

Jehovah-Shammah

The Lord Is There

The Names of God, Part 8

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Last week we learned about Jehovah-Tsidkenu the Lord our righteousness. God is the standard of righteousness in areas of life. It is the foundation upon which God's throne and kingdom are established. It speaks of God's faithfulness to His own nature and to His covenant promises. Jehovah-Tsidkenu justifies his people, through vindication, when they or their cause is maligned by others. He is the source of imputed righteousness for His people. He is the LORD our Righteousness!

This week we will learn about Jehovah-Shammah, The Lord is there. We will look at both the prophetic future and present spiritual applications.

7.) Jehovah-Shammah

יהוה שָׁמָּה (*Jeh hoh' vuh shuhm' maw*) "Yahweh is there": The name to be given to the new Jerusalem, restored and glorified, as seen in the vision of **Ezekiel 48:35** "The distance all around will be 18,000 cubits. "And the name of the city from that time on will be: THE LORD IS THERE."

• A New City an Eternal Dwelling Place

The prophet Ezekiel tells of God's judgment on Jerusalem and the departure of God's glory from the temple prior to judgment on the city (cf. Eze. 10:16-18; 11:23). In chapter 48 Ezekiel prophesies of a new city where the presence of the Lord will dwell forever. Its name is "THE LORD IS THERE."

Rev. 21:10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.

Jeremiah 3:17 At that time they will call Jerusalem The Throne of the LORD, and all nations will gather in Jerusalem to honor the name of the LORD. No longer will they follow the stubbornness of their evil hearts.

Rev. 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God."

Isaiah 12:1-6 In that day you will say: "I will praise you, O LORD. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me. ²Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation." ³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴In that day you will say: "Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. ⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you."

Rev. 7:15 (KJV) Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

Isaiah 24:23 The moon will be abashed, the sun ashamed; for the LORD Almighty will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and before its elders, gloriously.

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Revelation 22:1-5 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. ⁴They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

• The Present State of the Believer

The LORD is there indwelling the believer: John 14:18-20 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

Ephes. 3:17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,

Rev. 3:20 Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.

The LORD is there indwelling His temple: 1 Cor. 3:16 Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?

1 Cor. 6:19 Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;

2 Cor. 6:16 What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people."

Galatians 4:6 Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father."

That the gospel-church should likewise have the presence of God in it, though not in the Shechinah, as of old, yet in a token of it no less sure, that of his Spirit. Where the gospel is faithfully preached, gospel ordinances are duly administered, and God is worshipped in the name of Jesus Christ only, it may truly be said, The Lord is there; for faithful is he that has said, and he will be as good as his word, Lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world. The Lord is there in his church, to rule and govern it, to protect and defend it, and graciously to accept and own his sincere worshippers, and to be nigh unto them in all that they call upon him for. This should engage us to keep close to the communion of saints, for the Lord is there; and then whither shall we go to better ourselves? Nay, it is true of every good Christian; he dwells in God, and God in him; whatever soul has in it a living principle of grace, it may be truly said, The Lord is There.

—Matthew Henry, Commentary on the Whole Bible

The LORD is there with the followers of Christ: Matthew 18:20 For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

Ephes. 2:21-22 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Hebrews 13:5 Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

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• Citizens of the New Jerusalem

Ephes. 2:12-13 remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.

Philip. 3:20 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,

Hebrews 12:22-24 But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, ²³ to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the judge of all men, to the spirits of righteous men made perfect, ²⁴ to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

In Psalm 23 we see the fullness of Jehovah Elohim, the eternal covenant keeping LORD GOD.

- **Jehovah-Raah, The Lord my shepherd: Psalm 23:1** The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.
- **Jehovah-Jireh, The Lord will provide: Psalm 23:2** He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,
- **Jehovah-Rapha, The Lord our healer: Psalm 23:3a** he restores my soul.
- **Jehovah-Tsidkenu, The Lord our righteousness: Psalm 23:3b** He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- **Jehovah-Shalom, The Lord is peace: Psalm 23:4** Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- **Jehovah-Nissi, the Lord my banner: Psalm 23:5** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- **Jehovah-Shammah, The Lord is there: Psalm 23:6** Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

A little child misquoting Psalm 23 said, "The Lord is my shepherd—what more shall I want?"

Psalm 23:1 (ICB) The Lord is my shepherd. I have everything I need.

—*International Children's Bible, New Century Version*