

Did the Savior Pre-exist?

Paramount to a full and proper realization of how and why Yahshua qualifies to be our unique Savior is understanding His ancient and modern roles. To contend that He first came into existence at Bethlehem is to believe in less than a Savior — a mere humanized sacrifice and not the supreme surrender of a pre-existent, all-powerful Mighty One. Yahweh so loved us that He gave up His most precious possession to redeem His human creation. He gave up for our redemption the ultimate, His very Son, whom He had cherished at His right hand long before the world was.

There are those who deny the pre-existence of Yahshua on the one hand, and on the other hand they proclaim that He is the Savior, the Redeemer. This is something most of the Christian world, though blinded and deceived, does not do!

How is it that some who have come out of the world and turned to the true, personal Names of the Father and Son have turned away from the truth, adopting a Judaic kind of faith that neglects Yahshua in this way — a position our Heavenly Father does not allow? This, coupled with faulty reasoning and an unscholarly use of the Scriptures, has resulted in the fallacy that rejects the reality of Yahshua's pre-existence.

This booklet is produced in the hope that you will read, prove, and believe in Yahshua, our heavenly High Priest who was, is, and will be Elohim, eternal, abiding forever.

Take the Savior at His Own Word

Let us get straight to the heart of the matter before answering the erroneous reasoning of those who deny Yahshua's pre-existence. Yahshua's own words — His own actions and deeds — prove that He existed before His birth at Bethlehem.

It is imperative for the truth's sake that we believe Him, His words, and deeds. Unless we do, it's possible we could become like the Jews of His day who had Abraham as their father, the law of Moses, the Psalms and the Prophets, yet denied Him. They did not believe though they saw His mighty works and heard His words.

Because of that unbelief they murdered the Son of righteousness. Similarly, if we deny Him and reject His own words in unbelief we stand in jeopardy of slaying Him again in a spiritual way.

The Jews of His day asked, *"Are you the Messiah? Tell us."* And He said unto them, *"If I tell you, you will not believe: and if I also ask you, you will not answer Me, nor let Me go. Hereafter shall the Son of man sit on the right hand of the power of Elohim [Yahweh]."* Then said they all, *"Are you then the Son of Elohim?"* And He said unto them, *"You say that I am [a Hebraism, denoting a strong affirmative, **The Companion Bible**, p. 1503]."* And they said, *"What need we any further witness? For we ourselves have heard out of His own mouth."* And the whole multitude of them arose, and led Him unto Pilate. And they began to accuse Him, saying, *"We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, saying that He Himself is Messiah a King."* And Pilate asked Him, saying, *"Are You the King of the Jews?"* And He answered him and said, *"You say it (a Hebraism for a strong affirmative)."* Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, *"I find no fault in this man,"* Luke 22:67-71; 23:1-4.

Amazing! A gentile, heathen ruler took Him at His word. Pilate found no fault or reason for accusation, while the Jews, the very subjects of the King of the Jews, denied, accused, disbelieved, and ultimately rejected Him.

Yahshua Himself stressed faith in many places. *Yahshua answered and said unto them, This is the work of Yahweh, that you BELIEVE on Him Whom He has sent,* John 6:29.

Do we grasp the impact of the words spoken here? The very WORK of Yahweh is to BELIEVE on Him Whom He sent. This includes a firm belief in the words Yahshua spoke about Himself.

Disciples Corrected for Questioning Pre-existence

After hearing Yahshua's explanation of Himself — that He is the true bread *from heaven* and that we must eat of His flesh and drink His blood if we are to live forever — many of His disciples murmured saying, "This is an hard saying; who can hear it?" When Yahshua knew in Himself that His disciples murmured at it, He said unto them, "Does this offend you? What and if you shall see the Son of man ascend up where He was before? It is the spirit that quickens; the flesh profits nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. But there are some of you that believe not." For Yahshua knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray Him, John 6:60-64.

We must grasp the impact of His words! Yahshua spoke the words that the Father gave Him to speak. Those who believed would be his TRUE disciples. Those who DISBELIEVED would BETRAY Him.

The same conditions exist today. The Pharisees, Scribes, and Sadducees were the great teachers and believers in the law, yet they denied the One of Whom the law spoke. Therefore, Yahshua said, "For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made (become) blind." And some of the Pharisees which were with Him heard these words, and said unto Him, "Are we blind also?" Yahshua said unto them, "If you were blind you should have no sin: but now you say, 'We see; therefore your sin remains,'" John 9:39-41.

Elsewhere He said, I said therefore unto you, that you shall die in your sins: for if you believe not that I am, you shall die in your sins, John 8:24.

Strong words! If we don't believe everything about Yahshua and all He said then our sins remain and we shall die in our sins having no Savior, no Redeemer. If we say, "We see (we understand)" and yet deny certain facts about Him and various of His words, then our sin remains.

He Came Down from Heaven

What did Yahshua say, therefore, about His own pre-existence? If He says that He did pre-exist then we must believe Him or we are not His disciples but just another group of Pharisees, Scribes or Sadducees who disbelieve to betrayal!

Yahshua said, *If I have told you earthly things, and you believe not, how shall you believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? And no man has ascended up to heaven, but HE THAT CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN, EVEN THE SON OF MAN, Which is in heaven...For Yahweh so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life,* John 3:12-16.

Yahshua personally testified that He came down from heaven. The *Greek Interlinear Bible* expresses it in verse 13, *And no one has gone up into heaven except He OUT OF HEAVEN*

HAVING COME DOWN, the Son of man, Who is in heaven. He had been speaking to Nicodemus about being born again, a thing Nicodemus couldn't grasp even though He presented it in an earthly manner. If one cannot understand heavenly things presented in an earthly manner, then how can one understand the true heavenly things?

Yahshua said, You are from beneath; I am from above; you are of this world; I am not of this world, John 8:23. His own words should explain to us clearly that He HAD to pre-exist. He said that He was sent, that He came from another world. Had He not pre-existed—had He only come into existence at the time of His birth—then He would have been just as we, from the earth, speaking of and understanding only earthly things.

In contrast to us He said, *I speak that which I have seen with My Father: and you do that which you have seen with your father,* John 8:38.

At this point some will argue that He understood those things because He was given the Spirit of Yahweh and the Spirit caused Him to see and understand. But look at what He said in John 6:62, *What and if you shall see the Son of man ascend up WHERE HE WAS BEFORE?*

Some had come to Him asking, "What shall we do, that we might work the works of Yahweh?" Yahshua answered, "This is the work of Yahweh, that you BELIEVE ON HIM WHOM HE HAS SENT." They said therefore unto Him, "What sign shew You then, that we may see, and believe You? What do You work? Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat." Then Yahshua said unto them, "Verily, verily I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but My Father gives you the true bread FROM HEAVEN. For the bread of Yahweh is He Which COMES DOWN FROM HEAVEN, and gives life unto the world.... For I CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN, not to do My own will, but the will of Him THAT SENT ME. And this is the Father's will Which HAS SENT ME, that of all which He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of Him THAT SENT ME, that every one which sees the Son and BELIEVES ON HIM, may have everlasting life: and I will raise Him up at the last day." The Jews then murmured at Him, because He said, "I AM THE BREAD WHICH CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN." And they said, "Is not this Yahshua, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He said, I CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN," John 6:29-33, 38-42.

The Jews murmured at Him in DISBELIEF because He said, "I came down from heaven". Those who deny His pre-existence are also denying that He came down from heaven. They, as the Jews of His day who were trying to follow Him, are finding His sayings difficult to believe, difficult to understand, and are turning away essentially in disbelief just as these Jews did!

Yahshua continued, "Murmur not among yourselves. No man can come to Me, except the Father WHICH HAS SENT ME draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, And they shall be taught of Yahweh. Every man therefore that has heard, and has learned of the Father, comes unto Me. Not that any man has seen the Father save He Which is of [Greek para = from (beside)] Elohim, He has seen the Father. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that BELIEVES on Me has everlasting life. I am that bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. THIS IS THE BREAD WHICH COMES DOWN FROM HEAVEN, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living bread which CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN: if any eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, "How can this Man give us His flesh to eat?" Then Yahshua said unto them, "Verily, verily I say unto you, Except you eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, you have no life in you. Whoso eats My flesh, and drinks My blood has eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is meat indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He that eats My flesh,

and drinks My blood, dwells in Me, and I in Him. As the living Father HAS SENT ME, and I live by the Father: so he that eats Me, even He shall live by Me. THIS IS THAT BREAD WHICH CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eats of this bread shall live for ever." These things said He in the synagogue, as He taught in Capernaum, John 6:43-59.

Notice! 13 times in John 6 Yahshua said that the Father sent Him or that He came from heaven or that He came down from heaven.

