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## FIRST AND LAST

**G**OD spoke to Moses from the burning bush, telling him that He was the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. He had heard the cries of His people, seen their oppression, and would surely be with them as their deliverer from bondage, to lead them to the Promised Land. When Moses asked what name of God he should give, God said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you' " [Exodus 3: 14]. The name 'I AM' denotes the eternal and self-existent One, who is/will be – the same yesterday, today, and forever – YHWH – the covenant LORD.

**M**OSSES died after being used by God to give His Law and bring the tribes of Israel to the land of Ca'naan. Later, when the people wanted a king, God first provided King Saul (who subsequently disobeyed God) and then raised up a man after His own heart to lead them – the sweet psalmist of Israel, King David. But knowing that this people – and all the nations also – would be unfaithful to Him, would disregard Him and do evil in His sight, the LORD revealed in Scripture through that a Redeemer was coming to deliver all peoples from bondage.

**I**SAIAH prophesied that a Child would be born to a virgin (and therefore not of the corrupted human seed of Adam), a Child whose name would be called Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. This Child will have an everlasting kingdom upon the throne of David and He would be named Imman' u El – literally God-With-Us, the 'I AM' Himself come to dwell among His people as a sign [Isaiah 7: 14 & 9: 6,7].

**T**he prophet Micah identified the birthplace of this holy Child as Bethlehem Eph' rathah, a small town among the many of Judah, and confirmed that the One whom God would bring forth would be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting (Lit. from the days of eternity) – that is 'I AM', the eternal God (Micah 5: 2).

**M**ATTHEW records that a young woman named Mary, while still a virgin, was found to be with Child of the Holy Spirit. Her betrothed husband Joseph was told by an angel of the Lord that the Son she would bear was conceived of the Holy Spirit, and that His name should be called JESUS (Lit. the LORD is salvation, or Saviour). All this took place that the word spoken by the Lord through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled [Matthew 1: 18 – 25]. Luke in his gospel describes the announcement of the Child's birth by an angel of the Lord who said to shepherds, "For there is born to you this day in the city of David (Bethlehem) a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord" (and the Lord is the 'I AM') [Luke 2: 11].

**W**RITING his gospel, and then as an old man, the apostle John confirms that the Word of God, which was in the beginning, which was with God and which was God (the 'I AM'), became flesh. He was manifested to us and came into the world to redeem His own, taking the punishment for all human sin upon Himself so that the 'wages' were paid to God's satisfaction. Now all who receive the Son of God (who is God the Son) as Saviour and Lord have restored fellowship with God the Father and receive the gift of eternal life [John 1: 1 – 14, I John 1: 1 – 7].

