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THE SANCTIFICATION OF ISRAEL EXODUS 5; 19–24

## ESSENCE OF GOD HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sovereign Omniscience

Righteousness Omnipresent

Justice Omnipotent

Love Veracity

Eternal Life Immutability

Ex. 3:12, "So He said, 'I will certainly be with you. And this shall be a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

Ex. 3:13, "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?'"

Ex. 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." '" [NKJV]

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Gen. 4:26, "And as for Seth, to him also a son was born; and he named him Enosh. Then men began to call on the name of the LORD."

Gen. 12:8, "And he moved from there to the mountain east of Bethel, and he pitched his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; there he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD."

Gen. 22:14, "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.'

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"And God spoke to Moses, and said to him: I am Yahweh. And I showed myself to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob in the character of El Shaddai, but in the character expressed by my name Yahweh I did not make myself known to them. ..."

~Motyer

47tn The verb form used here is אהיה ('ehyeh), the Qal imperfect, first person common singular, of the verb היה (haya, "to be"). It forms an excellent paronomasia with the name. So when God used the verb to express his name, he used this form saying, "I AM." When his people refer to him as Yahweh, which is the third person masculine singular form of the same verb, they say "HE IS!" Some commentators argue for a future tense translation, "I will be who I will be," because the verb has an active quality about it, and the Israelites lived in the light of the promises for the future. They argue that "I AM" would be of little help to the Israelites in bondage.

The point is that Yahweh is sovereignly independent of all creation and that His presence guarantees the fulfillment of the covenant (cf. Isa. 41:4; 42:6, 8; 43:10–11; 44:6; 45:5–7). Others argue for a causative Hiphil translation of "I will cause to be," but nowhere in the Bible does this verb appear in Hiphil or Piel.

## Conclusion

The Ontological meaning is deeply flawed based on grammar and context.

eh'yeh, is first person "I am", but future tense, "I will be" or "I will act."

The "meaning" is that He is the God who will now act to deliver them and fulfill the Patriarchal promises.

Ex. 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."

Ex. 3:15, "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." "

Ex. 3:16, "Go and gather the elders of Israel together, and say to them, 'The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared to me, saying, "I have surely visited you and seen what is done to you in Egypt;

Ex. 3:17, " ' "and I have said I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, to a land flowing with milk and honey." ' "

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Ex. 5:2, "And Pharaoh said, 'Who is the LORD, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, nor will I let Israel go.'"

Ex. 5:3, "So they said, 'The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Please, let us go three days' journey into the desert and sacrifice to the LORD our God, lest He fall upon us with pestilence or with the sword.'

Ex. 5:4, "Then the king of Egypt said to them, 'Moses and Aaron, why do you take the people from their work? Get back to your labor.'

Ex. 12:3, "Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: 'On the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household.'

Ex. 12:5, "Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats."

Ex. 12:21, "Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, 'Pick out and take lambs for yourselves according to your families, and kill the Passover lamb.'"

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Ex. 12:7, "And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it.

Ex. 12:8, "Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.

Ex. 12:9, "Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted in fire—its head with its legs and its entrails."

Ex. 13:6, "Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a feast to the LORD.

Ex. 13:7, "Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days. And no leavened bread shall be seen among you, nor shall leaven be seen among you in all your quarters."

- 1 Cor. 5:6, "Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?
- 1 Cor. 5:7, "Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.
- 1 Cor. 5:8, "Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."

Ex. 15:1, "Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to the LORD, and spoke, saying: 'I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and its rider He has thrown into the sea!"

Ex. 15:20, "Then Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took the timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.

Ex. 15:21, "And Miriam answered them: 'Sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and its rider He has thrown into the sea!"

Judg. 4:4, "Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, was judging Israel at that time."

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Deut. 4:2, "You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you."

Ex. 19:4, "You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself.

Ex. 19:5, "'Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.

Ex. 19:6, "'And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.'
These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."