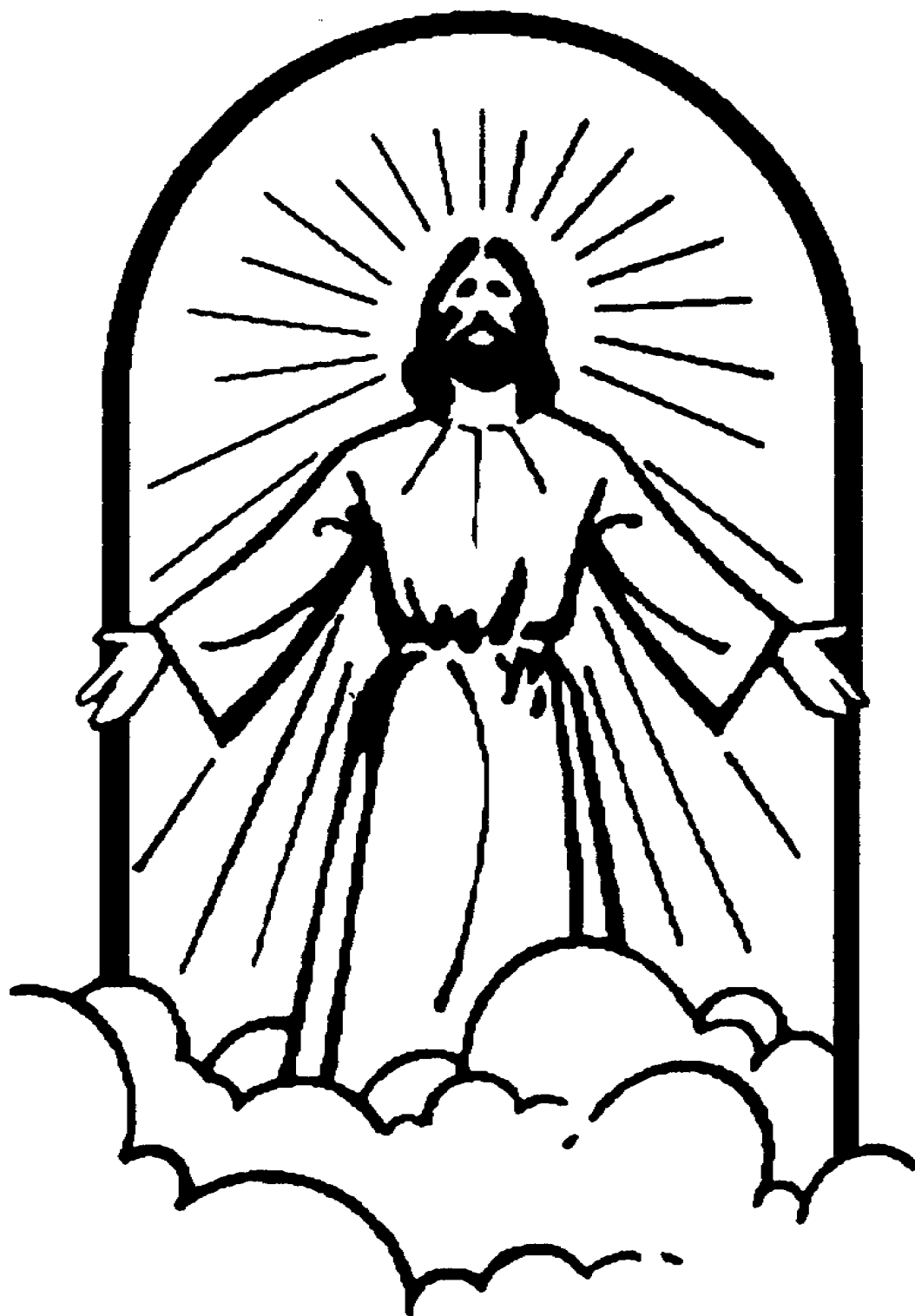


# ***WHO IS JESUS CHRIST?***



**An Answer For All Believers**

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# Who Is The Arm Of The Lord?

## Isaiah 53:1-12

Who hath believed our report? and to whom is **the Arm of the LORD** revealed?

For He (**The Arm Of The Lord**) shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: He hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see Him, [there is] no beauty that we should desire Him.

