Which is it? Father, Son, or BOTH? Creator, Savior, God of the Old Testament



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Summary: This teaching may surprise many of you. Who would you say is the Creator? Or the Savior? Or the "God of the Old Testament"? One way or another, it seems our answers end up with either God the Father or Jesus getting sidelined. This teaching will make see the interactions of God Most High and the Word – and how involved they are – perhaps as never before.

This teaching or sermon, and the points and scriptures I will use, will surprise many of you. Don't assume you know what I'm going to say. I'll be racing through the scriptures so print out the notes ahead of time. You'll be glad you did.

So let's start with a quick quiz. According to the Bible:

- Who created everything? God the Father or the Son of God?
- Who is our Savior? The Father, or Jesus, or both?
- Who was the God of the Old Testament according to Peter, Paul and many scriptures? God Most High, Jesus Christ the Word, or both?
- In part 2, I'll ask: when the Bible says "the LORD" from YHVH who is that? Just God Most High, or just the Word, or both?

There is confusion on these points and we need to find out the truth. Remember we are flesh, trying to explain "God" who is spirit.

We tend to answer those questions by <u>choosing one or the other.</u> We think "either or" – instead of considering if the full answer is BOTH God Most High and the Word/Jesus Christ.

We only see in part, darkly (1 Cor. 13:9, 12), but we'll do our best. But I know there's a lot being missed by some sabbath-keeping groups, Protestants and Catholics alike.

WHY is this topic so important?

Jesus said Father wants to be worshiped in spirit and TRUTH (John 4:24). So especially what we say and teach about Him needs to be the truth.

If we don't understand the concepts in this teaching today, we'll struggle understanding who did what, when – was it God Most High or the Word – or could it have been both of them? You'll wonder at times – who is the one doing what, when. *I want you all to understand that BOTH are very involved from beginning to end.*

With misunderstanding what scripture actually says, I've seen God Most High himself ends up being sidelined in our minds. Or sometimes Christ is sidelined.

And if you're wondering where the Holy Spirit is in all this, watch my other new sermons on that. *But of all things, <u>let's not eliminate GOD MOST HIGH because of misunderstanding</u>. God Most High (the Father) is active, has always been active, and in the middle of all things in the universe. Yes, you heard me right. Even when leading Israel out of Egypt, God Most High was active, as was the Word.*

So Hello everyone, I'm Philip Shields. With Light on the Rock we try to help build a stronger connection and knowledge of our God and of our Savior – as well as a stronger connection between people. Understanding how God Most High works with the Word, who became flesh as Jesus Christ from time immemorial will help us work with God better.

We'll also have to go over this concept that "GOD IS ONE," from the Hebrew word "echad" (Deut 6:4). I think many of you will find that fascinating. That will likely have to come out in Part 2 of this sermon series.

Let's start with WHO is the Creator. Be ready. Some of you will be surprised. *Is it just Jesus? Is it just God Most High? Could it be BOTH?*

WHO CREATED ALL THINGS? GOD MOST HIGH, Jesus, or both?

I think most of you who come to this website Light on the Rock know very well about **John 1:1-2** that clearly say Jesus was the <u>actual one creating</u> all things.

(Also check out **Col 1:15-17**). Jesus was there with God Most High from the very beginning (**John 17:5**). We'll read John 1:1-3, but you're going to see there's so much more!

John 1:1-3

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made."

v. 14 - the Word became flesh. The Word was Jesus of course

Yeshua, Jesus – was always there from the beginning with God. Jesus is NOT a created being but is GOD himself, as we just read, but has always been <u>under</u> God MOST High. **The "head of Christ is God" – 1 Cor. 11:3.** Notice how Jesus describes his relationship with God Most High, his Father, going back to before the world was created.

John 17:4-5

"I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. 5 And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which <u>I had with You before the world was</u>."

