

A New Way of Living is About to Begin

“Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt”, Exodus 3:16.

As with the New Testament, each day as it dawns is a new day, and as we see what happened to Moses, the same is for us, and the message can be the same for us.

This is very much a case of God using the ordinary to bring about the extra-ordinary.

In the New Testament God used unlearned fishermen. In this instance God uses an unlearned shepherd – a person despised by the Egyptians, “That ye shall say, Thy servants’ trade hath been about cattle from our youth even until now, both we, and also our fathers: that ye may dwell in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd is an abomination unto the Egyptians”, Genesis 46:34.

What happened to Moses? He woke up, stretched, got ready, went out with his sheep, and that, so far as Moses was concerned was to be his day.

What happened to you – the reader? You woke up, you stretched, you got ready to do your chores, and that, dear reader, was as far as you were concerned would be your day.

Moses dealt with his sheep, you started working at your daily chores, neither having any thought that they would be meeting – and talking with – God FACE TO FACE, and he, like many today, had not considered what God might be planning for the day, had stood there with his mouth going before his mind.

Moses question in verse 13, “...What is his name? what shall I say unto them?” is quite legitimate, for he did not regard himself as being one of the patriarchs of Israel, we, on the other hand, with the knowledge and teaching that is at our disposal through the Scriptures, would have no legitimacy in asking the same question.

God revealed His name to Moses – ‘I AM WHO I AM’, or to base it upon the seven statements in John’s Gospel, 6:35; 8:12; 10:9; 10:11; 11:25; 14:6; and 15:1–5, we can re-paraphrase ‘I AM WHO I AM’ to ‘I WAS, I AM, AND ALWAYS WILL BE’.

Through Moses, the work of ‘I am who I am’ was completely fulfilled despite Pharaoh’s anti God crusade; thus, through us the work of ‘I was,

I am, and always will be' will be done despite Satan's anti God crusade.

The first word in this verse is 'GO', a command, a directive order. The command given to Moses by the person speaking is 'I am...The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob..."', three people who were well and truly not living on the earth at that time, yet the God speaking to Moses was the acknowledged creator of the earth some 2025 years BEFORE Abraham was born, and was now talking to Moses some 140 years AFTER the death of Jacob, and the fact that God was a LIVING God had to be declared again by Jesus, "I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living", Matthew 22:32.

Why would Jesus make this statement if God was not alive, more so, why did Jesus make this statement if Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were not living, albeit not on this earth?