What does "come from" or "came from" or "to be sent by or from" mean? If an American in civil service overseas is asked where he is from, he would say, "I came from America. I was sent by the Commander in Chief." To come from America means having lived there BEFORE going overseas.

Such are the words and meaning of Yahshua Who said that He would ascend up where He was before, which He did in Acts 1:9-10.

Yahshua Existed Before Abraham

Yahshua told the Jews of His day, "*Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day: and he saw it, and was glad." Then said the Jews unto Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" Yahshua said unto them, "Verily, verily I say unto you, Before Abraham was I am,"* John 8:56-58.

The way that John 8:58 is rendered in the KJV does not do justice to what Yahshua said here. The word "was" in reference to Abraham should have been translated "came into being" or "was born." The Greek words "I am" are *Ego Eimi*. *Ego* means "I." *Eimi* is No. 1510 in **Strong's Exhaustive Concordance Greek Dictionary**. It means, "exist," "am," "have been" or "was."

We get the sense of this word from Rev.1:8, where Yahshua said He is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and ending, WHICH IS, WHICH WAS AND WHICH IS TO COME. We also get the sense of this word from Exodus 3:14, when Yahweh told Moses, "I AM THAT I AM." (Hebrew *haYah*)

The meaning, therefore, of John 8:58 is, "Before Abraham was born, I existed." The Jews of His day had no problem understanding that this is what our Savior meant. Why cannot we accept the fact that Yahshua existed before Abraham?

How many times does our Savior have to tell us that He pre-existed before some will believe Him? Why are His sayings so hard to understand? Is it because we are only understanding with earthly eyes and ears?

Let's let Yahshua say it again, *And the Father Himself, WHICH HAS SENT ME has borne witness of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His shape. And you HAVE NOT HIS WORD abiding in you: FOR WHOM HE HAS SENT, HIM YOU BELIEVE NOT,* John 5:36-38.

Many are proclaiming that they believe on Yahshua, but if they do not believe what He said then Yahweh's word is not living in them.

One can proclaim the Name of Yahweh all one wants. One can proclaim Yahweh's law, holy days, Sabbaths, and Covenant. One can even proclaim a message about Yahshua, but if one does not believe all of Yahshua's words, it is in vain.

John the Baptist Confirms Messiah's Pre-existence

Yahshua's own words revealing His pre-existence should be enough for us. But there are many other witnesses, too many to be neglected!

Abraham is one of those witnesses, for Yahshua said that Abraham rejoiced to see His day and was glad. The Jews of His day understood that Yahshua was saying that He Himself was there observing Abraham rejoicing.

John the Baptist is another witness of Him. John cried, *This was He of Whom I spoke, He that comes after me is preferred before me: FOR HE WAS BEFORE ME*, John 1:15.

The literal translation from Greek, ***The Interlinear Bible***, might make John 1:15 a little more clear, *John witnesses concerning Him, and has cried out saying, This One of whom I said, He after me coming before me has become, for preceding me He was.*

The reality of the situation is that John the Baptist was actually born before Yahshua (Luke 1:26, 31, 36), but as John said, Yahshua was preferred before Him (John) because He was before him.

John also says, *No man has seen Yahweh at any time; the only begotten Son, Which is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him*, John 1:18.

No man had ever seen the face of Yahweh nor could they understand enough to explain Him to others. But Yahshua had seen Him, been with Him, and could explain Him.

When John saw Yahshua coming to him, he said, *This is He of Whom I said, After me comes a man Which is preferred before me: FOR HE WAS BEFORE ME*, John 1:29-30.

Twice for emphasis John said that Yahshua, coming after him, was before him. John knew and witnessed that Yahshua pre-existed. But if we will not believe Yahshua's own words then how will we believe John's?

The Apostle John's Witness

The apostles lived with Yahshua during His ministry. They witnessed everything that He did and said. They were given the Holy Spirit of power which would bestow to them understanding and the power to witness of Him, (John 15:26-27). They spoke of Him to their generation and wrote of Him to future generations.

The Apostle John opens his evangel with the words: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was WITH Elohim and the Word was Elohim." The word "with" is the Greek *pros*. A quick look at ***Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*** reveals that *pros* is a preposition of direction, meaning forward to, toward [with the genitive; the side of, i.e. pertaining to; with the dative; by the side of, i.e. near to].

The same was in the beginning with [by the side of] Elohim. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. (The ***Interlinear*** reads, "All things through Him came into being, and without Him came into being not even one thing that came into being")... *And the Word was made [became] flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth,*" John 1:1-3, 14.

Isn't there enough here alone to confirm the pre-existence of Yahshua? The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Before that the Word existed in spirit form. This Word was (existed) in the beginning. The Word was beside Elohim (Yahweh) and the Word was Elohim (Yahweh).

Son Alive in Old Testament

In Psalm 110 we find One Who is invited to sit at the right hand of Yahweh, *Yahweh said unto my Sovereign, "Sit You at My right hand, until I make Your enemies Your footstool,"* v. 1.

We find that the One invited to sit at Yahweh's right hand can be none other than Yahshua, as pointed out in the book of Hebrews, *Elohim, Who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, Whom He has appointed Heir of all things, by (through) Whom also He made the worlds; Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; being made so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.*

For unto which of the angels said He at any time, You are My Son, this day have I begotten You? And again, I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to Me a Son? And again, when He brings in the first begotten into the world, He said, And let all the angels of Elohim worship Him...But to which of the angels said He at any time, Sit on My right hand, until I make Your enemies Your footstool, Hebrews 1:1-6, 13.

Hebrews chapter 1 explains to us that the One invited to sit at Yahweh's right hand is the Son of Elohim, the First begotten, who is Yahshua as we all know. Hebrews also corroborates John's statement that everything was made by Yahshua, the Word that was sent from heaven to be made flesh and dwell among us.

Psalm 110 also says, *Yahweh has sworn, and will not repent, You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek* (remember, this is Old Testament), verse 4.

Once again the book of Hebrews witnesses that this is speaking of Yahshua, *So also Messiah glorified not Himself to be made an High Priest; but He That said unto Him, You are My Son, today have I begotten You. As He says also in another place, YOU ARE A PRIEST FOR EVER AFTER THE ORDER OF MELCHISEDEK. Who in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him That was able to save Him from death, and was heard in that He feared; though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered; and being made perfect, He became the Author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him; CALLED OF YAHWEH AN HIGH PRIEST AFTER THE ORDER OF MELCHISEDEK. Of Whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing you are dull of hearing, Hebrews 5:5-11.*

Yes, there are many things to say and hard to be uttered since many have become dull of hearing and have turned to deny the truth about Yahshua.

Psalm 110 makes another profound statement in verse 5, *Yahweh at Your right hand shall strike through kings in the day of His wrath.*

Who is at the right hand? It can't be the Father for He is the center, the focal point of all things. As we have discovered in Hebrews, Yahshua the Son has been set on the right hand. But He at the right hand is here called Yahweh according to the original inspired Scriptures.

The Jews themselves couldn't figure this scripture out and so they, in their own unbelief, altered the Tetragrammaton — Yahweh's Name — to *Adonai*. In 133 other places the *Sopherim*, the ancient custodians of the Sacred Text, altered Yahweh to *Adonai* as well.

The point is, the One Who sat down at Yahweh's right hand was also named Yahweh, just as many fathers in our society today bestow their own name on their firstborn son. Yahshua, whose Name means "Yahweh is salvation," carries the heavenly family's "surname" Yah. *For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Master Yahshua the Messiah, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, Ephesians 3:14-15.*

Willingly Ignorant of His Creation

As John pointed out, He was, in the beginning, at the side of the Father. He was Elohim (Yahweh). He made all things, bringing them into being and nothing was brought into being without Him.

He is the Word, and Peter writes of this Word, *This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance; That you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the sovereign and Savior: knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. FOR THIS THEY WILLINGLY ARE IGNORANT OF, THAT BY THE WORD OF ELOHIM [plural, meaning Mighty Ones] the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: but the heavens and the earth which are now, BY THE SAME WORD are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of impious men,* 2 Peter 3:1-7.

There is no disunity between the Apostles John and Peter. They both harmonize, freely admitting and teaching that the WORD, Yahshua, the one Who became flesh, made all things.

But then, if one will not believe Yahshua's own words then how can one believe the apostles? The apostle Paul testified in the same manner as John and Peter, adding much more valuable information about the Savior.

Paul Leaves No Doubt: Yahshua Created the Universe

In the book of Colossians Paul writes of Yahshua, *Who is the image of the invisible Yahweh, the firstborn of every creature: FOR BY HIM WERE ALL THINGS CREATED, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him: and He is before [Greek pro = a prim. prep. "fore," i.e. in front of, PRIOR TO (fig. superior)] all things, and BY HIM ALL THINGS CONSIST. And He is the Head of the body, the assembly: Who is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead; that in ALL THINGS He might have the pre-eminence,* Colossians 1:15-18.