He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were [our] faces from Him; He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.

Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

But He [was] wounded for our transgressions, [He was] bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace [was] upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not his mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before

her shearers is dumb, so He openeth not His mouth.

He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare His generation? for He was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was He stricken.

And He made His grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death; because He had done no violence, neither [was any] deceit in His mouth.

Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He hath put [Him] to grief: when Thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see [His] seed, He shall prolong [His] days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.

He shall see of the travail of His soul, [and] shall be satisfied: by His knowledge shall My righteous servant justify many; for He shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore will I divide Him [a portion] with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong; because He hath poured out His soul unto death: and He was numbered with the transgressors; and He bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

We can see in the preceding verses that The Arm of The Lord is none other than Jesus Christ - the suffering Messiah! Earlier in Isaiah 51:9-10, we see The Arm of The Lord is attributed with parting the Red Sea. However, in Exodus and the Psalms, the LORD Himself is said to have performed this miraculous event. Who parted the Red Sea? Can The Arm of The Lord and the LORD both have parted the Red Sea?

## Isaiah 51:9-10

Awake, awake, put on strength, **O Arm of the LORD**; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. [Art] Thou not It that hath cut Rahab, [and] wounded the dragon?

**[Art] Thou not It** which hath dried the sea, the waters of the great deep; **that hath made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over?**

## Psalms 106:9

**He (YHWH) rebuked the Red Sea also, and it was dried up:** so He led them through the depths, as through the wilderness.

## Exodus 14:21

And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; **and the LORD caused the sea to go back** by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry [land], and the waters were divided.

**For My thoughts [are] not your thoughts, neither [are] your ways My ways, saith the LORD. For [as] the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:8-9**

# Who Is The Creator?

It is clear, in the Bible, that both God and Jesus are said to have created the heavens, the earth, and all things therein. Yet, according to many verses in the Holy Scriptures, God alone was Creator. How can and why would God, through His inspired Word, say that Jesus was the creator?

## Isaiah 44:24

**Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, and He that formed thee from the womb, *I [am] the LORD that maketh all [things]: that stretcheth forth the heavens alone: that spreadeth abroad the earth by Myself:***

## Isaiah 45:18

For **thus saith the LORD** that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; He had established it, He created it not in vain, He formed it to be inhabited: **I [am] the LORD; and [there is] none else.**

## Nehemiah 9:6

Thou, even **Thou, [art] LORD alone: Thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all [things] that [are] therein, the seas, and all that [is] therein, and Thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth them.**

(See also Genesis 1:1, 1:31-2:1, Gen 3:22, Isaiah 45:12, 48:13, 51:13, Deuteronomy 4:32, Jeremiah 27:5, 32:17, Psalms 102:25, Zechariah 12:1, Ephesians 3:9, Revelation 10:6.)

## Genesis 1:26

**And God 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 creepeth upon the earth. (see John 14:23)

## John 1:3

**All things were made by Him;** and without Him was not any thing made that was made.

## John 1:10

He was in the world, **and the world was made by Him,** and the world knew Him not.

## Hebrews 1:2

Hath in these last days spoken unto us by [His] Son, whom He hath appointed Heir of all things, **by whom also He made the worlds;**

It could be said that God just didn't mention Jesus in reference to creation in the Old Testament. We would then have to ask ourselves why He used such words as 'alone' and 'by Myself' in reference to the act of creating everything. This seeming contradiction arises again in who is responsible for the laying of the foundation of the world. We see in Hebrews that God Himself ascribes the laying of the foundation of the earth to Jesus. Yet many times in the Old Testament, God tells us that He is responsible for this!

## Isaiah 48:13

**Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth,** and My right hand hath spanned the heavens: [when] I call unto them, they stand up together.

## Isaiah 51:13

And forgettest **the LORD thy maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth;** and hast feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if He were ready to destroy? and where [is] the fury of the oppressor?

## Zechariah 12:1

The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith **the LORD,** which stretcheth forth the heavens, and **layeth the foundation of the earth,** and formeth the spirit of man within him.