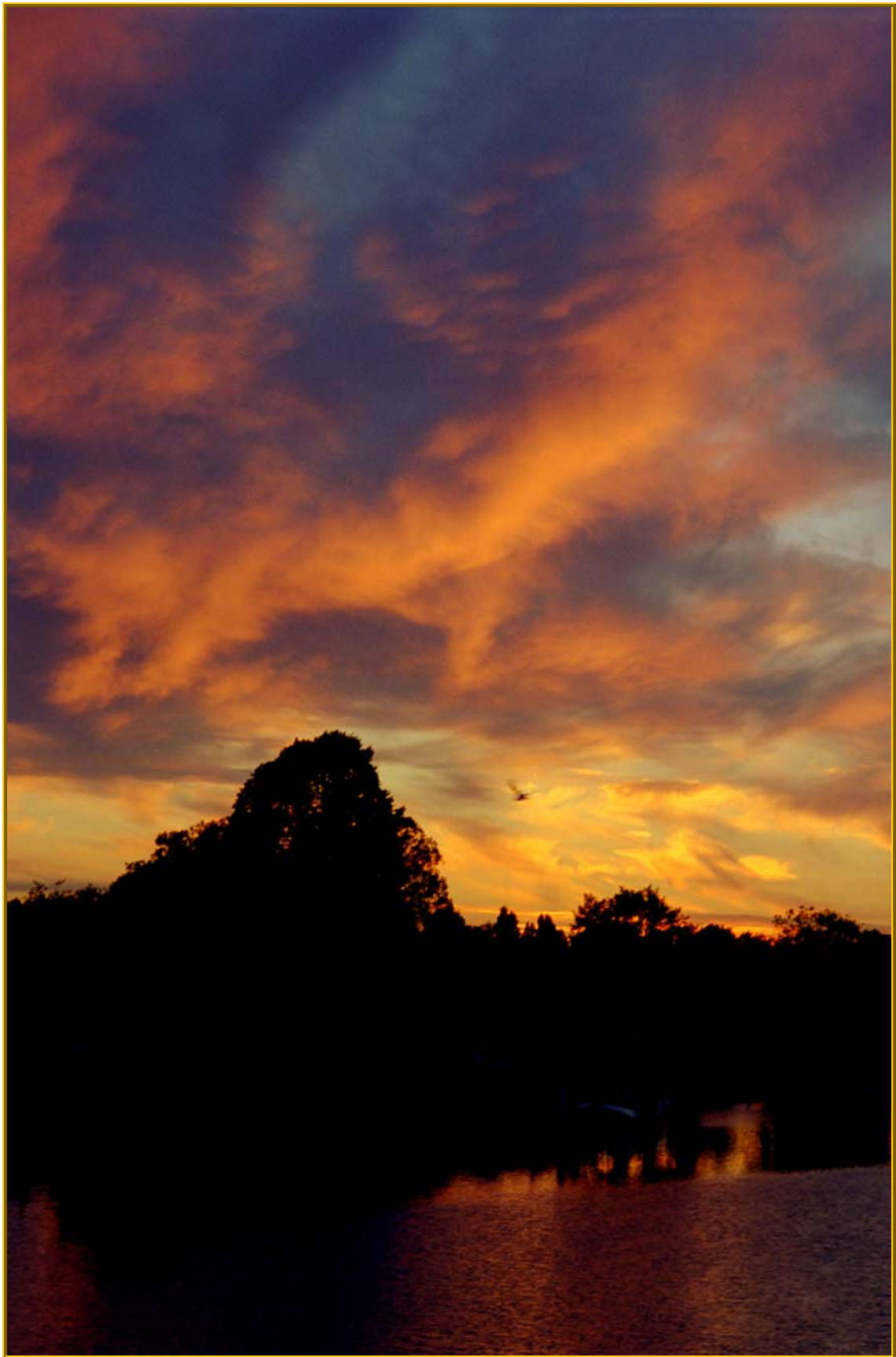


**ANY** prophecies given in Scripture were fulfilled in the birth and perfect sinless life of Jesus of Nazareth. God Himself provided the only means of salvation that was able to satisfy His own perfect justice, and yet enable sinners to be justified, made righteous, and come into the presence of a holy God [Romans 3: 26]. Jesus Christ the Lord (the 'I AM') died at the hands of sinful men as the propitiation, the once-for-all sacrifice to satisfy God's wrath against sin and redeem humanity from bondage to sin and death. The Father confirmed the Son's sacrifice was acceptable by raising Jesus from the dead and restoring Him to a place at His right hand in glory – demonstrating to all that He is the 'I AM'.



**H**e who lives, and was dead, and is alive forevermore appeared to the apostle John when he was an old man exiled on the island of Patmos. The risen, glorified Jesus identified Himself as the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, Beginning and End, the One who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty (the 'I AM'). And the Lamb who was slain at His first coming promises to return to the world as its glorious King. At that time He will be the instrument of God's wrath to judge all who have rejected God's offer of salvation – which is by grace through faith in His Son's blood poured out on the Cross [Revelation 1: 5 – 18, 19: 10 – 21].

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**N**OW Moses was tending the flock of Jeth'ro his father-in-law, the priest of Mid'ian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Ho'reb, the mountain of God. And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush *was* not consumed. Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn." So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand *is* holy ground." Moreover He said, "I *am* the God of your father – the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God.

