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"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price," Isa. 55:1.

"...freely ye have received, freely give," Mat. 10:8.

WAS YAHSHUA CREATED?

An article entitled "The Pre-Existence of Yahshua Messiah" has recently appeared in a well-known Sacred Name magazine. On page 8, second column, second paragraph, the following statement is made, "Our Heavenly Father, Yahweh Elohim, created Yahshua 'before the foundation of the world,' making Yahshua the 'beginning of all creation,' and the 'firstborn of all creation." The article by this person declares that the truth has now been revealed as it has never been revealed before and now it is proof that we are in the last days.While we may be in the last days, is it true that Yahshua was created? Let's take a look to see how the Scriptures speak of Yahshua.

By Jerry Healan

The question is, "Was Yahshua created?" Is there a place in Scripture that emphatically states that Yahshua was created? Absolutely not! Are there places that emphatically state and also imply that Yahshua is eternal. Absolutely!!!!!

Here is a declaration that this article made, "Yahshua came in the Old Testament as Yahweh and in the name of Yahweh. It was Yahshua who spoke to Moses from the burning bush and provided the memorial name I AM, which is YAH in Hebrew. Yah is the shortened form of Yahweh, **which is a family name**. Yahshua is of the Elohim family of Yahweh. No one has ever seen the Father except for Yahshua and the hosts of heaven. Yahweh is unapproachable light Who is in heaven and has never entered into the physical, carnal, human realm. It was Yahshua, in the name of Yahweh, who interacted with Abraham, Moses, Jacob, elders and others in the Old Testament. Yahshua was the Angel of Yahweh who led the Israelites across Sinai. It was by Yahweh's election that these facts would remain hidden from the very beginning of the ages until these last days."

We agree with this declaration! HalleluYah!!!!! But let's ask this question, If Yahshua is a member of the Elohim Family Whose name is Yahweh, then shouldn't His name also be Yahweh?

However, the problem is that further in the article it is stated, "The word is Yahshua Who became flesh (John 1:14), but He is not Yahweh!" (page 9, column 1, par. 13)

This is confusing. He appeared as Yahweh. The **family name of Elohim** is Yahweh. No one has seen the Father Yahweh at anytime, it was the One who became Yahshua, Who has interacted with the creation, Who has even created all things; He is the One Who spoke to the patriarchs, the prophets, kings, He is identified as Yahweh by Himself, the Scriptures, and the ones He appeared to, etc., yet He can't be Yahweh?

THE BURNING BUSH

When Moses went to inspect the burning bush (Ex. 3:1 -6), he was instructed to take off his shoes because the ground he was standing on was holy. What made it holy? It was made holy by the presence of Yahweh. Moses' shoes were made by man. Manmade things are polluted. Moses was a product of the hands of Yahweh. Thus, he was to stand on the holy ground, made so by the presence of Yahweh, with bare feet because Moses was a descendant of the original man, Adam, who was made by Yahweh.

Who was it that appeared to Moses? He identified Himself as the Elohim of his fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (v. 6). Furthermore, verse 7 says, **"And Yahweh said**, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows."

Do you get that? It says, "AND YAHWEH SAID!" Do we believe that this is Yahweh, or do we not? If we believe that it was Yahweh, then we are in line with what the Scriptures declare, but if we don't really believe that it was Yahweh, then we are believing in opposition to what the Scriptures declare.

Furthermore, Moses asks what His name is in a roundabout way in verse 13 to which Yahweh replied, "And Elohim said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. And Elohim said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **YAHWEH** Elohim of your fathers, the Elohim of Abraham, the Elohim of Isaac, and the Elohim of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations," Ex. 3:14-15.

He has further identified Himself as Yahweh here and this name Yahweh is His memorial to all generations.

