

## Part 3, YHVH IS Sometimes Yeshua, the Word



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**Summary:** Was the Word (John 1:1-3, 14) – whom we know to be Yeshua (Jesus) – also *often* the One called “YHVH”, or “the LORD”, in the Old Testament? Absolutely. And today I’ll prove that by scripture. Understanding this is key to understanding how God the Father and the Word of God worked with Israel and the nations prior to the coming of Messiah. Sometimes YHVH must refer only to the Father, and sometimes only to the WORD who was also God, and sometimes to both, depending on context. Let’s glorify our King.

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Hello and welcome everyone, this is Philip Shields welcoming you to enjoy our free messages and insights from the Word of God.

- **We’ve shown in Part 1 of this YHVH series** that YHVH often points directly to the One we know as God the Father, God Most High. We all know that the exact title “God the Father” didn’t fully come into usage until the New Testament, but for simplicity’s sake, as we speak of that supreme being – I’ll just say “the Father” or “God Most High.”
- **In parts 2- and now this part 3 – we will finish what I started to show in Part 2, that “YHVH” (the LORD) must also be referring to the Being we know as “the Word of God”,** Jesus the Son of God. Sometimes “YHVH” points to God Most High, and sometimes to Christ, as we’ll see. Often, “YHVH” means BOTH, working together as one. They’ve always worked closely together as One.
- **Our English Bibles in the Old Testament will say “the LORD” – in all caps – and that is from the Hebrew 4 letter name of our God, YHVH.** There was no “the” in front of the name “YHVH”. I will pronounce it as “Yehovah” and when I write “YHVH” I’m referring to “the LORD” that you read in your Old Testament scriptures of your Bible. Many of you choose to pronounce “YHVH” as “Yahweh”.

- Acts 26:12-15 says that Jesus spoke in Hebrew to Paul (Saul) when He said his name was Jesus. The Hebrew for Jesus is “Yeshua”, and I’m sure when Gabriel spoke to Mary, a Jew, that she was told his name would be “Yeshua”, so that is what I use. Ditto for Joseph’s dream in Matthew 1:20-21.

The English name “Jesus” was not even ever vocalized for hundreds of years after His resurrection because there is no J in Hebrew or Greek. Jesus, born as a Jew, would have been called “Yeshua”, and look up **Acts 26:15**, remembering Yeshua was speaking in Hebrew. He would not have vocalized the English sentence, “My name is Jesus.” You get that, right? So the Hebrew name Yeshua is the name I mostly use throughout, though I have no objection to using the Greek name Iesous, or Anglicized name Jesus (a sound and name never vocalized in the English way for many, many centuries yet to come).

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Please print off the sermon notes for this sermon before beginning. I’ll have to move quickly. Today we’re going into who YHVH (Yehovah; the LORD) is. Some insist that “YHVH” must always be just God Most High (the Father), but we’ll examine that today. I’ll prove today that is not the case.

You really need to have heard and studied parts 1-2 to get the full value from this fast-moving part 3. So please be sure you study the last 2 of this 3 part series. I will do only a minimal review and it won’t have the proper foundation if you just jump into this sermon first.

### **Describing/defining “God”, “YHVH”, and spirit – is tough.**

**We are talking about the nature of GOD himself in this series, folks.**

I hope you understand the difficulty of such an undertaking. YHVH is beyond human comprehension in a total sense. We are flesh. He is GOD. I do not pretend to fully grasp or understand, or even begin to comprehend who and what God is, in His fullness. I feel that would be very presumptuous of anyone to claim they fully “grasp” God. But we will do our best, with what Scriptural insight we’ve been afforded.

We are afforded glimpses of the majesty, power, glory, and makeup of the true living Godhead. And we are flesh trying to understand that which is SPIRIT.

It will be SO important for *you to ask for God's spirit to help you understand HIM*, and the truth on this matter. Don't go by what I say. Go by what scripture clearly says. (Opening prayer)

**WHY** is this topic so vitally important?

- You will not understand prophecy, and especially the coming “Day of the LORD” without it.
- You will not understand who is the God Being doing most things in the Old Testament without it. And if we get all that mixed up, our theology gets real messed up –
- and we end up diminishing our great, great Yeshua.

**Having said that, true, God the Father is #1.** He IS greater than Yeshua, as Yeshua (Jesus) himself says several times (**John 14:28**). **1 Cor. 11:3** is clear that God the Father is the head of Christ. But Yeshua himself is also God, and Father has put ALL things under his feet, and his name is above EVERY name except the Father's (1 Cor. 15:23-25).

### **My Heart's DESIRE**

So please understand my heart on this, though some of this will appear a bit technical to some of you, understand that **my REAL heart's desire is that you just grow to LOVE, LOVE, LOVE your Father in the Highest and Yeshua the Word of God.** Yehovah loves us beyond our ability to grasp the depth, the awe, and the extent of the undying love they have for us.