**EXODUS 3: 1 – 6**



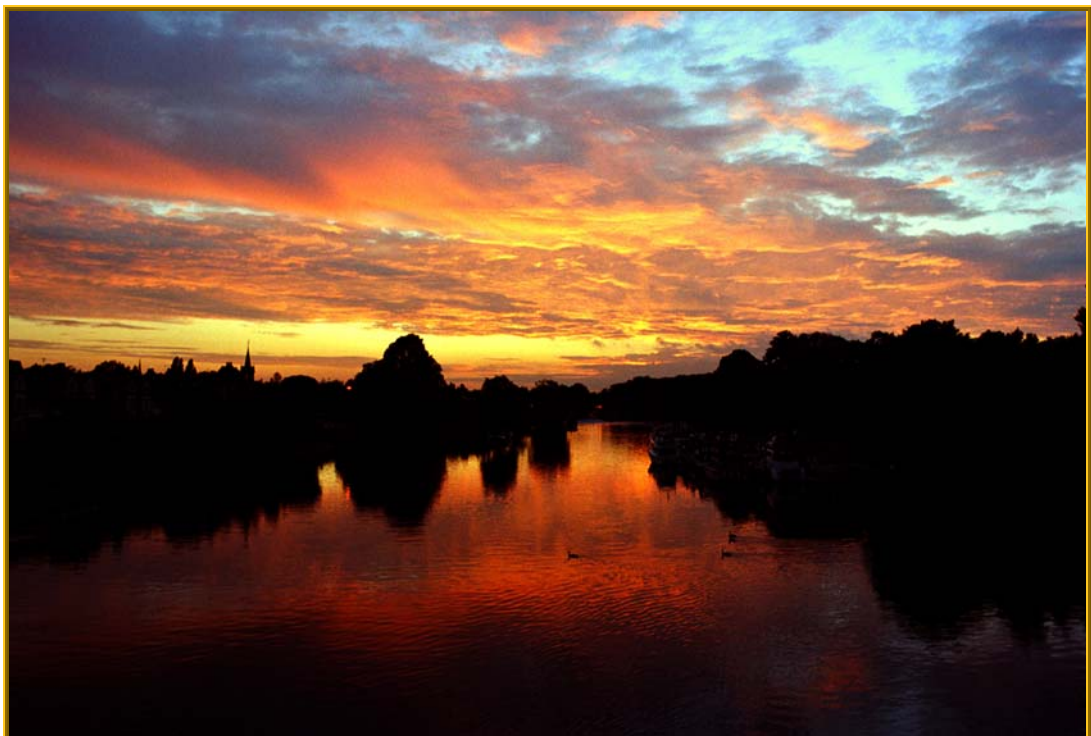
**B**UT Moses said to God, "Who *am* I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" So He said, "I will certainly be with you. And this *shall be* a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." 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?" 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.' " 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.' "

**EXODUS 3: 11 – 15**

Thus the eternal LORD identified Himself by the covenant name 'I AM' to Moses, to the children of Israel, and to all generations thereafter.



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**"YOU** are My witnesses," says the LORD, "and My servant [Israel] whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe Me, and understand that I *am* He. Before Me there was no God formed, nor shall there be after Me. I, *even I, am* the LORD, and besides Me *there is* no saviour. I have declared and saved, I have proclaimed, and *there was* no foreign god among you; therefore you *are* My witnesses," says the LORD, "that I *am* God. Indeed before the day *was*, I *am* He; and *there is* no one who can deliver out of My hand; I work, and who will reverse it?"

