

“Before Abraham was born, I AM”

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In Greek, "ego eimi" means, "I AM." When Moses asked God His name, He said, "**I AM** who **I AM**"; and He said, 'Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, **I AM** has sent me to you.'" (Ex. 3:14)

Jesus continually called Himself "I AM" (ego eimi) throughout His ministry, which pointed to His deity. In John 8:58, Jesus said, "Truly, truly I say to you, before Abraham was born, I AM." He was clearly claiming that He existed before Abraham because He is God. This is why the Jehovah's Witness *New World Translation* mistranslates ego eimi in John 8:58. The correct translation is "before Abraham was born, I AM (ego eimi)." The NWT purposely mistranslates it to "**I have been**" because they don't want Jehovah's Witnesses to see Jesus' claim of deity.

To be consistent, the *New World Translation* should have translated "ego eimi" as "I have been" in all other places where it appears. As you read the verses below, notice that the *New World Translation* translates *ego eimi* as "I AM" in every verse except John 8:58.

John 6:48-"I AM (ego eimi) the bread of life."

John 6:51-"I AM (ego eimi) the living bread that came down from heaven..."

John 8:12-"I Am (ego eimi) the light of the world..."

John 8:24-"For if you do not believe that I AM (ego eimi) he ('he' is added by NWT but isn't in the Greek manuscripts), you will die in your sins."

John 10:7-"I AM (ego eimi) the door of the sheep."

John 10:9-"I AM (ego eimi) the door..."

John 10:11-"I AM (ego eimi) the fine shepherd..."

John 10:14-"I AM (ego eimi) the fine shepherd..."

John 11:25-"I AM (ego eimi) the resurrection and the life."

John 14:6-"I AM (ego eimi) the way and the truth and the life."

John 15:1-"I AM (ego eimi) the true vine..."

John 18:5-"He said to them, I AM (ego eimi) he." (The last "he" is added by NWT but isn't in the Greek manuscripts).

John 8:58-"Before Abraham came into existence, I have been (ego eimi)."