**I want us to feel the FIRE of the LOVE of God.** I want us to experience the Almighty in our lives. I want us **to fall ever more deeply in love** with our King Yeshua, the Son of God, our future husband. I don't want us to get so wrapped up in technical details that we forget this fire all-encompassing love of which I speak. The Song of Songs (Song of Solomon) depicts a godly passion the Beloved has for his Sweetheart. And never forget the overwhelming love God has for each of US. That's true of both God our Father and Yeshua our king. This is at the core of what God's word teaches us – HIS LOVE for us, and our love for him and for one another.

For many years I have believed and taught God the Father is God Most High, the One over all, the One who is Supreme. God is the Head of Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 11:3). Yeshua (Jesus) is God the Father's SON, his trusted Servant and Messenger and his WORD. Yeshua from forever back has always perfectly done the will of God Most High.

Yeshua – the Word – has ALSO always been God (John 1:1-3) and is God now, with God the Father. Yeshua in fact *has* a GOD – and it's God the Father (John 20:17; Col 1:3; Eph 1:3, 17; 2 Cor. 1:3; Rev. 3:12, etc). God the Father does not have a God. He's "it". And from Him emanates everything good, life itself, power, glory and authority – which Father has since given to the Son. **God the Father has highly exalted Jesus Christ and bestowed upon him the name that is above every name (Phil 2:11), except of course the Father's name himself (1 Cor. 15:20-28).**

Of what I've just summarized, the "other group" and I would be in agreement.

**But the main point I want to address today is** that there's a dangerous teaching out there that insists that *every* place we read of "The LORD" (all caps) – badly translated from the Hebrew 4 letter name of God YHVH—that "YHVH" only applies, always applies, to just the Father.

I will show you that that understanding will SKEW your understanding of what's going on in many cases, because I will prove that the Name "YHVH" also, often applies – has to apply in context – to the one we know as Yeshua. Scripture teaches, in other words, that "YHVH" can be either One. Sometimes it means both, sometimes it is clearly pointing to God Most High (the Father), and sometimes that holy name points to Yeshua the Word.

To believe "the LORD" in the Old Testament never applies to Yeshua really ends up diminishing the greatness and glory of our Yeshua as well. When I listen to the sermons explaining their belief that "YHVH" always means the father, I'm left feeling very sad and like Yeshua was not given the glory he deserves. I feel a sadness – not the exultation that Peter, John and Paul demonstrate in their epistles and sermons.

**BELIEVE IT – OR REJECT IT:**  
**Jesus SAYS NOBODY HAS EVER SEEN THE FATHER**

I start with the clear, clear scriptures that show that Messiah Yeshua himself said **NOBODY, no human has ever seen his Father**, except Himself, who came down from the Father (John 6:46).

**John 6:45-46 Jesus speaking:**

"It is written in the prophets, 'And they *shall all be taught by God*.' Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me. 46 **Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father.**"

Some who won't accept Jesus' own words on this say he must have meant "nobody has seen the Father in his glory" – but that's not what Yeshua said. God warns us in many places to not add to, or remove from, his Word.

Yeshua's words are clear. And **John 1:18 and 1 John 4:12** back it up. NO one has seen God. In the New Testament, most of the scriptures that say "God" are referring to the Father. Otherwise the Messiah in the New Testament is called "Lord, Jesus, Christ, or Christ Jesus". So Yeshua is clear – no one has seen the Supreme God Being, the Father. If we can't agree to believe what Yeshua says, it ends up with the flawed teaching that YHVH always refers to the Father.

I will believe Yeshua that nobody has seen YHVH the Father, but... there are many, many places we'll examine today where Someone called "YHVH" clearly is appearing visibly to humans. That one has to be The Word, the One who became Yeshua, as we'll see clearly today.

I choose to believe Yeshua. Don't you? *Whenever* GOD APPEARS visibly to anyone, that simply cannot be God the Father, according to Yeshua.

### **Genesis 17:1-5**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, YHVH (the LORD) appeared to Abram and said to him, "**I am Almighty God**; walk before Me and be blameless. 2 And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly." 3 **Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying:** 4 "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations.

There are many examples. A real good one too is when "LORD" – YHVH – appeared and stood before Samuel (1 Samuel 3:10). Then in verse 21, we're told this: "Then YHVH appeared again in Shiloh. For YHVH revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the Word of YHVH."

God the Father has always been Supreme, always been the one calling the shots, setting the time table, and overall in charge. He's always worked the Plan of action out through the Word of YHVH – Yeshua! That's the way it was when Yeshua came to earth, and that's the way it's always been, for God says, "For I am YHVH, **I do not change;....**" – **Mal. 3:6**. Yeshua spoke his Father's words, and did His Father's works faithfully. That's why 1 Samuel 3:21 says the Most High appeared and spoke THROUGH the Word of Yehovah.