## Psalms 102:25

**Of old hast Thou laid the foundation of the earth:** and the heavens [are] the work of Thy hands. *(This Psalmist is talking to YHWH!)*

## Hebrews 1:10

And, **Thou, Lord, in the beginning has laid the foundation of the earth;** and the heavens are the works of Thine hands: *(This refers to Jesus!)*

# Who Gets The Glory?

A final question concerning creation that should be addressed is who and what was creation for? According to the Word, creation is for God's glory and pleasure (Isaiah 43:7, Revelation 4:11). God says He won't give His glory to another; yet in Revelation, we see the Father and Lamb receiving 'joint' glory.

## Isaiah 42:8

I [am] the LORD: that [is] My name: and My glory will I not give to another, neither My praise to graven images.

## Isaiah 48:11

For Mine own sake, [even] for Mine own sake, will I do [it]: for how should [My name] be polluted? and I will not give My glory unto another.

## John 17:4-5

I have glorified Thee on the earth: I have finished the work which Thou gavest Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou Me with Thine own Self with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was.

## Revelation 5:11-13

And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;

Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, [be] unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

It has been shown that seeming inconsistencies have been found in the Bible. God parted the Red Sea and Jesus parted the Red Sea. God was alone at the beginning of creation and He was with Someone. God created the heavens and the earth and Jesus created the heavens and the earth. God laid the foundations of the earth and Jesus laid the foundations of the earth. God will share His glory with no one and Jesus will be glorified with God and was glorified with God before the world began.

As we search the Holy Scriptures, we find other actions, positions and titles that are held by both God and Jesus Christ.

# Who Is The Rock?

## Deuteronomy 32:4

[He is] the Rock, His work [is] perfect: for all His ways [are] judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right [is] He.

## 1 Samuel 2:2

[There is] none holy as the LORD: for [there is] none beside Thee: neither [is there] any rock like our God.

## 2 Samuel 22:32

For who [is] God, save the LORD and who [is] a rock, save our God?

## 1 Corinthians 10:4

And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

## 1 Peter 2:8

And a Stone of stumbling, and a Rock of offense, [even to them] which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

(See also Deut. 32:15, 32:18, 2 Samuel 22:47, Psalms 18:2, 18:31, 78:35, 89:26.)

# Who Is The First And Last?

The LORD of hosts, God, the Father, and Jesus Christ all claim to be the First and Last as well as the Alpha and Omega. Now common sense can tell that there is only one first, one last, one beginning (Alpha), and one end (Omega).

## Isaiah 44:6

Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and His redeemer the LORD of hosts; **I [am] the First, and I [am] the Last; and beside Me [there is] no god.**

## Isaiah 48:12

Hearken unto Me, O Jacob and Israel, My called; **I [am] He; I [am] the First, I also [am] the Last.**

## Revelation 1:8

**I am Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the Ending,** saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

## Revelation 21:6

And He said unto Me, It is done. **I am Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End.** I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

## Revelation 1:17

And when I saw Him, I fell at his feet as dead. And He laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; **I am the First and the Last: I [am] He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore,** Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

(See also Revelation 1:11)

## Revelation 2:8

And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; **These things saith the First and the Last, which was dead, and is alive:**

## Revelation 22:12-13

And, behold, I come quickly; and My reward [is] with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be. **I am Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.** (See also Revelation 22:20)

# Who Is To Be Worshipped?

Jesus taught to worship God and only God. Yet, when He was offered worship, He willingly accepts it (and even being called God in John 20:28-29!) If we look at the verses that refer to worship, in every instance where an angel or a man is worshipped, they rebuke that person and direct their worship to God. (Judges 13:15-18, Acts 10:25, 14:11-15, Revelation 19:10, 22:8-9).

## Exodus 34:14

For **thou shalt worship no other god:** for the LORD, whose name [is] Jealous, {is} a jealous God:

## Matthew 4:10

Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, **Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.**

(See Luke 4:8, John 12:26, Acts 27:22, Romans 1:9, Colossians 3:4, Revelation 22:3-4)

## John 20:28-29

And Thomas answered and said unto Him, My Lord and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen Me, thou hast believed: blessed [are] they that have not seen, and [yet] have believed.

## Colossians 2:18

Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and **worshipping of angels,** intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind.

# Who Has Seen God's Face?

In the King James Bible, every time the word GOD or LORD appears in all capital letters, the tetragrammaton (YHWH) was in the original manuscripts. YHWH, according to Isaiah 42:8, is the name of God and is translated by many as Jehovah or Yahweh. For our purposes, we will use Yahweh (Yah-way) in keeping with the closest pronunciation of YHWH.

