.

In hell, there is no life or goodness of any kind – no living things, no light, no love, no mercy, no water, no food.

God withdrew Himself from that place. Therefore, there is no life or anything good.

Hell is a place of: fire; brimstone; burning sulfur; deadly heat; extreme darkness; awful nauseating smells; lethal torment; scary, massive overpowering demons that torture helpless people; worms and maggots that crawl inside people and never die; and worse.

Anyone who ends up in hell can never get out, FOREVER. For ALL ETERNITY.

At death, judgment is set.

Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand.

The beings in hell are: demons; some of the angels; Satan (a fallen angel); and, tragically, humans who died without knowing Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, without having a personal

relationship with God Almighty through His Son Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.

Humans in hell can never get out.

Judgment is set. It can never be changed, FOREVER.

They are stuck in hell for eternity, and they know it. They remember their life on earth.

They are placed in small pits or cells. Their bodies are continually burned with fire, burning sulfur and hot coals. The fire and flames literally burn and tear their flesh off their skeletons.

Worms and maggots crawl inside them and are not affected by the fire.

Demons torment and torture them and keep them in their holding places.

Even worse, at the end times, hell will be thrown into the lake of fire. They will be a literal lake of fire and burning sulfur, forever.

Humans in hell feel everything and know everything going on. They remember their life on earth and the many times they could have repented and received Jesus Christ. They remember the times they could have done good and did not. They remember family and friends on earth – and hope that they avoid hell.

They know they are among billions of other lost souls, all of them weeping and wailing in torment. Approximately 108 billion people have lived so far on earth – and most people do not make it to heaven.

People in hell only leave their small pit or cell to be taken somewhere else for even worse torture, sometimes by Satan himself.

When the earth is destroyed, hell will be thrown into the lake of fire, where everyone in hell will burn in fire FOREVER (Revelation 20:14).

Why is there a hell?

Why is there even a place with such horrible, extreme, excruciating suffering?

We know only in part.

The word of God says that hell was “prepared for the devil and his angels” (Matthew 25:41) – not for man.

The translation for the Greek word “prepared” is “having been made ready.” God did not create hell. He removed Himself from that place, to prepare a place for the enemy, who is eternal. Angels are eternal beings. There had to be a place for them for eternity. Satan will be tormented in the lake of fire, forever (Revelation 20:10).

The Real Battle

The real battle in the universe is between God Almighty – the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – and His enemy, Satan.

The devil was originally the highest-ranking angel of God (Lucifer; see Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28) who rebelled and tried to overthrow God. Satan was cast out of heaven and is still today opposing and trying to defeat God. He still thinks he can overthrow God, but he was defeated at the cross of Jesus Christ.

One of the main ways He opposes God is by deceiving human beings into NOT following God through Jesus Christ – and into following the devil, or any other path apart from Jesus Christ.

Satan and his enslaved demons hate people, because people are made in God’s image; and Satan hates God.

Why is this happening? This battle is a mystery in many ways to humans. But God has revealed much about it through His word. See the book War in the Heavens for a full summary of the real war in the universe.

This battle has been going on for a long time – we do not know how long.

When someone understands the spiritual battle and the good and evil forces behind it, a lot of questions and mysteries are answered and solved.

Tragically, Satan deceives people into following him – and those who follow him will end up in hell. It's very important to know this: if someone is not following Jesus Christ, that person is following and serving Satan, the devil. Every person on earth is in one of two families: God's or the devil's.

Description of hell – continued

For the billions of lost souls in hell, there is no relief from the suffering – no rest, no sleep, no water or food of any kind, no compassion from anyone. Remember, the good things we have on earth are not in hell.

There is a continual foul, toxic stench and odor from the decaying flesh, garbage, and much more.

No human would even want to see hell or spend one second or minute there, let alone eternity.

Tragically, it is estimated that more than 83,000 people a day – and possibly more than 100,000 – die and end up in hell.

Where is hell? It is in the center of the earth. Hell is shaped like a human body lying on its back, with arms and legs stretched out. Hell is beneath those on earth, which is why the Bible refers to

hell as “under” and “beneath” (Deuteronomy 32:22 and Isaiah 14:9).

There are many different parts of hell, such as the arms, belly, heart, head, legs, and so forth. In recent years, Jesus has revealed much about hell through his children.

One of the most detailed and thorough descriptions and revelation of hell is Mary Baxter’s book *A Divine Revelation of Hell*. The quote below is from that book.

The truth about hell is scary, shocking, tragic, and more much.

