

what we believe and why it matters

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MIDIAN

Exodus 3:1-15

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Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.² There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush.

Exodus 3:1-15

New International Version

Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up.³ So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.”⁴ When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush,

Exodus 3:1-15

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“Moses! Moses!” And Moses said, “Here I am.”⁵ “Do not come any closer,” God said.

“Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.”⁶ Then he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.”

Exodus 3:1-15

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At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.⁷ The Lord said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering.

Exodus 3:1-15

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⁸ So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites.

Exodus 3:1-15

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⁹ And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰ So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.” ¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

Exodus 3:1-15

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¹² And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.” ¹³ Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?”

Exodus 3:1-15

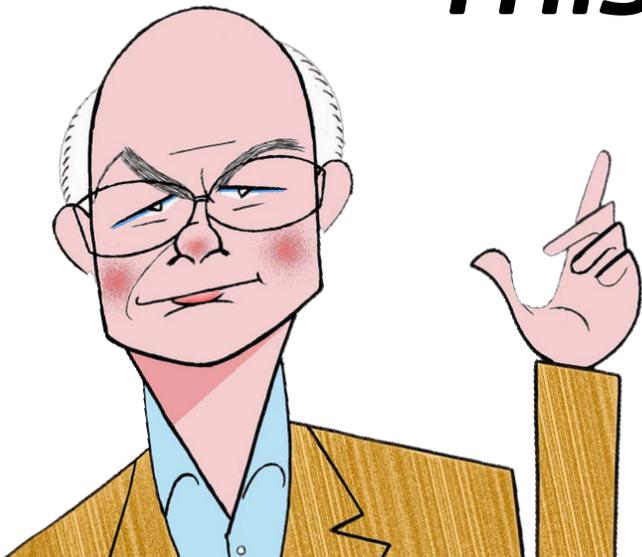
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¹⁴ God said to Moses, “**I AM WHO I AM.** This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘**I AM** has sent me to you.’” ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’ *“This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.”*”

Exodus 3:2 “Moses saw
that though the bush was
on fire it did not burn up.”

Fire is dependent on fuel. As long as there's fuel there can be fire, but when there's no more combustible fuel the fire goes out. This fire is not dependent on fuel.

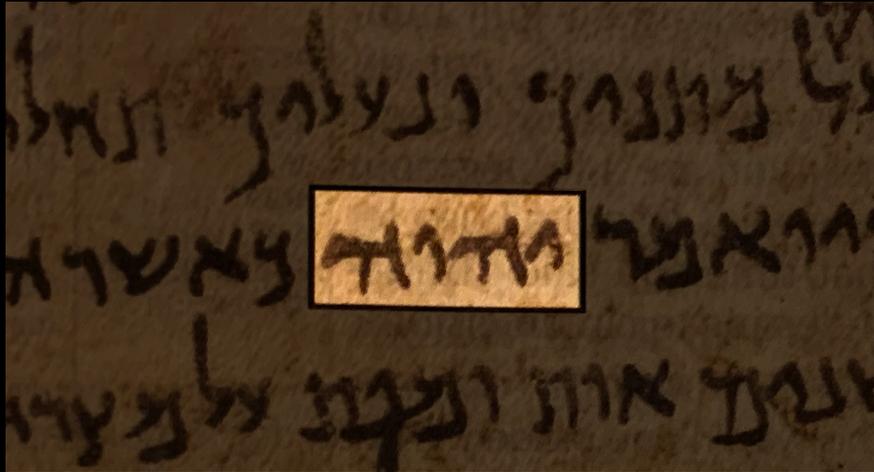
This fire is not dependent on anything.



-Tim Keller, *What We Believe*. Exodus 3:1-14 Oct. 11th, 2015

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Exodus 3:14 **“I AM WHO I AM”**



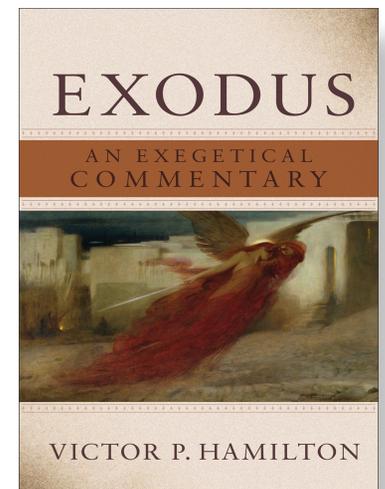
Tetragrammaton

YHWH

NET Bible: *“I will be who I will be”*

Exodus 3:14 **“I AM WHO I AM”**

It seems that the name implies more than merely God's existence. Moses asks after God's name... YHWH responds by providing not a label but a theology. That is to say, God will always be there for this people. He will always be whatever his people need him to be in any given moment, in any given place. If they need a deliver, that's YHWH. If they need grace, mercy and forgiveness, that's YHWH. If they need rebuke and chastisement, that's YHWH.





What's in a name?

JEHOVAH-JIREH: "The Lord Will Provide" (Gen 22:14)

JEHOVAH-RA'AH: "The Lord Our Shepherd"
(Psalm 23:1)

JEHOVAH-NISSI: "The Lord Our Banner" (Exodus 17:15)

EL ROI: "God Who Sees" (Genesis 16:13)

JEHOVAH-RAPHA: "The Lord Who Heals" (Ex. 15:26)

God's Testimony:

Exodus 34:5-7 Then the Lord came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the Lord. ⁶ And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The Lord, the Lord, the *compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness,* ⁷ *maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin.*

Who am I?

I am who!