

For Discussion 6:2-5

Theme	First Panel 1:1-4:18	Second Panel 4:19-40:38
Entering Egypt	1:1-7, Eleven tribes go to Egypt & multiply	4:19-31, Moses returns to Egypt with his family
Oppression	1:8-22, Pharaoh oppresses Israel	5:1-6:1, Oppression increases
Leaders raised up	2:1-4, Moses born	6:2-27, Moses & Aaron appointed
Moses & Pharaoh	2:5-10, Moses as a son	6:28-13:16, Moses as a deliverer
Travel to Horeb	2:11-15, Moses flees to Midian	13:17-17:7, Israel from Egypt to Sinai
Conflict	2:16-17, Moses overcomes shepherds	17:8-16, Moses overcomes Amalek
Moses and Jethro	2:18-22, Moses' Midianite family	18:1-27, Moses' Midianite family
Encounter with God at Horeb	2:23-4:18, Moses to "serve God upon this mountain," 3:12	19:1-40:38, At Horeb, Israel enters covenant with God

- What grammatical feature defines the structure of 6:2-27?
- What statement by God is concentrated in Exodus 6?
- In what context does God introduce this name in Genesis?
- What does the name "God Almighty" mean in Genesis?
- Did the Patriarchs know the name Jehovah (LORD, YHWH), or not? Explain 6:3.
- How does Israel come to know this name in Exodus?
- What is the difference between making a covenant, establishing it, and remembering it?
- How many covenants did God make with the patriarchs?
- When did he establish his covenant with them?
- What is the relation between the covenant with Abraham and the covenant at Sinai?
- Why does an omniscient God need to hear, and how can an eternal God remember or forget?

6:2-27, God Commissions
Moses and Aaron

2-5, the Commissioner: "I am the LORD"

6-13, the Commission

6-9, to the children of Israel
 • 6-8, the Message
 • 9, Moses' experience

10-12, to Pharaoh
 • 10-11, the Message
 • 12, Moses' objection

13, Summary

14-27, the Commissioned:
"This is that Aaron and Moses"

I Am the LORD

Exo 3:13 And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them? 14 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. 15 And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The **LORD** God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.

