**Is Yahshua The Almighty Father?**

Before we begin, I’d like to present to you my beliefs. I believe in Almighty YHWH (Yahweh), that He is our Heavenly Father. I believe in His Son, Messiah Yahshua, who was sent (Hebrew: “Shaliach”= sent one) by our Heavenly Father to earth (John 3:16, John 11:41-42) to pay the ultimate penalty in dying for our sins, yours and mine (1 Cor 15:3). Our Heavenly Father ‘raised’ up Yahshua from the dead (Rom 10:9) on the 3rd day, as scripture says. I believe in our Heavenly Father’s word, which is TRUTH (John 17:17, Psalm 119:142) and my desire is to obey and keep His commandments (Torah) because I love Him and want to be obedient to Him. (1 John 5:3) (This article will be short and to the point, so please consider what it is I’m about to say).

This will be the first in a series of future articles in which we’ll be discussing such topics as:

Deut 6:4 “Hear, Oh …..Yahweh is One (echad)

John 10:30, I and the Father are One

Micah 5:2, Bethlehem….out of you shall come forth a ruler…; whose goings forth *have been* from of old, from everlasting.

John 10:34, “I said you are elohim (gods)…”

And others.

My reason for writing this is due to all the division within the whole House of Israel. First, the dispute about if there is “One House or Two Houses” Then the question was raised, “are Jews and Gentiles both required to obey the Torah?“ And now there’s much division concerning the “Deity” of Yahshua. I believe the question should be, how does one define “Deity”. By the Messiah being ‘Deity’ does that imply he is the Almighty instead of, or along with, His Father? Concerning the ‘Deity’ of Yahshua, so there is no misunderstanding, let me state: I believe Messiah Yahshua is my lord and personal savior. Messiah Yahshua is second to NO ONE, except the One he tells us is “His Father and His Elohim and our Father and our Elohim (John 20:17), the One he says is greater than all (John 10:29), even “greater than” the Messiah Himself (John 14:28). As we will see, there is a hierarchy of our Heavenly Father and of His Son. With that being said, let’s begin.

Friend, if Messiah Yahshua would have “said” that in order to have eternal life you had to pray twice a day, say 10 am and 5 pm, would you not then pray twice a day at those times? Of course you would. With that thinking in mind, let’s read a familiar verse – John 3:16.

*Joh 3:16 For God (Yahweh) so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son (Yahshua), that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (emphasis mine)*

When looking and studying out this verse does it not say that we need to believe in God’s Son (Messiah Yahshua)? Not only believe what he did but what he said? Of course we should (Matt 7:24-27). With this in mind let me ask you, do you believe what Yahshua said in John 17:1-3? (Especially in verse 3.)

*Joh 17:1 These words spake Jesus (Yahshua), and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:*

*Joh 17:2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.*

*Joh 17:3* ***And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God (Yahweh), and Jesus Christ (Messiah Yahshua), whom thou hast sent. (emphasis mine)***

Do you believe this statement from the mouth of Messiah Yahshua? If you refuse to believe it can you still have Eternal Life? If Messiah Yahshua was to ask you “Do you believe that my Father is the only true Elohim?” how would you answer him? I would seriously meditate on this scripture and pray to Almighty Yahweh for direction, wisdom, and understanding. This statement Yahshua was making in regards to YHWH (Yahweh) being the only true Elohim can also be found in Jeremiah 10:10 *“But Yahweh is the true Elohim, he is the living Elohim, and an everlasting King:”*

Let’s take a look at a few more passages before explaining the ‘Deity’ of Yahshua. In John 20:17, after our Holy Father in Heaven “raised” his only begotten Son from the dead (Acts 3:26, I Thes 1:10), what did Yahshua say to Mary?

*Joh 20:17 Jesus (Yahshua) saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God (Elohim), and your God (Elohim).*

We see Messiah Yahshua telling Mary to go to his disciples and tell them that he (Yahshua) is going back to “my Father (Yahweh) and your Father (Yahweh), and to my God (Yahweh), and to your God (Yahweh)”. Looking at these scriptures, (John 17:3, 20:17) out of Messiah’s own mouth he is declaring who the only true God (Elohim) is and who his God and Father is (Yahweh) and who our God and Father is (Yahweh).

I hope you are starting to see a distinction between Our Heavenly Father (Yahweh) and Messiah Yahshua, His only begotten son, whom he sent (John 17:3, John 3:16). There are many passages within the Brit Chadashah (New Testament) that show this distinction. Let’s continue in the book of Revelation:

*Rev 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ (Messiah Yahshua), which God (Yahweh) gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:*

Let’s break down this verse: Yahweh (God) gave to Messiah Yahshua (His Son) a “revelation” of what must shortly come to pass, Yahshua gave this “revelation” to his angel to give to his servant John. Again, this “revelation” came to Yahshua from His Father (Yahweh). Let me ask you a question: is there anything you can ‘reveal’ to the Almighty that He doesn’t already know? Of course not, and yet the entire book of Revelation was “revealed” to the Messiah. Keep in mind that most scholars today believe that John was given, and wrote, the book of Revelation in 98 AD, some 60 years ‘after’ the Messiah took his seat at the right hand of the Father. And even at that later date the Father was still “revealing” things to the Messiah.

