

I AM WHO I AM (Exodus 3: 13-15)

- Jesus' "I AM" statements are the most explosive claims: claims to be God

"Before Abraham was I AM" Jews sought to kill him (John 8:58)

- Revelation of Jesus: same authority: God's revelation to Moses (Ex 3)
- Jesus, literally saying to the Jews – "I am the reason for your existence"

I Background and Context (Gen 1-3)

- Gen 1: plight of the Israelites, the murder of infants, Moses' deliverance
- Gen 2: Moses kills an Egyptian, two Israelites saw the murder, he flees
- Gen 3: Moses shepherded for Jethro for 40 years, at the back of the desert
- God calls Moses, he is afraid, God assures him: a promise & His name

What's in A Name (Gen 3:13-15) (Ps 9:10)

- LORD disclosed his name as YHWH, so we may know him personally
- What does the name "I AM" which is an expression of LORD mean?

1) YHWH means – *God is mysterious*

- Most translations obscure name LORD in v.15 = related to "I will be"
- Three times v.14 "I AM" and once in v 15. "The LORD"
- Special name "He who is,"/"I am the One who is." even this mystery

2) YHWH means *he is eternal & unchangeable (immutable) in his divine being*

- Hebrew verb "**to be**" not "I was who I was" / "I will be who I will be."

3) YHWH means: God is self-existent

III. Jesus, The Great I AM

- John 8:56-58 Jesus equates Himself with the God who delivered Israel
- Rev 1:8 this is a matter of life and death (John 8:24, 28a)