**ISAIAH 43: 10 – 13**

**AND** He said to them, "You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am *He*, you will die in your sins." Then they said to Him, "Who are You?" And Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been saying to you from the beginning. I have many things to say and to judge concerning you, but He who sent Me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I heard from Him." They did not understand that He spoke to them of the Father. Then Jesus said to them, "When you lift up [crucify] the Son of Man [Messiah], then you will know that I **AM** *He*, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things. And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him." As He spoke these words, many believed in Him. Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

**JOHN 8: 23 – 32**

Through the prophet Isaiah, God declares His eternality and His uniqueness as the only true God. Jesus declared to the Jewish leaders that He came from God the Father, that He spoke the words of God the Father and that He was the very Son of God. Since the words in italics are not in the original Hebrew, Jesus actually referred to Himself as 'I AM' – the One who will save those who believe in Him, and judge those who do not!



**"YOU** have sent to John [the Baptist], and he has borne witness to the truth. Yet I do not receive testimony from man, but I say these things that you may be saved. He was the burning and shining lamp, and you were willing for a time to rejoice in his light. But I have a greater witness than John's; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish – the very works [miracles] that I do – bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me. And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe. You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me."

**john 5: 33 – 39**

**"ARE** You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Who do You make Yourself out to be?" Jesus answered, "If I honour Myself, My honour is nothing. It is My Father who honours Me of whom you say that He is your God. Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, 'I do not know Him,' I shall be a liar like you; but I know Him and keep His word. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw *it* and was glad." Then the Jews [religious leaders] said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM." Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

**john 8: 53 – 59**

Talking to the Jewish religious leaders, Jesus tells them that He is the Anointed One spoken of in the Scriptures – the Messiah. Since Abraham having been dead for more than 2000 years, Jesus' claim means He must have been alive 2000+ years before being born in Bethlehem – which He confirms by then stating that He is 'I AM', the covenant LORD of the Old Testament. With this knowledge their choice was to either worship Him or to kill Him – and they chose the latter.



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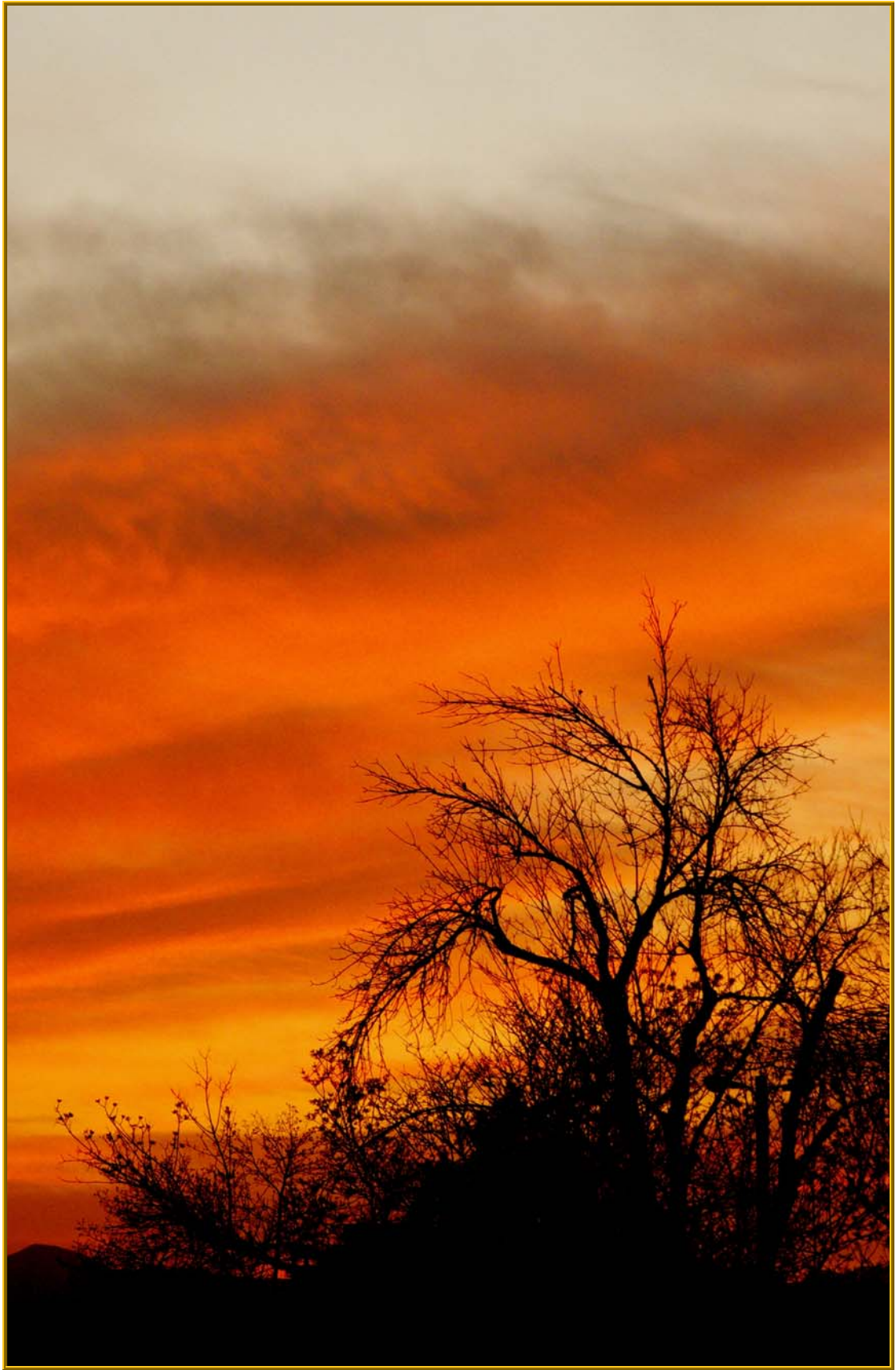
**H**e has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn [Christ's position as the heir] over all creation. For by Him [Jesus Christ] all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the pre-eminence. For it pleased *the Father that* in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