*Mat 24:36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father* ***only****.* (see also Act 1:6-7)

Before the Messiah died and after he was resurrected he still was not told by the Father of the last day and hour. Even Messiah Yahshua did not know the day or hour when His Heavenly Father would send him back to earth to gather His people, establish His kingdom and execute judgment upon the ungodly (Jude vs. 14-15). Let’s continue:

*Mar 12:29 And Yahshua answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; Yahweh our Elohim, Yahweh is one:*

*Mar 12:30 And thou shalt love Yahweh thy Elohim with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy understanding, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.*

*Mar 12:31 And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.*

*Mar 12:32 And the scribe said unto him, Well, Teacher, thou hast said the truth: for there is* ***one Elohim****; and there is* ***none other but he****:*

*Mar 12:33 And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.*

*Mar 12:34 And when Yahshua saw that he answered wisely, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of Elohim. And no man after that dare ask him any question.*

Here we see Yahshua quoting from Deuteronomy 6:4 and also Leviticus 19:18, both from the Torah. This was in response to a question from a scribe concerning what is the foremost commandment of all. Look at the response of the scribe in Mark 12:32 when he says “…teacher, you have said the truth: for there is one Elohim, and there is none other but he:” (singular). The scribe quoted back Torah to Yahshua (Deut. 6:4, Lev. 19:18, AND Deut. 4:35) and not his own opinions. Yahshua had the opportunity right then and there to say, “No, both me and my Father are the Almighty”, or “I am the Almighty”, but he did not say that. What does scripture say? Yahshua saw that the scribe answered wisely. In other words, the scribe answered correctly. I’d like to also say that Yahshua did not change our Heavenly Father’s word and say anything different than what was written in the Torah (Deu 18:15,18) (Matthew 5:17-18): but, that is for another teaching…

*Mat 19:16-17 And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And he (Yahshua) said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.*

*Mar 10:17-18 And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God.*

Luk 18:18-19 And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none *is* good, save one, *that is,* God.

Yahshua claimed that there is none good but his Father ONLY. Yahshua even proclaimed that he came forth from the Father (John 8:42, 16:27-28). Are we to believe Yahshua’s words or someone else? If you believe that Messiah Yahshua is your Master and personal savior, then I would say it is a good bet to believe what Yahshua said and not follow the doctrines of men.

**IF YAHSHUA IS NOT THE ALMIGHTY THEN WHO IS HE?**

In the book of Revelation, Messiah Yahshua himself tells us that he is the “beginning of the creation of God.”

*Rev 3:14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;*

The word “beginning” used in the previous verse is translated from the Greek word “arche”, pronounced ar-khay (#G746 in Thayer’s Greek Definitions) meaning “beginning or origin.”

Messiah Yahshua is telling us that he is the “beginning” or “origin” of God’s creation. And as explained before, Yahshua’s God, that is the Father, whose name is Yahweh, is the Only True God (John 17:3), both his God and ours (John 20:17).

So how can Yahshua be the beginning of Yahweh’s creation if he is the one to have created the world? The most logical answer would be because our Heavenly Father, Yahweh, created the world and the universe “through” his first born, Yahshua.

*Heb 1:1-2 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days spoken to us in his Son, whom He (Yahweh) appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; (NASB)*

*Col 1:15-16 who is the likeness of the invisible Elohim, 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. (The Scriptures 1998+)*

*Heb 1:5-6 For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten (Yahshua) into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. (KJV)*

Yahshua, who is the firstborn of all creation, was with the Almighty Father in the beginning. The word ‘beginning’ implies a starting point, and Yahshua is that starting point. Time began when Yahshua was brought forth from the Almighty. Prior to Yahshua, time didn’t exist…Yahweh existed, as He still does in a ‘timeless’ eternity, - no beginning and no end. But now we have a ‘beginning’, and it was through Yahshua that all other things came into being. Yahshua states this during his prayer to the Father in the garden of Gethsemane:

*Joh 17:4-5 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.*

During the creation account, it is written that God said: *“…Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.”(Genesis 1:26)*

If we understand that Yahshua is the “firstborn of all creation”, then the “us” mentioned in this verse presents no confusion. The “us” would be the Almighty, Yahweh, and his “firstborn” son Yahshua.