But in verses 1-10 of 1 Samuel 3, even the Word of YHVH is referred to – the one seen, as just "YHVH". Please let that sink in. 1 Sam 3:10- "Now the LORD came and stood as at other times ..." WHO? Someone being called THE LORD, YHVH.

SO, whenever we read the “The LORD appeared to...” – how can that be God the Father – as nobody has EVER seen the Father, Jesus said!

**But we find instances where the “LORD” (that’s “YHVH”, folks) appeared; actually was VISIBLE to humans. Those sightings could not have been God the Father then, right?**

**Here’s a partial list of where we’re told YHVH appeared to mankind:**

- **ABRAM/ABRAHAM** – Gen 12:7; Gen 17:1; Gen 18:1;
- to ISAAC – Gen 26:2, 24
- to Jacob – Gen 28:12-19, especially v 13; 2<sup>nd</sup> time – Gen. 35:9
  - Said he had seen the face of God Gen. 32:30 after wrestling
- To Moses in the burning bush (Ex 3:4-7 – the LORD); Ex 4:1-5
- TO Moses – face to face, and Moses saw God’s back, even in glory – but not his face: Exodus 33:11; Numbers 12:6-8; Deuteronomy 34:10
- **The 70+ elders “SAW THE GOD of Israel” – Exodus 24:10.** How could that be God Most High? That had to be the Word who came as Yeshua.
- YHVH appeared in the pillar of cloud over the tabernacle – Deut 31:15
- **To Samuel – 1 Samuel 3:10, 21. V. 21** – “YHVH appeared BY the Word of YHVH”
- God appeared to David – 2 Chron 3:1 through the Angel of YHVH
- To Solomon in a dream 1 Kings 3:5; a second time 1 Kings 9:2; 11:9

*We have to decide whom we are going to believe. Yeshua who said no one has ever seen the Father (**John 6:46**), or those who preach these sightings were all of God the Father. When you add all the sightings of Angel of the LORD as well – who then is sometimes called “the LORD”; there are many more, which I’ll cover in a future sermon someday.*

**LET’S LOOK NOW at more CASES WHERE “THE LORD”  
CANNOT apply to the Father, GOD MOST HIGH**

Again, remember, there are of COURSE many places where “YHVH” clearly *does* point to God the Father. I covered that in part 1 and ½ of part 2 of this 3 part series. I’m just going to show now some references to “YHVH” that simply cannot be God the Father.

**Now keep in mind, if we have EVEN JUST TWO OR THREE scriptural witnesses that Yeshua is also called YHVH – that’s all we need (2 Cor.13:1). But I’ll show you a**



FEW. And a good minister-friend of mind – Jeff Niccum, is compiling a bunch more scriptures even beyond what I'll show you.

Both Jeff and I just want you to understand how great our Messiah Yeshua really is! The Lord Jesus – Yeshua – is also called YHVH, is also awesome God! He is so amazing. Glory be to HIS name too, even as He serves God Most High.

**THE BRIDEGROOM; Who IS the YHVH WHO IS going to be married?**

Yeshua in Matthew 22 says a KING put on a wedding for his son. We know that KING has to be God the Father. The Son = Yeshua the Messiah.

**Isaiah 54:5**

“For your Maker is your **HUSBAND**, the LORD (YHVH) OF HOSTS is his name.”

**Who is going to be marrying spirit-led Israel of God?** The Father or the Son? And notice this Being is called “the LORD of hosts”. This scripture – about the One we hope to marry – simply cannot be a reference to God the Father. We’re not marrying God the Father. It also identifies this One as “your Maker”. We know Yeshua did the actual creating of all things at the direction of God Most High (**Eph 3:9; John 1:1-3; Col 1:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-3**). But who is the Bridegroom? The Father, or Christ?

**Hosea 2:16**

“It shall be in that day”, says **the LORD (YHVH)**, ‘that you will call me ‘**My Husband**’ and no longer call me ‘My Master (Baali)’”.

Is God the Father getting married, -- or clearly does “the LORD of Hosts”, who is our Maker, in Isaiah 54:5 have to refer to the One we know today as Yeshua the Messiah?

We don't have to argue this. Scripture settles it for us:

Jesus himself referred to himself as the Bridegroom

- Jesus said his disciples weren't fasting (**Matthew 9:15-16**) because **He, the Bridegroom – was still around.**
- He also spoke of the 10 virgins – and how the Bridegroom was delayed... (**Matthew 25:1-13**) and ends the parable that we should remain watchful, for we know “neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man (the Bridegroom) is coming” in clear reference to the Bridegroom coming.
- And Scripture teaches us that we – the ekklesia of God – are betrothed to Christ to marry him (**2 Cor.11:2**) – “...betrothed you to one husband; that I may present you a chaste virgin TO CHRIST.”

