

I A A M

The "I Am's" of the Pentateuch

I Am - as a Figure of Speech

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There are seven "I am's" in the book of Genesis. The first is this a beautiful figure of speech.

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Abram had just taken on the 5 Armies in order to rescue his Nephew, Lot, who had been captured when Sodom was captured. He expected a retribution attack, so God said He would protect Abram. He also turned down the reward offered him by the King of Sodom. So God said he would reward him as well.

Here God is saying He is a shield, and a reward. He protects us in spiritual warfare, and rewards us with many blessings. He becomes the answer to our needs.

“I Am’s”
as
Titles and Names

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The other 6 I AM's are all names and titles of God. The first of these is in Gen 15:7, identifying *Jehovah* Himself (the LORD) with the "I am."

The Existing One

Genesis 15:7 - Then He said to him, "I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it."

Hebrew root of "Lord" Yějoveh (yeh·hō·vä')

"the existing One"

"the proper name of God"

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1. Genesis 15:7 - the existing One, the one true God

Then He said to him, "**I am** the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it." Jehovah, The Lord

1. Hebrew root Lord = Yějoveh: "the existing One", the proper name of God."
2. I am Jehovah, the existing, or true God, and will ever-exist, revealing Himself.
3. God had just claimed to be his shield, and reward, But Abram wanted to know where this reward would come from since God had not yet even rewarded him with a son, which God had promised to do in Genesis 13. God then reassured Abram that he indeed would be rewarded greatly, making nations from his offspring numbering as the stars. Jehovah even went as far as reaffirming the Abrahamic covenant with a "contract", the cutting of animals in half, then repeating the covenant while walking between the carcasses. Only a living, existing God could make such a covenant, to promise, via contract, to shield and reward His believers.
4. He exists, is real.

Almighty God

Genesis 17:1- And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

Hebrew root of "Almighty"	shaddai (shad·dah'·ē)
Hebrew root of "God"	'el (āl)

"the powerful One"
"able to bless and protect"

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1. **Genesis 17:1** - the almighty God,

And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, **I am** the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

1. Hebrew is 'el shaddai'. (God the powerful One, able to bless and protect)
 1. Hebrew: God = el ; Almighty = shaddai
 2. To us, at the age of 99, it would be impossible for God to fulfill the promise of a descendent, but God Almighty, is able to do so because nothing is impossible for God.
 3. He is the strong and faithful one, able to make promises, and He always keeps them.

Almighty God - 2nd time

Genesis 35:11 - And God said unto him, "I am God Almighty; be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins;

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1. God uses the same name he used with Abram, to declare himself to Abram's grandson, Jacob - El Shaddai, almighty, able to bless and protect, and again, promising descendents (blessing him with nations, and protecting his lineage)
2. God is almighty, able to bless us and protect us. Nothing is impossible for God.

God of Abraham

Genesis 26:24a - And the LORD appeared to him the same night and said, "I am the God of your father Abraham;"

Hebrew root of "God" Elohiym (el·ō·hēm')

"the divine One"

"the true God"

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1. Genesis 26:24 - God of Abraham

And the LORD appeared to him the same night and said, "**I am** the God of your father Abraham; do not fear, for I *am* with you. I will bless you and multiply your descendants for My servant Abraham's sake."

1. Hebrew root God = Elohiym - the divine one, or the true God, of Abraham, to whom God declared Himself the eternal God who blesses and protects, and He here makes a promise of blessing, and we know that he kept this promise, as He is able to do!

God of Abraham & Isaac

Genesis 28:13 - And behold, the LORD stood above it and said: "I am the LORD God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants."

Hebrew root of "Lord"

Yějoveh (yeh·hō·vā')

Hebrew root of "God"

Elohiym (el·ō·hēm')

"the divine, one true God, able to bless and protect"
"Existing, or eternal"

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1. root of Lord = Yějoveh - Existing, or eternal
2. root of God = Elohiym - divine, true, all powerful God able to bless and protect.