In Genesis 18:22 and Isaiah 6:5, God is identified by the tetragrammaton YHWH. Since we know that "all scripture is given by inspiration from God" (2 Timothy 3:16), we must conclude that Yahweh placed YHWH in these verses.

## Genesis 18:22-23 (pg. 26 - NWT)

And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: **but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.** And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt Thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?

## Genesis 32:30 (pg. 50 - NWT)

And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for **I have seen God face to face**, and my life is preserved.

## Judges 13:22 (pg. 344 - NWT)

And Manoah said unto his wife, We shall surely die, because **we have seen God.**

## Isaiah 6:5 (pg. 894 - NWT)

Then said I, Woe [is] me! For I am undone; because I [am] a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: **for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.**

As we have seen through the scriptures, Abraham and Isaiah saw and spoke with God (YHWH). Jacob and Manoah said they saw God (Elohiym), and Yahweh not only did not rebuke them in any way, but He included their claims in His Word down through the ages.

In contrast, the verses from the Bible below state that no man can see God and live.

## Exodus 33:17-23

And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in My sight, and I know thee by name. And he said, I beseech Thee, shew me Thy glory. And He said, I will make all My goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy. **And He said, Thou canst not see My face: for there shall no man see Me, and live.** And the LORD said, Behold, [there is] a place by Me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock: And it shall

come to pass, while My glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with My hand while I pass by: And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see My back parts: but My face shall not be seen.

## John 1:18

**No man hath seen God** the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He had declared [Him].

## 1 John 4:12

**No man hath seen God at any time.** If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and His love is perfected in us.

God and Jesus parted the Red Sea. God and Jesus created the heavens and the earth. God and Jesus are the Rock. God and Jesus are the First and Last.

How is it that no one can and no one has seen God at any time, and yet the Bible clearly shows many instances where people have seen and conversed with God?

God makes even this seeming contradiction abundantly clear. *He tells us that no one has seen the Father* (John 1:18, 5:37, 6:46). Then Jesus makes the claim that if you have seen Him, you have seen the Father (John 14:9!) Now some light is being shed on who Abraham, Isaiah, and the others saw!

# Who Is The Lord Of Hosts?

On the previous page, we found that some people in the Bible saw the angel of Yahweh which they identified as Yahweh and some people saw Yahweh Himself. We also discovered that a man cannot see Yahweh and live.

In narrating the account of Jesus Christ's life, John refers to Isaiah 6:1-10. Isaiah saw the LORD of hosts and recorded it. If it wasn't the *real* Yahweh, God surely would have corrected him. God has said in Isaiah 42:8 "My glory will I not give to another".

When John 12:38-41 is read in context, we find that John is speaking of Jesus Christ (the Arm of the LORD), and Isaiah seeing Jesus' glory! If, then, Isaiah was referring to Jesus, that would make Jesus Christ the LORD of hosts, also known as Yahweh, also known as Jehovah!

Now the true meaning is revealed of "I and [My] Father are one." (John 10:30)

## John 12:38-41

That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, **Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?** Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with [their] eyes, nor understand with [their] heart, and be converted, and I should heal them. These things said Esaias, **when he saw His glory, and spake of Him.**

## Isaiah 6:5

Then said I, Woe [is] me! For I am undone; because I [am] a man of unclean lips, and I

dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: **for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.**

## Isaiah 37:16

**O LORD of hosts**, God of Israel, that dwell-est [between] the cherubims, **thou [art] the God [even] thou alone**, of all the kingdoms of the earth: Thou has made heaven and earth.

## Malachi 1:11

**For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same My name [shall be] great among the Gentiles;** and in every place incense [shall be] offered unto My name, and a pure offering: for My name [shall be] great among the heathen, **saith the LORD of hosts.**

# Who Is The Redeemer?

After having established that Jesus is the LORD of hosts, we can look into some of the other titles and services that this loving and just God assigns to himself. In the following references, we see that Yahweh refers to Himself as our Redeemer. In the New Testament, we see that Jesus redeemed us through the sacrificial atonement of His blood for our sins (Matthew 26:28). God wrote His Word for us to understand His ways (not necessarily comprehension of His reasoning) and He has said, "without shedding of blood is no remission." (Hebrew 9:22)

## Isaiah 47:4

**[As for] our redeemer, the LORD of hosts [is] his name**, the Holy One of Israel.

## Psalms 130:7-8

Let Israel hope in **the LORD**: for with the LORD there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption. And He **shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.**

(See also Isaiah 44:6,24, 48:17, 49:7,26, 54:5,8, 59:20 60:16, 63:16, Jeremiah 50:34.)

