

Behold I Come!

It was nothing but a cold and uninhabitable orb in space. It was void and without form. Cold dark waters covered the depths of this lifeless world. But this dead planet would soon have a visitor. "The Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." The Spirit of God moved in the mist that shrouded of earth and God spoke. And the Logos, the living breathing Word, would make manifest and reveal to us the invisible. *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made."* So the Logos became the Living Word, the Ancient of Days, the *"one whose goings forth have been of old, from everlasting to everlasting."* The Living Word of God collided with what was once barren and it was barren no more. The Word became the creator and life was born. *"And God created man in His own image."*

The visitations of the Word continued. Both Adam and Eve visited with God in Eden. It was said that Enoch and Noah walked with God. The Lord Himself came with two of His angels and fellowshiped with Abraham in the shade of an oak tree. He appeared again to Abraham as the King of Righteousness and the King of Peace. He was called a Priest without father or mother and had no beginning of days and no end of life. He was like the Son of God and He was an eternal Priest! He was seen again as the Angel of the Lord who appeared to the lowly Hagar and she identified Him as "the God who sees." He came and wrestled with Jacob in the night. And a man who had been a deceiver all his life became the Prince of God and said "I have seen God face to face and I have been preserved." He appeared again on the plains of Midian. It was there that Moses heard an awesome yet gentle voice calling his name. He turns to see a bush filled with flames yet unconsumed. Anything filled with the presence of God is indestructible! And Moses removed his shoes because the sand beneath his feet had become holy ground. The desert had become a cathedral. A lowly bush had become the throne of God. And from this burning throne the visitor identified himself as, "I AM that I AM." As if to say, "I cannot be declared in words and cannot be conceived by human thought. I simply exist. I exist as nothing else does. If I am to give myself a name expressive of my nature, within the limits of language, than call me I AM!" We see Him again when Joshua and the people of God faced impossible odds. In a new land and surrounded by their enemies He reveals Himself as the Captain of the Lord's Host. He stands with a sword drawn in His hand and Joshua falls on the ground and worships the Holy and Mighty defender of the people of God. When three young Hebrews would not to bow to the king of Babylon and chose instead to serve the Most High God, He appeared again as the fourth man in the furnace. They walked away from the flames with not a hair on their heads singed and their clothes did not even smell of smoke! He came from worlds unknown and walked across centuries. He appears on each page of the Bible. And through He was the mysterious Word of God, He came to us in ways we could understand. He came as our friend. He came as a defender and deliverer. And one night in Bethlehem, He came to us yet again. It was not as a burning bush, a cloud in the desert or pillar of fire. But He came as a baby born in a lowly manger. He became like us! "And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us!" He came to touch us, to know us, to love us, to teach us, and to redeem us. *"And His name shall be called Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sin."* The one who formed the worlds with His hands, used those same hands to break bread

and feed the hungry. And with His voice He controlled the winds and waves that same voice created. The friend of Abraham became a friend to sinners. The Angel who wrestled with Jacob and changed him forever, wrestled and defeated the nature of men like Simon Peter and Saul of Tarsus. The voice from the burning bush who declared Himself as I AM, also said, I AM the Bread of Life, I AM the Light of the World, I AM the Good Shepherd, I AM the Resurrection and the Life, I AM the True Vine, I AM the Way, the Truth and the Life, I AM the Alpha and Omega. Before Abraham was, I AM! The mighty Captain of the Lord's Host became the Captain of our Salvation! And the fourth man in the furnace walked through the furnace of God's judgment at Golgotha, and there on a sinners cross, gave His life and paid my debt of sin to the law forever! Allowing us to walk away with not even the smell of judgment upon us. And three days after His death He shattered the bonds of death and became the first of many who would now have eternal life. And then He left our world. With His followers watching He ascended into the clouds and was gone. But the angel said, "*Why stand you here gazing into heaven? This same Jesus shall return in like manner.*" So there will be another visitation! The Word of God, the creator of the universe, Abraham's friend, Jacob's Angel, I Am from the burning bush, the Captain of the Lord's Host, the fourth man in the furnace, Jesus our Savior, is coming back! He will not come as a baby in a manger. He will not come to be mocked and scorned. He will not come to be beaten and crucified. But He will come "*without sin unto salvation and His reward will be with Him.*" He is coming as the King of all Kings and the Lord of all Lords! He is coming as the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last, He that was dead and is now alive forevermore! "*Behold I come! In the volumes of the Book it is written of me.*"
Psalms 40:7