

Before Abraham Was Born He Existed

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"Truly, truly, I say unto you, 'If a man keeps My word, he shall never see death.' Then the Jews said unto Him, 'Now we know that You have a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, 'If a man keeps My word, he shall never taste of death. Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead; who do You make Yourself?' Jesus answered, 'If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing; it is My Father who honors Me; of whom you say, that He is your God. Yet, you have not known Him; but I know Him; and if I should say, I do not know Him, I shall be a liar like unto you. But I do know Him, and keep His word. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day; and he saw it, and was glad.' Then the Jews said unto Him, 'You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?' 58 Jesus said unto them, 'Truly, truly, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I Am (I Exist).'' Then took they up stones to cast at Him; but Jesus hid Himself, and went out of the Temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by." (John 8:51-58-59)

Before: from the Greek word *prin* an adverb which means: before; or formerly; (is used to denote a point in time prior to another event or action. It functions as a conjunction or adverb to indicate precedence in time). In context: Jesus eternally existed before Abraham was born, He existed during the life of Abraham, and He exist now and forevermore!

Abraham: from the Greek word *Abraham* which means: the forefather of Jesus, and of the Israelites and a key figure in God's covenantal promises.

Was: from the Greek word *genesthai* a verb which means: was, or was-born, or existed, or became; or came-into-being; or came into existence. The context being: before Abraham was born, and came into existence, Jesus was eternally existing!

I Am: from the Greek words *ego eimi* a verb which mean: I am; I exist; to be, to be present: in the 'tense' of being always actively eternally present: in the past, in the present, and in the future; clearly and attribute of God only; especially in His self-existent Oneness with the Father and Holy Spirit. Jesus also often used "I am" in reference to attributes of Himself, for example:

"I am not of the world" (John 17:14, 16)

"I am the Bread of Life; he who comes to Me shall never hunger; and he who believes on Me shall never thirst." (John 6:35)

"I am the Light of the World; he that follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the Light of Life." (John 8:12)

"I am the Good Shepherd; the Good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep." (John 10:11)

"I am the Resurrection, and the Life; he who believes in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." (John 11:25)

"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no man comes unto the Father, but through Me." (John 14:6)

"I am The (True) Vine; you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, the same (person) brings forth much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." (John 15:5)

"I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me." (John 14:11)

"I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." (Matthew 28:20)

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When Jesus ended His statement with "**I Am**" without any reference to some coming action or attribute; His intention was that the phrase 'I Am' is to be understood as being and attribute in itself! The understanding is that He is **always** actively eternally present - past, present, and future! Those adversaries who took up stones to kill Him, clearly understood that Jesus was referencing Himself with the Name of God the Father, the God of Abraham! Please consider the following:

7 "And the **LORD** said (to Moses), I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey. ... Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come unto Me; and I have also seen the oppression by which the Egyptians oppress them. Come now therefore, and I will send you unto Pharaoh, so that you may bring forth My people the children of Israel out of Egypt. And Moses said unto God, 'Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?' And **He** (God) said, 'Certainly I will be with you; and this shall be a sign unto you, that I have sent you: when you have brought forth the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God upon this mountain.' And Moses said unto God, 'Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me unto you;' and they shall say to me, 'What is **His** name?' What shall I say unto them?' 14 And God said unto Moses, '**I AM WHO I AM**;' and He said, 'Thus you shall say unto the children of Israel, '**I AM** has sent me unto you.' And God said moreover unto Moses, 'Thus you shall 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, has sent me unto you.' '**This is My Name forever**, and this is My Memorial (Name) unto all generations.' " (Exodus 3:7-14-15)

I Am: from the Hebrew word **ehyeh (or hayah)** a verb which means: I-am; The use of "**hayah**" in the context of (verse 7), "And the **LORD** said," (God's Name: LORD = YHWH) emphasizes His eternal, self-existent nature.

LORD: from the Hebrew word **YHWH (or Yahweh)** which means: Yahweh, the personal covenantal name of God; from **hayah**, meaning "to be" or "to exist." The Name **Yahweh** implies that God always was, always is, and always will be!

Jesus had previously in John 8:21-29 (verses 24 & 28) referred to Himself as '**I Am**,' as follows:

"Then said Jesus again unto them, 'I go my way, and you shall seek Me, and shall die in your sins; to where I go, you cannot come.' Then the Jews said, 'Will he kill Himself? because He said, 'To Where I go, you cannot come.' ' And He said unto them, 'You are from beneath; **I am from above**; you are of this world; **I am not of this world**. 24 I said therefore unto you, that you shall die in your sins; for if you do not believe that **I Am**, you shall die in your sins. Then said they unto Him, 'Who are You?' And Jesus said unto them, 'Even the same that I said unto you from the beginning. I have many things to say and to judge of you; but **He** who sent Me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of **Him**.' But they did not understand that He spoke to them **of the Father**. 28 Then Jesus said unto them, 'When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you shall know that **I Am**, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father has 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."

At first it seems as though the adversaries of Jesus did not understand that He was referring to "I Am" as an attribute of Himself; but when later (in verse 58) he prefaced it by saying, "**Before Abraham was, I Am**," then they understood that Jesus was equating Himself with the Father!

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It is as it was written of Jesus:

He (Jesus) "is the **image of the invisible God**, the firstborn of every creature. For in Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers; all things were created through Him, and for Him. And He **existed (eimi) before all things**, and in Him all things consist (hold together). And he is the head of the body, the church; who is the Beginning, the Firstborn from the Dead; so that in all things **He might have the preeminence**. For it pleased the Father that in Him should all fulness (of God) dwell;" (Colossians 1:15-19)

"For in Him (in Jesus) dwells **all the fulness of the Deity (of God) bodily**." (Colossians 2:9)

"I speak not of you all; I know whom I have chosen; but that the scripture may be fulfilled, '*He that eats bread with Me has lifted up his heel against Me.*' (Psalm 41:9) Now I tell you before it comes, that, when it is come to pass, you may believe that I Am. Truly, truly, I say unto you, he who receives whomsoever I send **receives Me**; and he who receives Me **receives Him (the Father)** who sent Me." (John 13:18-19)

Finally please consider the following prayers of Jesus to the Father:

"Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son (Jesus), so that Your Son also may glorify You. As You have given Him power over all flesh, so that He should give Eternal Life to as many as You have given to Him. And this is Life Eternal, **that they might know You the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent**. I have glorified You on the earth; I have finished the work which You gave Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify You **Me with Your own Self** with the Glory which I had with **You before** the world **existed**." (John 17:1-5)

"Nor do I pray for these alone, but for those also who shall believe on Me through their word; so that they all may be one; as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, so that they also may be one in us; so that the world may **believe that You have sent Me**. And the glory which You gave to Me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one; I in them, and You in Me, so that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and **has loved them**, as You have loved Me. Father, I will (desire) that they also, whom You hast given Me, be with Me where I am (in Heaven); so that they may behold **My glory**, which You have given to Me. For You have **loved Me before the foundation of the world**." (John 17:20-26)

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In the beginning Jesus was with God, and He was God !
Jesus existed before all things, and in Him all things hold together !
The Father IS WHO HE IS, and Jesus IS WHO HE IS !!
The Father is in Jesus, and Jesus is in The Father !!
They ARE One !

Even though Jesus came into this world, He is not of this world !!
Jesus came into this world so that people might know the Father, the Only True God !!
Jesus came into this world so that people might have Eternal Life !!

Jesus You ARE the Way, the Truth, and the Life !!!
Jesus You ARE the Light of the World !!
Always and Always !! Forever and Ever !! Amen and Amen !!