Yahweh does not change. He began the creation through Yahshua. He saves us through Him and we will inherit a new heavens and a new earth and a city, new Jerusalem through, by Him. Yahweh does all things through Yahshua so that Yahshua might share in the glory that He had with the Father "BEFORE the world was" (John 17:5b).

There is one who seeks to glorify himself above the stars of El. He seeks to sit in the throne of Yahweh himself. He is Satan, a liar and a thief. He deceives, confuses and divides. He sows disbelief, causing the many to disbelieve the Scriptures. He does not glorify the Father because he disobeys Him. He does not glorify the Son because he sows the seeds of doubt and confusion about the Son of Elohim, His pre-existence, His power and glory. He has set a trap of unbelief. We must not fall into this trap of doubt but believe Yahweh's word!

Paul also writes in the book of Ephesians that he had had the mystery revealed to him that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs with Israel (Eph. 3:3-7), "That I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Messiah; and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world has been hid in Elohim, WHO CREATED ALL THINGS BY YAHSHUA MESSIAH" (vv. 8-9).

Furthermore, Paul reveals in the book of Philippians, *Let this mind be in you, which was also*

in Messiah Yahshua: Who, being in the form [morphe = shape, nature, form] of Elohim, thought it not robbery [something to seize upon or desperately cling to] to be equal [isos = similar, like, equal] with Elohim: but made Himself of no reputation [He emptied Himself of that power and glory that He had as Creator, the Word] and took on the form of a servant [or slave], and was found in the likeness of men, Philippians 2:5-7.

What man, who has attained position in government, glory, honor, fame, and riches, would be willing to divest himself of such things to become an unknown? What person would give up absolute, universal power to be humiliated and despised by His own creation and at the very end of his life to hang naked, penniless, and dead on a tree — reviled, spat upon, rejected? Such is Yahshua. Paul writes, *And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the stake*, Philippians 2:8. His sacrifice is all the MORE precious knowing that He was willing to give up everything he previously had for us!

Yahshua, according to Paul, John, and Psalm 110, was Elohim (Yahweh) originally. He was on an equality with the Father in the spirit realm. He was in the form of Elohim. He has the power to create, to bring things into existence out of nothing. Yet, for the greater purposes and plan of Elohim and for the glory of Elohim, He emptied Himself of that great honor and glory for a time and became flesh and blood.

Man was made in the image of Elohim but a little lower than the angels (Heb. 2:7). Yahshua also becoming flesh, becoming a man, was then "a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor, that He by the grace of Elohim should taste death for every man" (Heb. 2:9b).

John the Baptist, and the apostles John, Peter, and Paul, have witnessed to us in these last days through the New Covenant Scriptures that Yahshua pre-existed. They also recorded Yahshua's own words. Yet, if we will not believe Yahshua, then how can we believe the Apostles?

The Witness of the Psalms

The book of Psalms joins hand in hand, as Yahweh's perfect Word should, to declare the pre-existence of Yahshua. Psalm 33 reads, *For the WORD of Yahweh is right [righteous]; and all His [the Word's] works are done in truth [grace and truth came by Yahshua, John 1:16]. He loves righteousness and judgment [Heb. 1:9]: the earth is full of the goodness of Yahweh. By the WORD of Yahweh were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. He gathers the waters of the sea together as an heap: He lays up the deep in storehouses. Let all the earth fear Yahweh: Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. For He spake and it was done; He commanded and it stood fast*, verses 4-9.

The Word was in the beginning. The Word was with Yahweh (Elohim) and the Word was Elohim (Yahweh). All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made, John 1:1,3.

Psalm 104 speaks of the creation by Yahweh, *Bless Yahweh, O my soul. O Yahweh my Elohim, You are very great; You are clothed with honour and majesty. Who covers Himself with light as with a garment. Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain*, verses 1-2.

Remember the transfiguration? *After six days Yahshua takes Peter, James, and John his brother, and brings them up into an high mountain apart, and was transfigured [Greek metamorphoo from which we get our word, metamorphosis] before them: and His face did shine as the sun, and His raiment [garment] was white as the light*, Matthew 17:1-2. Who can clothe himself with light as a garment but Yahweh?

Scripture tells us, "in Thy Light shall we see Light" (Psa. 36:8b). Going back to John 1:1 we could very well read it as *Yahshua was in the beginning. Yahshua was with Yahweh and Yahshua was [a] Elohim*. This reminds us of Genesis account, in which Elohim in context is plural. He [Yahshua] is a Light unto the world as a Mediator and exact representation of Yahweh Himself.

Job's Witnesses of Yahshua

This leads us to the next witness, Job. *Then Job answered and said, "I know it is so of a truth: but how should man be just with El? If he will contend with Him, he cannot answer Him one of a thousand. He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who has hardened himself against Him and prospered? Which removes mountains, and they know not: Which overturns them in His anger. Which shakes the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble. Which commands the sun, and it rises not; and seals up the stars. WHICH ALONE spreads out them, and TREADS UPON THE WAVES OF THE SEA,"* Job 9:1-8.

Yahweh ALONE treads upon the waves of the sea, yet in the New Testament accounts of Matt.14:24-33 and Mark 6:46-51 Yahshua is seen walking on the waves of the sea by all of the disciples.

Such was done, witnessed, and recorded to substantiate Who Yahshua really was. He was Yahweh, He was the El of the Old Testament!

Furthermore, we find in Job 38 when Yahweh Himself begins to speak to Job He asks, *Who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb? When I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddling band for it, and brake up for it My decreed place, and set bars and doors, and said, Hitherto shall you come, but no further: AND HERE SHALL YOUR PROUD WAVES BE STAYED*, verses 8-11. The One speaking to Job is the Creator Himself! None other than Yahshua.

We find in Matt. 8:23-27, Mark 4:35-41 and Luke 8:22-25 the account of Yahshua asleep in a boat with His disciples when a great tempest stirs up the sea so badly that the disciples feared they would sink and perish. When they awakened Yahshua He rebuked the wind and sea, commanding, "Peace, be still." A great calm ensued that caused the disciples to marvel that He had power over the wind and sea.

He, Who brought the forces of nature forth, as revealed in Job, has the power to control them. The New Testament Scriptures reveal that Yahshua made them and, therefore, He controls them. But if one will not believe Yahshua's own words then how can he believe the witness of John the Baptist, the apostles, the Psalms or of Job?

Just as Psalm 104 and Job 9 testify that Yahweh stretched out the heavens like a curtain, even so does the prophet Isaiah. Note the following:

Hearken unto Me, O Jacob and Israel, My called; I am He; I AM THE FIRST, I ALSO AM THE LAST. MINE HAND also has laid the foundation of the earth, and MY RIGHT HAND has spanned the heavens: when I call unto them, they stand up together, Isaiah 48:12-13.

There are several things to focus on here. First Yahweh proclaims that He laid the foundation of the earth and His right hand spanned the heavens. Second is the significance of the right hand and arm, and third is the statement that He declares, "I am He, I am the first, I also am the last."

There is deep significance and meaning to each one of these categories that we must come to see and understand.

Yahshua Expands the Food as He Did the Universe

The question is asked in Isaiah 40:12-13, *Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His*

hand, and meted out heaven with the span and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance? Who has directed the Spirit of Yahweh, or being His counselor has taught Him?

Yahweh says that the heavens and earth were, at one time so small that He could hold it all in one hand or weigh them in scales and balances. This is verified in scientific research.

The Dallas Morning News (Aug. 3, 1992) in an article entitled "Science Links Atom, Cosmos and Economy" had this to say about the beginnings of the creation, "...the universe was itself once very small, much smaller than an atom. In the beginning, the universe was a tiny primordial speck of energy that BALLOONED into a vast cosmos in the cataclysmic explosion known as the big bang."

Psalm 104:30a testifies, "You send forth Your Spirit, they are created (*bara* = to create, select, feed [as formative processes] dispatch, MAKE FAT, etc.)." He Who directs the Spirit of Yahweh from something insignificantly small and spreads it out into the creation that we behold today, is Yahshua Himself.

The sense of the word *bara* not only means "to create" but also means that what is created "grows." Science verifies that the heavens are continually expanding, growing. We ourselves grow from a tiny egg that is about the size of a pin head.

Yahshua took five loaves of bread and two fish and fed five thousand men besides women and children, having twelve baskets left over (Matt. 14; Mark 6; Luke 9). Wasn't He directing the Spirit of Yahweh to *bara* (create, make fat, expand, grow) as He also did in taking the elements of the universe and expand them in what scientists call a big bang? He did it again in Matthew 15 and Mark 8, feeding four thousand men besides women and children with only seven loaves and a few fish.

