

# The Two Sets of Seven “I AM” Sayings in John

*Septuagint background:*

Behold, behold, I AM ἐγώ εἰμι, and there is no God apart from me (Deut 32,39).

I, God, am the first and into all future I AM ἐγώ εἰμι (Isaiah 41,4).

You are my witnesses, and I am witness, says the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I AM ἐγώ εἰμι (Isaiah 43,10).

I AM ἐγώ εἰμι and there is none besides (Isaiah 45,18).

Even to old age I AM ἐγώ εἰμι and until you grow old I AM ἐγώ εἰμι (Isaiah 46,4).

## The Seven I AM Sayings Without Predicates

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
		Unless you believe that	When you have lifted up the Son of Man then you will know that	Before Abraham came to be	I am telling you now before it happens so that you may believe when it happens that	“Whom do you seek?” They answered him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” He said to them,
<b>I AM,</b>	<b>I AM,</b>	<b>I AM,</b>	<b>I AM.</b>	<b>I AM.</b>	<b>I AM.</b>	<b>I AM.</b>
the one speaking to you. (4,26)	do not be afraid. (6,20)	you will die in your sins. (8,24)	(8,28)	(8,58)	(13,19)	When he said to them I AM they drew back and fell to the ground (18,5-6)

## The Seven I AM Sayings with Predicates

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
I AM	I AM	I AM	I AM	I AM	I AM	I AM
the bread of life.	the light of the world.	the gate.	the good shepherd	the resurrection and the life.	the way, the truth and the life.	the true vine . . .
The one who COMES to me	The one who FOLLOWS me	Anyone who ENTERS through me	my own... will LISTEN to my voice.	The one who BELIEVES in me,	[He who] [COMES] [through me]	Every branch that BEARS FRUIT [in me]
will <i>not hunger</i> (6,35).	will <i>not walk in the darkness</i> , but will <i>have the light of life</i> (8,12).	will <i>be saved</i> and will . . . <i>find pasture.</i> (10,9a).	So there will be <i>one flock, one shepherd</i> (10,14-16).	even if he dies, will <i>live</i> (11,25).	No one <i>comes to the Father</i> except through me (14,6).	[my Father] prunes to make it <i>bear more fruit</i> (15,1-2).