

Jesus Is Jehovah

Harry Rimmer tells the story of a surgery he witnessed.

“Some years ago I saw a skilled surgeon perform an operation on eyes which had been blinded for many years. I watched with delight and admiration as this master of surgery exercised his amazing technique of surgical healing. When the operation was finished they covered the eyes of the patient with several layers of gauze and varying thicknesses of bandages. Over the entire dressing, they bound a black cloth before the attendant wheeled the man away.

I asked the doctor, ‘Will the operation be successful?’

He replied, ‘It is successful now.’

Greatly interested, I persisted, ‘Will the man be able to see?’

With equal emphasis, ‘The man can see now!’

Although I was pretty sure I knew the reason, I nevertheless asked the doctor, ‘Then why did you cover the man’s eyes with so many bandages?’

While divesting himself of his robe, the doctor took time to say, ‘If I let that man see now, he will never see again! I have restored sight to those eyes, but they will have to learn to bear the light. He will lie for some time in a darkened room, having the bandages removed one after another at long intervals of time. After some days, the hour will come when, with all shades drawn, he will open his eyes and see things in the subdued light of that darkened room. Twenty-four hours later we will increase the light, gradually, until at last he can walk out in the full light of the day. If the strength of full daylight, however, reached his eyes without preparation, he would be instantly blinded anew and no power on earth could ever again make him see!’ “

This story perfectly illustrates God’s dealings with man. Mankind could not have survived exposure to the full magnitude of God’s glory and holiness. Only by successive revelations concerning Himself has mankind gained the full insight as to the true identity of God.

In each dispensation, God allowed enough light concerning Himself to emerge for men to walk in the that light and be saved.

The 66 books of the bible are complete concerning the identity of God. As to who God is, He simply has nothing more to say. What the bible says about Him as to His person, attributes and identity gives a complete explanation.

In the Old Testament, the word “LORD” is “YHWH” in the Hebrew. This is God’s most intimate and official name revealed in the Old Testament. Translated, the word is probably pronounced Yahweh. Yahweh was later made the equivalent of the word Jehovah. The word for Yahweh, “LORD” is found thousands of times in the Old Testament.

To the Jew, the God of the Old Testament was The LORD (Yahweh).

Moses identified God (Heb. Elohim) as Yahweh

Moses of course penned the first five books of the Old Testament.

*(Gen 28:13 KJV) And, behold, the **LORD** stood above it, and said, **I am the LORD God** of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;*

*(Exo 20:2 KJV) **I am the LORD thy God**, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.*

*(Deu 4:35 KJV) Unto thee it was showed, that thou mightest know that the **LORD he is God**; there is none else beside him.*

*(Deu 6:4 KJV) Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is **one LORD**:*

This is called the Shema. It is the Jewish confession of faith.
There is only one Yahweh!

Isaiah was convinced that Yahweh was the only God (Elohim).

*(Isa 44:6 KJV) **Thus saith the LORD** the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; **I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.***

The LORD here who is omniscient says that He doesn't know of any other deity in the universe. He ought to know. He created it!

*(Isa 44:8 KJV) Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. **Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any.***

Whichever deity is speaking here says that there is no one else.

*(Isa 45:18 KJV) **For thus saith the LORD** that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: **I am the LORD; and there is none else.***

*(Isa 45:22 KJV) **Look unto me**, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: **for I am God, and there is none else.***

To Jeremiah, God was none other than Yahweh.

*(Jer 10:10 KJV) **But the LORD is the true God**, he is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.*

Throughout the first 30 chapters of Ezekiel, Yahweh consistently declared Himself to be one in nature and number. As God spoke through Ezekiel to the people, He continuously referred to Himself in the first person singular. Literally hundreds of times, God refers to Himself as "I." It is never "we." This is found to be true throughout the Old Testament.

In the Old Testament, watch the progressive revelation of God's nature through time:

Jehovah –Jireh The LORD provides. (Gen. 22:14)
Jehovah-Rapha The LORD that healeth. (Ex. 15:26)
Jehovah-Nissi The LORD our banner. (Ex. 17:15)
Jehovah-Shalom The LORD is our peace. (Judges 6:24)
Jehovah-Ra ah The LORD is my shepherd. (Ps. 23)
Jehovah-Tsidkenu The LORD our righteousness. (Jer. 23:6)
Jehovah-Shammah The LORD is present. (Ezek. 48:35)

The name Jesus was not revealed in the Old Testament. That final revealing name of God was not needed to express his role as Savior until He became our savior at Calvary.

Now, in the New Testament God reveals Himself as Jesus-The LORD our savior. He may have been provider, healer, peace, shepherd, righteousness and present in the Old Testament. Yet He did not become our savior until the cross in the New Testament!

When God finally robed Himself in a veil of flesh in order to redeem man from sin, He then was called JESUS-Jehovah (Yahweh) has become our Savior.