Who's the One getting married? The Father? Certainly not.

**Revelation 19:7, 9**

“Let us be glad and rejoice and give HIM glory, for the *marriage of the LAMB* has come and HIS wife has made herself ready...”

I'm hoping to be part of the Bride of His Majesty, Yeshua the Son of God. Yes, I love my Father, God Most High, but I'm not marrying the Father, folks. I'm marrying his SON, who is also called “YHVH” and even called “YHVH of Hosts” as I showed you.

**So if YHVH in Isaiah 54:5 has to refer to Christ, as the One we're marrying, then “YHVH” does not always refer exclusively to God the Father.**

**FOR WHOM DID John, the VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS, PREPARE?**

We covered this in Part 2, so I'll be quick. When John the baptizer started preaching in preparation for Jesus' ministry, John quoted **Isaiah 40:3** as referring to him.

**Luke 3:3-5; John 1:23**, etc – John said he was **fulfilling Isaiah 40:3**

“Prepare the way **OF THE LORD (YHVH)**, make straight in the desert a highway FOR OUR GOD”.

That's the way it is stated when quoting directly from the Hebrew Old Testament. If you quote from the Greek translation of the Hebrew Old Testament, the Greeks changed “YHVH” to “*kurios*” – lord. But in the original Hebrew, it was “YHVH”.

**John identified YESHUA – Jesus – as the YHVH for whom he was preparing!** He clearly pointed out Yeshua as the LAMB OF GOD (John 1:29) who would take away the sins of – not just the Jews – but of the world.

**And if “YHVH” can mean Jesus in this instance, then “YHVH” does NOT always refer to God the Father.**

**WHICH “YHVH” IS LANDING ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES  
WHEN HE COMES?**

If people insist that “the LORD” or YHVH has to always apply to God the Father, here are more considerations:

**ZECHARIAH 14:2, 4-5, 9** – tell us that it is **THE LORD (YHVH)** whose feet will stand in that day **on the Mount of Olives**.

Verse 1—it's the “Day of the LORD”;

v 3 – “**Then the LORD** will go forth and fight against those nations...”



v. 4 – “**IN THAT DAY HIS feet** shall stand on the Mt of Olives” —this Being is being called “the LORD”, folks. HIS feet shall stand. Who’s coming? Whose feet will stand on the Mt of Olives? The Father’s feet? *NO, NO, NO. This CLEARLY must refer to Yeshua our Messiah.*

Zechariah goes on to say he is coming with thousands of his saints. We know those who are coming with Christ include those who are referred to as “the called, chosen, and faithful” (Rev. 17:14). That’s not just angels, folks! That’s us. **1Thess 3:13** confirms that too. Paul speaks of establishing the brethren’s hearts “before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints”.

Come Yehovah Yeshua – come!!! YHVH Father, please send YHVH Your SON soon. We glorify your name. We will not diminish you one inch! We know your greatness and your power and your majesty! And you have glorified your SON, and we do too, great Father, God Most High.

**When YESHUA ascended back up to heaven from the Mount OF OLIVES** in clear view of hundreds of people, ANGELS said he would return in like manner (Acts 1:11-12). Yeshua will return, they said, not the Father. You can’t even use the word “return” if you refer to the Father. In verse 12 tells us they returned from the Mount of Olives.

### **WHO IS YHVH WHO RULES OVER THE EARTH AFTER LANDING ON MT OF OLIVES?**

So this YHVH lands on Mt of Olives. Then what does he do?

#### **Zechariah 14:9**

“The **LORD (YHVH)** shall be **king over all the earth**”.

Who is that YHVH? Is that a prophecy of God the Father ruling over the whole earth. The timing and the context of Zech 14 is when Jesus’ FEET land on the Mt of Olives.

We shall reign with CHRIST for a thousand years (**Rev. 20:6**). God the Father is still in heaven at this point. The Father shares his kingdom with Christ, and the “kingdom of God” is also called Christ’s kingdom. Ephesians 5:5 calls it “the kingdom of Christ and God”. Look at what Messiah said to his disciples:

#### **Luke 22:29-30**

“And I bestow upon you a kingdom, **just as My Father bestowed one upon Me**, 30 that you may eat and drink at My table **in My kingdom**, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

But once again, Zechariah 14 has several examples of a Being called “the LORD” who – in light of the rest of the Bible – has to refer to Yeshua, not God the Father.

**What about the name “LORD OF HOSTS” – does that ALWAYS refer to God the Father as we’re told by some?**

The argument is also made that the title “LORD OF HOSTS” *always* refers to God Most High – the Father. *But that’s not always the case in scripture as you’ll see!!*

Sometimes, in context – the “LORD of HOSTS” refers to Yeshua. I’ve already read one such case – Isaiah 54:5 to you, where our Husband is called “the Lord of Hosts”.

