

"SO WHEN DID GOD STOP CALLING HIMSELF ALMIGHTY?"

The word 'Almighty' is God's term for himself, as it means unlimited in might; omnipotent; all-powerful; irresistible; omniscient; omnipresent; eternal ... and with the capital 'A' standing for deity.

The word 'sovereign' can only ever be used for a human monarch; the ruler of a country; exercising power of rule; superior to all others. The word 'sovereign' does not have a capital 's', and therefore is not deity.

The word 'sovereign' is a title for people here on earth, and the coins minted in their honour. There are many earthly sovereigns, comparing and measuring themselves with and amongst themselves (<u>2 Corinthians 10:12</u>), but there are none that are Almighty that possess all power, omniscience, omnipotence, and omnipresence. Furthermore, the Almighty God compares himself to no thing nor nobody.

For the mathematically minded using Venn diagrams of sets and subsets, the general understanding is that 'sovereign' is a subset of 'Almighty'. However, the reality is, that 'the Almighty God' is a discrete, that is, an entirely separate set, from 'the sovereign God', and not even to be associated, in any way shape or form, with the word 'sovereign'.

SOME OF GOD'S NAMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

God (Genesis 1:1); God Almighty (Exodus 6:3); LORD (Isaiah 26:4); Jehovah (Exodus 6:3; I AM THAT I AM (Exodus 3:14); LORD JEHOVAH (Isaiah 26:4); the Almighty God (Genesis 17:1) as the following four scriptures state ...

"And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the **LORD** appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am **the Almighty God**; walk before me, and be thou perfect." (<u>Genesis 17:1</u>)

"And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the **name** of **God Almighty**, but by my name **JEHOVAH** was I not known to them." (<u>Exodus 6:3</u>)

"Trust ye in the **LORD** for ever: for in the **LORD JEHOVAH** is everlasting strength:" (Isaiah 26:4)

"And **God** said unto Moses, **I AM THAT I AM**: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **I AM** hath sent me unto you." (<u>Exodus 3:14</u>). Jesus Christ, being God manifest in the flesh (<u>1 Timothy 3:16</u>), uses the same name (<u>John 8:58</u>).

The name 'I AM THAT I AM' denotes what God is in himself, and this is why God Almighty CAN NOT call himself 'I AM WHAT I AM' or 'I AM WHO I AM'.

'I AM THAT I AM' explains his name of JEHOVAH, and signifies that God is not created; is self-existent; has his being of himself; has no dependence upon any other; is self-

sufficient; is all sufficient; is eternal; is unchangeable; and is always the same, yesterday, today and for ever; and "He will be **that** he is" ... and **not** "he will be **what** he is."

Sovereign rulers here on earth may say "I am **what** I am", but none may say "I am **that** I am" as this is more than any creature, man or angel is permitted to utter, and thereby make themselves God Almighty. Let's look at **six time periods** to describe his being the Almighty.

1. WAS GOD ALMIGHTY, JESUS CHRIST, BEFORE CREATION?

When Jesus Christ created the heavens and the earth (<u>Genesis 1:1</u>; <u>Colossians 1:16-17</u>), there were no other gods to be compared to. Therefore to call God, before creation, a sovereign God, would be stupidity in the highest as "... he is before all things..." (<u>Colossians 1:17</u>), therefore, his correct title must be Almighty God and God Almighty (<u>Genesis 17:1</u>) ... that is the "I AM THAT I AM" ... and not sovereign God.

Dear Reader, the word 'sovereign' means 'above' or 'superior' to all others. Now if there aren't any others at the time of creation, using the word 'sovereign' for God, before creation, makes no sense. So the title of 'sovereign God' cannot be used for God, Jesus Christ, at the time of creation.

2. WAS GOD CALLED ALMIGHTY IN THE OLD TESTAMENT?

To call God 'sovereign' in the Old Testament is to say there are other gods that he compares himself to ... **which there are not**, as the scriptures say ...

"Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and **beside me there is no God**. Is there a God beside me? yea, **there is no God**; I know not any." (<u>Isaiah 44:6-8</u>).

As stated ... "The Almighty God compares himself to no thing ... nor to nobody ... creature, angel or man."

3. WAS JESUS CHRIST, AS THE SON OF MAN, CALLED GOD ALMIGHTY?

When speaking to the Jews in the temple, "Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Before Abraham was, I am**. Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by." (<u>John 8:58-59</u>), thereby stating that he was the 'I AM THAT I AM', God Almighty of the Old Testament (<u>Exodus 3:14</u>).

Furthermore, much to the burning hatred of the Jews, we know that Jesus Christ, in forgiving sins, was God (Mark 2:7) ... that is, God Almighty manifest in the flesh (1Timothy 3:16). Indeed, they stoned him "...saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that **thou, being a man, makest thyself God**." (John 10:33)

In addition, Jesus Christ, as the Son of man, was the Lord Almighty as follows ...

"And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith **the Lord Almighty**." (2 Corinthians 6:18).

Dear Reader, as you will know, all throughout the scriptures, God Jehovah is called the **LORD**, and Jesus Christ in the New Testament is called the **Lord** ... notice the difference in the capitals.

4. IS JESUS CHRIST CALLED THE LORD ALMIGHTY IN PAUL'S DISPENSATION?

He is, as the following verse states ...

"And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith **the Lord Almighty**." (2 Corinthians 6:18)

5. IS CHRIST IN HEAVEN CALLED GOD ALMIGHTY?

God Almighty in heaven, loves talking to God Almighty in heaven, as follows ...

"Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; **therefore God, even thy God**, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows." (<u>Hebrews 1:9</u>)

6. IS THE LORD JESUS CHRIST CALLED GOD ALMIGHTY AT ARMAGEDDON?

"And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of **Almighty God**." (Revelation 19:15)

So Dear Reader, above are some examples that may help you understand the **'I AM THAT I AM'** ... and that he **CAN NOT** be untrue to himself, by calling himself a wormy, sin-ridden sovereign.

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