Jesus Christ: “I came to save all men. I desire that all who are lost will repent and call upon My name. It is not My will that any should perish, but have everlasting life. Sad to say, most will not repent of their sins before they die, and they will go to hell. But the way to heaven is the same for all people. You must be born again to enter the kingdom of God. You must come to the Father in My name and repent of your sins. You must sincerely give your heart to God and serve Him” (94).

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The Sacrifice of Jesus

For all eternity, the sacrifice of Jesus Christ will be honored, revered, proclaimed and infinitely more.

God gave and sent His Son Jesus Christ to die for the world. Jesus gave His life and died for the life of the world.

Only one faith has a Savior who died for the world. Only one God loves the world so much that He gave His only Son and sent Him to the earth to save and redeem mankind.

God came to earth as a man and justified Himself to the world. In fact, He did something even more sacrificial than coming to the earth Himself. He sent His only begotten Son to die for the world. Whosoever believes in the Lord Jesus shall not perish but have everlasting life.

Yet, He was hated, betrayed, condemned, and rejected.

He was beaten again and again, scourged, whipped, and flogged to the point of death.

He was brutally whipped 39 times. The instrument had thongs with metal hooks and pottery shards, designed to tear the flesh to the bone. Forty lashes was designed to kill someone.

A crown of thorns was placed on His head. His head was beaten with a heavy wooden stick.

He was mocked, ridiculed, spit upon, and slapped on the face.

He was insulted, taunted, reviled, and blasphemed.

They drove nails through his hands and feet.

He was crucified on a cross for six hours, one of the most brutal forms of execution. He was killed. He was executed.

Jesus shed His blood seven times and was the perfect sacrifice.

He rose from the dead, ascended to heaven and lives forevermore.

Jesus Christ is the Lamb who was slain from the foundation of the world.

Whosoever relies on Him shall not perish but have everlasting life. Receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. He is the only way to life and heaven.

John 3:16-17, the Gospels, John 17:4, Isaiah 53:3,5,7-9, John 15:18, Mark 10:33, Matthew 21:42, Luke 17:25, John 1:11, Mark 15:19, Mark 10:33, John 19:1, Mark 10:34, John 19:3, Matthew 27:44, Matthew 27:39, John 20:25, Luke 24:39, Matthew 27:32-56, Mark 14:53-65, Luke 23:26-43, John 18:12-28, Mark 15:25,33-37, John 19:34, Revelation 13:8, Mark 16, Luke 24

The Crucifixion in the Gospels:

Mark 15:24-32

Luke 23:33-43

John 19:18-27

Matthew 27:35-44

He is God, yet He became a man (Gospels, John 1).

He is eternity, yet He lived in human time (Revelation 1 and 4).

He is life, yet He died for the world (John 1:4, 14:6, 17:3, Gospels).

He is love, yet He was hated (John 15:18, 1 John 4:8).

He saves, yet He was crucified (MT 18:11, Luke 19:10, Gospels)

He is holy, yet He became sin (Revelation 4:8-11, 2 Corinthians 5:21).

He dwells in eternal glory, yet He came to the earth as a human (John 17:22).

He sits on the highest throne in the universe, yet he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross (Mark 16:19, Luke 22:69, Philippians 2:9).

He is high and lofty, yet He became low and humble (Isaiah 57:15, MT 11:29).

He is the highest, yet He made Himself the lowest (Philippians 2:9, Mark 9:35).

He is the first, yet He became the last (MT 20:28, Mark 10:45, John 13:1-17).

He is the Lord of all, yet He became the servant of all (MT 20:28, Mark 9:35, 10:45, John 13:1-17).

He takes away suffering, yet He suffered more than any man (MT 11:29, John 6:35, Isaiah 52:14).

He created mankind, yet men rejected Him (Genesis 1:27, Isaiah 53:3, John 1:11).

He created the men who beat Him and crucified Him (Genesis 1:27).

He spoke the worlds into existence, yet He was silent and did not open His mouth (Genesis 1, Isaiah 53:7).

He gives life, yet His life was taken from Him (John 10:28).

He is blessed, yet He was cursed (Galations 3:13).

He is true, yet they crucified Him based on lies (Revelation 3:7).

His face shines like the sun, yet it was marred more than any man (Isaiah 52:14).

He is grace and beauty, yet He had no loveliness or attractiveness (Isaiah 53:2).

He is beautiful beyond description, yet there was no beauty that we should desire Him (Isaiah 53:2).

He accepts, yet He was despised (Isaiah 53:3).

He welcomes, yet He was rejected (MT 11:29-30, Isaiah 53:3).

He removes sorrow and gives happiness, yet He was a Man of sorrows (MT 5:3-12, Isaiah 53:3).