And guess what? **In Joshua 5:13-15** - When Joshua met the One who would be Christ someday – who did that “MAN with a drawn sword” say he was? He said he came “As COMMANDER of the army of YHVH I have come.” Isn’t that just another way of saying “LORD OF HOSTS”? Anyway, here’s another:

**Zechariah 14:16-18**

“And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year **to worship the King, YHVH of hosts**, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. 17 And it shall be that whicheckver of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, **YHVH of hosts**, on them there will be no rain.”

Who is, who must this YHVH of Hosts in Zech 14:16-18 be? **Revelation 20:6** –tells us the one who will reign on the earth for a thousand years is Christ! That’s what it says. Not Father. The King on earth will be Christ until all enemies of God are subjugated.

**Be sure to also read 1 Corinthians 15:24-26** – Christ must reign until all enemies are put under his feet, and the last enemy is death itself. Then Yeshua turns over the kingdom to God the Father (v.24), who put all things and beings except himself -- under Christ.

So again, Zech 14:16-18 – that “YHVH of Hosts” has to be referring to Jesus Christ or you might as well rip out Revelation 20, because Zech 14 says it’s the Lord of Hosts ruling the earth. Rev. 20 says that is Yeshua, the Messiah.

And since Yeshua was the WORD OF GOD who was also God – as the LOGOS, the word of God – He was faithfully speaking what God Most High told him to speak. That’s why he’s called “the Word of God”. Sometimes as Word of God he is relaying messages from God Most High, but other times he speaks directly as “YHVH”. But I feel the Word is always saying what Father directs to be said.

And the fact that the Word of God (Yeshua/Jesus) is lesser in authority, and is also called the Servant of God Most High, and is the WORD of God Most High -- these things do not diminish the fact that Scripture clearly teaches us that the Word was often also called “YHVH”.

**WHO WAS THE YHVH WHO FORMED ADAM –  
AND BROUGHT EVE TO HIM?**

Let me state again – Yeshua says “NO man has seen the Father” (John 6:46; 1 John 4:12; John 1:18). But someone being called YHVH got into the dirt and formed, created and gave life to Adam as He blew into his nostrils (Genesis 2:7).

**Genesis 2:7**

“And the LORD (YHVH) God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.”

We know God the Father “created all things through Jesus Christ” (Ephesians 3:9). So the Father decreed, and Jesus Christ executed the order. Colossians 1:15-18 and John 1:1-3 make it clear that absolutely everything was actually made by Jesus Christ, the Word of God, without exception.

**John 1:3-4**

“ALL things were made through him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In HIM was life, and the life was the light of men.”

**Colossians 1:15-16** says Christ is the image of the INVISIBLE God (the Father). V. 16- “For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible... ALL things were created through Him and for Him.”

So the correct answer to “who created all things” is God the Father did by decree – but the actual One who implemented it all was Yeshua, the Word of God. God the Father is the ultimate Creator, but the “hands on” Creator was the Word of God, Yeshua. The Father created THROUGH Jesus Christ (Eph 3:9; Heb 1:2). The Word spoke and it was done. Otherwise why is he being called the Word? The One who was seen was the Word, otherwise why is God the Father being called “the Invisible God” (Col. 1:15)?

**John 1:14** – says “the Word became FLESH and dwelt/tabernacled among us, and we beheld His glory...”

Folks even now, behold His glory as the “hands on” Creator of all the wondrous things we see in Creation.

So brothers and sisters in Messiah: WHO was the YHVH who formed and breathed life into Adam? WHO? Can you shout out the fully correct answer?

It was YHVH GOD the Father creating THROUGH YHVH YESHUA, by whom and through whom everything we see in front of us was created. EVERYTHING. So the One who literally formed Adam and worked with him and Eve – was the WORD, Jesus.

**Psalm 33:6** plainly says “By the WORD of YHVH (the LORD) the heavens were made...”

“And the WORD was GOD” (**John 1:1**). Yep, exactly like **John 1:1-3** says. Everything without exception was made by Word, the One who would become flesh as Jesus Christ. EVERYTHING, without exception John 1:3 says.

And therefore WHO was the God Being who spoke ‘LET THERE BE LIGHT’ – OR ‘light be’? The correct answer: GOD THE FATHER – SPOKE THROUGH YESHUA THE WORD.

