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Text: **Exodus 3:13–15 (NKJV)** *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?”* ¹⁴ *And God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And He said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”* ¹⁵ *Moreover God said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: יהוה 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.”*

Introduction: The Many Names of God

Throughout Scripture, God reveals Himself through many names—each one unveiling a dimension of His nature:

- Abraham encountered El Shaddai — The Almighty God (*Genesis 17:1*)
- Hagar encountered El Roi — The God who sees (*Genesis 16:13*)
- David knew Jehovah Rohi — The Lord my Shepherd (*Psalms 23:1*)
- Ezekiel saw Jehovah Shammah — The Lord is there (*Ezekiel 48:35*)

Yet in Exodus 3, God reveals something deeper—not just what He does, but who He is. The Sacred Name: יהוה (YHWH)

The name יהוה is considered too sacred to pronounce in Hebrew tradition and is often substituted with:

- Adonai — Lord / Master
- Elohim — Creator

This is the covenant name of God—His eternal identity.

יהוה Four Truths Revealed

From Exodus 3:14–15, we discover four foundational truths:

1. Self-Existent — He Is

Exodus 3:14 *And God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And He said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”*

Psalms 90:2 *Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.*

God exists from Himself. He is the uncaused cause and the origin of all being.

2. Self-Sustaining — He Needs Nothing

Acts 17:25 *Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.*

Psalms 50:12 *If I were hungry, I would not tell you; For the world is Mine, and all its fullness.*

God is never in deficit. He sustains all things but is sustained by nothing.

3. Source of All — Everything Flows From Him

Romans 11:36 *For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.*

Colossians 1:17 *And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.*

All creation originates in Him, exists through Him, and is held together by Him.

4. Sovereign — He Rules Over All

Hebrews 1:3 *who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,*

Daniel 4:35 *All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; He does according to His will in the army of heaven And among the inhabitants of the earth. No one can restrain His hand Or say to Him, “What have You done?”*

God does not react to history—He directs it. His will is final.

The Revelation of His Name in Action

יהוה צבאות YHWH Sabaoth — The LORD of Hosts

God is the commander of all heavenly and earthly armies.

1 Samuel 17:45 *Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.*

Psalms 46:7 *The LORD of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah*

Isaiah 6:3 *And one cried to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!”*
He rules over all spiritual and natural forces—and fights for His people.

אֵל גִּבּוֹר El Gibbor — The Mighty God

God is powerful, active, and victorious in battle.

Isaiah 9:6 *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.*

Psalms 24:8 *Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, The LORD mighty in battle.*

Exodus 15:3 *The LORD is a man of war; The LORD is His name.*

He is not passive—He is a warrior who secures victory.

יְהוָה נִסִּי YHWH Nissi — The LORD My Banner

God is our identity, covering, and victory.

Exodus 17:15 *And Moses built an altar and called its name, The-LORD-Is-My-Banner;*

Song of Solomon 2:4 *He brought me to the banqueting house, And his banner over me was love.*

We do not fight for victory—we fight from victory under His name.

יְהוָה שָׁלוֹם YHWH Shalom — The LORD Is Peace

God is the source of wholeness, rest, and completeness.

Judges 6:24 *So Gideon built an altar there to the LORD, and called it The-LORD-Is-Peace. To this day it is still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.*

Numbers 6:26 *The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.”*

Isaiah 26:3 *You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.*

His peace is not circumstantial—it is rooted in His presence.

יְהוָה רַפָּאָה YHWH Rapha — The LORD Who Heals God restores, repairs, and makes whole.

Exodus 15:26 *and said, “If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the LORD who heals you.”*

Psalms 103:3 *Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases,*

Jeremiah 30:17 *For I will restore health to you And heal you of your wounds,’ says the LORD, ‘Because they called you an outcast saying: “This is Zion; No one seeks her.” ’*

Healing is not just what He does—it is who He is.

יֵשׁוּעַ — The Fulfillment of the Name: JESUS

The name יֵשׁוּעַ (Yeshua) means: “YHWH saves”

In the New Testament, the fullness of יהוה is revealed in Jesus Christ.

- Jesus declares: “...Before Abraham was, I AM” (**John 8:58**)
- Colossians 2:9 *...In Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily*
Everything יהוה is... Jesus embodies.

The Name Above Every Name **Philippians 2:9-11** “Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow... and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Colossians 2:9-10 *For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.*

The name יֵשׁוּעַ (Jesus) reveals:

- Salvation
- Manifest presence
- Redeeming power

The God who said “I AM” in Exodus is the same God revealed in Jesus who declares “I AM... and I save.

רוּחַ אֱלֹהִים — The Spirit/Wind of God: V’ruach Elohim