

Is Jehovah of the Old Testament Jesus of the New Testament?

Jehovah is used in the Old Testament some 7,000 times. In the King James Version of the Bible the word Jehovah is translated *Lord*. Jehovah in the Old Testament and Jesus in the New Testament are one in the same.

Jesus means “Jehovah saves”.

Dr. Michael Heiser wrote:

We’ve seen how the NT writers are repurposing, they’re drawing from this OT passages about the “Word” being very explicitly Jehovah Himself, Yahweh...

...In Jeremiah 1:1–9, this is the call of Jeremiah, where Jeremiah very plainly—the text is unmistakable—says that, “The word of the Lord came to me,” and then Jeremiah calls the Word Yahweh, Jehovah.¹

Regarding John 1:1² J. Vernon McGee wrote:

Notice how important the Word is in the Old Testament. For instance, the name for Jehovah was never pronounced. It was such a holy word that they never used it at all. But this is the One who is the Word and, gathering up everything that was said of Him in the Old Testament, He is now presented as the One “In the beginning.” This beginning antedates the very first words in the Bible, “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”...

...The second statement is this, “and the Word was with God.” This makes it abundantly clear that He is separate and distinct from God the Father. You cannot identify Him as God the Father because He is with God. “But,” someone says, “if He is with God, He is not God.” The third statement sets us straight, “and the Word was God.” This is a clear, emphatic declaration that the Lord Jesus Christ is God. In fact, the Greek is more specific than this, because in the Greek language the important word is placed at the beginning of the sentence and it reads, “God was the Word.” That is emphatic; you cannot get it more emphatic than that...³

The Lord Jesus is the Word of God (Re 19:13) and the Word of Life (1 Jn 1:1).

¹ Heiser, M. S. (2014). *OT291 The Jewish Trinity: How the Old Testament Reveals the Christian Godhead*. Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press.

² In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God (Jn 1:1).

³ McGee, J. V. (1991). *Thru the Bible commentary: The Gospels (John 1-10)* (electronic ed., Vol. 38, pp. 19–20). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.