Remember that in Genesis 1, the word “YHVH” or “the LORD” does not even appear. In referring to God, Genesis 1 uses “Elohim”, a plural word for God. They work together now and have always worked together, for God says he does not change (Mal. 3:6). Once again, the COMMAND that there should be light was undoubtedly from God the Father (2 Cor. 4:6), but the One no doubt *implementing* the command, the VOICE that would have been heard, was that of Yeshua. We’re told in **John 1:4** – again – that the Word “was the Light of the world”. And John 1:3 – *everything* that was made was made by and through the Word (Col 1:15-16, Hebrews 1:2).

*That wasn’t the Father who spoke anything into existence; that wasn’t the Father who formed, created and appeared to Adam and EVE.* That was YHVH Yeshua. You’ll see how as we go through this sermon the WORD is also directly called “YHVH” many times. And HE is the One who created – everything.

The One who interacted with Adam, and later with Eve who was formed out of Adam, was our Messiah. The One they walked with, spoke to, undoubtedly saw – was our Messiah –acting and speaking for the Invisible God (Col. 1:15).

**WHICH YHVH IS “SAVIOR”? Again, it’s BOTH REALLY – BUT SURELY YESHUA ALSO is the LORD who is our SAVIOR**

The full name of God’s anointed one would be Yehoshua – meaning “in YAH is Salvation”. But his name in the NT, when he actually came, he used the shortened

form – “YESHUA”, not Yehoshua, because “Yeshua” simply means “**Savior.**” He is the One who saves, so his name is Yeshua, not Yehoshua.

HE IS God, from God, and I’ll show that he is also YHVH just like YHVH the Supreme God is YHVH Most High. Jewish Joseph and Mary were told to name him “Jesus” (from the Greek “Iesous”, Hebrew “Yeshua”) “for he will save His people from their sins” (**Matthew 1:21**). John the baptizer called Yeshua “the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!” (**John 1:29**)

In fact our Savior Yeshua is not only called “YHVH” as I’ll show – but also shares with God the Father so many titles like “Almighty God, LORD of Hosts, Saviour, and Redeemer” and so on.

Folks: It is true that God the Father is also our Savior. How? By sending Yeshua. But Yeshua’s very name – Yeshua- means “Savior”, means “Salvation”! *Yeshua was the One who was actually nailed to the cross and literally, physically sacrificed his LIFE for us. That was YESHUA.*

There are many verses that say “**I – the LORD, am your Savior and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob**” (**Isa 60:16; 46:26**). Clearly you know that God the Father saves by sending His Son to literally save us. His Hebrew name Yeshua is so close to the Hebrew “Yasha” – Salvation – as well. Now that we know YHVH ALSO refers to Yeshua, doesn’t it make you think!?

“There is born to you this day in the city of **David a SAVIOUR, who is Christ the Lord.**” **Luke 2:11** – spoken to the shepherds in the field that night.

**John 4:42** – the Samaritans confessed He was “the Messiah (Christ), the Savior of the world.”

Peter said in **Acts 5:31** that God exalted Christ to his right hand to be Prince and Savior...and forgiveness of sins.”

**2 Peter 1:1** – “...*our God and Savior* Jesus Christ.”

Yeshua is called the Savior over and over and over -- Eph. 5:23; Philippians 3:20; 1 Tim. 1:1; 2 Tim. 1:10; Titus 1:4; 2 Pet 3:18; 1 John 4:14; Titus 3:6.

**God the Father is also identified as our Savior** – 1 Tim. 1:1; 2:3; 4:10.

So what do we see once again? BOTH acting together as One. The Father is the One with the Plan, He is the Supreme Being – and Jesus the one who implements the Father’s Plan. How beautiful, how ONE.

**HEBREW WORD PICTURE FOR “YHVH”**

I want to shift gears a moment here. The very name YHVH – the great I AM... has a meaning that just makes me fall on to my knees in worship. In Hebrew, every letter has a word picture like ancient Egyptian or Chinese had. We call it “Hebrew Word Pictures”. It’s fascinating stuff.

**Aleph – the first letter**, for example, pictures a house or dwelling place. Aleph is similar to our “A” and to the Greek Alpha. **Bet – the Hebrew 2<sup>nd</sup> letter** – the word picture is of a head of an ox or bull. Greeks 2<sup>nd</sup> letter is called beta. Hmm. Hebrews call their alphabet the “aleph bet”. That’s where our word “alphabet” comes from.

“YHVH” – are the four letters of the most personal name of God. I pronounce it Yehovah (emphasis on the last syllable), NOT Yahweh, based on the most intensive scientific evidence uncovered in 1,200 ancient Hebrew documents now where the vowel points have been seen, and they *always* point to pronouncing “YHVH” as “YehoVAH”. So that’s the way I pronounce it today, though I used to say “Yahweh”. Remember there is no “J” letter or sound in Hebrew and Greek.