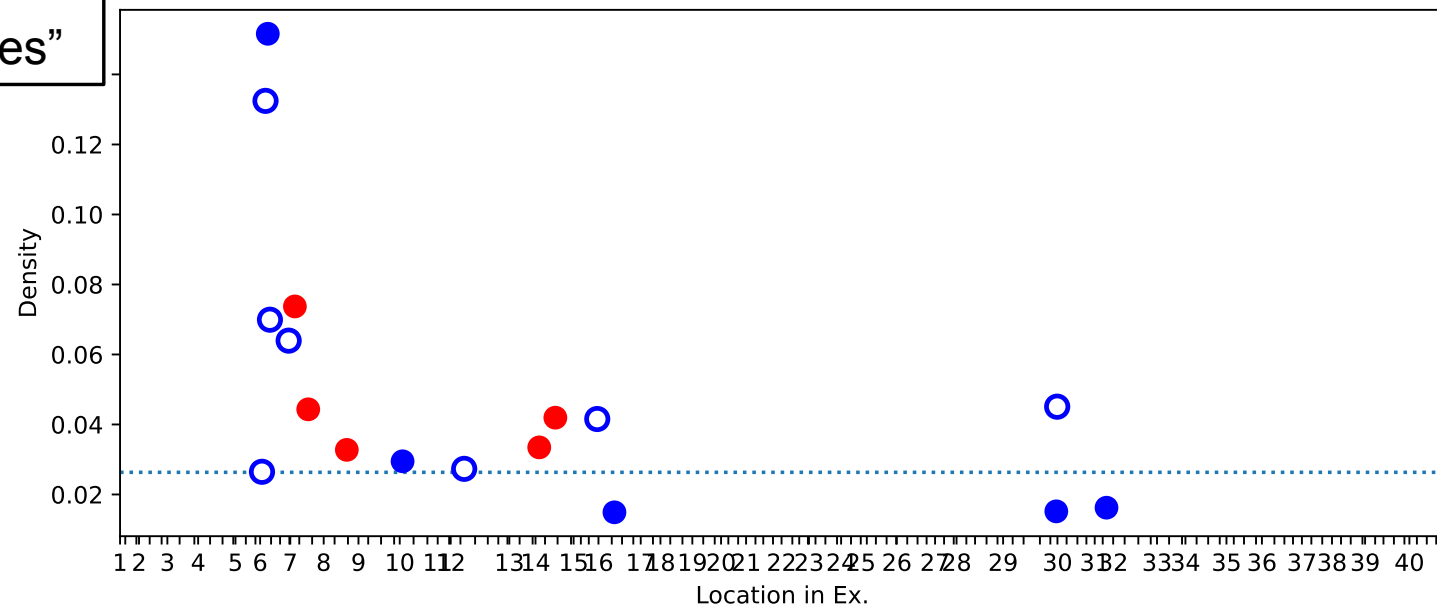
"I am the Lord" →

Blue: to Israel

Red: to Egypt

Hollow: without "know"

Solid: with "know"



6:3 “God Almighty,” El Shadday

LXX in Job

Almighty (Shadday, not El Shadday)

El Shadday: Genesis

Gen. 17:1 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. 2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will **multiply thee** exceedingly.

Gen. 28:3 And **God Almighty** bless thee, and **make thee fruitful, and multiply thee**, that thou mayest be a multitude of people;

Gen. 35:11 And God said unto him, I am **God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply**; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins;

Gen. 43:14 And **God Almighty** give you mercy before the man, that he may **send away your other brother, and Benjamin**. If I be bereaved of my children, I am bereaved.

48:3 And Jacob said unto Joseph, **God Almighty** appeared unto me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me, 4 And said unto me, Behold, **I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee**, and I will make of thee a **multitude** of people; and will give this land to thy seed after thee for an everlasting possession.

LXX in Genesis and Exodus

“your God” (Gen 17:7, “to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee”)

Did the Patriarchs know the name “Jehovah”?

They Used It

Gen 4:26 And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to **call upon the name of the LORD**.

Gen 12:7 And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him. 8 And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, having Bethel on the west, and Hai on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the LORD, and **called upon the name of the LORD**. (cf. 13:4; 21:33)

Gen 26:25 And he [Isaac] builded an altar there, and **called upon the name of the LORD**, and pitched his tent there: ...

Gen 49:18 I [Jacob] have waited for thy salvation, **O LORD**.

Linked to the Covenant

Gen 15:6 And he believed in **the LORD**; and he counted it to him for righteousness. 7 And he said unto him, **I am the LORD** that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it. ... 18 In the same day **the LORD** made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:

Gen. 28:13 And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, **I am the LORD** God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;

What does it mean to “know a name”?

Isa 19:21 And **the LORD shall be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians shall know the LORD** in that day,...

Isa 52:6 Therefore **my people shall know my name**: therefore they shall know in that day that **I am he** that doth speak: behold, it is I.

God's Actions Reveal his Name

6:3 established my covenant (קום *hifil, qoom* H6965)

1. God “made” (כרת *karat* H3772) only one covenant with the Patriarchs

Gen. 15:18 In the same day the LORD **made** a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:

2. The Covenant Focuses on the Land → Extends beyond Sinai

Gen.	12	13	15	17	18	22
Land	x	x	x	x		x
Seed	x	x	x	x	x	x
Blessing	x		x	x		x
Nations	x			x		x

Gal 3:16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. 17 And this I say, that the covenant [to Abraham], that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law [Sinai], which was four hundred and thirty years after, **cannot disannul**, that it should make the promise of none effect.

3. “will establish” vs. “have established”

Gen 17:7 And I **will establish** my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, ...

Gen 17:19 And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and **I will establish** my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him. ...21 But my covenant **will I establish** with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.

Paradoxes in 6:5

When God appeared ...

Exo 2:23 ... the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage. 24 And God **heard their groaning**, and God **remembered his covenant** with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

6:5a I have ... heard ...

Psa 139:7 **Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?** 8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. 9 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; 10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

Jer 23:24 Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. **Do not I fill heaven and earth?** saith the LORD.

6:5b I have remembered ...

Gen. 21:33 And Abraham planted a grove in Beersheba, and called there on the name of the LORD, the **everlasting** God.

Is. 40:28 Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the **everlasting** God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

Isa 46:10 **Declaring the end from the beginning**, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

Is. 43:25 I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and **will not remember** thy sins.

Jer. 31:34 ... I will forgive their iniquity, and I **will remember their sin no more.**

In the limit ...

Jhn 1:14 ... the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, ...