

Jesus is the Great “I AM” (REV23)

- 1) “I am” reveals God as the *eternal present tense*.
- 2) Jesus used this title of Himself in **John 8:58**: “Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am.”
- 3) The Jehovah’s Witnesses translate **John 8:58** “...before Abraham was, I existed.”

This is a clear perversion of the Greek text.

- 4) “I am” translates the Greek phrase ἐγώ εἰμι (*ego eimi*).

ἐἰμι is the *present tense verb* ‘to be’ and it is uniformly translated as such throughout the New Testament:

John 6:48: “ἐγώ εἰμι ὁ ἄρτος τῆς ζωῆς”: “I am the bread of life.”

John 8:12: “ἐγώ εἰμι τὸ φῶς τοῦ κόσμου”: “I am the light of the world.”

John 8:23: “ἐγὼ οὐκ εἰμι ἐκ τοῦ κόσμου τούτου”: “I am not of this world.”

John 10:9: “ἐγώ εἰμι ἡ θύρᾶ”: “I am the door.”

John 10:11: “ἐγώ εἰμι ὁ ποιμὴν ὁ καλός”; “I am the good shepherd.”

John 11:25: “ἐγώ εἰμι ἡ ἀνάστασις καὶ ἡ ζωή”; “I am the resurrection and the life.”

John 14:6: “ἐγώ εἰμι ἡ ὁδὸς καὶ ἡ ἀλήθεια καὶ ἡ ζωή”: “I am the way, and the truth, and the life.”

Now look at **John 8:58**: “πρὶν ᾿Αβραὰμ γενέσθαι ἐγώ εἰμι”: “before Abraham was, I am.”