Yahshua is the One Who directs the Spirit of Yahweh to create (*bara*) and He dispatches the Spirit today in order to create, beget sons—children of Elohim.

Isaiah was inspired to declare, *Thus says Yahweh, YOUR REDEEMER, and He that formed you from the womb, I am Yahweh that makes all things; That stretches forth the heavens alone; that spreads abroad the earth by Myself,* 44:24. Again the prophet wrote, "...and you shall know that I Yahweh am your Savior and your Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob" (Isa. 60:16b).

Yahshua the Redeemer from Old

Yahweh said that He was Israel's Redeemer. A look into the word Redeemer and the law of redemption is quite revealing.

The word used in Isaiah 44 for "redeemed" and "Redeemer" is No. 1350 in **Strong's Concordance Hebrew Dictionary**. It is the Hebrew *ga'al*, which means to redeem (according to Oriental law of kinship), i.e. to be the next of kin (and as such to buy back a relative's property, marry his widow, etc.).

The law of redemption is found in Leviticus 25, *And if a sojourner or stranger wax rich by you, and your brother that dwells by him wax poor, and sell himself unto the stranger or sojourner by you or to the stock of the stranger's family: after that he is sold he may be redeemed again; one of his brethren may redeem him: either his uncle, or his uncle's son, may redeem him, or any that is nigh of kin [Heb. *she'er* = flesh (as swelling out), as living or for food (Yahshua's flesh is our bread/food); generally food of any kind; fig. kindred by blood] unto him of his family may redeem him; or if he be able, he may redeem himself,* vv. 47-49.

Paul writes, *For ALL have sinned, and come short of the glory of Yahweh,* Romans 3:23. If we have all sinned, then we have all become the servants of sin making the master of sin rich.

The master of sin, Satan, will pay us the wages for sin, "For the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23).

We all need a near kinsman, a Redeemer to buy us back, but the redemption price is precious, as the Redeemer must pay the demanded wage, death. He must be of our flesh and blood, our near kinsman.

Yahweh says over and over that He is our Redeemer, but to be our Redeemer He had to become our near kinsman, our flesh and our blood relative.

Paul writes, *But when the fullness of the time came Elohim sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order that He might REDEEM those that who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons*, Galatians 4:4-5 (RSV).

Peter writes, *Forasmuch as you know that you were not REDEEMED with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Messiah, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD, but was manifest (made apparent, appeared) in these last times for you*, 1 Peter 1:18-20.

Yahshua is our near kinsman, our Redeemer. His flesh and blood, His life poured out to death, has bought us back from the master of sin and death that we were subject to.

Yahshua: the Right Hand of Yahweh

Isaiah 48 says that Yahweh spanned the heavens with His RIGHT HAND. The right hand and arm are very significant. A study into it reveals why.

Isaiah cries out, *Who has believed our report? and to whom is the arm of Yahweh revealed?* Isaiah 53:1. The arm of Yahweh must be revealed. He also said, *Yahweh has made BARE His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation (Yahshua) of our Elohim*, Isaiah 52:10.

We all should know that this is speaking of Yahshua for the holy arm of Yahweh is His salvation (Yahshua). He continues to speak of sending His Son – Who already exists.

Behold, My Servant [the Savior] shall deal prudently, He shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high. As many were astonished at You; His visage was so marred more than any man and His form more than the son of men: So shall He sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at Him: for that which had not been told them shall they see: and that which they had not heard shall they consider, Isaiah 52:13-15.

After offering Himself as the Passover, performing His atoning work, Yahshua was raised up where He was before. Notice, Yahshua asked the Father to glorify Him with the glory that He had with Him before the world was (John 17:5). Psalms 110:1 and Hebrew 1:3,13 reveal that He sat down on the RIGHT HAND of the Majesty on high. Stephen confirmed this in a vision just before he was stoned to death (Acts 7:55-56).

The Apostle John verifies that Yahshua is the arm of Yahweh (John 12:38). He is His holy arm. By His right hand (which includes the right arm) He spanned the heavens. He held the whole universe in His right hand and directed the Spirit of Yahweh to send it forth, creating (*bara*, making fat, causing it to grow, to expand) the vast universe that we see today.

Redemptive Acts of Yahshua Began with Israel

Any who cannot see, cannot understand these things, those who disbelieve Yahshua's pre-existence must take WARNING. For John, referencing the prophet Isaiah, says they are NOT CONVERTED, and they will NOT BE HEALED. Their eyes are BLINDED. Their heart is

HARDENED (John 12:40).

Why must we believe the pre-existence of Yahshua? Because His acts in the Old Testament are acts of redemption, the same saving that each of us needs! Consider: by this Hand and Arm He made the heavens and earth (Jer. 32:17; Isa. 48:13). He delivered Israel out of Egypt (Jer. 32:21). Israel got possession of the land of Canaan (Ps. 44:3). He redeemed His people (Ps. 77:10-20). He got the victory (Ps. 98:1). He broke and scattered His enemies, bringing in justice, judgment, mercy, truth, righteousness, restoring the throne of David and bringing in salvation as an everlasting covenant (Ps. 89:10-28). He will rule, reward and work, feeding His flock like a shepherd (Isa. 40:10-11). He will return the redeemed (Isa. 51:9-11). He will re-establish Jerusalem, no longer giving Israel's food and drink to strangers (Isa. 62:7-12).

There is another reference that speaks of Yahweh's arm and that makes a valid point about Yahshua's pre-existence. It is found in Isaiah 59. Yahweh begins by saying that His hand is not shortened that it cannot save and He speaks of the sins that separate and bring destruction. Finally Yahweh says, *Yea, truth fails; and he that departs from evil makes himself a prey: and Yahweh saw it, and it displeased Him that there was no judgment. And He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore HIS ARM brought salvation unto Him; and His righteousness, it sustained Him*, vv. 15-16.

Yes, there was no MAN worthy of serving as an intercessor for we ALL have sinned and fallen short of the glory of Yahweh. Therefore, Yahweh sent His own arm, His right arm and hand! No mere man can save—only a sacrifice of Yahweh Himself can redeem man!

Yahshua was beside the Father in the beginning. He was what we would call, His RIGHT HAND MAN! Isn't that what we call a person who is important to us? A person we can trust to perform our own will? A person that we would find difficult to do without?

Yahshua has ever been with the Father at His right hand. He has ever been Elohim. He has ever been Yahweh and He has ever been with Yahweh. He has made all things that exist and there is not anything that came into existence without Him so that He is the Beginning of all things. He is the Author, the First, the Chief, the HEAD.

Yahshua Is First and Last

Yahshua is also the Last, the Ending, the Finisher of all things.

Yahweh again identifies Himself as the First and Last in Isaiah 41:4 *Who has performed and accomplished it calling forth the generations from the beginning? I, Yahweh, am the first, and with the last, I am He*, (RSV). The Hebrew word for "first" is *ri'shōn*. It means, "first," "BEGINNING," "HEAD," "chief," "BEFORE."

He also reveals Himself as the Redeemer (near kinsman) and Holy One of Israel in verse 14. In Isaiah 43 He is Israel's Creator (vv. 1, 15) and Redeemer (vv. 1, 14), their Elohim, their Savior (vv. 3, 11, 25). He says in verse 10, "...before Me there was no El formed, neither shall there be after Me." In other words He has always been since the beginning of time and will always be. Without Him nothing would exist.

Yahshua is the HEAD of the assembly, *But speaking the truth in love, (we) may grow up into Him in all things, Which is the HEAD, even Messiah: from Whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted [knit together] by that which every joint supplies, according to the effectual working, in the measure of every part makes increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love*, Ephesians 4:15-16.

And He is BEFORE all things and by Him all things consist (are held together). And He is the HEAD of the body, the assembly: Who is the BEGINNING, the FIRSTBORN from the dead; that

in all things He might have the PRE-EMINENCE, Colossians 1:17-18.

Do we see how all the meanings of the word *ri'shown* apply to Yahshua? He is the Head. He is before all things. He is the beginning, the Firstborn. He has the pre-eminence.

The Hebrew word for "last" is *acharown*. It means, hinder, late, last, after (ward), to come, following, rearward, utmost, uttermost.

Paul writes in Colossians 1:19, *For it pleased the Father that in Him should all fullness dwell*. The Greek word for "fullness" is *pleroma* which means repletion or completion, i.e. (subj.) what fills (as contents, supplement, copiousness, multitude).

In another place it is written, *Looking to Yahshua the Author* (Greek *archegos* = a chief leader, author, captain, prince) *and Finisher of our faith*, Hebrews 12:2.

