

**(Exod. 6:1-3)** - God had revealed Himself to Moses as the great “*I AM*” and as the God of the covenant Who made promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The covenant that God made with Abraham contained promises that applied to Abraham’s physical descendants through Isaac and Jacob, the national Israelites who, at tis time, were in bondage in Egypt under a wicked tyrant called Pharaoh. God would defeat Pharaoh and free His people from this bondage. He would gather them as a nation, make a covenant with them through Moses, give them and bring them to a land flowing with milk and honey. God promised to keep them together through Jacob’s son, Judah, until the time that Messiah would come and do His great work of redemption. God’s covenant with Abraham also contained SPIRITUAL promises that pertained only to God’s chosen people (elect, both Jew and Gentile) whom He chose before the foundation of the world and gave to the Lord Jesus Christ to save them spiritually and eternally. These are sinners saved by grace based on the righteousness of Christ imputed to them and received by them in God-given faith. They are the justified, the redeemed of the Lord, and they are known by their new birth which results in faith in Christ, repentance of dead works, and perseverance in the faith, all by the grace of God. This is SPIRITUAL Israel, all who glory in Christ (*Gal. 6:14-16*).

In *verse 3*, God tells Moses that He had appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as “*God Almighty*” (El Shaddai), which means “*God all-powerful*,” but He had not appeared to them, and was not known to them, by His name, “*JEHOVAH*” (YHWH - Yahweh), which is God’s covenant name and identifies Him as the God Who saves sinners by grace based on the righteousness of the LORD JESUS CHRIST. In our AKJV, this name is indicated by the title “*LORD*” in capital letters. The statement that God had not appeared to the fathers by this name may seem strange because it is recorded in *Genesis* that God DID make Himself known to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as the “*LORD God Jehovah*.” For example, Abraham used this name after the experience of almost sacrificing Isaac in *Genesis 22*. He called the name of that place “*Jehovah-jireh*” (*Gen. 22:14*). The idea behind the statement here in *Genesis 6:3* is a comparison of HOW God revealed Himself to the fathers and to Moses and the Israelites. God revealed His name to Abraham but only in the PROMISES He made, not in the actual FULFILLMENT of those promises as He did here to Moses. There is a difference between promise and fulfillment in the way revelation is apprehended. The patriarchs were individuals who received the promises but without the fulfillment. The fulfillment could only come after the Israelites became a nation. Now, in Egypt, they were ready to become that promised nation.

This name was spoken by Jacob on his death bed and connected with the word “*salvation*,” which is “*YESHUA*” - “*I have waited for thy SALVATION, O LORD*” (*Gen. 49:18*). This connection is made by Moses in Exodus 14:13 - “*And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the SALVATION OF THE LORD, which He will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.*” A variant of the name “*YESHUA*” is the name “*YEHOSHUA*” (*Exod. 17:9*), which is “*Joshua*,” and means virtually the same as “*YESHUA*,” which is “*JEHOVAH SAVES*” or “*JEHOVAH IS SALVATION*.” In fact, the English spelling of the name “*YESHUA*” is “*Joshua*.” But when translated into New Testament Greek it became the name translated into our English as “*JESUS*” (*Matt. 1:21*). The name “*JESUS*” means “*JEHOVAH IS SALVATION*” or “*JEHOVAH SAVES*.” Seeing that all this is connected with the LORD JESUS CHRIST, we can be assured that God will perform and finish what He has promised - “*For all the promises of God IN HIM ARE YEA, and IN HIM AMEN, unto the glory of God by us*” (*2 Cor. 1:20*). The LORD JESUS CHRIST is the SURETY of the covenant of salvation.

**(Exod. 6:4-9)** - In these verses, having reminded Moses of His great and glorious name, JEHOVAH, the Almighty God, assures Moses that all that He had promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob would be fulfilled in spite of the unbelief and rebellion of the people. God would fulfill all of the physical and temporal promises to the nation Israel, not because the people would obey and cooperate, but because of His sovereign purpose to bring Christ into the world through this nation according to the flesh. It was all ultimately to save His SPIRITUAL people, the elect, based on what the LORD JESUS CHRIST would come into the world and accomplish for the ones whom the Father gave to Him - sinners saved by grace out of every nation (Jew and Gentile). Christ would come and fulfill all righteousness by which His people are justified and give them spiritual life to believe and follow Him (*Jer. 31:31-34*). Consider some of the compound names connected with "Jehovah" that can only apply to the LORD JESUS CHRIST -

**JEHOVAH-JIREH** - The Lord will see or provide (*Gen. 22:8-14*) - In Christ all that God requires and all that we need is freely and fully provided for our complete salvation (*Rom. 8:32; 1 Cor. 1:30*).

**JEHOVAH-NISSI** - The Lord our banner (*Exod. 17:15*) - All true believers live and walk under the banner of Christ Who identifies and unifies us in Him by His Spirit and in His truth (*Psa. 20:5; 60:4; Eph. 2; 4:1-16*).

**JEHOVAH-RAPHA** - The Lord our healer (*Exod. 15:26*) - Christ is the Great Physician Who heals us from all sin and death by His death as our Surety, Substitute, and Redeemer, and gives us life and health spiritually as He preserves us unto glory (*Matt. 9:10-13; 1 Pet. 2:24*).

**JEHOVAH-SHALOM** - The Lord our peace (*Judges 6:24*) - Christ is the Prince of peace Who made peace between God and sinners by the blood of the cross (*2 Cor. 5:19-21; Col. 1:19-22*).

**JEHOVAH-TSIDQENUW** - The Lord our righteousness (*Jer. 23:5-6, 33:15-16; Rom. 1:16-17*) - Christ crucified and risen from the dead is the righteousness of His people. This is the merit of His obedience unto death imputed to them and which they receive by God-given faith.

**JEHOVAH-SABAOOTH** - The Lord of hosts (*1 Sam. 1:3*) - Christ the LORD invincible Who cannot be defeated. His will cannot go unfulfilled (*Isa. 46:9-13; Rom. 9:27-29*).

**JEHOVAH-SHAMMAH** - The Lord is present (*Ezra 48:35*) - Christ is the dwelling-place of the fullness of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Sinners draw nigh to God and are accepted with God only in Christ (*John 1:14; Eph. 1:5-7; Col. 2:9-10*).

**JEHOVAH-ROHI** - The Lord my Shepherd (*Psalms 23:1*) - Christ is the GOOD SHEPERD Who gave His life for the sheep (*John 10:11*). Christ is the GREAT SHEPHERD Who gathers, guards, and leads His sheep (*Heb. 13:20-21*). Christ is the CHIEF SHEPHERD Who keeps and brings His sheep to final glory (*1 Pet. 5:4*).