But notice all throughout the rest of the chapter that “the God” (“elohim” in Hebrew) mentioned is described as ‘He’, ‘His’, and ‘I’. These are all clearly speaking of ‘one’ individual or being. That ‘One’ is referring to the Father Yahweh, the One who ultimately gets all the glory and credit for creating the worlds “through” His Son.

 *Gen 1:27-31 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so. And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.*

One quick note: Many people get confused with the Hebrew word “Elohim”, which is almost always translated “God”, as being used in a plural sense. The fact is that the word “Elohim” is used in the Old Testament (Tanakh) 2,605 times, and out of those 2,605 times it is used in the plural sense only 216 times. This means that the Hebrew word “Elohim” is used in the singular 2,389 times out of the 2,605 times it is used. The verb tense is what determines whether elohim is used in a plural sense or a singular sense, and it is overwhelmingly used in the singular rather than the plural. There are over 10,000 singular pronouns and verbs referring to the One God (Elohim) in the Bible. Let’s continue…

When Messiah Yahshua walked the earth, he told those around him on a number of occasions that he came forth “from God”. Yahshua never claimed that he “was God”, but rather he was “from God”.

*Joh 6:46 Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he that is from God, he hath seen the Father. (ASV)*

*Joh 8:42 Yahshua said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.*

*Joh 13:3 Yahshua knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;*

*Joh 16:27-28 for the Father Himself does love you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I (Yahshua) came forth from Elohim. “I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father.” (The Scriptures 1998+)*

*Joh 17:21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.*

*Joh 17:25 O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.*

Here is another distinction between Father and Son as written in the Tanakh (Old Testament):

*Pro 30:4 Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?*

There are also many other passages in the Tanakh showing Almighty YHWH (Yahweh) alone creating Heaven and Earth, leading Israel in the wilderness, etc…

*Deu 32:8 When the most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel.*

*Deu 32:9 For the LORD'S portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.*

*Deu 32:10 He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye.*

*Deu 32:11 As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings:*

*Deu 32:12 So the* ***LORD (YHWH) alone*** *did lead him, and there was no strange god with him.*

*2Ki 19:15 And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said, O LORD God of Israel, which dwellest between the cherubims, thou art* ***THE God (\*HaElohim), thou alone****, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth. (\*Hebrew word for The Elohim)*

*2Ki 19:19 Now therefore, O LORD our God, I beseech thee, save thou us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know* ***that thou art the LORD (YHWH) God, thou only****.*

*Neh 9:6* ***Thou, even thou, art LORD (YHWH) alone****; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.*

*Psa 83:18* ***That men may know that thou, whose name alone is YAHWEH (YHWH), art the most high over all the earth.***

*Psa 86:10* ***For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone.***

*Psa 148:13 Let them praise the* ***name of the LORD (YHWH): for his name alone*** *is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.*

*Isa 2:11 The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the* ***LORD (YHWH) alone shall be exalted*** *in that day.*

*Isa 2:17 And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the* ***LORD (YHWH) alone shall be exalted*** *in that day.*

*Isa 37:16 O LORD (YHWH) of hosts, God of Israel, that dwellest between the cherubims,* ***thou art THE God (HaElohim), even thou alone****, of all the kingdoms of the earth: thou hast made heaven and earth.*

*Isa 44:24 Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD (YHWH) that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens* ***alone****; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;*

OK, now that you have seen a few verses showing that Yahweh and Yahshua (Father and Son) are not the same being/entity, there are over 75 verses in the New Testament alone showing this, recorded or said by Yahshua, Peter, Paul, John, Luke, Mark, Matthew, and Jude (send me an email if you would like the list). I would also like to state that not ONE time did Yahshua ever claim to be the Almighty. None, zero, not once. Did his disciples claim that he was the Almighty? No, not one time. What did Peter say to Yahshua when asked “Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

*Mat 16:16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ (Messiah), the* ***Son*** *of the living God.*

What is Messiah Yahshua saying here in Revelation 3:12?

*Rev 3:12 Him that overcometh will I (Yahshua) make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I (Yahshua) will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.*

Throughout the New Testament Yahshua was called “The lamb of God”, never “God the lamb”, “The Son of God” never “God the Son” (and of course never is a term such as the God/man ever found in the entire bible). The only occurrence where people might get tripped up is *Joh 20:28 “And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.”* This is the ONLY scripture in the entire New Testament where this is used. In the bible, the word “elohim” can mean many different things. In the simplest of meanings it means “mighty one” (look in the Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew Lexicon (#H430)). Thomas was basically saying that Yahshua was his Master and his “mighty one”.

Let’s quickly reference a few verses in the Old Testament to verify what I am saying here. Take a look at Exodus 7:1 with an interlinear Bible – Moses is called ‘elohim’ (#H430). The judges of Israel are often times referred to as ‘elohim’ (#H430) in verses such as Exodus 22:8-9, 28 and Psalms 82:1-6. Angels are called ‘elohim’ in Psalm 8:5. So, in the simplistic sense, these are all good examples of elohim being used to define a mighty one among the people. There is much more to discuss concerning the use of ‘elohim’, but we will save that for another discussion.