The word "finisher" in the Greek is *teleiotes*, meaning completeness and perfection. Yahshua is the One Who has begun our faith, indeed our faith must be in Him. He is also the One Who finishes, completes, perfects our faith so that He is the first and last. Without Him nothing is done, nothing comes into being. Without Him it is impossible to please the Father because without faith it is impossible to please Yahweh (Heb. 11:6); and without Yahshua, the Author (Beginner) and Finisher (Perfecter) of our faith, there is no faith.

The book of Revelation goes hand in hand with Isaiah, for Yahshua is revealed as the Alpha and Omega, Beginning and Ending, the First and Last (Rev. 1:8, 11, 17-18; 2:8; 21:6; 22:13).

Moses Witnesses Yahshua Anciently

The revelation of the Beginning and Ending, the First and Last brings us to the witness of Moses.

Yahshua said, *Search the scriptures; for in them you think you have eternal life: and they are they which TESTIFY (witness) of Me*, John 5:39.

Such is what has been taking place in this treatise. We have been testifying of, witnessing to Yahshua out of the Scriptures — all of the Scriptures.

He followed this statement in verse 39 by saying, *And you will not come to Me, that you might have life*, verse 40. A practice that the Jews continue even today as well as those who deny Yahshua's pre-existence.

In verses 45-47 of John 5 He says, *Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuses you, even Moses, in whom you trust. For had you believed Moses, you would have believed Me: FOR HE WROTE OF ME. But if you believe not his writings, how shall you believe My words?*

Do you get that? Moses wrote of Yahshua! Israel, including Judah, didn't believe Moses. The question now is, will we believe Moses?

Almost everywhere Moses testifies of Yahshua. We'll include only a few of those many references by Moses. The best place to start is at the beginning.

We normally read Genesis 1:1, *In the beginning Elohim created the heaven and the earth*. The actual Hebrew, however, reads a little differently. It reads, *Bereyshiyth bara Elohim ath hashamayim wahaerets*.

Bereyshiyth is a combination of two words, *Be* which means "in," and *reshiyth* which means the first in time, place, order or rank (specifically a FIRSTFRUIT), generally being translated: beginning, chief (-est), first-fruits, part, time), principle thing.

Reshiyth is the word used in Leviticus 23 concerning the wave sheaf or sheaf of firstfruits. The firstfruits were always offered to Yahweh, but never burnt as a holocaust offering (Lev. 2:12). It belonged to the High Priest (Num. 18:12-13; Deut. 18:3-5). It always belonged wherever

the Name of Yahweh was placed (Deut. 26:1-11).

The wavesheaf or sheaf of firstfruits, as well as all firstfruits, were a type of Yahshua Who is the first-fruits (1 Cor. 15:23) of them that slept (1 Cor. 15:20), the FIRSTBORN among many brethren (Rom. 8:29), of every creature (Col. 1:15), the BEGINNING, the FIRSTBORN from the dead (Col. 1:18).

Bara has already been touched on. It means, to create, select, choose, dispatch, make (fat). *Elohim* means the Mighty Ones. It is a plural of *Eloah* which means deity.

Then we come to "*ath*." It is interesting that the translators have failed to translate this word or these letters. Frankly, "*ath*" appears nine times immediately behind "Elohim" in Genesis chapter 1 and is never once translated.

The interesting thing about this word is its makeup. The first letter is the Hebrew letter, *aleph*, which is the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet.

The other letter is the Hebrew letter, *thau* or *tau*, which is the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet.

When Yahshua is revealed as the *Alpha* and *Omega* in the book of Revelation, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet are used. If the Apostle John was being spoken to in Hebrew instead of Greek, as is probably the case, Yahshua would have called Himself the *Aleph* and the *Tau*!

The opening verse of Genesis should now read, *In the beginning created Elohim Aleph and Tau the heavens and the earth*. Or it could be rendered, "At the first created Elohim Aleph and Tau...." or it could be, "The firstfruits Elohim Aleph and Tau created..."

Moses agrees with Isaiah, who agrees with Job, who agrees with the Psalms, which agree with the apostles, who agree with Yahshua, Who agrees with the Father. There is no disunity, no disharmony with those who wrote the Scriptures. The disunity, the disharmony is with man, where it always is and always will be.

The Rock That Was Yahshua

Moses wrote of an incident that took place in the wilderness at Rephidim, Exodus 17. There was no water there for them to drink. "Wherefore the People did chide with Moses and said, Give us water to drink" (v. 2).

Moses responded that they were tempting Yahweh but the people were thirsty and so they continued to murmur against Moses so vehemently that he cried out to Yahweh, "They be almost ready to stone me" (vv. 3-4).

Then Yahweh told Moses, *Go on before the People, and take with you of the elders of Israel; and your rod, wherewith you smote the river, take in your hand, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there upon the rock in Horeb; and you shall smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel*, vv. 5-6.

This event is a prophecy. The word "rock" is the Hebrew *tsur*, which can mean "Mighty One" or "El." Yahweh Himself stood upon the "Rock" when it was struck, signifying that He would be lifted up and struck.

Moses says that Yahweh is the Rock, *I will publish the name of Yahweh: ascribe you greatness unto our Elohim, HE IS THE ROCK (Tsur), His work is perfect: for all His ways are judgment: an El of truth and without iniquity, just and right is He*, Deuteronomy 32:3-4.

Paul says, *Moreover, brethren, I would not that you should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and all were baptized unto Moses*

in the cloud and in the sea; and did all eat the same spiritual meat; and did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that SPIRITUAL ROCK that followed them: and THAT ROCK WAS MESSIAH, 1 Corinthians 10:1-4.

Paul and Moses agree that the Rock (*Tsur*) was Elohim, Yahshua as the Yahweh of the Old Testament. Moses' account was a prophecy of Yahshua when He would be lifted up on the stake and struck so that blood and water came out of His side (John 19:34).

The blood, of course, was for the atoning, the covering of sin. The water was a symbol of the Holy Spirit, for Yahshua had cried, *If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink. He that BELIEVES on Me, as the Scripture has said, out of His belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake He of the Spirit, Which they that BELIEVE on Him should receive: for the Holy Spirit was not yet given; because that Yahshua was not yet glorified)*, John 7:38-39.

Yahshua was the ROCK (Mighty One, El, Elohim) that was struck so that the water, the Holy Spirit might be given to quench the spiritual thirst of the people. He is the One Who has dealt with man on the Father's behalf.

Yahshua was raised back into the heavens, whence He came, to be seated at the right hand of the Father and receive the glory that He had with Him before the world began. When He was glorified then the Holy Spirit was given at its appointed time.

Yahshua: Yahweh the Savior

Psalm 78 speaks of the rock that was clave so that the People might drink (vv. 15-16), yet it says that they sinned more against Him provoking Him (vv. 17-18).

The Psalm is a parable (v. 2), a dark saying of old so that the People might read it and yet not understand — for such is the purpose of parables (Matt. 13:10-17).

We all know that the generation of Israel that was delivered from Egypt was stubborn and rebellious (Ps. 78:8). They set not their heart aright. Their spirit was not steadfast with El (v. 8). They kept not the covenant of Elohim, and refused to walk in His law, and forgot His works, and His wonders (vv. 10-11).

Paul writes, *But with many of them Yahweh was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness,* 1 Corinthians 10:5. They entered not into the land of promise and rest because of disbelief (Heb. 3:12-19).

The younger children of that generation entered into Canaan but they also provoked Yahweh early on and after many wondrous deliverances in the land by faithful judges and kings they also had to be cast out of the land in disbelief.

Yahweh could find no lasting Savior or Deliverer, no intercessor from men, so HIS OWN ARM brought salvation unto Him (Isa. 59:16). That arm, that right hand and arm became Yahshua (Yahweh the Savior) Messiah. His righteousness sustained Him.

He lived, walked, and worked His work in the day of His flesh performing many mighty and wondrous deeds of deliverance. Nicodemus confessed that they knew He was from Elohim (John 3:2) but, just as their forefathers, they disbelieved.

Yahshua warned, *He that believes on Him (Yahshua) is not condemned: but he that believes not is condemned already, because he has not believed IN THE NAME OF THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF ELOHIM,* John 3:18.

Many today believe in the Name of Yahweh. They also believe in the Name of Yahshua, but they do not believe what that Name means. Yahshua literally means "Yahweh the Savior!" Yahshua is the Rock. We must follow Him and eat and drink of Him. Through Him we enter into rest for He is our Rest and Peace.

Paul warns, *Wherefore let him that thinks he stands take heed lest he fall*, 1 Corinthians 10:12.

Hebrews also warns, *Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the SAME EXAMPLE OF UNBELIEF*, Hebrews 4:11.