He gives fullness of joy, yet He was acquainted with grief (Psalm 16:11. Isaiah 53:3).

Men find life by seeing Him, yet we hid our faces from Him (John 6:40, Isaiah 53:3).

He esteems, yet He was not esteemed (Isaiah 66:2, Isaiah 53:3).

He carried our sicknesses and grief, yet we thought He was punished and afflicted by God (Isaiah 53:4).

He carried our sorrows, yet we thought His suffering was punishment from God (Isaiah 53:4).

He heals, yet He was wounded and pierced for our transgressions (Acts 10:38, Isaiah 53:4).

He restores, yet He was bruised and crushed for our iniquities (Psalm 23:3, Isaiah 53:5).

He forgives and pardons, yet He was punished for our peace (MT 26:28, Isaiah 53:5).

He helps and comforts, yet He was chastised and disciplined for our well-being (John 14:26, Isaiah 53:5).

He gives rest, yet He was whipped, beaten, bruised and wounded for our healing (MT 11:29-30, Isaiah 53:5).

He had no sin or iniquity, yet the Lord laid on Him the sin and iniquity of us all (2 Corinthians 5:21, Isaiah 53:6).

He delivers, yet He was oppressed (2 Samuel 2:2-3, John 10:9, Isaiah 53:7).

He assists, yet He was afflicted (MT 11:29, John 14:26, Isaiah 53:7).

His voice is like the sound of many waters, yet He was silent (Revelation 1:15, Isaiah 53:7).

He was persecuted and crucified, yet He did not open His mouth (Isaiah 53:7).

He is the Deliverer, yet He was oppressed (Psalm 18:2, Romans 11:26, John 5:22, Isaiah 53:8).

He is the Judge, yet He was judged (Psalm 18:2, Romans 11:26, John 5:22, Isaiah 53:8).

His descendants will be as the stars and sand, yet His generation did not care about His fate on the earth (Genesis 22:17, Isaiah 53:8).

He is the giver of life, yet He was cut off from the land of the living (John 6:63, John 14:6, Isaiah 53:8).

He had no transgressions, yet for the transgressions of the people He was struck (2 Corinthians 5:21, Isaiah 53:8).

He did no violence, nor had any deceit in His mouth, yet they made His grave with the wicked (Isaiah 53:9).

He beautifies, yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him (Isaiah 53:10).

He is the hope of glory, yet the Lord put Him to grief (Isaiah 53:10).

He was an offering for sin, yet every offering is for Him (Isaiah 53:10).

He gives rest to those who labor, yet His soul labored (MT 11:28-30, Isaiah 53:11).

He pours His life into souls, yet He poured out His soul unto death (John 10:10, Isaiah 53:12).

He had no transgressions, yet He was numbered with the transgressors (2 Corinthians 5:21, Isaiah 53:12).

He is the only one without sin, yet He bore the sin of many (John 1:29, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Isaiah 53:12).

He is God's holy gift to mankind, yet He was made an offering for sin, for the life of the world (John 3:16, Isaiah 53:10, John 6:51).

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They sought to arrest and kill Him, yet He seeks to save those that are lost (John 5:18, 10:39, MT 18:11, Luke 19:10).

He honors, yet He was betrayed with a kiss (John 12:26, Mark 14:44, Luke 22:48).

He could have prayed and been provided with more than 72,000 angels, yet He endured the cross as a man (MT 26:53, Hebrews 12:2).

He is love, yet He was hated (1 John 4:8, John 15:18).

He is eternally loyal, yet He was betrayed (Psalm 119:90, Mark 10:33).

He forgives and frees, yet He was condemned (MT 26:28, John 8:36, Mark 10:33).

He accepts, yet He was rejected (MT 21:42, Luke 17:25, John 1:11).

He protects and shelters, yet He was beaten again and again (Mark 15:19).

He rescues and comforts, yet He was punished, abused and mistreated (John 3:16, John 14:26, Gospels).

He heals, yet He was whipped to the point of death (John 19:1).

He exalts, yet He was mocked (MT 23:12, Revelation 3:21, MT 27:27-31).

He builds up and elevates, yet He was ridiculed (Luke 1:52, MT 27:27-31).

He transforms people into His image, yet He was slapped on the face (2 Corinthians 3:18, John 18:22).

He approves, yet He was insulted (Proverbs 16:7).

He esteems, yet He was taunted (Isaiah 66:1, Luke 23:35).

He cherishes, yet He was reviled (Psalm 56:8, MT 27:44, 1 Peter 2:23).