## Titus 2:13-14

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; **Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.**

(See also Luke 1:68, Galatians 3:13, 4:5, 1 Peter 1:18, Revelation 5:9.)



# Who Is The Saviour?

Can there be more than one Saviour if Yahweh says He is the only one? The answer is an obvious and definite NO. So how can the Bible contradict itself and say Jesus is the Saviour? It can only be no contradiction if Jesus Christ is God as well as the Father being God.

## Isaiah 43:11

*I, [even] I, [am] the LORD, and besides Me [there is] no saviour.*

## Isaiah 45:21

Tell ye, and bring [them] near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? [Who] that told it from that time? [Have] not I the LORD? and [there is] no god else besides Me; **a just God and a Saviour; [there is] none besides Me.**

## Hosea 13:4

Yet *I [am] the LORD thy God* from the land of Egypt, and thou shalt know no god but Me: for **[there is] no Saviour besides Me.**

(See also Isaiah 43:3, 45:15, 49:26, Luke 1:47, 1 Timothy 1:1, 1 Timothy 2:3)

## Luke 2:11

*For to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.*

## John 4:42

And said to the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard [Him] ourselves, and know that this is indeed the **Christ, the Saviour of the world.**

## Acts 5:31

*Him hath God exalted with his right hand [to be] a Prince and a Saviour, to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.*

## 1 John 4:14

And we have seen and do testify that **the Father sent the Son [to be] the Saviour of the world.**

(See also Acts 13:23, Philippians 3:20)

In Titus we see where God is first ascribed to be "our Saviour" and then Jesus is given the honor of being "our Saviour" (both receiving the same glory!).

## Titus 1:3-4

But hath in due times revealed his word through preaching, which is committed to me according to the commandment of **God our Saviour,**

To Titus, [my] own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, [and] peace, from God the Father and **the Lord Christ our Saviour.**

## Titus 3:4, 6

But when the kindness and love of **God our Saviour** toward man appeared,

Which He shed on us abundantly through **Jesus Christ our Saviour.**

How could God, being as righteous and jealous as He is (Exodus 34:14), possibly share the glory of being Saviour with anyone inferior to Himself?

God said in Hebrews 1:5 "For to which of the angels said he **at any time**, Thou art My Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to Me a Son?"

If Jesus is an angel, Then God lied in Hebrews and Psalm 2. How could (and why would) a just and holy God create another god, and then tell man time after time there were no other gods with Him, and to worship no other gods? If another god exists - God lied. Jesus is not "a god". Why would Yahweh create **another** Saviour? **another** Redeemer? **another** Creator? **another** First and Last? And then say He was the only One?

Of course, a holy and just God would not - and did not. He gave Himself to be a propitiation for our sins (Romans 3:25, 1 John 2:2, 4:10, Acts 20:28).

# Is There More Than One God?

While the Bible does talk about gods such as Baalzebub (known as Beelzebub in the New Testament) and Satan, these are identified as demons or fallen angels, elevated to god-like status in the small mind of man. There are also goddesses mentioned, such as Diana in Acts. All such "gods" are in the "no god" (or false god) category. They are made up by man.

Below we see what Yahweh, the true God, says. Notice in Deuteronomy 32:39, Isaiah 44:6,8 and Isaiah 45:5 where God says there is no god with Him. More importantly, notice that in Isaiah 43:10, Yahweh says, "**before Me there was no god formed, neither shall there be after Me.**"

In the King James Bible, Jesus is said to be God in John 1:1. In the Jehovah's Witness New World Translation, Jesus is said to be "a god" in John 1:1. Jesus is not an angel according to Hebrews 1:5. Jesus cannot be "a god" according to Isaiah 43:10. If there was no god formed before Yahweh and no god formed after Yahweh, then the *ONLY* God there can possibly be *IS* Yahweh! The only way Jesus can be *any* kind of god is if He is *THE* God - YHWH. Before and after YHWH, no god was formed!