**COLOSSIANS 1: 13 – 20**

**G**OD, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last spoken to us by *His Son*, who He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; 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, having become so much better than the angels, [the Jews – Hebrews – apparently considered angels next to God in authority] as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

**HEBREWS 1: 1 – 4**

Colossians and Hebrews (Chapter 1 of both books) identify Jesus Christ as God's Son, the Creator of all things, identical in nature with God the Father. He is the One upholding all created things by His word; He is eternal and pre-existent; He is pre-eminent over everything in existence except the Father. He is now seated at the right hand of God. He is God – the 'I AM'.



**J**ESUS said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you *AM He.*"

JOHN 4: 21 - 26

**C**OME near to Me, hear this: I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, I *was* there. And now the Lord GOD and His Spirit have sent Me." Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I *am* the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you by the way you should go."

ISAIAH 48: 16 & 17

**A**ND now the LORD says, who formed Me from the womb *to be* His Servant, to bring Jacob back to Him, so that Israel is gathered to Him (for I shall be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and My God shall be My strength), indeed He says, 'It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, that You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.' "

ISAIAH 49: 5 & 6

Speaking to the Samaritan woman at the well, Jesus tells her that He is indeed the promised 'I AM', born as a Jew into the world: the Servant of the LORD who will bring salvation to all peoples – to whoever believes in His name.



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**ONE** of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?" Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed *them* to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted. So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost." Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten.

**john 6: 8 - 13**



**JESUS** therefore answered and said to them, "Do not murmur among yourselves. No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me. Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father. Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. I AM the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. I AM the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world."

**john 6: 43 - 51**

Jesus multiplied five small loaves of bread and two small fish into enough food to feed five thousand men (possibly 20,000 people in total). But when He said, "I AM the bread of life," God's covenant name took on the eternal spiritual meaning of Christ's atoning death – for all who 'feed' on Him as their Saviour stand before God forgiven and made just forever, experiencing life indeed.



**AND** many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame *and* everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever."

**DANIEL 12: 2 & 3**

**MOST** assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth – those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation."

**JOHN 5: 5 & 6**

**NOW** Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Jesus said to her, "I AM the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

**JOHN 11: 21 - 27**

The claim of Jesus is that He is the One, the 'I AM', who will call all the dead throughout the ages to resurrection. He is the One who will give everlasting life to the righteous, and who will condemn those who deny Him and reject God's gift of grace. He demonstrated the validity of His claim by instructing Martha's dead brother, "Laz'arus, come forth!" And he who had died walked out of the tomb.