Anyway, the individual letters of “YHVH” are pronounced **Yud Hey Vav Hey – and these 4 letters have a most interesting Hebrew word picture.**

Yud = HAND, arm, including wrist,

Hey = look, behold, SEE (looks like a window, look to)

Vav = NAIL

Hey = look, behold, see

**Here’s the word picture behind that magnificent name “YHVH”:**

**“See the HAND, See the NAIL”.**

I can’t just make this up, folks. *And WHO, which GOD Being, actually had nails pounded into each hand-wrist? Yes, it was THE YHVH GOD our Savior who made us and sacrificed himself for us.* The Father sent Him, but allowed him the right to decide to make the journey as well and to decide whether to do it or not – as **John 10:15-18** clearly says.

See the hand, see the nail. That’s the word picture of “YHVH”. (Remember in Judaism, the “hand” includes the wrist, where the actual nails were mostly hammered in. I’m told the fleshly palm of the hand would not support the weight of a man.)

**WHICH YHVH IS “the LORD is my SHEPHERD”?**

**Folks, we all can recite Psalm 23 – “The LORD (YHVH) is my Shepherd...”**



Now, this falls into the category again where that description refers to both God the Father and to the Son Yeshua as Shepherd, but as far as New Testament Theology goes, it clearly is referring more to Yeshua than it does to God the Father. **Psalm 80:1, 8, 19** again says “YHVH God of HOSTS” is the Shepherd. I’ve already shown that “Lord of Hosts” can and must at times also refer to Yeshua.

WHO is this “YHVH”, the One being called our “Shepherd”? Is it just God the Father? Is that what scripture says?

**Yeshua said “I AM the GOOD SHEPHERD” (John 10 – whole chapter,)** who knows his sheep, and whose sheep know HIM and his voice. He also said HE was the one who laid down his life for his sheep.

**John 10:11**—“**I AM the good shepherd.** The good shepherd gives his life for the sheep....v.14—“**I am the good shepherd;** and I know my sheep and am known by my own.” V.27-28—MY sheep hear MY voice, and I know them and they follow me **and I give them eternal life**, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of my hand.” (I WANT to be among those hearing HIS voice).

*Peter refers to Christ as the “**Chief Shepherd**” who will appear (I Peter 5:4). Paul refers to Christ as “that great shepherd of the sheep” in Hebrews 13:20.*

I say BOTH father and Son are our shepherds, because v 29 “MY FATHER, who has given them to me, is greater than all; and on one is able to snatch them out of Father’s hand. **I and my Father are ONE**”

But – Yeshua himself, Peter and Paul clearly, clearly show us Christ is the Chief Shepherd. Don’t buck that!!! You do so to your peril.

We praise you Yehovah Yeshua, our SHEPHERD. Praise you and we glorify your holy name, Yehovah Yeshua – who is in total perfect harmony with our glorious all-powerful Daddy/father God – YHVH Most High, our Father. And Praise YOU, Yehovah Supreme, our Father.

So remember that Scripture teaches us that “YHVH” refers to both, acting together. Context will show us when “YHVH” is pointing to just one or the other.

**WHOEVER CALLS ON THE NAME OF YHVH (THE LORD)  
SHALL BE SAVED. Who is THAT “YHVH”?**

It goes on. And on, and on. “YHVH” is not restricted to referring just to the Father. Are you beginning to sense a greater awesomeness, majesty and power in this one we know as Jesus, as Yeshua?

**Joel 2:32 uses the term “YHVH”** – “It shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of YHVH (the LORD) shall be saved.”

**Is that just the Father?** Frankly I believe this is a clear case of “YHVH” referring to BOTH – to the Father and to Yeshua. But Paul quotes that very same verse in Romans 10:13 to primarily point to Yeshua! His entire CONTEXT is Yeshua! Sure, Paul was directly quoting from the Greek version of the OT, but in the original Hebrew, that “LORD” is YHVH.

**Romans 10:9-13**

**“that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus AND believe in your heart that God has raised **Him** from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.” 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for **the same Lord** over all is rich to all who call upon Him. 13 For **“whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”** (In the NT, “the Lord” = Christ usually)**

That one they are calling to is the Lord Jesus (v. 9) – “if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus”. But in **Joel 2:32** that Lord Jesus is referenced as “the LORD”, or “YHVH”. A clear illustration again of how “YHVH” also applies to Yeshua

**Peter also quotes Joel 2:32 in Acts 2:21-22** – and clearly points that to Jesus of Nazareth. Paul does too, in **1 Corinthians 1:2** – “with all who in every place call on the NAME of Jesus Christ our Lord...”

**WHO was the YHVH who sent fiery serpents? Who was the “ROCK”?  
Paul tells us**

**NUMBERS 21:5-6** – The people spoke against the LORD (YHVH) and Moses. And v. v6 – “So the LORD sent fiery serpents.... The people repented and said ‘We have spoken against THE LORD and against you, pray to the LORD that he takes away the serpents...”