Jesus cannot be "a god" of any kind!

## **Deuteronomy 32:39**

See now that I, [even] I, [am] He, and [there is] no god with Me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither [is there any] that can deliver out of My hand.

## **Isaiah 43:10**

Ye [are] My witnesses, saith the LORD, and My servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe Me, and understand that I [am] He: **before Me there was no god formed, neither shall there be after Me.**

## **Isaiah 44:6**

Thus saith the Lord the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I [am] the first, and I [am] the last; and **besides Me [there is] no god.**

## **Isaiah 44:8**

Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared [it]? ye [are] even My witnesses. *Is there a god besides Me? Verily, [there is] no god; I know not [any].*

## **Isaiah 45:5**

I [am] the LORD, and [there is] none else, **[there is] no god besides Me:** I girded thee, though thou hast not known Me:

## **Isaiah 45:14**

Thus saith the LORD, The labour of Egypt and merchandise of Cush and of the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over to thee, and

they shall be thine: they shall come after thee; in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down to thee, they shall make supplication to thee, [saying], Surely God [is] in thee; **and [there is] none else, [there is] no God.**

## **Isaiah 45:21**

Tell ye, and bring [them] near, yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? [who] hath told it from that time? [have] not I the LORD? **and [there is] no god else besides Me; a just God and a Saviour; [there is] none besides Me.**

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## **Exodus 20:3-5**

*Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.* Thou shalt not make to thee any graven image, or any likeness [of any thing] that [is] in heaven above, or that [is] in the earth beneath, or that [is] in the water under the earth: *Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God [am] a jealous God,* visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth [generation] of them that hate Me; (See also Exodus 34:14, Deuteronomy 4:24.)

## **Hosea 13:4**

Yet I [am] the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt, **and thou shalt know no god but Me:** for [there is] no saviour besides Me.

In Exodus 20:3-5 and Hosea 13:4 (above), Yahweh tells us that in our own small minds we will raise 'gods' in this world. But by commandment of God Most High we are forbidden to have any gods before Yahweh or to even know any God but Yahweh!

# Who Is The Only True God?

As we see by the scriptures, God's Holy Word, Yahweh is the true God (Jeremiah 10:10). In fact, according to John 17:3, He is the only true God. That means that there is one and only one true God. All other gods are false gods.

If Jesus was the first created thing (as some religions teach), and the reading of John 1:1 should be "*and the Word was a god*", then according to God's own Word, Jesus would have to be a false god. There is one and only one true God (John 17:3).

## 2 Chronicles 15:3

Now for a long season Israel [hath been] without **the true God**, and without a teaching priest, and without law.

## Jeremiah 10:10

**But the LORD [is] the true God, He [is] the living God**, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.

## John 17:3

And this is life eternal, **that they may know Thee the only true God**, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent.

## 1 Thessalonians 1:9

For they themselves show of us what manner of entrance we had to you, *and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God.*

## 1 John 5:20

And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, *that we may know Him that is true, and we are in Him that is true, [even] in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.*

If Jesus and the Father are not both God (and the Holy Spirit - but that's another discussion), then God the Father is true and Jesus the god is false.

According to 1 John 5:20 "we may know Him that is true" - that's God. "We are in Him that is true" That's God and Jesus. God is true and we are in God, who is true, and we are also in his son Jesus, who is false? So we are in union(?) with a true God and a false god?

# How Can One God Be Three?

## Deuteronomy 6:4

Hear, O Israel: **The LORD our God [is] one LORD:**

## Mark 12:29

And Jesus answered him, The first of all the

commandments [is], O Israel; **the Lord our God is one Lord:**

## Galations 3:20

Now a mediator is not [a mediator] of one, **but God is one.**

The Bible clearly teaches that there is one true God and that God is one Lord. Why would God take the trouble to say He is 'one Lord'? Did He not also say that He is **the only Saviour? That He alone created the earth and heavens? That He is the First and the Last?**

Well, if the aberrant teachings of various cults are correct, it would be to assure us that there is no 'trinity' or triune being like the God of Christianity. But if any one of these teachings were true, then the rest of the Holy Scriptures would line up as well.

