

[Week 9]**The Seven “I Am” statements****I Am the Bread of Life****John.6:26-58****I Am in the Old Testament**

We now come to what is known as the seven “I Am’s” here in the gospel of John. And the seven I Am’s will reveal to us seven personal details and characteristics about the Messiah who is the same as God. Starting with understanding something from the Old Testament in regards to the phrase I AM. In [Ex.3:13-15] God appears to Moses and Identifies himself as “I Am that I Am”. [Ex.3:13-15] says;

13Then Moses said to God, “Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I will say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you.’ Now they may say to me, ‘What is His name?’ What shall I say to them?” 14And God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM”; and He said, “This is what you shall say to the sons of Israel: ‘I AM’ has sent me to you.’” 15God furthermore said to Moses, “This is what you shall say to the sons of Israel: ‘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, and this is the name for all generations to use to call upon Me.

NOTE:

In Hebrew it is translated directly as “Ehyeh asher Ehyeh”. They say it means;

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

NOTE:

I Am the Bread of Life

John.6:26-58

Now getting to [John.6:26-40] were going to see more Old Testament reminders and parallels in Jesus' teaching. In [John.6:26-40] it tells us this;

26Jesus answered them and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate some of the loaves and were filled. **27**Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that lasts for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal." **28**Therefore they said to Him, "What are we to do, so that we may accomplish the works of God?" **29**Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent." **30**So they said to Him, "What then are You doing as a sign, so that we may see, and believe You? What work are You performing?" **31**Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'HE GAVE THEM BREAD OUT OF HEAVEN TO EAT.'" **32**Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven. **33**For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven and gives life to the world." **34**Then they said to Him, "Lord, always give us this bread."
35Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; the one who comes to Me will not be hungry, and the one who believes in Me will never be thirsty. **36**But I said to you that you have indeed seen Me, and yet you do not believe. **37**Everything that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I certainly will not cast out. **38**For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. **39**And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that of everything that He has given Me I will lose nothing, but will raise it up on the last day. **40**For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day."

[Verses 26 to 40]NOTE:

[Verse 26] NOTE:

[John. 12:49] where he said “ *For I did not speak on My own, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment as to what to say and what to speak.*”

NOTE:

He says; *you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate some of the loaves and were filled*

NOTE:

[Verse 27] “*do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that lasts for eternal life.*”

NOTE:

The Title “Son of Man” NOTE:

Now Jesus also said here “*for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal.*” **NOTE:**

Now there are three things about the seal upon Jesus starting with;

1.Divine Authority:

2.Authenticity of his Message:

3.Source of Eternal Life:

[*Handout-Meaning of the Seal]

Now we have a messianic prophecy in relationship to the Seal of God upon the Messiah.

Messianic prophecy

In [Haggai.2:23] which is believed to be a messianic prophecy says this about the Messiah having Gods seal it says;

23On that day,' declares Adonai Z'va'ot-The LORD of Hosts, 'I will take you, Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, My servant,' declares the LORD, 'and I will make you like a signet ring, for I have chosen you,'" declares the LORD of armies

NOTE:

[Verses 28-34]NOTE:

Now after hearing this they ask him ***“What then are You doing as a sign, so that we may see, and believe You? What work are You performing? NOTE:***

[Deut.18:15-18].

[Verse 42 of John 6] NOTE:

[Verse 31]NOTE:

[Ex. 16; & Num. 11:7] they said; “Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘HE GAVE THEM BREAD OUT OF HEAVEN TO EAT.’”

[Verse 32]NOTE:

[Verse 33] *“For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven and gives life to the world.”*NOTE:

[Micha.5:2]NOTE:

[Verse 34]NOTE:

[Verse 35] “Ah’ni hoo lehem ha haiyeem” NOTE:

[John.14:19]

[Rom.8:23 & Phil 3:20-21]

[Verse 40]NOTE:

“The one who comes to me will not be hungry, and the one who believes in Me will never be thirsty”. NOTE:

[Verse 36] *“you have indeed seen Me, and yet you do not believe.”* NOTE:

[Verse 37]NOTE:

[Isa.42:3] says this about the Messiah;