House of God

Genesis 31:13 - 'I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed the pillar and where you made a vow to Me. Now arise, get out of this land, and return to the land of your family.' "

Hebrew root of "Bethel"

Beyth-'El (bāth·āl')

Hebrew root of "God"

'el (āl)

"Beth-el"

"House of God"

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1. Genesis 31:13 - House of God

I am the God of Bethel, where thou anointedst the pillar, and where thou vowedst a vow unto me: now arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy kindred. God of Bethel (Beth-el is "house of God")

1. Hebrew - Beth = house ; el = God

1. This is where Jacob first encountered God (Gen 28, after receiving a vision from God in his dream, the ladder stretching from Earth to Heaven, set up a pillar, and called the place Beth-el (House of God). This is the place where Jacob rec'd the promise of blessing directly from God, confirming Isaac's passing of the familial blessing of many descendants (which of course was a blessing Jacob had stolen from Essau)

2. God is as a house, a dwelling place where we dwell with Him; a meeting place where we meet with Him, and as Beyth-el was a place of worship, so too we come to Worship God in His house. This doesn't require a building. We dwell in the abode of our King, and via the Holy Spirit, He dwells in our hearts.

God of Thy Father

Genesis 46:3 - So He said, "I am God, the God of your father; do not fear to go down to Egypt, for I will make of you a great nation there."

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And he said, **I am** God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation:

1. God = el
2. the God = elohiym
3. God was declaring to Joseph, I am this same God, whom your fathers knew, I am all powerful, I have made you promises, just as I did your fathers, promises which I am able to keep. Do not be afraid.
4. Joseph likely knew how Abram had gone into Egypt (not a good outcome because it was out of unbelief he went), and that Isaac had been told not to go by God.

SIX
as found in
Exodus

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I am is found in 21 Places in Exodus

These are mostly repeats from names in Genesis.

But 6 give specific insight into God's personality, or characteristics.

I Am that I Am

Exodus 3:14 - And God said to Moses, "I AM that I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

Hebrew root of "I Am" hayah (hä·yä)

"to become"

"to be" (time and place)

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1. Exo 3:14 - I am that I am

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.'"

1. Hebrew root I Am = hayah (a verb): to be (time & place).
 1. the name **Yahweh**, is the name people used to refer to God, and is the third person form.
 2. When God refers to his name, He uses the same root verb, '**ehyeh**' but in the first person form.
2. The idea here is that Yahweh is sovereignly independent of all creation, relying on nothing for his existence and that his presence guarantees the fulfillment of the covenant because He simply "is". He always was, and always will be"

in the midst of the earth

Exodus 8:22 - "And in that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, in which My people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there, in order that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the land."

Hebrew root of "Lord"	Yějoveh	(yeh·hō·vä')
Hebrew root of "midst"	qereb	(keh'·rev)
Hebrew root of "earth" (land)	'erets	(eh'·rets)

"Existing, or eternal one"

"inward part, center"

"earth, as opposed to heaven"

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1. Exo 8:22 - The Lord in midst of the earth

And I will sever in that day the land of Goshen, in which my people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there; to the end thou mayest know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth.

1. Hebrew root Lord = Yějoveh: the existing one, eternal one
2. Hebrew root midst = qereb: inward part
3. Hebrew root earth = earth, as opposed to heaven.

1. God exists not only in heaven, but on Earth, among His people. God is here amongst us also.
2. During the Egyptian plagues, as Moses was being God's instrument to free the Israelites from bondage. God wanted the Israelites to know that God was among them, and to act otherwise (deny His presence) would be an insult.

God who Heals

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."

Hebrew root of "Lord"

Yĕjoveh (yeh·hō·vā')

Hebrew root of "heals"

rapha' (rā·fä')

"the divine, one true God, able to bless and protect"
"to heal, make healthful"

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1. Exo 15:26 - healeth thee

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1. Hebrew root God = Yĕjoveh: the existing one, eternal one
2. Hebrew root heals = rapha

God was healing them.

According to Jamie Buckingham, the waters of Marah (bitter) contained a mixture of minerals (magnesium and calcium) that would have tasted bitter and oily. The sap from the broken branches of the tree mosses tossed in would have caused a chemical reaction that would precipitate the magnesium, causing it to settle to the bottom of the water.

There would have been enough of these minerals still in the sweet water on top, and would have also acted as a natural laxative, purging the digestive system of all the rich Egyptian foods, preparing them to feed only on manna. This would ultimately make them more healthy, therefore they would not be subject to the diseases and illnesses that plagued them in Egypt.

This sweet water would have also produced a performance enhancing drug that athletes use today in especially hot climates called dolomite. God was also able to heal them spiritually, as He heals us Spiritually through Jesus Christ. Christ is the "tree" that is cast into our bitter waters (sin and/or troubles). God turns our bitter experiences sweet.

a jealous God

Exodus 20:5 - you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,

Hebrew root of "jealous" qanna' (kan·nä')

"jealous"
"zealous"

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1. Hebrew root jealous = Qanna ;
2. Translated as jealous or zealous.