**Paul says that was clearly Yeshua**

**1 Cor. 10:9—“nor let us tempt CHRIST, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents.”**

Of course that’s after Paul already had said in verse 4 that “they drank of the spiritual Rock that followed them and that Rock was Christ”.

So Paul believed that many times when the name used was “YHVH” (the LORD), that it was a clear reference to Jesus Christ. I agree with Paul. And I magnify my Lord.

**David often referred to YHVH as His Rock.** This is case again where it could be both the Father and Christ referred to, but it clearly and definitely does include Christ. **Psalm 28:1 and 144:1** -- he cries to and blesses the LORD His rock... Paul says “that Rock was Christ” (**1 Cor. 10:4**).

*So I hope it's clear that “YHVH” HAS TO refer to both, and many times, specifically to the One who was seen and interacted and spoke for the “Invisible God” Most High.* We end up diminishing the glory of our Saviour Jesus Christ when we let the false teaching spread that “EVERY time YHVH is mentioned in the Old Testament, it means God the Father.” That just is not true. Let's magnify the Son, even as we magnify His Father.

**LET'S MAGNIFY the LORD YESHUA, Messiah of Heaven and of Nazareth:**

**Isaiah 9:6-7**

**“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a SON is given;**

And the government will be upon His shoulder.

And His name will be called ‘**Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,** Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end,

**Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,**

To order it and establish it with judgment and justice

From that time forward, even forever.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.”

So how great is our Yeshua, our Master and Savior?

**Jeremiah 23:5-6**

"Behold, the days are coming," says YHVH [*this time YHVH clearly points to the God the Father, who will send His Word as a descendant of David.*]

**"That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness;** A King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.

6 In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely;

Now this is HIS name by which He will be called:

**THE LORD [YHVH] OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.**”

What will be the name of this “Branch of Righteousness”? Read the end of verse 6 again: “THE LORD [YHVH] our Righteousness”. Yes, Christ is definitely called “the LORD (YHVH)” here.

What a great Messiah we have: Son of God, YHVH THE WORD who was with God and WAS God, and who created all things.

**Philippians 2:9** says “In HIM (Christ) dwells the fullness of the GODHEAD.”

**Titus 2:13-14**

“looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great GOD and SAVIOR Jesus Christ, 14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for *Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.*”

Let's read more about our King, our Savior, our Redeemer Yeshua the Son of God.

**Colossians 1:12-20**

“giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us *into the kingdom of the Son of His love*, 14 *in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.*

*15 He is the image of the invisible God*, the firstborn over all creation. 16 **For by Him ALL things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible**, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. **All things were created through Him and FOR Him.** 17 And He is before all things, **and in Him all things consist.** 18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, **that in all things He may have the preeminence.**

**19 For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, 20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.**

**Colossians 1:25-29**

...to fulfill the word of God, 26 the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. 27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of *the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.* 28 *HIM we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.* 29 To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which **works in me mightily.**

**Col. 2:9 – about Christ** – “In him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and you are complete in him, who is the head of all principality and power.”

In a future sermon I plan to get into other forms through which Yeshua appeared in the Old Testament. I may also wrap up some more of the visual sightings of “YHVH” –and how those would have HAD to always be YHVH the WORD – Yeshua – for NOBODY has ever seen the Father, the “invisible God”.

We'll also discuss

ANGEL OF THE LORD	Melchizedek
Word of YHVH	The First and the Last
The Alef-TAV (Alpha and Omega)	

**Closing prayer transcript:**

We glorify you WONDERFUL Loving Father, and love the way how even in your glory and greatness, you have elevated your WORD, and you have glorified your Messenger and eternal Companion. You have invited him to sit at your right hand and be crowned with Glory. You exalted him above all beings and all things, except you.

YOU inspired in your own written word the Holy Bible –to refer to him whenever he appeared to mankind – as “YHVH” as well as we showed today. He has always been your faithful servant, your trusted WORD, your fully obedient Messenger -- and YOU FATHER, have redeemed us through Jesus Christ who is also called our Savior and Redeemer in your New Testament.

Father our God Most High, we glorify YOU and glorify YHVH Yeshua our KING and our GOD, as well. We believe Yeshua our big brother -- who taught us that no one has ever seen you, Father, nobody -- except Yeshua, who came down from heaven from you to be our Savior.

YESHUA, we love you, we praise you, we glorify you and we exalt you. We love your humility, your obedience, your faithfulness and please -- you and Father come dwell inside us by your spirit and live again in US, your righteous life, for you are called “YHVH our Righteousness”. YES, YHVH YESHUA, YES, come live inside us. Live your humble, righteous, obedient, joyful, full-of-faith life again, this time, inside each of us who glorify and honor you.

In your wonderful name, Yeshua, we ask these things. Amen.

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