The angel told Joseph,

*(Mat 1:21 KJV) And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name **JESUS**: for he shall save his people from their sins.*

Matt 1:22-23

22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

*23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name **Emmanuel**, which being interpreted is, **God with us**.*

KJV

Verse 23 is a quote from Isa. 7:14 which reads:

Isa 7:14

*14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name **Immanuel**.*

KJV

Jesus of the New Testament is the Old Testament Yahweh or Immanuel revealed!

Isaiah 9:6 prophesied of the day that Jehovah would become man's savior:

*(Isa 9:6 KJV) For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, **The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace**.*

This is an obvious reference to Jesus. In what way at all can Jesus be referred to as the Everlasting Father? The Old Testament deity, known as Jehovah (Yahweh) to the Jews took on flesh and became our savior.

God spoke through the prophet Zechariah and spoke of a day in Israel's future where God would restrict Himself to one final revealing name:

*(Zec 14:9 KJV) And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, **and his name one.***

Jesus has been given a name that is above every name. Jesus' name came from His Father.

John 5:43

*43 **I am come in my Father's name**, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.*

KJV

John 17:11

*11 I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name — **the name you gave me** — so that they may be one as we are one.*

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Heb 1:4

*4 Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained **a more excellent name** than they.*

KJV

From whom did Jesus (humanity) inherit his name? His Father (the Eternal Spirit, Duet 6:4; Eph: 4:4-5). Where did you inherit your name? My name is Hires because my daddy's name is Hires. Jesus' name is Jesus because the Father's name is Jesus. In fact, the name "Jesus" means, "Yahweh- (Jehovah) is become my Salvation." That is exactly who Jesus is! Jehovah robed in flesh who became my savior.!

Fosset's Bible Encyclopedia declares that Jesus means "Jehovah-Salvation," or "Jehovah has become the Savior."

There is no way around it. Jehovah of the Old Testament is none other than Jesus of the New Testament. Like it or not, Jesus is Jehovah, the God of the Old Testament.

Jesus is Yahweh-Savior (Jehovah)

Moses asked the Lord at the burning bush, "Who shall I say sent me?"

Ex 3:14

14 And God said unto Moses, **I AM THAT I AM:** and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

KJV

Ex 3:15

15 And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The **LORD God** of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.

KJV

Here in Exodus, the God of the Old Testament identified Himself to Moses as Yahweh. He told Moses that Yahweh was His eternal name

Isn't it significant that the name "Jesus" in the New Testament Greek means in the Hebrew language of the Old Testament "Yahweh-Savior?" Yahweh of the Old Testament became Yahweh-Savior of the New Testament.

At this point, should we be surprised to find that Jesus in the New Testament makes the claim to be the Old Testament "I AM.?"

John 8:56-57

56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad.

57 Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?

KJV

*(John 8:58 KJV) Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Before Abraham was, I am.***

The Jew's response? They tried to kill him for identifying himself as their Yahweh!

In Philippians, Paul makes a bold statement:

(Phil 2:10-11 KJV) That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; {11} And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Paul claims every knee will eventually bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord, both in the realm of mankind and in the realm of the angels. One day, Satan himself will be forced to bow his knee and admit that Jesus is Lord.

It is amazing that what Paul claimed for Jesus in the New Testament, Isaiah claimed for Jehovah in the Old Testament!

*(Isa 45:22-23 KJV) Look unto **me**, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for **I am God, and there is none else.** {23} I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto **me** every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.*

The obvious conclusion is that Jesus is Jehovah and one day the whole world will admit it!

John the Baptist helps us identify Jesus. Many thought that John himself was the Messiah. He told them that he was not. They then asked him, "Well, then just who are you?"

(John 1:23 KJV) He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias.

John is quoting Isa. 40:3 here when he tells them who he is and why he is here.

John eventually discovered that "The Lord" for who he was preparing was none other than Jesus Christ, for he did prepare the way of Jesus of Nazareth. Yet when John was quoting Isaiah, he was referring to Jehovah.

*(Isa 40:3 KJV) The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, **Prepare ye the way of the LORD**, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.*

Jehovah Himself stated that the time would come when a messenger (John) would prepare the way for HIS coming! (He shall prepare the way before ME)

*(Mal 3:1 KJV) Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before **me**: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.*

Jehovah Himself spoke of the day that John the Baptist would prepare the way for His coming. Yet John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus. Was Jesus an impostor or was Jesus Jehovah?

When Jesus came as the one whom John had paved the way for, he was eventually rejected as king and crucified. This fulfilled another amazing prophecy concerning how that Jehovah would be pierced.

*(Zec 12:10 KJV) And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: **and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced. . .***

If Jehovah of the Old Testament foretold a coming day when He Himself would be pierced with nails and then Jesus comes along as a fulfillment of dozens of prophecies and ends up getting crucified, we must conclude that Jehovah of the Old Testament is none other than Jesus Christ of the New Testament!

Isa 43:3

*3 For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour:
KJV*

Isa 43:11

11 I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.

KJV

Isa 12:2-3

2 Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the **LORD JEHOVAH** is my strength and my song; he also is become my **salvation**.

3 Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.