Do you invoke the Name of Yahweh, delight in His law, Sabbath, Holy Days – even upholding the Name of Yahshua, yet disbelieve that He pre-existed? Then take care. You are building your house on sand and when the troubles come your house will fall and you stand in danger of missing out on the coming rest. Do not harden your hearts as Israel of Yahshua's day did.

Turn and set your house on that solid Rock (*Tsur*, Mighty One, El, Elohim, Yahweh) Yahshua, for the heavens and earth are soon to shake and the only safe place will be in that immovable, unshakable Rock, Yahshua Messiah.

Emmanuel: It Means ‘El with Us’

Having weighed all the evidence there is no doubt that Yahshua is El, Elohim. Yet we have heard statements that Yahshua is only A Messiah, not THE Messiah, and Yahshua was not El, the Mighty One.

The book of Matthew records, *Now the birth of Yahshua was on this wise: When as His Mother Miriam was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of (by) the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.*

But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of Yahweh appeared unto him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, you son of David, fear not to take unto you Miriam your wife: for That Which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she shall bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Yahshua: for he shall save His People from their sins." Now all of this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of Yahweh by the prophet saying, "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call His name EMMANUEL, which is interpreted, EL WITH US," Matthew 1:18-23.

Now stop and think. His Name is Yahshua but it says they shall call His name Emmanuel, which means El with us.

Who was El? Wasn't it Yahweh? Then wouldn't the Name Yahshua mean Yah or Yahweh the Savior? This can mean only one thing. Yahshua was El, He was Yahweh. He came down from heaven, as He said, where He was before, emptying Himself of the great power and glory that He had so that He, (El, Elohim, Yahweh) could declare and exhibit to man the righteousness of Elohim. El could now be with man beginning at Bethlehem!

They Worshiped Him as Yahweh

The final temptation written of Yahshua was when the devil took Him up into an exceeding high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; and he said unto Him, *All of these things will I give You, if You will fall down and worship me. Then said Yahshua unto him, Get you hence, Satan: for it is written, You shall WORSHIP YAHWEH YOUR ELOHIM, and Him only shall you serve,* Matthew 4:8-10.

Yahshua was quoting from two places in the book of Deuteronomy. The first says, *You shall fear* (Heb. "Yare = fear, revere, dread, reverence) *Yahweh your Elohim and serve Him, and shall swear by His name,* Deuteronomy 6:13.

The second says, *You shall fear (yare) Yahweh your Elohim; Him shall you serve (Heb. abad = serve, enslave, work, servant, worship), and to Him shall you cleave, and swear by His name,*

Deuteronomy 10:20.

Therefore, if Yahshua was not El, the Mighty One, Elohim, Yahweh, then why did He allow people to worship Himself?

In Matthew, chapter 8, after Yahshua came down from the mountain where He gave His famous sermon called by many the "beatitudes", ...there came a leper and WORSHIPPED HIM, saying, Master, if You will, You can make me whole (v. 2).

Did Yahshua correct him by saying, "Do not worship Me? You must worship Yahweh your Elohim and Him only shall you serve?" No. *Yahshua put forth His (Right?) hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be you clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. And Yahshua said unto Him, See you tell no man; but go your way, shew yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded for a testimony (witness) to them,* Matthew 8:3-4.

What was the witness or testimony? Yahweh said, *If you will diligently hearken to the voice of Yahweh your Elohim, and will do that which is right in His sight, and will give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon you, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: FOR I AM YAHWEH THAT HEALS YOU,* Exodus 15:26.

Yahweh is the One Who heals. Yahshua healed the leprous man who came and worshipped Him, asking to be healed. The man knew Who He was. Yahshua's true followers knew Who He was. The man went to the priests as a witness as to Who He was, but the priests, Pharisees, Scribes and Sadducees BELIEVED NOT the testimony.

Read the other accounts in the four evangelists where He was worshipped. They are Matt. 9:18; 14:33; 15:25; 28:9, 17; Mark 5:6, 15:19; Luke 24:52; John 9:38. It is actually commanded in Hebrews 1:6 for the angels of Elohim to worship Him.

Had Yahshua merely been a man in Whom was the Spirit of Yahweh, He would have corrected the people telling them to worship the Father. Had He received their worship in error then He would not have been perfect and sinless in fulfilling the law.

Yahshua was Emmanuel. He was the Mighty One, El. Let us follow the example of His disciples and those who petitioned Him.

Fallacious and Unsound Teachings

We were handed a little study tract from a man who denies the pre-existence of Yahshua. Under the caption, "*Elohim — Not a Dual Deity*," it reads, "There is another word which emphatically points out that Elohim is one person, not two, three, or a dozen. This word is ONE. Many times Yahweh/Elohim is called 'The Holy One of Israel,' 'the Mighty One of Hosts,' etc." Let us now review a few of these references.

Hear, O Israel: Yahweh our Elohim is ONE Yahweh; and you shall love Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your might, Deuteronomy 6:4-5.

For your Maker is your husband, Yahweh of hosts IS HIS NAME; and the Holy ONE of Israel is your Redeemer, the Elohim of the whole earth HE IS called, Isaiah 54:5.

And one of the scribes came, and...asked Him, "What commandment is first of all?" Yahshua answered, "The first is, Hear, O Israel; Yahweh is our Elohim, Yahweh is ONE: you shall love Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your mind, and with all your strength..." And the scribe said to him, "Of a truth, Teacher, you have well said that HE IS ONE; and there is NONE other but HE: and to love HIM with all the heart..." And when Yahshua saw that he answered discreetly, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of Yahweh, Mark 12:28-34 B.E.

The word which is translated ONE is from the Hebrew word *echad*, a number, as in ONE,

two, three, etc. Used as it is in scriptures, this little word tells us what has been pointed out above—that Elohim is singular (one person), when referring to Yahweh. Other helping words, "I Am" (instead of "we are"); "Elohim is" (instead of "Elohim are"); etc., tell us there is (1) only "ONE Yahweh," and (2) "ONE true Elohim."

Let us look into this word *echad* (one) and its use to get a more panoramic view instead of a single, bird's-eye view as presented in the above.

When Yahweh made man (Adam), He could find no suitable mate among the other creatures so Yahweh made a woman out of his rib and brought her to him. Then Yahweh said, *Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and THEY shall be ONE (echad) flesh*, Genesis 2:24. (He did not mean they would become Siamese twins!)

Yahshua expanded on Genesis when He said, *Have you not read, that He Which made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they TWAIN shall be ONE flesh? Wherefore THEY ARE NO MORE TWAIN, BUT ONE FLESH. What therefore Yahweh has JOINED TOGETHER, let not man put asunder*, Matthew 19:4-6 (See also Mark 10:1-12).

Two became ONE, did they not? The man and woman are a pair yet they are ONE set. *Echad* is a compound unity, a collective noun, like family or couple – one made up of others. It derives from a prime root meaning to unify.

Pharaoh had a dream. Joseph was called to interpret it. Pharaoh explained, *In my dream, behold I stood upon the bank of the river: and behold, there came up out of the river seven kine, fatfleshed and well favoured; and they fed in the meadow: and, behold, seven other kine came up after them, poor and very ill favoured and leanfleshed, such as I never saw in the land of Egypt for badness: and the lean and the ill favoured kine did eat up the first seven fat kine: and when they had eaten them up, it could not be known that they had eaten them; but they were still ill favoured, as at the beginning. So I awoke.*

"And I saw in my dream, and, behold, seven ears came up in one stalk, full and good: and, behold, seven ears, withered, thin, and blasted with the east wind, sprung up after them: and the thin ears devoured the seven good ears:" and I told this unto the magicians; but there was none that could declare it to me.

And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, "The dream of Pharaoh is ONE (*echad*): Elohim has shewed Pharaoh what He is about to do. The seven good kine are seven years; and the seven good ears are seven years: the dream is one (*echad*)...And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice; it is because the thing is established by Elohim, and Elohim will shortly bring it to pass," Genesis 41:17-26, 32.

Pharaoh learned that his two dreams had one meaning. Just as the Father and Son have one purpose, one mind, the same spirit substance. In that sense they are one – *echad*.

Elohim: A Plural Unity

This aforementioned tract uses several authorities in an attempt to prove that even though the word Elohim is a plural word, when applied to Yahweh it is singular.

But Yahweh's own word reveals that Elohim is either plural or singular when applied to Him. "And Elohim said, 'Let US make man in OUR image, and after OUR likeness...'" (Gen. 1:26). "And Yahweh Elohim said, 'Behold, the man is become as one of US...'" (Gen. 3:22). "And "Yahweh said...'Go to, let US go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech'" (Gen. 11:6, 7).

Cannot the words out of Yahweh's own mouth convince us that He is plural, more than one

entity, yet UNITED, ONE in goal and mind?