The Chumash is a Jewish book that contains the Torah (first five books of Scripture) in Hebrew, with the corresponding English translation and Rabbinic commentary. Here is what the Rabbinic commentary says about this name, "What is His Name? Obviously the Jews knew the various names of God, so that the question cannot be understood literally. God has many Names, each of which represents the way in which He reveals Himself through His behavior toward the world. When He is merciful, He is called HASHEM [------], the Name that represents compassion. **This Name also represents the <u>eternity</u> of God**, for it is composed of the letters that spell היה הוה יהיה *He is* He was, and He will be, meaning that God's Being is timeless. When He exercises strict judgment, He is called *Elohim*. When He exercises His mastery over nature and performs hidden miracles – as He did for the Patriarchs – He is called *Shaddai*, and so on....However, יהריה is more than a descriptive Name; it is a proper noun." (page 304)

This Elohim identified Himself as Yahweh (תהוה). He didn't say that He was another being, even an angel who was representing Yahweh; He declared that He was Yahweh! This was His proper Name, which also means **Eternal**! Therefore, to say that this was the One Who became Yahshua, Who really wasn't Yahweh, and Who didn't have eternal life, but was created and is only representing Yahweh, is making Him a liar, and also making the Scriptures to be false.

TWO YAHWEHS

The statement is made that, "Theologians have wrestled with the Scriptures that manifest two Elohim, or two Sovereigns, or two Yahwehs, because they never understood the mystery of the relationship between the Father and the Son." (page 10, col. 1, par. 2) Such is true, because the carnal, natural mind can't truly understand the things of the Spirit of Yahweh. But has this article perfectly explained the relationship between the two Yahwehs? Absolutely not!

A reference is made to Hebrews 1:9, Acts 2:34, and Psa. 110:1. Then a key statement is made, concering Psa. 110:1, that should have been picked up on and expounded more clearly. The statement was: "At the time of David, Yahshua had not yet come in the flesh, so Who is David's Sovereign that Yahweh is telling to sit at My right hand? That's right, it is Yahshua. Yahshua was Sovereign. He was Elohim before He came in the flesh. " (page 10, col. 1, par. 6) (NOTE: He also wasn't known as Yahshua at this time because He hadn't come in the flesh. It is very key and important to understand this.) Yes! Yahshua was Elohim, Yahweh Elohim, Adonai Yahweh (My Sovereign Yahweh), Dabar-Yahweh (Yahweh the Word), Malak-Yahweh (Yahweh the Messenger), El Shaddai, El-Yahweh, Yahweh-Yireh (Yahweh the Provider), Yahweh-Ropheka (Yahweh Who heals), Yahweh-Nissi (Yahweh My Banner), Yahweh-Mekaddishkem (Yahweh-Nissi (Yahweh My Banner), Yahweh-Mekaddishkem (Yahweh Who sanctifies you), Yahweh-Shalom (Yahweh Who sends peace), Yahweh-Tsabaoth, (Yahweh of Hosts), Yahweh-Tsidkenu (Yahweh Our Righteousness), Yahweh-Shammah (Yahweh is There), Yahweh Elyon (Yahweh Most High), Yahweh-Roi (Yahweh My Shepherd), etc., etc.

Let's look at Psalms 110 to see how it identifies Yahshua as Yahweh, "1. Yahweh said unto my Sovereign (Adonai), Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. 2. Yahweh shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies. 3. Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth. 4. Yahweh hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek. 5. **Yahweh at thy right hand** shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath," vv. 1-5.

What does it say here? Yahweh said to my Sovereign, Sit thou at My right hand..... So the Sovereign is sitting at the right hand of Yahweh. But in verse 5 it says, **"Yahweh at Thy right hand**...." Who is on the right hand? Adonai (my Sovereign). What is He called in verse 5? Yahweh!!!!!!! So we have Yahweh sitting on His throne and Adonai-Yahweh sitting at His right hand.

In Hebrews 1:9 the statement is made, "Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore Elohim, even thy Elohim, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows." Here we have two Elohim. How can this be? Only Yahweh is Elohim. Yahweh declares, "Hath a nation changed their elohim, which are yet no elohim? But my people have changed my glory for that which doth not profit. Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith Yahweh," Jer. 2:11-12. Again, He declares, "Shall a man make elohim unto himself, and they are no elohim?" Jer. 16:20.

Paul writes to the converted Gentiles, "Howbeit then, when ye knew not Yahweh, ye did service unto them which by nature are no elohim," Gal. 4:8. He wrote to the Thessalonians, "And ye became followers of us, and of Yahweh, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit: So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia. For from you sounded out the word of Yahweh not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith toward Elohim is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing. For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how **ye turned to Yahweh from idols to serve the living and true Elohim**," 1 Thes. 1:6-9.

