

The Names of God Study Series  
I AM & Jehovah Names - Lesson 1  
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In the Bible, we find two names God decrees as his, but we find many more names people have given him. There are also names given to God through prophecy, as well as scriptures where God refers to himself with a name. What are all the names of God?

### **What God Decrees His Name to Be**

The earliest place in Scripture where God gives us his name is found in Exodus 3:13-15, in response to Moses asking who he should tell the Israelites who has sent him. In this passage, we see two names God gives himself, emphasizing the second in a decree. The Hebrew words in Exodus 3:14 for “**I AM THAT I AM**” are **more accurately translated as “I will be what I will be”** or as translated “**I will become whatsoever I may become.**”

The declaration in Exodus 3:14 is an idiom, an expression that has a meaning that cannot be understood by the individual words. So, what does “I AM THAT I AM” mean? By using the translation “**I will become whatsoever I may become,**” Exodus 3:14 was God’s way of assuring and pledging to Moses and Israel that God would become whatever they needed Him to become. Who God “became” or “who God had become” was revealed through their experience with God.

### **Names People Have Given God (Jehovah Names)**

Throughout the Bible, people have given many names to or for God. Sometimes they were given in response to something God had done, other times they were to describe who he is.

Seven of the most familiar use Jehovah, a variant of Yahweh, which is translated into English as LORD.

- **Jehovah Jireh:** The LORD our provider (Genesis 22:14)
- **Jehovah Rapha:** The LORD our Healer (Exodus 15:26)
- **Jehovah Nissi:** The LORD our Banner (Exodus 17:15)
- **Jehovah Shalom:** The LORD our Peace (Judges 6:24)
- **Jehovah Raah:** The LORD our Shepherd (Psalms 23:1)
- **Jehovah Tsidkenu:** The LORD our Righteousness (Jeremiah 23:6)
- **Jehovah Shammah:** The LORD is Here (Ezekiel 48:35)

### **Least Familiar Uses of Jehovah**

- **Jehovah Mekoddishkem: The Lord Who Sanctifies You (Exodus 31:13; Leviticus 20:18)**

- **Jehovah Sabaoth: The Lord of Hosts (1 Samuel 1:3; Psalm 24:9-10; Psalm 84:3; Isaiah 6:5)**

This name denotes His universal sovereignty over every army, both spiritual and earthly. The Lord of Hosts is the king of all heaven and earth.