Yahshua is the Messiah, the “anointed one” and “sent one” (John 3:17) of YHWH the Father, he is a “mighty one” among his people Israel. To claim Yahshua as being the Almighty goes against what Yahshua said in John 17:3, John 20:17, Revelation 3:12, and the many other verses throughout the New Testament. None of Yahshua’s disciples (not even the apostle Paul) claimed that Yahshua was the Almighty and Messiah Yahshua never claimed to be the Almighty either.

*1Co 8:6 But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ (Messiah Yahshua), by whom are all things, and we by him.*

*1Co 11:3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.*

*Eph 4:6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.*

In summary, the question is not whether Yahshua is Deity or not… The question is do you believe that he is the Almighty (which is not recorded anywhere in scripture) or do you believe that he is the ‘Sent One’, the Messiah, the only begotten Son of Almighty Yahweh (John 3:16, John 17:3), and our Lord/Master as shown throughout scripture (Yahshua was **“**given**”** authority by His Father -John 5:27). Yahshua was with his Father, Almighty Yahweh, during the creation of the universe. He is the only begotten Son of Almighty Yahweh and part of the Royal Family. Does that mean we don’t “worship” Yahshua? We “worship” Almighty Yahweh alone (Ex 20:3-5) but we should give honor and reverence to Yahshua (John 5:23) as he came to do the will of the Father (Almighty Yahweh) (John 4:34, 5:30) and paid the ultimate price for our sins by being crucified on the tree (Acts 10:36-40, 13:29-30). He is Our Messiah, Our High Priest, and Our Coming King (Revelation 19-20) and we will ‘bend the knee” to him at his 2nd coming as scripture says. All authority has been handed over to him (Yahshua) FROM the Father (Yahweh) (John 5:22, 26-27) until after Messiah’s 1,000 year kingdom reign (Revelation 20:5-6) and then he will hand over the kingdom back to the Father (Revelation 21, 1 Cor 15:20-28).

In further teachings we will discuss: The “I AM” dilemma (John 8:58 & Exodus 3:14), an in-depth look at the Hebrew words “Elohim” and “Echad”, John 10:30, John 10:34, and more to follow.

I hope this teaching was edifying to those who read this and studied out the scriptures. It is my sincere hope and prayer that those who are truly seeking YHWH (Yahweh) and His Son, Messiah Yahshua, with all their heart will see the truth in the scriptures and come out of the deception that satan has put in place to cause brethren to stumble and cause division within the body of believers. I pray that I did not offend anyone but felt that this was too important not to discuss. If you don’t agree with what was written here or need to contact me, feel free to email me (listed below).

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Some scripture to study and meditate on:

Mark 15:34; Luke 24:19; John 4:22-24, 7:17, 11:22, 13:3, 15:20-21, 16:30, 17:3, 20:17; Acts 2:22, 2:36, 10:38, 17:30-31; Rom 16:27; 1 Cor 8:6, 11:3, 15:27-28; Eph 4:5-6; 1 Thes 1:8-10, 3:11; 1 Tim 2:5; Heb 1:1-6, 5:7-10; Rev 3:12, 14

Who did people think Yahshua was?

Matt 16:13-16, 21:11, 21:46, 27:43

Luke 7:16, 24:19, John 4:19, Act 2:22, 10:38, 2 Tim 2:5, 1 Thes 1:8-10

THERE ARE MANY MORE SCRIPTURES SHOWING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MESSIAH AND OUR HEAVENLY FATHER- One website showing this is here: [http://www.intergate.com/~jcordaro/Father\_Son\_Same\_Being%3f.html](http://www.intergate.com/~jcordaro/Father_Son_Same_Being%3F.html)

\*(Disclaimer: I do not endorse all the teachings from the intergate website).

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DEFINITIONS:

Yahshua= The name of our Messiah, which means “Yahweh Saves” or “Yahweh is salvation”

YHWH = יהוה Translated “LORD” in most bibles, is the name of Our Father in Heaven: Yahweh

 **H3068 BDB Definition:** “the existing One” 1) the proper name of the one true God.

Elohim = אלהים Translated “God” in most bibles. ( **H430** ) 'ĕlôhîym e*l-o-heem'.* In the most simplistic of terms, Elohim means “Mighty One”.

Torah = תּרה / תּורה Translated “Law” in most bibles. **BDB Definition:** **H8451** tôrâh 1) law, direction, instruction

Tanakh= The writings of the Torah, Prophets, and other writings (Psalms, Kings, etc). English called Old Testament.

Brit Chadashah= The Gospels and Epistles, commonly called in English “The New Testament”