

Jesus, the Great I AM

(1) The Name of God

Moses at the burning bush...Exodus 3

Why was Moses investigating this 'burning bush'? 3:1-3

It was curiosity about this strange sight, a bush that burned but was not consumed.

Where does this burning bush incident take place? 3:1 Mal.4:4; Ex.24:15-17; Ps.106:19; Ex.17:6

Mt. Horeb, or Mt. Sinai. Site of burning bush, giving of Law, golden calf, smitten rock...

What is the reason for the Lord calling to Moses at this time? 3:7-9

The Lord had seen/heard the cries of My people in Egypt. Come down to rescue them.

What does the Lord say next that really disturbs Moses? 3:10 see vs.11

I'm sending you, Moses, to bring My people out of Egypt! vs. 11... Why me???

How had Moses changed from his first 40 years in Egypt? 2:11-15 see 4:1; 4:10; 4:13; 4:14

He was impulsive, self-reliant. Now he is defeatist! God can't do it. I can't do it. Can't...

After God answers his first objection, what is Moses' next response to God? 3:13

The 'God of your fathers' is not good enough! What is Your name? (in case someone asks).

What is the amazing reply from God? 3:14

"I AM WHO I AM". "My name is I AM". First person common singular of verb "to be".

What is another form of the verb "to be"? see Is.43:10-11, 44:6, 45:5-7

Third person masculine singular = "he is". Same as YAHWEH. The Self existent One.

Jesus is, I AM...John1-21

What point did Jesus make re the burning bush record? Mark 12:24-27

I AM the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob means they are living! He is the God of the living.

What important point of Scripture interpretation is emphasized here? IITim.3:16-17

This truth is not taught directly but is nevertheless truth. He expects us to think rightly!

Did Jesus ever claim to be, I AM? Jn.8:57-59

Yes! He claimed to exist before Abraham. And the Jews understood His claim, verse 59.

Did that ever happen again? Jn.18:1-6

Yes! Jesus just spoke these words. The Roman soldiers, chief priests, Pharisees fell down!

What is emphatically taught by this event? see Jn.10:17-18; Mt.26:53

No one took Jesus' life. He laid it down on His own initiative, and He took it up again!

Does Jesus give any further description of, I AM? 6:48; 8:12; 10:7; 10:11; 11:25; 14:6; 15:1

I AM Bread of Life, Light, Door, Good Shepherd, Resurrection, Way/Truth/Life, Vine