Islam loves to declare, "There is but one God, that is Allah, and Mohammed is His prophet. I am happy to inform you dear Muslims, that you also worship a vain elohim, because you do not worship Yahweh. I will declare, "There is but one Elohim and that is Yahweh, and Yahshua is His Son and Prophet." But Yahshua is also Yahweh, as we have seen and will continue to see in this article. Allow me to clarify at this juncture, that Yahshua is not Yahweh the Father, but He is the One that I announced above under the various names and titles.

The article alluded to Genesis 19:24 which states, "Then Yahweh rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah, brimstone and fire from Yahweh out of heaven." Then it says, "Two Yahwehs! One was on earth raining fire and brimstone from the One out of heaven. There is only one Yahweh, the Father. The first Yahweh mentioned in the above Scripture was actually Yahshua on earth in the name of His Father. Yahweh the Father is not two, nor is He three beings. Yahweh is One."

We must declare that this is very confusing. He declares that there are two Yahwehs and then denies his own declaration. Remember that in Genesis 19:24 Yahshua had not yet been born in the flesh. He was existing in the Spirit. He was Yahweh.

ONE YAHWEH

The shema states, "Shema Yishrael Yahweh Elohenu Yahweh echad" Dt. 6:4 (Hear O Israel, Yahweh our Elohim is one Yahweh).

The Hebrew word for "one" is *echad*. In the beginning Yahweh went through six days of fashioning and molding the earth to be habitable, supportive of life. On the sixth day He brought forth the man and the woman, but the Scriptures reveal that Elohim (a uni-plural word) 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. So Elohim created man in **his own** image, **in the image** of Elohim created <u>he him;</u> male and female created **he them**. And Elohim blessed **them**, and Elohim 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" Gen. 1:26.

Do you see the play on words, especially the singulars and plurals?

The creation of man is further explained in chapter two, "And Yahweh Elohim formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul....And Yahweh Elohim said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him....And Yahweh Elohim caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which Yahweh Elohim had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. **Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and <u>they</u> shall be one** (*echad*) **flesh**," Gen. 2:4, 18, 21-24.

Hmmmm.....Two are to become one (*echad*). This is what so many people either refuse to understand, or can't understand about Yahweh Elohim. Don't we declare ourselves to be ONE NATION? How many Americans are there? Isn't it somewhere around 300 million? How many states are there? Aren't there fifty states? But aren't we ONE NATION? Don't we have a motto that goes something like this, "United we stand, divided, we fall?"

Pharaoh had a dream in which seven fat cattle came out of the river and were feeding when seven lean and ill favored came up behind them and ate up the seven fat ones. Then he had another dream where he saw seven full and fat ears of grain on one stalk, but seven thin and blasted ears came up after them devouring the seven good ears. None of Pharaoh's wise men and magicians could interpret his dream, but Yahweh had Joseph brought before him and through Yahweh's spirit and wisdom, Joseph interpreted the dreams, "And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, **The dream of** **Pharaoh is one** (*echad*): Elohim hath shewed Pharaoh what he is about to do," Gen. 41:25.

There were two dreams, one with cattle and one with grain, but the two dreams are both about the same events that were going to occur. There were going to be seven good years of plenty followed by seven years of drought and famine which was going to eat up the good years. Therefore, the dreams were ONE (*ECHAD*)!

Yahshua said, "I and my Father are one," Jn. 10:30. Do we believe this? What was He imputing here? The Jews understood what He was imputing because they took up stones to stone Him. (v. 31) When He reasoned with them about His works He had done among them they responded, "The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that **thou, being a man, <u>makest thyself Elohim</u>**," (v. 33).

Yahshua was Elohim in the flesh! He had existed before in the Spirit as Yahweh. He and the Father were ONE SPIR-IT in similar fashion as Adam and Eve (Chavah) being one flesh, but in a more powerful way because it was in the Spirit and not flesh.

In John chapter five, Yahshua healed a man on the Sabbath. He commanded him to rise, take up his bed and walk. (v. 8) The self-righteous, hypocritical Jews never regarded the amazing miracle, but could only be judgmental because the man was carrying his bed on the Sabbath, which was forbidden by them.