He is the Holy One, yet He was blasphemed (John 6:69, MT 27:39).

He prayed three times that the Father's cup may pass from Him, yet He drank the cup (John 18:11, MT 26:27-29, Mark 14:23-25, Luke 22:17-18).

He prayed three times, "Not My will, but Your will be done," and He did His Father's will. And He drank of the fruit of the vine with His disciples in His Father's kingdom (John 18:11, MT 26:36-45, Mark 14:32-40, Luke 22:39-45).

He was slain from the foundation of the world. Yet, He chose of His own free will to suffer and die for the life of the world (Revelation 13:8, MT 26:27-29, Mark 14:23-25, Luke 22:17-18).

His body came from heaven, yet He gave it and it was broken for the life of the world (Luke 1:35, John 6:51).

His blood came from heaven, yet He shed it and poured it out to save mankind (Luke 1:35, MT 26:28).

He is the living bread, yet His body was broken for the life of the world (John 6:51).

He bought the church with His precious blood, yet He was sold for 30 pieces of silver (MT 26:15, Galations 3:13-15).

He sees all, yet He was blindfolded. Proverbs 5:21-23, Hebrews 4:13, Luke 22:63).

He is robed in majesty, yet they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. MT 27:28).

He wears many crowns, yet He wore a crown of thorns. Revelation 19:12, Mark 15:19).

He is the King of Glory and the King of Kings, yet they mocked Him as the “King of the Jews” (Psalm 24:10, Revelation 19:16, MT 27:29, 37).

He breathes life into people, yet He was spit upon (John 20:22, Mark 14:65, 15:19).

At His name every knee will bow, yet they mocked Him as they bowed down and worshipped (Philippians 2:10-11, Mark 15:19).

At His name every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, yet they mocked Him, saying “Hail, King of the Jews.” Philippians 2:9-11, MT 27:29).

He gave His life for mankind, yet He was crucified with two robbers (John 10:18, MT 27:38).

He is the living water, yet He was given vinegar, sour wine mingled with gall, while on the cross (John 4:14-16, MT 27:34).

He was executed by men, yet He forgave them (Luke 23:34).

He is robed in glory, yet they divided His garments, casting lots (Psalm 93:1, Psalm 23:18).

He said, "I thirst!" on the cross, yet He is the living water which if someone drinks, they will never thirst (John 19:28, John 4:14).

He is one with the Father, yet He was forsaken (MT 27:46).

He is the light of the world, yet for three hours there was darkness over all the land (John 8:12, MT 27:45).

Heaven is His home, and the heavens are His throne, but He went down to hell and the underworlds (Isaiah 66:1, 1 Peter 3:19 and 1 Peter 4:6). He rose from the dead, ascended to heaven and returned the throne of God at the right hand of the Father God, that He might fill all in all.

cross

He made the universe and every person. Yet, His sweat became drops of blood, for the healing of our soul (Genesis 1, Colossians 1:16, Luke 22:44).

He knows everything we do, yet His head was beaten again and again with a heavy wooden stick, and bled, for the healing of our mind (Psalm 139:3, MT 27:29).

No man can see His glorious face and live, yet His face was beaten and marred more than any man's, for the healing of our image (Exodus 33:20, Isaiah 50:6, Mark 14:65).

He revealed His goodness, His name and His back, yet His back was brutally whipped 39 times, tearing the flesh to the bone, for the healing of our body (Exodus 33:19-23, MT 27:26).

His hands are outstretched to every person, yet they were nailed to the cross and bled, for the healing of our work (MT 11:29-30, Luke 24:39-40).

Mankind finds life at His feet, yet His feet were nailed to the cross, and bled, for the healing of our walk (Revelation 1:17, Luke 24:39-40).

He created Adam and then Eve from Adam's side. Yet His side was pierced, causing blood and water to flow, for our salvation and the birth of the church (Genesis 2:22, John 19:34).

He shed and poured out His blood on the earth, yet His blood is preserved forever in heaven (MT, MARK, LK, JN, Hebrews 9:11-15).

He died, yet He rose from the dead.

He rose from the dead, and He ascended to heaven.

He lives forevermore.

Now . . .

He is the Most High God, the One & Only, the God of the universe, the Creator and Possessor of the heavens and the earth. Yet he is available to every person, all the time, forever.

He is the all-powerful God, yet He is also gentle and lowly, so that every person can know Him, from the weakest to the strongest.

“He is the High and Lofty One. He dwells in the high and holy place, and with he who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones” (Isaiah 57:15).

Therefore God has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is the Lord God Almighty, to the glory of God the Father (Philippians 2:9-11).

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