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- Deut. 10:17 - “For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome.”
- Psalm 47:2 - “For the LORD Most High is awesome.”
- Psalm 68:35 - “O God, You are more awesome than Your holy places. The God of Israel is He who gives strength and power to His people. Blessed be God!"
- Psalm 111:9 - “He has sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever: Holy and awesome is His name.”
- Psalm 99:2-3 - “The LORD is great in Zion, And He is high above all the peoples. 3 Let them praise Your great and awesome name--He is holy.”
Awesome God

Who will not fear You, O Lord? Rev. 15:3

Our God is an awesome God; He reigns from heaven above with wisdom, pow'r and love. Our God is an awesome God! God! Our God is an awesome God! Our God is an awesome God!
The Name Of God

- Jehovah - JHWH - “He exists”
- The Tetragrammaton is pronounced Yahweh, translated as Lord God in the Septuagint, translated as Jehovah in English versions
- “The self-Existent or Eternal; Jehovah, Jewish national name of God; Jehovah, the Lord” (Strong's)
- “The unchanging, eternal, self-existent God, the ‘I am that I am’” (Eastons Bible Dictionary)
The Name Of God

• In Ex. 6:3, God says, “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.”

• Has a parallel among the ancestors of the Jews, the Eberon, descendents of Eber, the only God fearing family after the tower of Babel. They had a similar word that translates as “The Greener.”

• It is a name that does not appear in history as the name of any god, and is a speech construction unfamiliar and unusual for humankind.
The Name Of God

- Jehovah comes from a verb form that translates as “he is”
- They had only two kinds of verb forms: complete and incomplete
  - Complete - finished, accomplished, past and present
  - Incomplete - ongoing, unfinished, present, future, past through present into future
The Name Of God

• Jehovah is the most unusual form of the incomplete verb: He exists, not in the past, present, and future, but rather...
  – In the past, “He exists” (present, incomplete form)
  – In the present, “He exists” (present, incomplete form)
  – In the future, “He exists” (in the present, incomplete form)
The Name Of God

• We don’t talk that way; it doesn’t make sense unless you are talking about God
  – Ex. 3:14 - “And God said to Moses, I AM WHO I AM. And He said, Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'”
  – John 8:58 - “Jesus said to them, Most assuredly I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.”
The Name Of God

• “God is”: past, present, future; He does not change
  – Mal. 3:6 - “For I am Jehovah, I do not change”
  – Heb. 13:8 - “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”
The Name Of God

- God exists outside, is not bound by, time, space, matter, energy, and the laws that govern them
  - “God is” before there was space, matter, and energy
  - Gen. 1:1 - “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”
The Name Of God

• “God is” before there was time.
  – Time does not exist in the absence of the universe of space, matter, and energy.
  – Time is a measurement of duration and intervals between processes and events
The Name Of God

• “God is” before, after, and apart from this universe
  – Psalm 102:24-27 - “I said, O my God, Do not take me away in the midst of my days; Your years are throughout all generations. 25 Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. 26 They will perish, but You will endure; Yes, they will all grow old like a garment; Like a cloak You will change them, And they will be changed. 27 But You are the same, And Your years will have no end.”
“GOD IS” Before There Was…
The Name Of God

• He can be in all places because he is not bound by space
• He can exist in all time because he is not bound by time
• He can manifest Himself in this world and be in heaven at the same time because he is not bound by matter and energy
The Name Of God

• He is not bound by the laws of Thermodynamics that govern matter and energy:
  – First - Law of conservation of matter and energy - the total amount of combined matter and energy in the universe does not change. Matter and energy can change into each other and into forms of less usable or of lower energy, but it cannot be annihilated

• God doesn’t need matter and energy to create; He can simply command it into existence
  – Heb. 11:3 - “By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.”
The Name Of God

• Second - Law of entropy - local systems tend to disorder; matter and energy decay into forms less usable, less recoverable, or lower state. This universe is bound by these laws.

• God is not so bound. He does not age; He does not decrease in power; God is not bound by the restrictions of time and decay
  – 2Peter 3:8 - “But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.”
What Does The Name Of God Mean For Our Future?

• Implications for the Incarnation: Jesus is all of those things said about God
  – Heb. 1:3 - “Who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high”
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• Col. 1:15-17 - “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.”
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- Not all sacrifices were made on the cross
  - When He left heaven to become a man, He returned to heaven glorified as the Son of Man and to serve in heaven as our high priest
  - Heb. 2:17 - “Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.”
  - Heb. 7:24-25 - “But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. 25 Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.”
  - A high priest has to be a man - Heb. 5:1-9
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• Jesus became man and was exalted as such
  – Phil. 2:5-9 - “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name”

• Jesus, as the firstborn from the dead, now enjoys the nature of God that is unbound by time, space, matter, energy, and the laws that govern them
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• Implications for our existence in heaven
  – We are joint heirs with Christ and will share in His glory and condition
  – Rom. 8:16-18 - “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. 18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”

• As children of God, we will receive the same glory and nature as the Son of God
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- We will enjoy the nature of God that is unbound by time, space, matter, energy, and the laws that govern them.
- We will enjoy, in its fullness, a share in the Divine nature, the Godhood.
  - 2Peter 1:3-4 - “as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”
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• In heaven, we will share in the nature of our awesome God!
  – 1John 3:1-3 - “Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. 2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.”