We need to look at the original Hebrew to see if God can be 'one Lord' and three. God knew we could only measure Him by our finite and quite inadequate minds.

# Deuteronomy 6:4

This verse taken in the English translation alone would obviously seem to refute any questions that might arise concerning the concept. Behold O Israel: the LORD our God [is] one LORD. However, when we return to the language that it was written in, we find meanings not included in the English language.

As we look at these word definitions, the question of the accuracy, or inaccuracy, of the Trinity becomes clear. The plurality of God appears in the original Hebrew language of this verse. Below I give you Deuteronomy 6:4 with Strong's #s which correspond to the Hebrew definitions.

**Hear, O Israel: The LORD <03068> our God <0430> [is] one <0259> LORD <03068>:**

or

**Hear, O Israel: YHWH our God ['elohiym] [is] one [echad] YHWH:**

or

**Hear, O Israel: Jehovah our God [is] one [echad] Jehovah:**

or

**Hear, O Israel: Yahweh our God [is] one [echad] Yahweh:**

Yahweh our God is one Yahweh??? What is that?? That's like saying Tom, the writer, is one Tom. Huh??? Of COURSE Tom is one Tom! Why say that? Our Lord must be trying to tell us something else than God is one God, because He said "I your God am one Me"!!

If Yahweh the Father wants to tell us that He is one (echad - unified) Yahweh, there must be a reason. When we look at the definitions below, we see Echad (and it's root 'achad) is used to refer to a unified one (see definitions below). 'Elohiym is the plural form of the Hebrew word for God. God is mentioned 32 times in Genesis 1. Every time it is the plural form for God - 'elohiym.

## **0259 echad {ekh-awd'}**

- a numeral from 258; properly, united, i.e. one; or (as an ordinal) first:

- a, alike, alone, altogether, and any(-thing), apiece, a certain, [dai-]ly, each (one), + eleven, every, few, first, + highway, a man, once, one, only, other, some, together.

## **0258 'achad {aw-khad'}**

- perhaps a primitive root; to unify, i.e. (fig.) collect (one's thoughts); v; - go thee one way or other.

## **0430 'elohiym {el-o-heem'}**

- plural of 433; gods in the ordinary sense; but specifically used (in the plural thus, especially with the article) of the supreme God; occasionally applied by way of deference to magistrates; and sometimes as a superlative:

## **3068 YHWH {Yah-way'}**

- from 1961; (the) self-Existent or Eternal; Jehovah, Jewish national name of God:  
- Jehovah, the Lord. Compare 3050, 3069.

Yahweh is not saying your God is one God here - He's saying "I, Yahweh, am one unified Yahweh!" He's saying I am MORE than the one God you think I am!!! Here are some other examples of the plurality of echad from the following verses:

Genesis 1:5 "the evening and the morning were the first (echad) day."

Genesis 2:24 "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they shall be one (echad) flesh."

Genesis 3:22 "Behold, the man hath become as one (echad) of us."

Genesis 11:6 "Behold, the people [is] one (echad)."

Genesis 27:44 "And tarry with him a few (echad) days, until thy brother's fury shall turn away."

Genesis 29:20 "And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed to him [but] a few (echad) days, for the love he had to her.", See also Genesis 34:16

# Is YHWH Seen Like This Elsewhere In The Scriptures?

It stands to reason that if Yahweh is telling us He is a Unified God, then we will see this thru the Old Testament in more than Deuteronomy 6:4.

It should be mentioned that God ('elohiym) says in Genesis 1:26 "**Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness:**" and He (YHWH 'elohiym) says in Genesis 3:22 "**Behold, the man hath become as one of Us, to know good and evil:**" Yahweh's use of "Us" and "Our" is his conversation as the Father speaking to the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Our LORD Yahweh was NOT talking to the angels here because the angels were not part of the creative process. Angels are created beings, NOT creator beings. Angels are messengers and servants to the Most High God. If angels are creators then they are gods. If angels are gods, they are FALSE gods!

When God says "**Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness:**" HE IS TALKING TO HIMSELF!! Let's look at another place where Yahweh appears in plural.

Below we find Jesus talking to Abraham as YHWH. We know that ALL scripture is God-breathed (2 Timothy 3:16) so when God says He was speaking with and standing before Abraham, He IS!!! It has to be Jesus talking to Abraham, because no one has seen the Father and lived.

## **Genesis 18:20-33**

And **the LORD said**, "Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous,

**I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which has come unto Me: and if not, I will know.**"

And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom; but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.

And Abraham drew near and said, "Wilt Thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?

Perhaps there be fifty righteous within the city; wilt Thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?

That be far from Thee to do in this manner—to slay the righteous with the wicked; and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from Thee! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

And the LORD said, "If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes."

And Abraham answered and said, "Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, I, who am but dust and ashes.

Perhaps there shall lack five of the fifty righteous; wilt Thou destroy all the city for lack of five?" And He said, "If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy it."

And he spoke unto Him yet again and said, "Perhaps there shall be forty found there?" And He said, "I will not do it for forty's sake."

And he said unto Him, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Perhaps there shall thirty be found there." And He said, "I will not do it if I find thirty there."

And he said, "Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord: Perhaps there shall be twenty found there." And He said, "I will not destroy it for twenty's sake."

And he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Perhaps ten shall be found there." And He said, "I will not destroy it for ten's sake."

**And the LORD went His way**, as soon as He had finished communing with Abraham; and Abraham returned unto his place.

## **Genesis 19:24**

**Then the LORD rained** upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah **brimstone and fire, from the LORD out of heaven.**

# WHAAAAAT?

Yahweh rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire, from the Yahweh out of heaven? You mean Yahweh was in two places in the same scripture at the same time?!?!?!

I think we need to go over what happened here!!

One minute Yahweh is telling his angels that are with Him that He is going to "go down" to see if the sinfulness of Sodom And Gomorrah are as He's heard. But first (He says) I'll let Abraham know what I'm about to do.

## **Genesis 18:20-22**

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have done altogether according to the cry of it, which has come unto Me; and if not, I will know."

And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom; **but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.**

Then Yahweh tells Abraham what He's going to do. Abraham then talks with the LORD, Yahweh, about the "What IF" scenario. What if there's 50, what if there's 40, what if there's 30, what if there's 20, and finally, - what if there's 10 righteous people - will you spare the cities LORD? "Yes", says Yahweh, "if there's 10 righteous I will spare the city!"

Then Yahweh heads for Sodom and Gomorrah. How do we know this? Reread scriptures 20 and 21 above. Yahweh SAID He was going down to the cities.

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And the LORD, Yahweh, went His way. Where did He go? Down to Sodom and Gomorrah. Then the scriptures tell us of the "meanwhile" story of Lot's removal from Sodom. There wasn't enough righteous people in Lot's family to equal 10 righteous in the whole city of Sodom.

When we pick up in Genesis 19:24 with the LORD, Yahweh, again - He's down at Sodom or Gomorrah. He has gone down just as He said He was going to. Yahweh does what He says He's going to do. If He SAYS He's going down, He WILL go down. So in Genesis 19:24 the first LORD Yahweh is Jesus and the second LORD Yahweh is the Father!!! Yahweh near Sodom or Gomorrah rained down fire and brimstone from Yahweh out of Heaven. Or - more correctly - Jesus near Sodom or Gomorrah rained down fire and brimstone from the Father out of Heaven!!

Let's recap - remember ... our LORD Yahweh says all over the scripture that He ALONE did things ... God (YHWH), in Isaiah 44:24, also makes the clear distinction that He 'alone' created the earth and the heavens - yet we've seen that Jesus also did this. "*I [am] the LORD that maketh all [things]; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by Myself;" (The words 'alone' and 'by Myself' in Hebrew mean alone and by Myself.)*

For the Father and the Son to have created the same thing means they must be the same God - the unified Yahweh of Deuteronomy 6:4!!

The Father is the Creator and Jesus is the Creator. The Father is our Rock and Jesus is our Rock. The Father is the First and Last and Jesus is the First and Last. The Father is the LORD of Hosts and Jesus is the LORD of Hosts. Let us line up with God's way of thinking and understanding and not men's understandings. Jesus is our LORD, Yahweh. The Father is our LORD, Yahweh. Amen.

# **Isaiah 55:8-9**

**For My thoughts [are] not your thoughts, neither [are] your ways My ways, saith the LORD. For [as] the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.**