**D**O not rejoice over me, my enemy; when I fall, I will arise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD *will be* a light to me. I will bear the indignation of the LORD, because I have sinned against Him, until He pleads my case and executes justice for me. He will bring me forth to the light; I will see His righteousness.

**micah 7: 8 & 9**

**I**N the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John. This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of the Light. That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

**john 1: 1 - 10**

**T**hen Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I AM the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." The Phar'isees [sect of religious leaders] therefore said to Him, "You bear witness of Yourself; Your witness is not true." Jesus answered and said to them, "Even if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from and where I am going. You judge according to the flesh; I judge now one. And yet if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone, but I *am* with the Father who sent Me."

**john 8: 12 - 16**

**"FOR** God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

**JOHN 3: 17 - 21**

**THEN** Jesus cried out and said, "He who believe in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me. And He who sees Me sees Him who sent Me. I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.

**JOHN 12: 44 - 46**

**THIS** is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

**1 JOHN 1: 5 - 7**

**THE** city [New Jerusalem] had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb [Christ] is its light.

**REVELATION 21: 23**

Jesus Christ is the Word of God, who is God. Jesus Christ is the Light of life, who came into the world to reveal God's light and draw all who belong to God out of darkness and bondage to sin and death into His spiritual light. His claim while in the world was, 'I AM the light of the world.' Ultimately, when the old creation is dismissed and replaced, the 'I AM' will literally illuminate heaven and earth Himself.



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“**E**NTER by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow *is* the gate and difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. Beware of false prophets who come to you in sheep’s clothing [shepherds], but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.”

MATTHEW 7: 13 – 15

**T**hen Jesus said to them again, “Most assuredly, I say to you, I AM the door of the sheep. All who *ever* came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. I AM the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.”

JOHN 10: 7 – 10

“**L**ET not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many dwellings; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know.” Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I AM the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.”

JOHN 14: 1 – 7

Jesus warns us that there is the world’s way – with its wide and easy entry through man-made doctrines and man-centred religions – which always leads to destruction. In contrast there is God’s way into eternal life and into the presence of God the Father – and entry is made through God the Son without exception: because ‘I AM’ Himself is the only door. This portal of grace has been provided by the Son’s obedience unto death on the Cross, and all who believe on Him enter in by faith.



**B**EHOLD, the Lord GOD shall come with a strong *hand*, and His arm shall rule for Him; behold, His reward *is* with Him, and His work before Him. He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, and carry *them* in His bosom, *and* gently lead those who are with young.

ISAIAH 40: 10 & 11

**"A**WAKE, O sword, against My Shepherd, against the Man who is My Companion," says the LORD of hosts. "Strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered; then I will turn My hand against the little ones."

ZECHARIAH 13: 7

**"I** AM the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, *he who is* not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I AM the good shepherd; and I know My *sheep*, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and there will be one flock *and* one shepherd."

JOHN 10: 11 - 16

**N**OW may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* glory forever and ever. Amen.

HEBREWS 13: 20 & 21

God will comfort, protect and gather His people, as a shepherd does his flock. The great Shepherd, who is God the Son - 'I AM' - laid down His life to save His flock, but then rose from the dead to give them eternal life. Rome's hammer could not smash Christ's Church: His shed blood seals the everlasting covenant between Christ and His Church.



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**Y**OU have brought a vine out of Egypt; You have cast out the nations, and planted it. You prepared *room* for it, and caused it to take deep root, and it filled the land. The hills were covered with its shadow, and mighty cedars with its boughs. She sent out her boughs to the Sea [Mediterranean], and her branches to the River [Euphrates].