Yahshua said, "*I and MY Father are ONE.*" [Yahshua would have been speaking in Hebrew to the Jews of His day and the word that He would have used would be *echad*.] *Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. Yahshua answered them, "Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of these works do you stone Me?" The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we stone You not; but for blasphemy; and because that You, being a man, make yourself Elohim," John 10:30-33.*

The Jews of that day were not mistaken in what they heard. When Yahshua said that He and the Father were ONE, He was saying that He was Elohim as the Father is Elohim.

Yahshua, in Whom is truth, Who IS the truth, was telling the people who He was, that He was Elohim, and they accused Him of blasphemy because they did not believe Him.

Echad and a Play on Singulars and Plurals

The word Elohim explains who and what Yahweh is, just as the word man describes what we are. Look at the wording of Genesis 1:26-27 to get a better idea, *And Elohim [plural] said, "Let us [plural] make man [singular] in our [plural] image, after our [plural] likeness: and let them [plural] have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth. So Elohim [plural] created man [singular] in His [singular] own image, in the image of Elohim [plural] created He [singular] him [singular]; male and female [dual] created He [singular] them [plural]."*

Note the interplay of singulars and plurals. The man and his wife are at one and the same time both singular and plural because they are one flesh, one set, known as "man." This is elementary mathematics.

Yahweh made them a pair (plural) yet one flesh, human (singular). Adam and Eve, two being one were the representatives of all flesh that was called human in existence at that time.

"Elohim said 'Let us make man in OUR image, after OUR likeness.' The PAIR of Elohim Who created man in their (His) image were the only Elohim in existence. Just as man was ONE flesh,

Elohim was ONE Spirit.

Yahshua explained, *Elohim is Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship in Spirit and truth*, John 4:24. He, furthermore, explained to Nicodemus that we must be born again, born of the Spirit if we are to see (inherit) the kingdom of Elohim (John 3:3-8) because flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of Elohim (1 Cor. 15:50).

The mystery of Elohim is that He is reproducing Himself, for we must be changed from mortal flesh to immortal Spirit (1 Cor. 15:51-54).

Yahshua was Elohim in the beginning (John 1:1). Just as man begets man, Elohim begets Elohim. Yahshua had to become man, flesh, in order to make a way for many sons (children) to be begotten by the Spirit, eventually to be born of the Spirit at the resurrection.

Then we will be one Spirit with Yahweh just as man is one flesh today—one family of Elohim, the kingdom of Elohim.

When Yahweh banished Adam and Eve from the garden of Eden He said, *Behold the man is become as one of US, to know good and evil. And now lest HE put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever: Therefore Yahweh Elohim sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So He drove out the man*, Genesis

3:24.

Once again there is a play on the singulars and plurals. Yahweh Elohim said the man has become as one of US, so HE drove out the man. But speaking of Adam and Eve, He calls them THE MAN referring to them only in the singular in verses 22-23.

After the flood, man began to re-populate the earth. They had one language and one speech (purpose, intent, work). They decided to remain grouped together in unity instead of scattering throughout the earth to replenish it as Yahweh had commanded. So they decided to build a city and a tower for the purpose of unity. Yahweh saw it and said, *Behold the people [plural] is ONE [echad], and they have all ONE [echad] language; and this THEY begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them which they have imagined*, Genesis 11:1-6.

Once again the versatility of the word *echad* [one] is exhibited. It does not limit man to being only one entity any more than it limits Yahweh/Elohim to being one entity as some are attempting to do.

Yahweh said, *Go to, let US go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech*, Genesis 11:7.

We must not limit the knowledge and power of our Holy Elohim. We must not deny Who Yahshua was.

Yahshua promises the Philadelphian Assembly, *Him that overcomes will I make a pillar in the temple of My Elohim...and I will write upon him the NAME of My Elohim, and the name of the city of My Elohim, new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My Elohim: and My new name*, Revelation 3:12.

It should be no mystery that the Heavenly Father and His Son share the same Name, which will also be shared by those who overcome.

In that day all will be one (*echad*). For as the Father is in Yahshua and Yahshua is in Him, making them ONE, both of them sharing in the fullness and unity of the Spirit, we, who have the earnest of the Spirit, will be complete, that is; one with Yahshua and the Father. May Yahweh speed that day.

Relevant Passages Attest to Pre-existence

Following is a collection of Scriptures that paint a clear picture of the Father and Son and their relationship in the Elohim family. Simply put, the Father performs His will through the Son. He did so anciently and continues even today.

The Bible speaks of a Yahweh being in the heavens and another Yahweh on earth – two Yahwehs.

- *Then Yahweh rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from Yahweh out of heaven*, Genesis 19:24.

There is one FATHER Yahweh.

- *I [am] Yahweh, and [there is] none else, [there is] no Elohim beside Me: I girded you, though you have not known Me*, Isaiah 45:5.
- *That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that [there is] none beside me. I [am] Yahweh, and [there is] none else*. Isaiah 45:6. The passage is for the Jews, asserting that Yahweh is the only true Mighty One, and that the idols were vanity (*Barnes Notes*, Isaiah, p. 131)
- *For thus says Yahweh that created the heavens; "Elohim Himself that formed the earth and*

made it; He has established it, He created it not in vain, He formed it to be inhabited: I [am] Yahweh; and [there is] none else," Isaiah 45:18.

- *Look unto Me, and be you saved, all the ends of the earth: for I [am] Elohim, and [there is] none else,* Isaiah 45:22.
- *I, [even] I, [am] Yahweh; and beside Me [there is] no Savior,* Isaiah 43:11. Salvation is from Him and through His Son sent to the world (John 3:16).
- *In this manner says Yahweh, the King of Israel, and His Redeemer Yahweh of hosts; "I am the first, and I am the last; and besides Me [there is] no Elohim. And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for Me, since I established the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and that shall come to pass, let them declare. Fear not, neither be afraid: have not I declared to you of old and showed it? And you are My witnesses. Is there any Eloah besides Me? yea, there is no (Rock); I know not any,"* Isaiah 44:6-8, TSS.
- *And this is life eternal, that they might know You the only true Elohim, and Yahshua Messiah, Whom You have sent,* John 17:3.
- *As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol [is] nothing in the world, and that [there is] none other Elohim but one.* 1 Corinthians 8:4.
- *But to us [there is but] one Elohim, the Father, of whom [are] all things, and we in Him; and one Master Yahshua, by Whom [are] all things (through whom all things came), and we by Him (through Him we live),* 1 Corinthians 8:6.

Yahweh the Father has never appeared to humans.

- *No man has seen Yahweh at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared [Him],* John 1:18.
- *And the Father himself, which has sent Me, has borne witness of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His shape,* John 5:37.
- *Not that any man has seen the Father, save He which is of Yahweh, He has seen the Father,* John 6:46.
- *No man has seen Yahweh at any time. If we love one another, Yahweh dwells in us, and His love is perfected in us,* 1 John 4:12.
- *Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise Elohim, [be] honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen,* 1 Timothy 1:17.

He is invisible, dwelling in the bright shekinah glory, the blinding light. No man has ever seen Him nor heard His voice.

- *[‘Yahweh the only Potentate’ from v.16] Who only has immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man has seen, nor can see: to whom [be] honour and power everlasting. Amen,* 1 Timothy 6:16.

The Father is composed of spirit energy and has never left the spiritual realm.

- *Yahweh [is] Spirit: and they that worship him must worship [Him] in spirit and in truth,* John 4:24.
- *For we are the circumcision, which worship Yahweh in the spirit, and rejoice in Messiah Yahshua and have no confidence in the flesh,* Philippians 3:3.

In both visions in Daniel and Revelation, when the Father is "seen," the Son of Man

appears also.

- *I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and The Ancient of Days did sit, whose garment [was] white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: His throne [was like] the fiery flame, [and] His wheels [as] burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him: thousand thousands ministered unto Him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened,* Daniel 7:9-10.
- *I saw in the night visions, and, behold, [one] like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to The Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve Him: His dominion [is] an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom [that] which shall not be destroyed,* Daniel 7:13-14.
- *And I saw in the right hand of Him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals,* Revelation 5:1.
- *And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. And one of the elders said unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, [Lamb] has prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof,* Revelation 5:4-5.

The Son looks just like the Father (Compare Dan. 7:9-10).

- *And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; And in the midst of the seven candlesticks [One] like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and [His] hairs [were] white like wool, as white as snow; and His eyes [were] as a flame of fire; And His feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and His voice as the sound of many waters. And He had in His right hand seven stars: and out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and His countenance [was] as the sun shines in His strength,* Revelation 1:12-16.

Yahweh was the grand designer, but the One Who was the physical Creator was Yahshua. He was with the Father from the beginning of creation.

