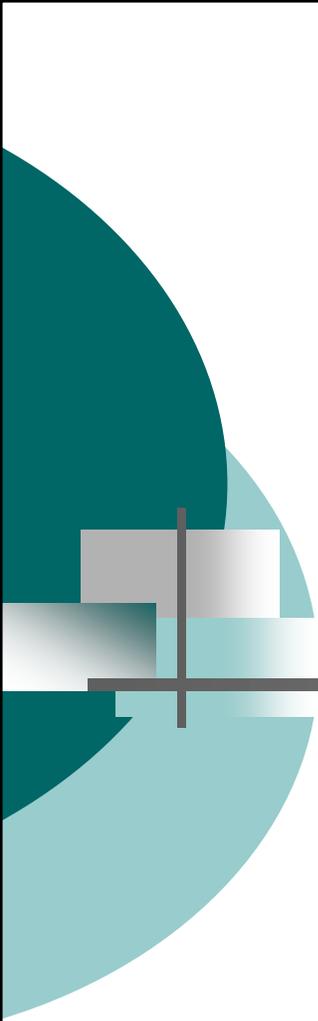


# God's Revelation of Himself in NAMES

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Yahweh (Jehovah)



# God Revealed His Name to Moses

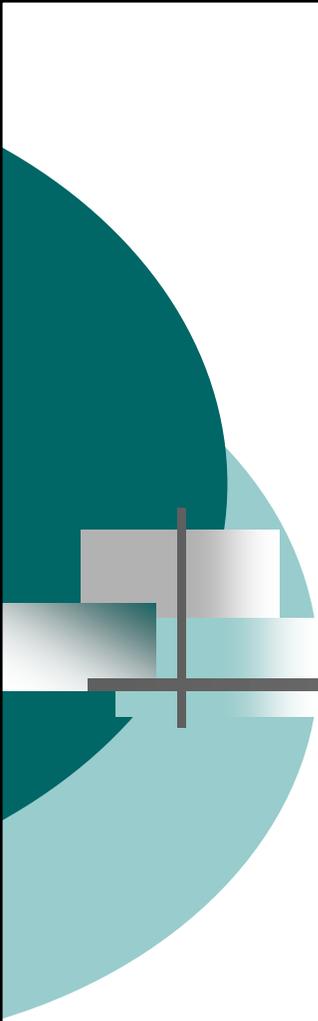
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Exodus 3

# God Meets Moses at the Burning Bush

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- God appears in the burning bush and commissions Moses to lead God's people out...but he balked – Ex. 3:1-6, 9-11
- In response, God revealed His personal name – 3:12-15
  - God promised to be with Moses and to give him a sign – 3:12; 5:1
  - When Moses asked, God revealed His name as “I AM WHO I AM,” or simply “I AM” – 3:13-15
  - Here God presented Himself as “the **existing One**,” or “the **One who IS**,” connecting His name to His eternal, infinite being.
- Think of this and **wonder!**



*Yahweh*

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Its Meaning for Israel in Bondage

# *Yahweh* and Israel

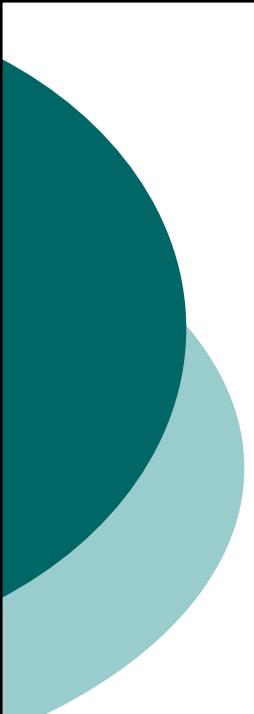
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- *Yahweh* means God is **before everything** and **created everything**.
  - Because God is the Great I AM, He **always IS** before anything was – Gen. 1:1, 26-27
  - God IS before Egypt and Pharaoh were, before Israel in Egypt, before Abraham was, before anything in this universe! – Gen. 15:12-16
- We need to see *Yahweh* as this God *before it all* in our lives as well.
  - *Yahweh* knows us, our problems, the root of our problems, and the end of the events of our lives!
  - We need to trust God, listen to His word, and obey it so that He can work out our lives for His glory and our salvation – Psa. 55:22; Mt. 10:28-30; Heb. 13:5-6; 2 Cor. 6:17-7:1

# *Yahweh* and Israel

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- *Yahweh* as the God *connected* to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob was to provide great assurance – 3:6,15
- It meant more than that these men were still living – Mt. 22:32
- God was showing the importance of His “I AM” qualities—how He **IS**, and thus **IS** their God NOW, which implied...
  - That the covenant made with them had not died with them.
  - That because God IS, now was or will be, the covenant promises were ever real with God *in the present*—they did not fade!
- This is how we should think of *Yahweh*—the **God Who IS**—that God is **NOW!** – 2 Pet. 3:8-9



## *Yahweh* and Israel

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- As *Elohim* is the powerful Creator side of God, *Yahweh* is the side of God that **personally relates** to His people.
  - Seen in God's connection to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob – Ex. 3:6, 15
  - Seen in the Spirit's record of the Creation account – Gen. 1:1; 2:15-18
  - Seen in the Exodus narrative where God interacts in the lives and history of Israel – Deut. 7:7-8; 24:17-18
- We should know *Yahweh* as the God who has **personally touched** our lives and deserves our obedience – 2 Pet. 1:2-9