



Names in scripture

The concept of personal names in the Old
Testament often included existence, character and reputation.

TWOT p934

In scripture the name is regarded as the manifestation of character or of deepest purpose.

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In the Bible, the term "name" stands for the definition of the characteristics of the person, place or thing indicated...... In these brief illustrations of scripture usage, "name" is pregnant with meaning.... In all these things the "name" stands for much more than a mere appellation; it covers character and destiny".

Bro C.C.Walker Theophany pp 24-26

The Memorial name

Moses knew that they were acquainted with the many Mighty Ones of their history; and that, consequently, if he should present himself to them as a messenger of Elohim, they would say to him: "What is his name?"

Under these circumstances, the Spirit imposed upon himself a *name*, and embodied it in a *Memorial*, by which he was to be known henceforth."

Phanerosis p 58





Mortanis tells us:

- Very strong, forceful statement.
- Statement of purpose.
- Involves the future.
- Doesn't tell us exactly what God will be but it can include many people.
- Somehow those many will be one.

Summary

God is going to be something in the future, something that he alone will decide, that will involve many others, and that is absolutely certain.



What the Name conveys

The Memorial Name exhibited in Moses writing, is not simply a word of four letters given to an abstraction for a name, as men give names to their children; but a name memorial of a future manifestation of the Eternal Spirit; not of One through One only; but of One in and through ten thousand times ten thousand, ... that the name covers them all; and that consequently, they are but "One Yahweh". Phanerosis p 61

ADDROVIATED FORM

EHYEH I WILL BE

YAHWEH HE WHO WILL BE

YAHWEH is the form of the Divine name that is specifically designed for use by man.

It seems evident that in the view of the writer "ehyeh" and "yahweh' are the same: that God is ehyeh 'I will be' when speaking of himself, and yahweh 'He will be' when spoken of by others.

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El = Power or might

Eloah = Mighty One (singular)

Elohim = Mighty Ones (plural)

Abrahamic Elohim

It was the pleasure of the Eternal Spirit that there should, at a future period, be a multitude of Abrahamic Elohim, who should constitute a Divine Family ... Hence the Eternal Spirit, in imposing upon himself a name, selected a word which should point towards this wonderful future manifestation of spirit

Phanerosis p 59



The Memorial name

I WILL BE Singular He who will be

WHO plural Thy Mighty Ones

I WILL BE Singular One He who Will Be