Notice also how Jesus says even while preaching and doing all those marvelous miracles – walking on water, healing the sick, raising the dead, etc. etc. – notice whom HE says was doing the actual work THROUGH him, and what HIS own role was.

John 12:49

"For I have not spoken on My own authority; **but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command**, what I should say and what I should speak".

John 14:10

"Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but <u>the</u> **Father who dwells in Me does the works**."

It's easy for us to say the Creator of all things is clearly Christ Jesus. SO many verses say so. But once again, the One who originates everything, plans everything, and makes the final decisions and has final authority, was God Most High (God the Father) – who then brought everything into existence *through* Jesus, using their Holy Spirit. *I'll prove it with scripture shortly*.

For example, Henry Ford built a lot of cars. Or did he? Wasn't it the assembly workers and their supervisors who did?* Think of Henry Ford as in

the role of the Father. He didn't do the physical building of cars, but everything was his idea, his factories and his plans. Ford worked THROUGH the workers.

We'll see GOD the Father is the ultimate "Henry Ford of creation" -- and created all things, *through* Jesus. *If that's so, then BOTH are Creator*.

Hebrews 1:1-2

"GOD, who at various times and in various ways **spoke in time past** to the fathers <u>by the prophets</u>, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by **His Son**, whom He has appointed heir of all things, <u>through</u> <u>whom</u> also <u>HE</u> made the worlds;"

Ephesians 3:9

"And to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in **GOD WHO CREATED all things THROUGH** Jesus Christ;"

Now please make a note to read Revelation 4. It's about God the Father on his throne. *Jesus, the Lamb of God, does not come in until chapter 5*. At the end of Rev. 4, we read of the **four Living Creatures with six wings**, saying "holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come". Then the twenty-four elders bow and cast their crowns in worship. And then we read this – directed at God the Father, God Most High:

Revelation 4:11

"You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; *For YOU CREATED ALL THINGS*,
And by *Your* will they exist and *were created*."

So, knowing God the Father originates all things, and then tells the WORD what HE wants done – it's perfectly clear, God the Father is very, very involved in creation. And he does it through Jesus Christ our Lord. We cannot leave Father out. He's also the Creator. **So who is Creator? BOTH are.**

Now before we move on to the other questions -- let me review the <u>relationship between Jesus/the Word of God and God Most</u> <u>High/God the father</u>.

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God Most High and the Word ... how did they work.

God does not change. (Malachi 3:5). Jesus – the same (Heb 13:8).

Malachi 3:5

"For I am YHVH (the LORD), *I do not change*;

Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob."

Jesus has a God!

God Most High has always been Most High. The head of Christ is God (1 Cor. 11:3). <u>In fact, God Most High (the Father) is the God of Jesus Christ</u>. <u>Do you ever hear that last sentence preached, that Jesus has a God over him! But God the Father has no God over him. He's #1.</u>

Ephesians 1:3a

"Blessed be <u>the GOD and Father OF our Lord Jesus</u> Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing ..."

Ephesians 1:17a

"That <u>the GOD OF our Lord</u> Jesus Christ, the Father of glory..."

Of course you remember how Jesus told Mary that he had to go to "MY GOD, and your God." (John 20:17).

Even later, several women saw and met the newly resurrected Christ and held his feet as they worshipped him, by the way, not just Mary Magdalene.

Matthew 28:8-10

"So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word.

9 And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, **Jesus met them**, **saying**, **"Rejoice!" So** *they* **came and** *held Him by the feet* **and worshiped Him.** 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."

Did you realize Jesus HAS a GOD over him? There are many more scriptures that support that as well. (Rev 1:5-6; 3:10??, Heb 1:8-9; Mark 15:34). Father is God MOST High and doesn't have any God over HIM.

Jesus has always been under the Father and at the end will submit completely again after the millennium.

1 Corinthians 15:24-28

Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. 25 For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. 26 The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. 27 For "He has put all things under His feet." But when He says, "all things are put under Him," it is evident that

He who put all things under Him is excepted. (God the Father was never under Christ's authority)

28 Now when all things are made subject to Him, then <u>the Son</u> <u>Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him</u>, that God may be all in all."

Every word Jesus spoke and every deed he did was by the Father's direction. I've already quoted these, but let's look again. Jesus even said he could do NOTHING of himself.

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John 14:10

"Do you not believe that <u>I am in the Father</u>, and the Father in Me? **The** words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but <u>the Father who dwells in Me does the works</u>."

John 8:28-29

Then Jesus said to them, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, <u>and that I do NOTHING of Myself</u>; but as My <u>Father taught Me</u>, I speak these things.

29 <u>And He who sent Me is with Me</u>. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him."

John 5:19—Christ always did what his Father wanted

John 5:30 – "I can of myself do nothing..."

John 6:38 – I've come to do the will of Him who sent me

My father and I are one. God Most High and the Word have always been as so in tune with each other that they act and appear as one.

John 10:30 - "I and my Father are one."

This concept of being ONE does not mean just one person. In fact ALL OF US are supposed to be as ONE as Jesus and Father are. And we're a LOT of persons! When we get into "The LORD is one" – Deut 6:4, we'll understand that better too.

John 17:20-23

"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; 21 that THEY ALL may be ONE, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be ONE in

Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that **they may be ONE just as WE are ONE:** 23 I in them, and You in Me; that they <u>may be made perfect in one</u>, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me."

God the Father has always been GOD MOST High, God in the Highest. Jesus, the WORD of GOD, has always been second to the God Most High. Always. And always will be. You'll soon see how "ONE" they are, and how Jesus always does the Father's will. This has been the pattern from way before time began. God Most High produces His will, then Jesus/the Word implements Father's will.

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WHO IS SAVIOR? Just Jesus, or just the Father, or both?

Most people instinctively answer, "Well, of course it's Jesus who is the Savior."

And of course there ARE many verses that say **Jesus/Yeshua is the one** who saves us. Christ as Savior:

• Hebrews 5:9b "... <u>He</u> (Christ) became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey him."

Yes, though we can receive the righteousness of God and Christ imputed to us, as I've often explained (Romans 4:20-25; 5:15-20), *we must OBEY*. Of course, if Christ is our new life, he will live in us the way HE always did, obediently.

Acts 4:11-12 speaking of Christ
 "This is the stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' 12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Here are but a FEW of the many verses pointing to Christ as our Savior. The shepherds were told the Savior has come.

Luke 2:11

"For there is born to you this day in the city of David a SAVIOR, who is Christ (anointed one) the Lord."

1 John 4:14

"And we have seen and testify that the **Father has sent the Son as Savior** of the world."

Speaking of Jesus...

Acts 5:31

"Him God has exalted to His right hand **to be Prince and Savior**, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins."

I'll print out a few more examples where Christ is said to be our Savior. You read them, I move on for time's sake.

Philippians 3:20

"For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,"

Titus 2:13

"looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and **Savior Jesus Christ**,"

If you need or want more scriptures showing Jesus is called our Savior, look up <u>2 The 1:11;l 2 The 2:20 and 3:18</u> as well.

But now, how about GOD The FATHER as our SAVIOR?

This will be nothing new for some of you, but many of you will be surprised.

Saving humanity: who started this? Who put it into action? Here's the sequence:

- Who started the plan of salvation? "For GOD so loved the world that *HE gave* his only Son..." (John 3:16).
- Which of them Father and Son -- is the one who calls us? We know that is God the Father (John 6:44). In fact *God's mercy* leads us to repentance (Romans 2:4), that is, all who have been predestined to be called as His first fruits (Romans 8:30).

Romans 8:29-30

"For whom He (GOD) foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among *many* brethren.

- 30 *Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called*; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified."
- <u>God then leads us to Jesus to</u> work with us **John 6:65**. Christ says NOBODY could come to him unless Father sent them to Christ. See the unity? See the oneness with God and Jesus <u>working together</u> as Savior?

• Jesus in turn reveals the Father to all of us (Matthew 11:27). Matthew 11:27

"All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and *the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.*"

Do you see how they work as One – so united, so cooperative?

But there are so many verses that CLEARLY say GOD the Father is also our Savior. And some verses combine within 1-2 verses that God AND Jesus Christ are BOTH our Savior. So again, BOTH are our Savior, starting with God who then acted through Jesus Christ, the author and finisher of our faith.

1 Timothy 1:1

"Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the commandment of **GOD our Savior** and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope,"

1 Timothy 2:3-4

"For this is good and acceptable in the **sight of GOD our Savior**, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."

1 Timothy 4:10

"For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust **in the living <u>GOD</u>**, **who is the <u>SAVIOR of all</u> men**, especially of those who believe."

Titus 2:10

" not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of **GOD our Savior** in all things."

<u>Jude 25</u>

To GOD our Savior,

Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen."

Shows both are our Savior

<u>Titus 1:3-4</u> Shows BOTH are our Savior. Don't leave God out! "but has in due time manifested His word through preaching, which was committed to me according to **the commandment of GOD our Savior:**

4 To Titus, a true son in our common faith:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father AND the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior"

Titus 3:4-7

4 But when the kindness and the **love of <u>GOD our Sav</u>ior** toward man appeared, 5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the **Holy Spirit**, **6 whom He poured out on us abundantly through <u>Jesus Christ our Savior</u>;"**

What about the verses that say there is no other savior but Jesus (Acts 4:12)? Remember God the Father and Jesus are so unified, they are seen as ONE. ONE in cooperative union. Both of them are our Savior.

So who is our Savior? The complete and correct answer is BOTH God the Father and his Son Jesus Christ as our Savior.

BOTH are also our Redeemer, though more directly it was Christ.

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So who was "GOD" of The Old Testament?

When we read of "God" in the Old Testament scriptures, in the Hebrew scriptures called the Tanakh, is that referring to God the Father, the Word/Jesus, or both? I believe, and will show you, that a lot of that is **determined by context.** But to say, as some groups do, that "the God of the Old Testament was Christ" all the time, I have to ask myself, "where then **did God Most High go?**"

It doesn't fit the pattern to say that God Most High – the Father – somehow disappears in the entirety of the Old Testament and that therefore "the God of the Old Testament is always referring to the one who became Jesus" as some groups teach. The one who became Jesus WAS very active in the Old Testament, and called "God" many times, but you'll see it's incorrect to say Jesus was always the sole God of the Old Testament!

<u> 1 Samuel 3:19-21</u>

"So Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. 20 And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel had been established as a prophet of the LORD (YHVH).

21 Then the LORD appeared again in Shiloh. For the LORD (YHVH) revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh BY the WORD of the LORD (YHVH)."

It is equally incorrect, as I'll show, to say that "GOD" in the Old Testament was the mean and cruel God Most High. But then to say the more gentle Being, the Word who became Jesus, is the God of the New Testament. That's just as wrong!

There are clear scriptures that show God the Father/Most High was overall the God of the Old Testament, <u>and</u> many other clear scriptures that show Jesus Christ was the YHVH God who appeared to Abraham (Genesis 18), and who spoke the 10 Commandments, and showed his glorified BACK to Moses, and more. We'll look at a lot of them. Remember NOBODY has ever seen God the Father (John 1:18; John 6:45-46)).

God Most High MUST always be God the Father. Jesus is called "Son of the Most High God' or "Son of God in the Highest." (Luke 2:14) It's inconceivable that God Most High wasn't intricately involved in everything from even before Creation onwards – and even before Creation – and then He commissioned the Word to be the one doing the will of God Most High. The Word became the VISIBLE God. God Most High is the INVISIBLE God – and no human has EVER SEEN God the Father or God Most High.

In Genesis 14, we see God MOST High gave Abram the victory over the kings he slaughtered, and Abram is "OF God MOST High".

Genesis 14:18-23

Then <u>Melchizedek</u> king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the <u>priest of God Most High</u>.

19 And he blessed him and said:

"Blessed be Abram of God Most High,

Possessor of heaven and earth;

20 And blessed be God Most High,

Who has delivered your enemies into your hand."

And he gave him a tithe of all.

21 Now the king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the persons, and take the goods for yourself."

22 But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have raised my hand to the LORD (YHVH), **God Most High**, the Possessor of heaven and earth..."

Many believe Melchizedek to be an early theophany of Christ, but here we see Melchizedek saying Abram is "of God MOST High" who also delivered Abram's enemies into his hand. I'm telling you: God Most High does NOT disappear from being very active in the Old Testament. EVERYTHING of God begins with God Most High and then may be given to the Word to implement.

"Abram **of God Most High**" **exactly corresponds to what Peter says**, in two scriptures, defining who was the God of their Fathers – or God of the Old Testament in other words. God Most High stays VERY ACTIVE throughout the Old Testament.

Acts 5:30-31a

"The GOD of our FATHERS raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree. 31 Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Savior,..."

Acts 3:13

"The GOD of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, <u>the GOD of our</u> <u>fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus</u>, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let Him go."

Are you seeing it? Peter understood the Old Testament God to be God Most High. Now of course I understand that whenever YHVH was SEEN by humans, that HAD to be the Word/Yeshua, as NO human has ever seen God Most High (John 1:18). So God Most High worked through the Word when He wanted someone to hear or see God. So BOTH are very involved.

So did Paul. This next scripture has Paul /Saul recounting his calling on the road to Damascus in Acts 9.

Acts 22:12-14

"Then a certain Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good testimony with all the Jews who dwelt there, 13 came to me; and he stood and said to me, 'Brother Saul, receive your sight.' And at that same hour I looked up at him.

14 Then he said, <u>'The God of our fathers</u> has chosen you that you should know His will, and see the Just One (Jesus), and hear the voice of His mouth".

Here are a few more to prove that God Most High did not go silent and inactive in the Old Testament. Who closely worked with David?

<u>Psalms 57:2-3</u>

"I will cry out to God MOST HIGH, To God who performs all things for me.

3 He shall send from heaven and save me; He reproaches the one who would swallow me up."

Hebrew word for "most high" is Strong's # 5945, Elyown (often written Elyon) means Most High.

The notion some have that God Most High kept his distance from Israel and the world events, is simply wrong. That was not the eternal pattern: that God Most High set the plan, and then implemented it often by his Word, who became Jesus Christ (John 1:1-3, 14). "God" could refer to Jesus Christ, obviously. *But "MOST HIGH God" is solely the place of God the Father*.

Psalm 78:17

"But they sinned even more against Him
By **rebelling** *against the Most High* in the wilderness."

Psalm 78:35

"Then they remembered that **GOD** was their rock, And <u>the Most</u> <u>High God</u> their Redeemer.

1 Corinthians 10:4

"And that Rock was Christ."

Combining both verses above shows that "The Rock" was BOTH God Most High (Ps 78:35) <u>and</u> Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 10:4). Both.

Psalm 78:56

"Yet they tested and **provoked the Most High God**, And did not keep His testimonies," [GOD Most High was clearly actively involved]

Other Old Testament scriptures for those who wish to study it more, that tell of God Most High in the Old Testament, include: **Deut 32:7-8; 2 Samuel 22:14; Psalm 50:14; 91:9; and Psalm 107:11.**

Now besides that, **David certainly understood two separate Beings acting so closely that they were seen as one**, with God Most High being #1. This next one was quoted by Peter in his Pentecost sermon – <u>Acts 2:34-35</u>.

Psalms 110:1

The LORD (YHVH) said to my Lord (Adonai), "Sit at My right hand,

Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."

David is clearly speaking of TWO individuals – YHVH and Adonai. One higher than the other. No one has seen God Most High.

<u>Psalms 2:7</u>

"I will declare the decree:

The LORD (YHVH) has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You."

(Baal, by the way, has a main meaning of "Lord" or Master.)

Now, why do we at Light on the Rock say that Jesus Christ was also GOD of the Old Testament (but still under the will of his God Most High)?

BECAUSE No ONE has seen YHVH who was God the Father (John 1:18; 6:45-46) but MANY have seen YHVH – so that YHVH who was seen had to be the one who became Jesus. For example, YHVH appeared to Abraham and had lunch with him – Genesis 18. PLUS, the seventy plus Moses/Aaron and his two oldest sons and probably Joshua too – all "saw the God of Israel" on Mt. Sinai.

Exodus 24:9-11

"Then Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, 10 **and they SAW the GOD of Israel**. And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in its clarity.

11 But on the nobles of the children of Israel He did not lay His hand. <u>So</u> <u>they saw God</u>, and they ate and drank."

So every single time it says humans saw God or YHVH in the Old Testament, that HAD to be the one who became Jesus. **See 1 Cor. 10:1-4**.

So WHO was the One who was "God of the Old Testament"? The God of the forefathers? Peter (Acts 3:13; 5:30) and Paul clearly say it was God Most High.

BUT, whenever GOD in the Old Testament appeared and spoke, that HAD to be the One we know as the Word, Jesus Christ for NO human has ever seen the Father (John 1:18). Moses saw the glorified back of YHVH, remember when he was in the cleft of the rock.

And don't forget that we're told that YHVH spoke and appeared to Samuel the young prophet <u>THROUGH</u> the Word of God (1 Samuel 3:19-21).

1 Samuel 3:19-21

"So Samuel grew, and the LORD (YHVH) was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. 20 And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel had been established as a prophet of the LORD.

21 Then the LORD (YHVH) appeared again in Shiloh. For (YHVH) the LORD revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh BY the Word of YHVH (the LORD)."

So my answer has to be: God of the Old Testament has to surely be BOTH God the Father and the Word. Don't sideline God Most High. Remember Peter and Paul both taught that the "God of our Fathers" was God Most High.

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So I hope you understand the premise that God Most High has ALWAYS been the INITIATOR of plans and HIS will, and always remained active, though the One Israel and others heard and saw, was the Word of God, who was also God, and was with God Most High.

I've shown you that GOD the FATHER is creator, creating THROUGH Jesus Christ. BOTH are the Creator.

I've shown you that God the Father is Savior along with his SON who died for us. BOTH are our Savior.

And BOTH have to be the "GOD of our Fathers" or the God of Israel, including Ex 24:11 when seventy-four of them saw "the God of Israel".

Next time I'll wrap this up with more verses showing they knew they were dealing with God Most High as they came out of Egypt and in the wilderness.

We'll also include a discussion explaining Deut 6:4 – the <u>LORD</u>, the <u>LORD your God is ONE</u>." DOES that mean ONE being as the Jews interpret it? I'll show you clearly how that word "echad" is used about more than one person. Don't miss it.

Plus we'll cover "WHO is YHVH in the scriptures"? God Most High or Christ, or both. If we have time, I'll even show you a half dozen or more verses where the Israelites DID have some concept of God as their Father. Not quite like the "Abba" that Jesus spoke of, but Father none-the-less. ONE verse that shows "Father," for example, is Malachi 1:6 you can read ahead of time.

Anyway, we'll continue this later. We want to be sure that God the Father AND Jesus Christ are both glorified and neither one ever gets sidelined. Our Creator, Savior and God of the Old Testament – was BOTH God Most High and the Word. See you then.

** ****CLOSING PRAYER.