Who Is 'He Who Is'?

Burning Bush (Exodus 3:13-14)

Ex 6:6-8
Ex 29:46

Name: character & attributes
Hebrew: "I Am whom I Am."
Greek: "I Am He who Is.
YHWH: present to act; with us

Jesus Before Abraham (John 8:56-59)

"I Am" 7 times

"Keep my word & never die.
Abram saw my day & rejoiced.
Before Abram was, I Am."
Jews attempted to stone.

Prologue (Rev 1:4-5)

John's greeting:
"Grace and peace to the seven churches from...

'He Who Is'
He Who Was
He Who is Coming,

...and from the seven Spirits, and from Jesus Christ."

First & Last (Isaiah 41:1-4)

Isa 44:6
Isa 48:12

YHWH brings one from the east to subdue kings & nations. He predicts & makes it happen. He is the First and the Last.

Rev 1:17
Rev 2:8
Rev 22:13

Prologue (Rev 1:8)

God' self-disclosure:
"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the **Lord God**,

"He Who Is
He Who Was
He Who is Coming,

the **Almighty**."

Four Living Creatures (Ezekiel 1:4-28)

Human form: 4 faces & 4 wings
Above: crystal expanse, throne
Glory of YHWH: fire, radiance
Ezekiel: "I fell on my face."

Worship at the Throne (Rev 4:8, 11)

Four Living Creatures:
"Holy, Holy, Holy is the **Lord God**, the **Almighty,**

He Who Was
He Who Is
He Who is Coming."

24 Elders: "You are worthy to receive honor, **because** you are the creator."

Worship at the Throne (Isaiah 6:1-5)

Exalted King: throne in temple
Seraphim (burning): six wings
Holy, Holy, Holy=**Lord of Hosts**
Isaiah: "I'm as good as dead."

Worship after the 7th Trumpet (Rev 11:17)

24 Elders:
"We give You thanks, O **Lord God**, the **Almighty**,

He Who Is
He Who Was,

Because you are now using your great power to visibly establish your reign."

The Lord God

YHWH + Elohim
Presence + Majesty
Near + Transcendent

Lord of Hosts

(a) Commander-in-Chief
(b) the enthroned God
LXX = "Lord **Almighty**"

The Holy One

Unapproachable
Distinct, "Other"
Basis for our holiness

Worship after 3rd Bowl (Rev 16:5, 7)

3rd Angel:
"You are righteous, O **Holy One**,

He Who Is
He Who Was,

Because you avenged your martyrs."
Altar: "Your judgments are righteous & true."