Used here in the 2nd Commandment.

"God's jealousy is love in action. He refuses to share the human heart with any rival, not because He is selfish and wants us all for Himself, but because He knows that upon that loyalty to Him depends our very moral life ... God is not jealous of us: He is jealous for us." (Redpath)

We are the bride of Christ, He is the husband, and wants all of our love to be directed at Him, and not idols in our lives.

He is a God that is zealous/jealous for our love and devotion.

a gracious God

Exodus 22:27 - “For that is his only covering, it is his garment for his skin. What will he sleep in? And it will be that when he cries to Me, I will hear, for I am gracious.

Hebrew root of “gracious” channuwn (khan·nün')

“favorable, kind, friendly, benevolent, merciful”

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1. Exo 22:27 - gracious

For that *is* his covering only, it *is* his raiment for his skin: wherein shall he sleep? and it shall come to pass, when he crieth unto me, that I will hear; for **I am** gracious.

1. Hebrew root gracious = channuwn
2. 1828 Dictionary: 1. Favorable; kind; friendly; benevolent; merciful;

The use here is related to God's response to the poor, who if they cry out due to our mistreatment of them, God will certainly hear them, and in his kindness, and benevolence towards them, will administer His wrath upon us.

a God who sanctifies

Exodus 31:13 - "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 you.'"

Hebrew root of "sanctifies" qadash (kä·dash')
mekoddishkem

"to consecrate, prepare, dedicate, be hallowed"
be holy, be set apart"

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1. Hebrew root sanctifies = *qadash* (kä·dash') or Mekoddishkem
2. to consecrate, sanctify, prepare, dedicate, be hallowed, be holy, be sanctified, be separate

He is the one who sanctifies us. He sets us apart. He is the Lord, Yějoveh, that same God, of our fathers, the El, Eloyhim, the true, divine, all-powerful God, able to protect and bless, now and forever.

“I Am the Lord Your God”

is found throughout the Pentateuch

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"I am the Lord Your God"

is found throughout the Pentateuch

I Am Holy

&

I am thy part and thy
Inheritance

2 others titles of note

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There are 2 differing "I am's" also:

I Am holy & **I Am thy part and thy inheritance**

I Am Holy

◆ Leviticus 11:44

◆ Leviticus 20:26

◆ Leviticus 11:45

◆ Leviticus 21:8

◆ Leviticus 19:2

◆ Psalm 86:2

qadowsh (kä·dōshe') sacred, holy, Holy One, saint, set apart

chaciyd (khä·sēd') faithful, kind, godly, holy one, saint, pious

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"I am **holy**" occurs 6 times

1. Lev 11:44 - 'For I **am** the LORD your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I **am** holy. Neither shall you defile yourselves with any creeping thing that creeps on the earth.
2. Lev 11:45 - For I **am** the LORD who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I **am** holy.
3. Lev 19:2 - Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them: 'You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God **am** holy.
4. Lev 20:26 - And you shall be holy to Me, for I the LORD **am** holy, and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be Mine.
5. Lev 21:8 - 'Therefore you shall consecrate him, for he offers the bread of your God. He shall be holy to you, for I the LORD, who sanctify you, **am** holy.
qadowsh (kä·dōshe') sacred, holy, Holy One, saint, set apart
6. Psalm 86:2 Preserve my life, for I **am** holy; You are my God; Save Your servant who trusts in You!
chaciyd (khä·sēd') faithful, kind, godly, holy one, saint, pious

thy part and inheritance

Numbers 18:20 - Then the LORD said to Aaron:

“You shall have no inheritance in their land, nor shall you have any portion among them; I am your portion and your inheritance among the children of Israel.

Hebrew root of “part”

cheleq (khā'lek)

Hebrew root of “inheritance”

nachalah (nakh·al·ä')

“portion, share, territory”

“possession, property, inheritance, heritage”

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"I am **thy part and thy inheritance**" appears in Num 18:20

Then the LORD said to Aaron: “You shall have no inheritance in their land, nor shall you have any portion among them; I am your portion and your inheritance among the children of Israel.

This is from a passage pertaining to the Laws pertaining to Priests and Levites.

The tribe of the Levites, including Aaron and his priestly line of decedents, were given no territory in the promised land as were the other tribes. The levites were scattered, and given the role of supporting the priests among the tribes. But God tells them in our passage here that HE is their inheritance, their territory to possess.

In the new covenant, we are a royal priesthood (see 1 Peter 2:9). Therefore, we too have the promise that God is the territory that we will possess, in glory. The Lord is our portion.