PSALM 80: 8 – 11

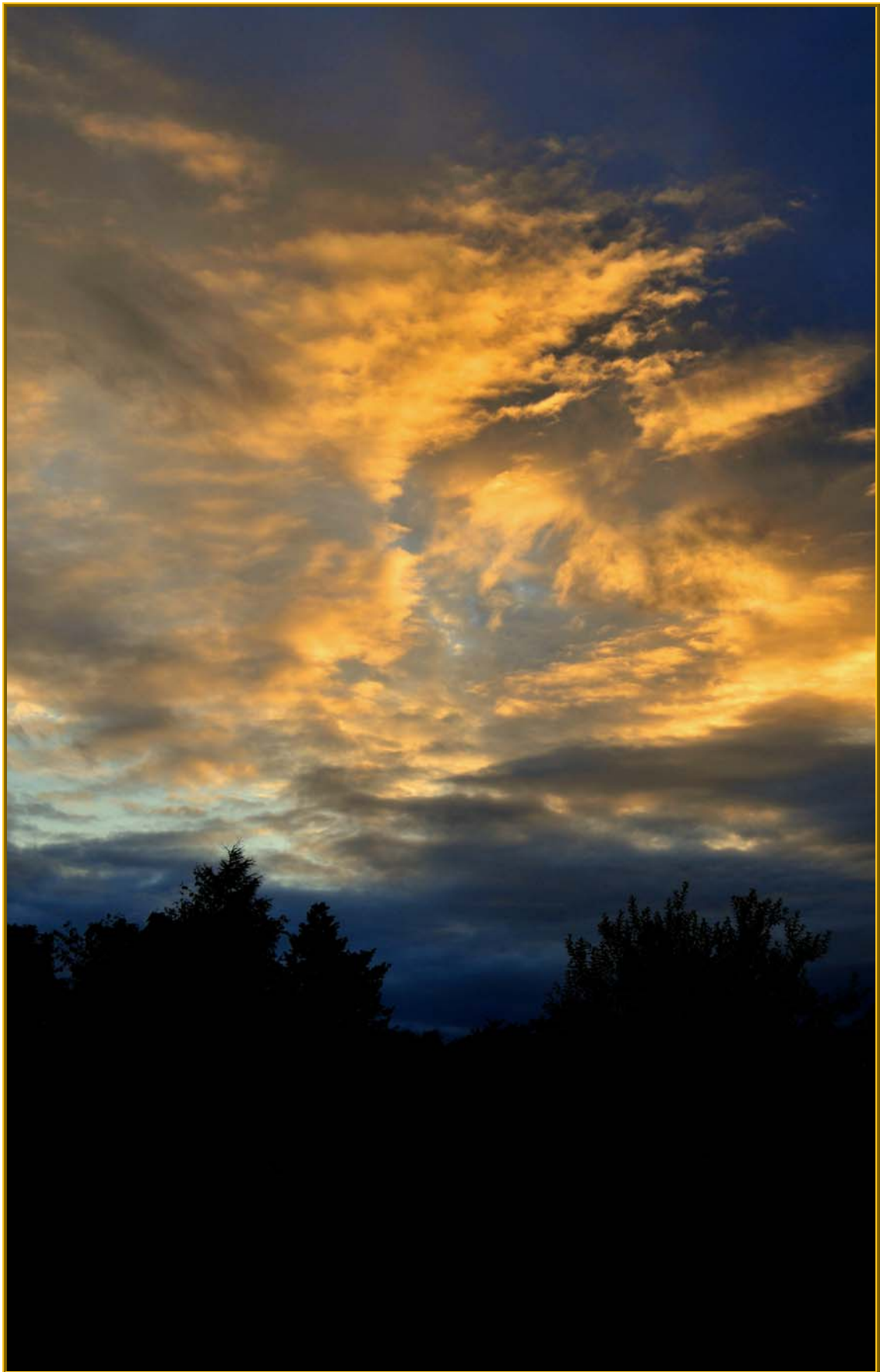
**N**OW let me sing to my Well-beloved a song of my Beloved [God] regarding His vineyard: My Well-beloved has a vineyard on a very fruitful hill. He dug it up and cleared out its stones, and planted it with the choicest vine. He built a tower in its midst, and also made a winepress in it; so He expected *it* to bring forth *good* grapes, but it brought forth wild grapes. “And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge, please, between Me and My vineyard. What more could have been done to My vineyard that I have not done in it? Why then, when I expected *it* to bring forth *good* grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes?”