<p><i>3“A bent reed He will not break off And a dimly burning wick He will not extinguish; He will faithfully bring forth justice.</i></p>
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NOTE:

[Isaiah 42:3 and in Matthew 12:20]NOTE:

[Verses 38-to 40]NOTE:

He states, *“I have come down from Heaven”*NOTE:

[Verses 39-40]NOTE:

[1Thess.4:17, 1Cor 15:50-57]

Ok moving on to [Verses 41-to 58] It says;

41So then the Jews were complaining about Him because He said, "I am the bread that came down out of heaven." **42**And they were saying, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does He now say, 'I have come down out of heaven'?" **43**Jesus answered and said to them, "Stop complaining among yourselves. **44**No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day. **45**It is written in the Prophets: 'AND THEY SHALL ALL BE TAUGHT OF GOD.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me. **46**Not that anyone has seen the Father, except the One who is from God; He has seen the Father. **47**Truly, truly, I say to you, the one who believes has eternal life. **48** I am the bread of life. **49**Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. **50**This is the bread that comes down out of heaven, so that anyone may eat from it and not die. **51**I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats from this bread, he will live forever; and the bread which I will give for the life of the world also is My flesh."

52Then the Jews began to argue with one another, saying, "How can this man give us His flesh to eat?" **53**So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves. **54**The one who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. **55**For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink. **56**The one who eats My flesh and drinks My blood remains in Me, and I in him. **57**Just as the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, the one who eats Me, he also will live because of Me. **58**This is the bread that came down out of heaven, not as the fathers ate and died; the one who eats this bread will live forever."

Now here in [Verse 41] were told that the people began to complain because they obviously did not grasp that Jesus was revealing that he was the Messiah chosen by God and then was sent by the father to them. It's also clear that they did not understand that he was saying two things to them and the first one was;

1.

[John.8:58]

2.

NOTE:

[*See Handout-Rabbinic thoughts and envisions on the Messiah's arrival]

[Isa 9:6] which says, For a Child will be born to us, a Son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

NOTE:

In the Hebrew is that the title word for “Mighty God” is the word “**El Gibor**” which translates in plain English to:

[Verse 42]NOTE:

[Verses 43-45]NOTE:

Starting with number one;

1. [Verse 44] *“No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day”* **NOTE:**

2.

[Isa.54:12-14] says this;

12 I will make your pinnacles of rubies, your gates of sparkling jewels, and all your walls of precious stones. 13Then all your sons will be taught by the LORD, and great will be their prosperity. 14In righteousness you will be established, far from oppression, for you will have no fear.

NOTE: This whole chapter of [Isa 54]

[Verses 46-to 48] **NOTE:**

The HEBREW -Ahnee hoo-lehem ha haiyeem, “He is the living bread” which sustains man with everlasting eternal life.

[Verses 49-to 51]**NOTE:**

[Verse 51]**NOTE:**

[*Handout-Cannibalism in the Old Testament]

[Verse 52]**NOTE:**

[Verse 53-to 57]NOTE:

[Lev. 3:17,& 17:10-14] Which says;

17It is a permanent statute throughout your generations in all your dwelling places: you shall not eat any fat or any blood.” **And then in [Lev.17:10-14] Says;**

10’And anyone from the house of Israel, or from the strangers who reside among them, who eats any blood, I will set My face against that person who eats the blood, and will cut him off from among his people. **11**For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement.’ **12**Therefore I said to the sons of Israel, ‘No person among you may eat blood, nor may any stranger who resides among you eat blood.’ **13**So when anyone from the sons of Israel, or from the strangers who reside among them, while hunting catches an animal or a bird which may be eaten, he shall pour out its blood and cover it with dirt.**14**“For as the life of all flesh, its blood is identified with its life. Therefore, I said to the sons of Israel, ‘You are not to eat the blood of any flesh, for the life of all flesh is its blood; whoever eats it shall be cut off.’

NOTE:

[Verse 54-55]NOTE:

So the two references that Jesus speaks concerning eating his flesh relate to;

1. **The Sacrificial Passover lamb-NOTE:**

2. **The Blood of the Passover lamb-NOTE:**

Jesus said in [John 14:6], "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

[Verses 57-and 58] NOTE: