

Most either haven't given much thought to or don't understand the identity of the God who spoke to His people in ancient times. Yet Yeshua [Jesus] clearly revealed the answer.

Please watch this 6 minute illustration of how YHWH [the LORD] came to give the Torah, and how Yeshua [Jesus] came to teach us how to walk as He walked and to obey His teachings.

Did God the Father give ancient Israel outdated instructions, which Yeshua [Jesus] had to come to change? Or were the ancient Israelites guided by the same One who was born as Yeshua [Jesus]? The answer may surprise you!

Many Christians try to distinguish the God of the Old Testament from the person of Yeshua [Jesus]. Yet your Bible shows that Yeshua, who pre-existed with God the Father from eternity, was the One who spoke to Abraham and Moses and gave the Torah [law/instructions]!

Most religious scholars and commentaries know the clear Scriptures we will be discussing in this article. They are aware of what a number of Biblical passages make very clear. But most of them avoid these scriptures like the plague! Or, on the other hand, they may do a little verbal “dance” around them — touching on them in their technical commentaries—but then gliding on to “safer” subjects without fully explaining them one way or the other.

Why?

Why should professing Christian leaders be afraid of the fact that The One who became Yeshua pre-existed with God the Father from eternity? That He was YHWH, the God of the Old Testament — the God who spoke to Abraham and Moses — the God of David, the One who actually gave the Torah? Why be fearful of these clear Biblical teachings?

We will explain the dark origins of this fear later on. But first, we need to understand the genuine origin of Yeshua [Jesus] — the One who died for our sins. Who was Yeshua, really? Where did He come from? Why is His life so valuable as to constitute a payment for all of our lives — billions of us — put together? The truth about this topic is very important to understand. And it is truly inspiring!

The Origins of Yeshua [Jesus Christ]

First we need to understand that Jesus' Hebrew name is Yeshua. Yeshua meaning YAH saves. Yah = YHWH, the God of the Old Testament. That is why we prefer to say “Yeshua”, because it has meaning, YHWH SAVES, whereas the name Jesus does not. Jesus was the Name the Greeks gave Him. YHWH is often pronounced Yahweh. YHWH occurs over 5,300 times in the Old Testament. It is translated LORD (all capitals) in many English translations of the Bible.

The Apostle John makes it clear that the One who was born as Yeshua existed from eternity:

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim [God], and the Word was Elohim [God]. He was in the beginning with Elohim [God]. All came to be through Him, and without Him not even one came to be that came to be.” (John 1:1–3).

Here John points out that the Word — the Logos or Spokesman — had been with God from the beginning. He was the creative agent — acting for God the Father in making everything that is. Later:

“He was in the world, and the world came to be through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the authority to become children of Elohim [God], to those believing in His Name.” (vv. 10–12).

In several Scriptures the inspired Paul makes the same point. In **Colossians 1:15–16**, Paul speaks of Yeshua:

“who is the likeness of the invisible Elohim [God], the first-born of all creation. Because in Him were created all that are in the heavens and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or rulerships or principalities or authorities – all have been created through Him and for Him.”

And the book of Hebrews tells us that God,

“has in these last days spoken to us by the Son, whom He has appointed heir of all, through whom also He made the ages” (Hebrews 1:2).

And again,

“But to the Son He says, “Your throne, O Elohim [God], is forever and ever, a sceptre of straightness is the sceptre of Your reign.” (v. 8).

And finally,

“And, “You, Master, did found the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of Your hands.” (v. 10).

Note that in verse 8 above, Messiah is addressed, “**O God.**” He is described as the One who “*made the ages*” (v. 2) and who “*laid the foundation of the earth*” (v. 10). There is absolutely no indication that any of these verses written by Paul or by John were “poetic” or metaphorical! They simply state the fact that the Personality who became Yeshua was “*in the beginning*” with the Father, that He was the “Word” or Spokesman for the Father and that all things were directly created through Him, Yeshua!

How did all this come about?

Turning to **Genesis 1:1**, we read,

“In the beginning Elohim created the heavens and the earth.”

All scholars know that the Hebrew word here translated God is “Elohim,” a plural noun — like assembly or family — as would signify one family with several members. And now notice **Genesis 1:26**,

“And Elohim said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over the livestock, and over all the earth and over all the creeping creatures that creep on the earth.”

Note that God said, “*Let Us make man in Our image.*” So the Father and the Logos or “Word”— who later was born as Yeshua of Nazareth — were both included here. Acting for the One we call God the “*Father*,” the One who became Yeshua was used by the Father from the beginning in dealing with mankind.

We see this also in **Genesis 18**. Here YHWH appeared to Abraham. He did not appear in His full glory in dealing with Abraham, Moses and others, but more in human form — yet apparently with a “*difference*” so that Abraham recognized that he was dealing with YHWH [the LORD] (vv. 3, 27). After the Eternal had explained to Abraham His intent to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah because of their perverted sins, Abraham asked,

“Does the Judge of all the earth not do right?” (v. 25).

Here Abraham was certainly dealing with YHWH, who became Yeshua! For Messiah Himself revealed later,

“For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son” (John 5:22).

Abraham was certainly not dealing with God the Father. For the inspired Word also tells us,

“No one has ever seen Elohim. 1 The only brought-forth Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He did declare. Footnotes: 1 See 5:37, 6:46, 1 John 4:12. 2The pre-existent Son declared, and was the One who appeared to men.” (John 1:18).

Yeshua Himself said:

“Your father Abraham was glad that he should see My day, and he saw it and did rejoice.” The Yehudim [Jews], therefore, said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?” יהושע [Yeshua] said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham came to be, I AM.” (John 8:56–58).

The Jews recognized that the expression “**I AM**” referred to the God of Israel. They thought that Yeshua was both lying and blaspheming. So “**then they picked up stones to throw at Him**” (v. 59). These Jews were blinded to the fact that Yeshua had been the very Personality who had been the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel! They were standing right there talking to the One who was their God! And they did not know it. How sad is



that? Will we recognize Him when He stands in front of us??

Messiah WAS and IS YHWH, the “God of Israel”

In **Matthew 22:42–45**, Yeshua challenged the religious leaders:

“What do you think concerning the Messiah? Whose Son is He?” They said to Him, “The Son of Dawid.” He said to them, “Then how does Dawid in the Spirit call Him ‘Master,’ saying, ‘יהוה [YHWH] said to my Master, “Sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies a footstool of Your feet” ’? “If then Dawid calls Him ‘Master,’ how is He his Son?”

The Pharisees were not able to answer. For they knew that King David of Israel certainly had no human **“Master.”**

This Scripture had to be describing two personalities in God’s Family — one greater than the other. And, as should be obvious to us, David’s immediate “Master” — the One who later became Yeshua of Nazareth — was told to sit at the right hand of the Father until it was time for Him to become King of Kings.

Yet the Jews knew that the coming Messiah was to be a literal “*son of David*.” How could this one also be David’s **“Master”** yet having a still “*greater*” Lord telling Him what to do?

In **1 Corinthians 10:1–4**, we read that ancient Israel was baptized into Moses and they all

“ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Yeshua.”

Again, it is clear — as a number of commentaries acknowledge — that the same Spirit Personality who dealt with ancient Israel was the One who became Yeshua. For, as we have seen, Yeshua said that **“no one”** had ever seen “God”— obviously meaning the One we call the Father. Yet right after giving the Torah and some of the statutes to ancient Israel, we find that the “God of Israel” did indeed appear to some of Israel’s leaders!

“And Mosheh [Moses] went up, also Aharon, Naḏab, and Aḇihu, and seventy of the elders of Yisra’el [Israel], and they saw the Elohim [God] of Yisra’el, and under His feet like a paved work of sapphire stone, and like the heavens for brightness. Yet He did not stretch out His hand against the chiefs of the children of Yisra’el! And they saw Elohim, and they ate and drank. ” (Exodus 24:9–11).

So more than 70 of the leaders of Israel “saw the God of Israel.” Could anything be more clear?

It was YHWH who became Yeshua who literally walked and talked with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. He was the One who dealt directly with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He was the One who spoke with Moses (**Numbers 12:8**). He was YHWH, the One who gave the Torah from the top of Mount Sinai.

Comparing Old vs New Testament verses

The fact that Yeshua [Jesus] is YHWH can be determined by comparing the following Old Testament verses with the corresponding New Testament verses.

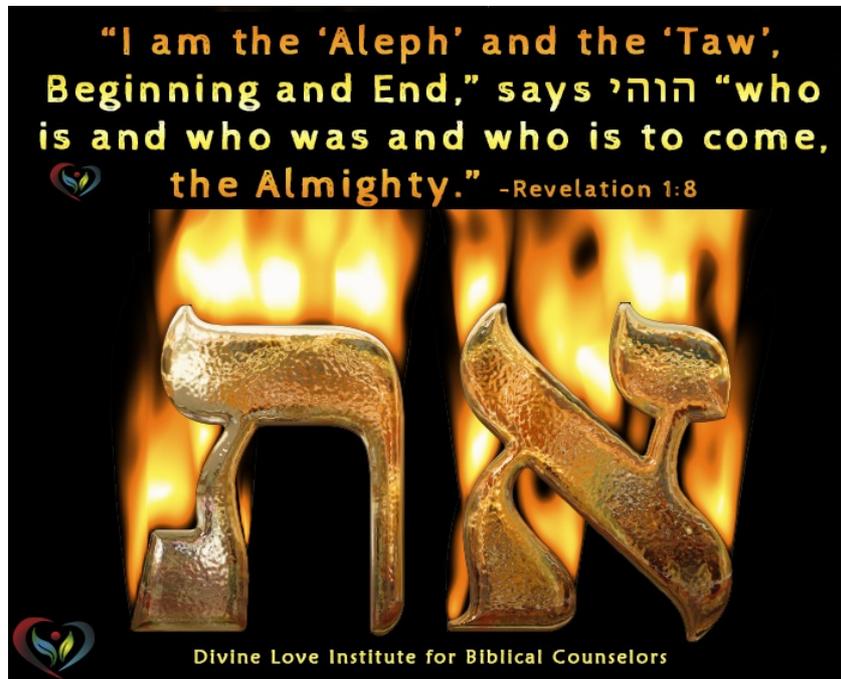
Isaiah 40:3 speaks about *preparing the way for the LORD (Yahweh)*. When we compare this verse with **Mark 1:3** we see that *Yeshua is the LORD who had the way prepared* for him by John the Baptist.

In **Joel 2:32a** it says that *whoever calls upon the Name of the LORD (YHWH) will be saved*. This verse is quoted by Peter in **Acts 2:21**, and by Paul in **Romans 10:13**. Both apostles are clearly referring to Yeshua as the LORD.

In **Isaiah 6:1-10** we read about the *marvelous vision that Isaiah had revealing the glory of YHWH*. John tells us in **John 12:40-41** that this vision revealed the glory of Yeshua.

In **Isaiah 44:6**, YHWH refers to himself as “*the First and the Last*”. In **Revelation 1:8** and **17**, Yeshua similarly refers to himself as “*the Alpha and the Omega*” (ALEPH TAV) and “*the First and the Last*”.

In **Zechariah 12:10** YHWH is speaking and says that, “*they will look on Me whom they have pierced.*”^[4] This is obviously Yeshua speaking (**Psalm 22:16**; **John 19:34**). This passage from Zechariah appears again in **Revelation 1:7b** and is clearly about Yeshua.



Why Is This Truth So Seldom Acknowledged?

When you understand that last sentence in the paragraph above, you can begin to grasp why so many professing pastors, priests and ministers shy away from explaining the real origin of Yeshua. For they have nearly all been taught that the Torah were a product of some harsh “*God of the Old Testament*” and that Yeshua somehow “knew better” than His Father. In many cases they say, instead, that somehow Paul “knew better” than either Yeshua or the Father — and that he did away with God’s law.

These misguided men may be sincere. But they are “blinded” (**2 Corinthians 4:3–4**) — as is the whole world. Remember Yeshua’s instruction about most of the religious leaders of His own day:

“Leave them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both shall fall into a ditch.” (Matthew 15:14).

It is embarrassing — to men who have been taught that the Torah [instructions/law] were “*done away*” — to admit that it was YHWH, who became Yeshua, who gave the Torah in codified form to Moses. He is the One who commanded, as an integral part of God’s great law:

“Remember the Sabbath day, to set it apart. “Six days you labour, and shall do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath {1} of יהוה [YHWH] your Elohim [God]. You do not do any work – you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. [Footnote: {1} There are other Sabbaths, but this is the weekly Sabbath.] “For in six days יהוה [YHWH]

made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore יהוה [YHWH] blessed the Sabbath day and set it apart” (Exodus 20:8–11).

For some reason, the one commandment that starts with “remember”, is the very one we forget. Most pastors/ministers today do understand that God, through Yeshua, specifically commanded His people to keep the seventh day — not just any day. They know that during His entire human lifetime Yeshua kept the seventh-day Sabbath — the same day the other Jews were observing! And they probably also realize that the original Disciples kept the seventh-day Sabbath. Along with scores of other respected scholars, mainstream Protestant church historian Jesse Lyman Hurlbut acknowledges:

“As long as the church was mainly Jewish, the Hebrew sabbath was kept” (The Story of the Christian Church, p. 45).

Again, most pastors/ministers understand that the inspired writer of Hebrews tells us,

“Yeshua [Jesus Christ] is the same yesterday, today, and forever” (Hebrews 13:8).

And they know that neither Messiah nor the Disciples ever attempted to “do away” with the Biblical Sabbath. If they had made such an attempt to overthrow such a major precept coming from the very hand of God, the Jews surrounding them would have rioted, persecuted them unmercifully, not allowed them to continue worshiping in the Temple as they did for many years, and would quickly have proclaimed them heretics and lawless. The enormous upheaval that would have ensued from such an action would have made the Jewish upset over circumcision — described in Acts 15 — seem like a “tea party” by comparison!

Of course, no such change in God’s Torah was ever discussed or instituted by Messiah or the Disciples. For a quarter of a century after Yeshua’s crucifixion, and after the Holy Spirit had come upon the early Believers to guide it, the original Believers were still “zealous” for the law (**Acts 21:20**). Even Paul was still obedient to God’s law. For notice the inspired account of the instruction given by the Disciple James to Paul:

“And all shall know that what they have been informed about you is not so, but that you yourself also walk orderly, keeping the Torah.” (Acts 21:24)

The Logical Consequence of This TRUTH

If all professing Believers were taught the truth — that YHWH, who gave the Torah, is also the same One who are our Saviour — perhaps their actions would be quite different. The world would surely be a much safer place! All would realize that true “Christianity” is a law-abiding “religion” — a way of life based on the Torah of God. They would learn that — although no one is suddenly perfect, and we are commanded to grow in Messiah’s character — it is possible to follow Messiah’s inspired example through His Spirit within us.

As Paul wrote:

“I have been impaled [crucified] with Messiah, and I no longer live, but Messiah lives in me. And that which I now live in the flesh I live by belief in the Son of Elohim, who loved me and gave Himself for me.” (Galatians 2:20)

Believers would then understand the John's explanation of the very love of God and how it functions:

“For this is the love for Elohim [God], that we guard His commands, and His commands are not heavy” (1 John 5:3).

They would read with new understanding John's inspired statement in Revelation 14:12:

“Here is the endurance of the set-apart ones, here are those guarding the commands of Elohim and the belief of יהושע [Yeshua].”

The true Messiah revealed clearly in the Bible co-existed with the Father from eternity. He and the Father planned together the creation of mankind. Speaking for Himself and the Father, YHWH (Who walked earth as Yeshua later) said, **“Let Us make man in Our image.”** Then, about 4,000 years later, YHWH was willing to give up the indescribable glory, power and majesty He had always shared with the Father.

As correctly translated, Paul tells us that Messiah **“emptied”** Himself,

“taking the form of a servant, and came to be in the likeness of men. And having been found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, death even of a stake. Elohim, therefore, has highly exalted Him and given Him the Name which is above every name, that at the Name of יהושע [Yeshua] every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and every tongue should confess that יהושע [Yeshua] Messiah is Master [Lord], to the esteem of Elohim [God] the Father.” (Philippians 2:7–11).

Yeshua said,

“I and My Father are one” (John 10:30).

So YHWH, Who had been totally **“one”** with God — and who was God — **“emptied Himself”** to become our Savior. Truly His life is worth more than all of ours combined, because He created not only the human race, but the entire universe as well. Having bought and paid for us by His death on the crucifixion stake, Messiah now doubly “owns” us. He is our Maker, our God, our Master. He was and is our Saviour.

Yet after the death of the original Disciples, a great apostasy took over. The clear teachings and examples of Yeshua and His taught ones (disciples) began to be altered. The very concept of Messiah being a real **“Master”** began to be undone and permanently altered. *He came to be considered a “Lord” who demanded no obedience to the law* — the Torah that He had given mankind was now considered ‘abolished’, even though He clearly stated that He did not come to abolish it. His clear and persistent teaching,

“if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments” (Matthew 19:17),

was now explained away as instruction only for the Jews. So also were dismissed the powerful statements of John such as,

“The one who says, “I know Him,” and does not guard His commands, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.” (1 John 2:4).

These clear statements were explained away as applying only to the “spirit” of the law or to some new commandments of Jesus. But when you study these new commandments, they are only magnifications of the Torah, which Yeshua Himself gave on Mount Sinai! And again,

“יהושע [Yeshua] Messiah is the same yesterday, and today, and forever.” (Hebrews 13:8).

Yeshua isn't the Father, although He and the Father is ONE in unity

“Everyone who is transgressing and not staying in the teaching of Messiah does not possess Elohim. The one who stays in the teaching of Messiah possesses both the Father and the Son” (2 John 1:9)

“If I did not do among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin. But now they have both seen and have hated both Me and My Father” (John 15:24)

יהושע [Yeshua] answered him, “If anyone loves Me, he shall guard My Word. And My Father shall love him, and We shall come to him and make Our stay with him.” (John 14:23)

Believers of The Way are to be one as the Father and Son are one:

“And I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Set-apart Father, guard them in Your Name which You have given Me, so that they might be one, as We are.” (John 17:11)

“And the esteem which You gave Me I have given them, so that they might be one as We are one” (John 17:22)

This refers to one in unity, not one in person.

“But even if I do judge, My judgment is true, because I am not alone in it, but I and the Father who sent Me. “And in your Torah also, it has been written that the witness of two men is true. “I am One who witnesses concerning Myself, and the Father who sent Me witnesses concerning Me.” Therefore they said to Him, “Where is Your Father?” יהושע [Yeshua] answered, “You know neither Me nor My Father. If you knew Me, you would have known My Father also.” (John 8:16-19)

Did Yeshua Pray to Himself?

“And crying out with a loud voice, יהושע [Yeshua] said, “Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit.” And having said this, He breathed His last.” (Luke 23:46)

“יהושע [Yeshua] said these words, and lifted up His eyes to the heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come. Esteem Your Son, so that Your Son also might esteem You” (John 17:1)

If Yeshua, Who is YHWH, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, prayed to the Father, we should follow His example, and also pray to the Father. I have heard many pray “Father Jesus”. This isn’t Scriptural.

When Yeshua said we must **pray in His name**, or that He will do what we **ask in His name**, He meant that we should have **His nature/character** when we pray. [Please see this teaching to understand the term “name” better.](#)

Did Yeshua Send Himself?

“do you say of Him whom the Father set apart and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of Elohim?’” (John 10:36)

“As You sent Me into the world, I also sent them into the world.” (John 17:18)

“so that they all might be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, so that they too might be one in Us, so that the world might believe that You have sent Me.” (John 17:21)

“I in them, and You in Me, so that they might be perfected into one, so that the world knows that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.” (John 17:23)

God [the Father] is Spirit

“Elohim is Spirit, and those who worship Him need to worship in spirit and truth.” (John 4:24)

“Anyone Who Has Seen Me Has Seen The Father”

What did Yeshua mean when He spoke the following? Should we believe Yeshua is the Father from that?

“יהושע said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father, and how do you say, ‘Show us the Father?’” (John 14:9)

Yeshua was not saying He is the person of the Father. Instead He said that in Him we see how the Father would express Himself under the same circumstances. Notice the following:

“The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.” (Heb 1:3)

Yeshua is NOT the Father, Who He Sits/Stands By

“and he said, “Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Adam standing at the right hand of Elohim!” (Act 7:56)

“And He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him sitting on the throne.” (Rev 5:7)

There are at least a dozen more verses saying that Yeshua sits at the right hand of the Father.

May God help all of you who read this to understand and to respond to the true Yeshua, our Messiah of the Bible. As He said,

“But why do you call Me ‘Master, Master,’ and do not do what I say?” (Luke 6:46).

Should you want to study this topic further, and we would really recommend it, because it is important to know our Father and Saviour, please consider watching these lengthy, but in-depth, excellent teachings.

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