- *And Elohim said, "Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth,"* Genesis 1:26.
- *Yahweh possessed Me in the beginning of His way, before His works of old,* Proverbs 8:22. (The **Tanakh** says, "created" rather than "possessed." The Syriac and Septuagint sources also indicate "created." However, the Hebrew word *qonah* here could be best described as "posessed" or "begotten" or "brought forth," as to "give birth" according to the **Dictionary of Biblical Languages with Semantic Domains**. This may actually give Psalm 2:7, 11-12 and Proverbs 30:4 more depth relating not only to the future, but also to the beginning.) *I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was,* Proverbs 8:23.
- *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim, and the Word was Elohim. The same was in the beginning with Elohim. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made,* John 1:1-3.
- *Yahshua said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am,* John 8:58.
- *Yahshua knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He was come from Yahweh, and went to Yahweh,* John 13:3.

Yahshua appeared many times in the Old Testament to a select few. He gave up His glory to become a human being.

- *And now, O Father, glorify You Me with your own self with the glory which I had with You before the world was, John 17:5.*
- *Let this mind be in you, which was also in Messiah Yahshua Who, being in the form of Elohim, thought it not robbery to be equal [on an equality] with Yahweh: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men, Philippians 2:5-7.*
- *For you know the grace of our Master Yahshua Messiah that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might be rich, 2 Corinthians 8:9.*
- *Wherefore in all things it behooved him to be made like unto [His] brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things [pertaining] to Elohim, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people, Hebrews 2:17.*
- *But we see Yahshua, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that He by the grace of Yahweh should taste death for every man, Hebrews 2:9.*
- *Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil, Hebrews 2:14.*
- *Wherefore when He comes into the world, He says, "Sacrifice and offering you would not, but a body have You prepared Me," Hebrews 10:5.*

Upon His resurrection Yahshua's glory was returned to Him: He had flesh and bone; spirit energy instead of blood coursing through His veins.

- *And now, O Father, glorify you Me with your own self with the glory which I had with You before the world was, John 17:5.*
- *Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself: handle Me, and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones, as you see Me have, Luke 24:39.*

In His glorified body Yahshua appeared and disappeared before them.

- *And it came to pass, as He sat at meat with them, He took bread, and blessed [it], and brake, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew Him; and He vanished out of their sight, Luke 24:30-31.*
- *And they told what things [were done] in the way, and how He was known of them in breaking of bread. And as they thus spake, Yahshua Himself stood in the midst of them, and said unto them, "Peace [be] unto you," Luke 24:36.*
- *Then the same day at evening, being the first [day] of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Yahshua and stood in the midst, and said unto them, "Peace [be] unto you," John 20:19.*
- *And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: [then] came Yahshua, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace [be] unto you," (John 20:26)*

Yahshua is the One Who did the actual creating.

- *All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made*, John 1:3.
- *He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not*, John 1:10.
- *But to us [there is but] one Elohim, the Father, of whom [are] all things, and we in Him; and one Master, Yahshua Messiah, by whom [are] all things, and we by Him*, 1 Corinthians 8:6.
- *And to make all [men] see what [is] the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world has been hid in Elohim, Who created all things by Yahshua Messiah*, Ephesians 3:9.
- "Who is the image of the invisible Elohim, the Firstborn of every creature: For by Him were all things created" (Col. 1:15-16b).

Not only did Yahshua create all things, He looks exactly like Yahweh

- *Who is the image of the invisible Yahweh, the firstborn of every creature: For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether [they be] thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him: And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist*, Colossians 1:15-17.
- *Yahweh, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Has in these last days spoken unto us by [His] Son, Whom He has appointed heir of all things, by Whom also He made the worlds; Who being the brightness of [His] glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when he had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high*, Hebrews 1:1-3.
- *In whom the god of this world has blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of the Messiah, Who is the image of Elohim, should shine unto them*, 2 Corinthians 4:4.
- *And he that sees Me sees Him that sent Me*, John 12:45.
- *Yahshua said unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet have you not known me, Philip? he that has seen me has seen the Father; and how say you [then], Show us the Father*, John 14:9?

The "Angel of Yahweh" in the Old Testament was actually Yahshua.

- *And The Angel of Yahweh found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur. And He said, "Hagar, Sarai's maid, whence came you? and whither will you go?" And she said, "I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai." And The Angel of Yahweh said unto her, "Return to your mistress, and submit yourself under her hands." And The Angel of Yahweh said unto her, "I will multiply your seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude." And The Angel of Yahweh said unto her, "Behold, you [are] with child, and shall bear a son, and shall call his name Ishmael; because Yahweh has heard your affliction. And he will be a wild man; his hand [will be] against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren." And she called the Name of Yahweh that spake unto her, "You Elohim see me": for she said, "Have I also here looked after Him that sees me?"* Genesis 16:7-13.

Notice the "Angel (Messenger) of Yahweh" spoke to Hagar (Gen. 16:7-13) where He is also

referred to as Yahweh and Elohim (v. 13).

It was the Angel of Yahweh again Who commanded Abraham not to kill Isaac when He saw Abraham was willing to slay his son (Gen. 22:11-18). This same Angel promised to make Abraham's seed as the stars of heaven and the sands of the seashore (v. 17) because Abraham had obeyed His voice, (v. 18). Was this indeed an ordinary celestial being, or was this the spokesman, the *Dabar*, the *Metatron* of the Rabbis?

Colossians 1:15-17 shows Yahshua is the exact replica of His Father Who is Spirit. Yahshua became flesh and was visible to mankind. We may at times see a stone statue of a horse or human hero. They look just like the original, but are stone. The horse or human is flesh and bone, but the stone is an exact replica of them, just a different substance, namely stone.

Yahweh is Spirit, and Yahshua came in the flesh to reveal Him. In Yahshua dwells all the attributes of the complete deity of Yahweh (Col. 2:9). The Rock was Yahshua (1 Cor. 10:4).

Yahshua was the angel spoken of in Exodus 23:20-22 and carried Yahweh's Name. Notice, He can forgive sins. Mark 2:7 and Luke 5:21 say only Elohim can forgive sins! In the Old Testament the Mighty One Israel heard from Sinai; the One Who wrestled with Jacob; the One Who visited Manoah and Abraham in the plains of Mamre was none other than Yahshua Who was then known as Yahweh. In the New Testament He was known as Yahshua. He will be known as *Yahweh Zidkenu* (Jer. 23:6) when everyone who can be saved is saved. Then it will be a world of righteousness.

Yahweh is everlasting. But both Old and New Testaments confirm He has a Son. There is One Yahweh. But He has a Son. He spoke for Yahweh in the Old Testament. Yahweh alone is the ONE true El, Eloah, Elohim. But He had a Son who spoke and acted for Him just as an ambassador speaks and acts for the President in foreign countries. The ambassador speaks with full authority of the president. The words he speaks are as if the president himself has spoken.

In Adam the physical comes first. But Yahshua is called "The Second Adam" (1 Cor. 15:45-47). The first Adam is earthly (verse 47). The second is heavenly.

Most Bible believers accept the fact that in the first resurrection our physical body will be changed to spirit energy. We will be changed and have a glorified body just as the Savior does today.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal [must] put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory," 1 Corinthians 15:53-54.

If we are changed from physical to spirit in the first resurrection, why is it so hard to accept the fact that Yahshua gave up His glory (Phil. 2:5-6) to become human? It is a reverse of the first resurrection. The Bible clearly says that Yahshua became "like unto His brethren" (Heb. 2:17). Not in the same way as we were, by the fertilization of an egg, but by reducing the powerful, awesome Being of the Old Testament small enough to be placed in a womb. "That Thing" which was born of Mary was placed in her womb by the power of the Holy Spirit. Also, He was in the womb, and conception of a human takes place in the fallopian tubes. Yahshua was spirit, but His spirit body was changed to material flesh and then placed in the womb of Mary, born of her so that she gave Him birth. Thus He was her "seed."

The One Who spoke to Adam and Eve was not Yahweh the Heavenly Father. The One Who spoke to Abraham and Isaac and wrestled with Jacob was not Yahweh the Heavenly Father. The One who thundered the Ten Commandments from Sinai was not Yahweh the Heavenly Father. He was a Messenger directly from the throne of Sovereign Yahweh. He was the One Who said,

"If you have seen Me, you have seen the Father."

Psalm 49:6-9 shows that an ordinary man cannot redeem another human being.

- *They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches; None [of them] can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to Elohim a ransom for him: (For the redemption of their soul [is] precious, and it ceases for ever:) That He should still live for ever, [and] not see corruption.*

This culmination of all the proofs of Yahshua's pre-existence demonstrates the undeniable fact that only a member of the Elohim family possesses the ability to remove the penalty of our sin. Put your faith in Him.

It takes the blood of One Who is infinitely more precious. Only the blood of our beloved Creator and Savior suffices for the sins of the world.

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