

“Fruit of the I AM” pt. 1

John 15: 1-5 [Amplified]

“I AM the True Vine, and My Father is the Vinedresser.

2 Any branch in Me that does not bear fruit [that stops bearing] He cuts away (trims off, takes away); and He cleanses and repeatedly prunes every branch that continues to bear fruit, to make it bear more and richer and more excellent fruit.

3 You are cleansed and pruned already, because of the word which I have given you [the teachings I have discussed with you].

4 Dwell in Me, and I will dwell in you. [Live in Me, and I will live in you.] Just as no branch can bear fruit of itself without abiding in (being vitally united to) the vine, neither can you bear fruit unless you abide in Me.

5 I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in Me and I in him bears much (abundant) fruit.

However, apart from Me [cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing”

* “I AM” – meaning: To be, to exist, to happen, to be present

* “True” – meaning: That which has not only the name and resemblance, but the real nature corresponding to the name, in every respect corresponding to the idea signified by the name, real, true genuine / opposite to what is imperfect defective, frail, uncertain

* “Vine” – meaning: Gr: Vine

Latin from the words vinea “vineyard” and vinum “wine”

Exodus 3:14 – 17 [KJ]

“And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you”

15 And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, the LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.

16 Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt:

17 And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, unto a land flowing with milk and honey”

As the representative of God, Moses had to be able to disclose His [God's] Character to the Jewish people

* God's name "Jehovah" had been known centuries ago (Gen. 4:26) and was familiar to the patriarchs.
(Gen. 14:22; Gen. 15:1; Gen. 25:21-22; Gen. 28:13; Gen. 49:18)

What Moses asked was - 'What does Your name mean?'

What kind of a God are You?"

* God explained that the name Jehovah is a dynamic name, based on the Hebrew verb "to be" or "to become"
God is the self-existent One who always was, always is, and always will be, the faithful and dependable God who calls Himself "I AM"

Centuries later, Jesus would take the name "I AM" and complete it:

"I am the bread of life" (John 6:35)

"I am the light of the world" (John 8:12)

"I am the true vine" (John 15:1)

Exodus 3:14 [KJ]

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The word **Jehovah** or **Yahweh** comes from the verb "*to be*"; thus it means simply - "*I AM*"—"*I AM who I AM*"

This means that God [Jehovah God – The One True God] is...

- The Self-Existent One
- The God who exists (who alone exists and who can never cease to exist)
- The Eternal One
- The Perfect One
- The Absolute One

Jehovah is the God who is personal and who reveals Himself to Man

* *Jehovah* is the personal name of God, the name that shows that God is the God of revelation.

* It is the name God chose for Himself when He revealed Himself to Moses

Exodus 3:14 [KJ]

“And *God said* unto Moses, *I AM THAT I AM*: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, *I AM hath sent me unto you*”

It is the name by which Adam and others of his day knew God

Genesis 2:4 (KJV)

“These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens”

* Lord: Jehovah = "the existing One" - the proper name of the one true God

Genesis 4:26 (KJV)

“And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of the Lord”

* Lord: Jehovah = "the existing One" - the proper name of the one true God

It is the name which Jesus Christ claimed for Himself when He revealed Himself as God

John 8:58 (KJV)

“Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I Am”

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John 8:24 (KJV)

“I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins”

John 8:28 (KJV)

28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things”

Jehovah is the God who establishes a personal relationship with man – through Jesus Christ

Jehovah is the redemptive name of God. God is the LORD (Jehovah, Yahweh), the God of redemption, salvation, and deliverance