ISAIAH 5: 1 – 4

**I** AM the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I AM the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.”

JOHN 15: 1 – 5

God planted Israel as His ‘vine’ – and waited for the fruits of righteousness, justice and holiness. Instead, Israel was unfaithful to God, behaving in exactly the same immoral, greedy and unrighteous ways as its neighbours. So the ‘I AM’ came into the world in the person of Jesus Christ, the true ‘vine’ of God – seeking other ‘branches’ to graft in who would bear fruit.



**L**ET this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross. 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, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

PHILIPPIANS 2: 5 - 11

**H**E shall see the labour of His soul, *and* be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His soul unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

ISAIAH 53: 11 & 12

**T**HEN Judas, having received a detachment *of troops*, and officers from the chief priests and Phar'isees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons. Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him, went forward and said to them, "Whom are you seeking?" They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I AM *He*." And Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them. Now when He said to them, "I AM *He*," they drew back and fell to the ground.

JOHN 18: 3 - 6

For a short time the Son clothed Himself in humanity as the Servant of God the Father: that He might bear God's punishment for the sins of the whole world in His human body, and die in place of all who stood condemned. Yet when He said His name, 'I AM', to those who came to arrest Him, they drew back and fell to the ground!



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**B**ehold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced [crucified] Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen. "I AM the Alpha and the Omega, *the Beginning and the End,*" says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Pat'mos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, saying, "I AM the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send *it* to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Eph'esus, to Smyrna, to Per'gamos, to Thyati'ra, to Sar'dis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodice'a." Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the seven lampstands *One* like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. His head and hair *were* white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; His feet *were* like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance *was* like the sun shining in its strength. And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I AM the First and the Last. I *am* He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I AM alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Ha'des and of Death. Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this."

#### REVELATION 1: 7 - 19

John the Apostle (now an old man) heard and saw the 'I AM' – the risen Jesus Christ – no longer in humiliation but in exaltation, restored by His Father to His rightful place in glory. The Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End, the First and the Last. The prophet Daniel saw Him – '*One* like the Son of Man' – some 600 years earlier!



**T**hus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: 'I *am* the First and I *am* the Last; besides Me *there is no God*. And who can proclaim as I do? Then let him declare it and set it in order for Me, since I appointed the ancient people. And the things that are coming and shall come, let them show these to them. Do not fear, nor be afraid; have I not told you from that time, and declared *it*? You *are* My witnesses. Is there a God besides Me? Indeed *there is no other Rock*; I know not *one*.' "

ISAIAH 44: 6 – 8

**P**ilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I AM a king. For this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

JOHN 18: 37

**N**OW I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and *His* thigh a name written:

KING OF KINGS  
AND LORD OF LORDS.

REVELATION 19: 11 – 16

All humanity, Jew and Gentile, crucified 'I AM' when He first came into the world as its Saviour. All who continue to ignore, reject or deny Him will see Jesus again when He returns as KING and LORD, as JUDGE of all the ungodly.

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5	DIGL08/35	Bay Farm Is. Alameda, CA, USA	2:08	28-504Z
6	271/15A	Barna, Co Galway, Ireland	4:04	24
7	DIGL/164	Denver, CO, USA	2:08	28-504Z
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9	151/21	Hayes, Middlesex. UK	1:03	28
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12	24/34	Richmond Hill, Surrey, UK	4:01	1000
13	615/17	Bushey Park, Teddington, Middx. UK	1:08	35
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15	DIGF/9	Molesey, Surrey, UK	2:08	15-30Z
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17	105/30	Hampton Court, Surrey, UK	3:02	50
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19	DIGF/32	Richmond Hill, Surrey, UK	2:08	50



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