When they finally discovered that it was Yahshua Who had healed the man, they confronted Him, "And therefore did the Jews persecute Yahshua, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day. But Yahshua answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that Elohim was his Father, <u>making himself equal with Elo-</u> <u>him</u>," Jn. 5:16-18. **ONE STONE**

The Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, continually speak of a special stone. Psalms 118 states, "The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner," v. 22.

Isaiah proclaimed, "Therefore thus saith Adonai Yahweh, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste," 28:16.

Yahshua combined these two Scriptures into one when He said, "Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is Yahweh's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?" Mt. 21:42.

Both Peter and Paul allude to these Scriptures (Acts 4:4:11; Eph. 2:20; 1 Pt. 2:4-8).

Interestingly, the Hebrew word for stone, utilized in these Scriptures is *eben* ($\$ D), Pictorial Hebrew). Initially, this is one word referring to one item, that is a stone, of course. But this one word is composed of three letters, which can be divided into two words. The *aleph* (>), *beit* (\square) make up the Hebrew word **ab** for Father. The *beit* (\square), *nun* ($\$) make up the Hebrew *ben* for son. Let's do this again $\$ D). Now, let's separate the word for father (*ab*) - $\$ (\square)). Let's separate the word for son (*ben*) ($\$ D)). Let's now show the common letter ($\$ (\square))).

The *aleph* (\succ) is a picture of the head of an ox. It is the very first letter in the Hebrew alphabet just like the A is the first letter in our English alphabet. It represents that which

is first, a chief, a head. It also represents the number one because the Hebrew alphabet not only serves as letters for words, but they serve as numbers and also as hieroglyphics or pictures. The *beit* (\square) is the second letter of the Hebrew alphabet. It represents a house, tent, temple or even family. So the father (*ab* [\square) is the one who is chief, first, the head of the house, the temple, the tent, the family. In our own world, isn't the man, the husband, supposed to be the head over the wife, the house, the family? That is, before the women's rights group came along.

The nun (\checkmark) has to do with the heir, the seed, and that is exactly what the son (ben [$\checkmark\square$)) is. So here we have this one Hebrew word eben (stone [$\checkmark\square$)), which also has two words in it. That's two in one isn't it? It also reveals that the Father and the Son are of the same house, temple, tent, family (\square). They are one stone, one house, one tent, one temple, one family, one Spirit, same family name (Yahweh), etc., etc.

Yahshua is proclaimed to be that stone, but what else did He say? "Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake," Jn. 14:10.

After Yahshua said that He and the Father are one (Jn. 10:30), He also said, "If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that **the Father is in me, and I in him**," Jn. 10:37-38.

Let's notice that you can break the words father and son out of the word "stone" (eben) separately, but the word stone cannot exist unless they are combined together as one. This stone is shown elsewhere to be a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence (Isa. 8:14; 1 Pet. 2:8). Hopefully, you can now understand what this means and not stumble.

By the way, we can also become one with the Father through Yahshua the Son. (Jn. 17:21). When we become one with the Father through Yahshua, do we become the Father? No, absolutely not! Do we become the Son Yahshua? No, absolutely not, but we are inducted into Yahweh's family and we are sealed with His Holy Spirit **and His name** which imparts to us the hope of inheritance (Eph. 1:10-14). When the day of that inheritance is completed (at the resurrection), we will be members of the most awesome family in existence, the family of Elohim whose name is Yahweh!

THEWORD

Another erroneous statement is made in this article, "John 1:1-2, In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with Yahweh and the Word was Elohim. He was in the beginning with Yahweh." (p. 9, col. 1, Par. 14).

The error is that he has written three words that are all translated from the same Greek word (*theos*) as Yahweh, Elohim, Yahweh. In other words, he is in denial that the Word is Yahweh.

The Word of Yahweh Bible has a note about these verses. It states, "Our guidelines indicate that this should be translated....."and the Word was Yahweh. Guideline #5 states: If 'theos' is not preceded by a definite article, it is taken to be the name Yahweh. According to the Aramaic Peshitta it should be "....and the Word was Elohim."

Therefore, they have utilized the Aramaic Peshitta to render these verses, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim, and the Word was Elohim. The same was in the beginning with Elohim."

Even though this is being inconsistent with their own guidelines, they have been consistent in the translation of the Greek word "theos", and the Aramaic Peshitta word "Elaha." That is something that this article has not done. These verses should have been rendered either as, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Yahweh and the Word was Yahweh. The same in the beginning was with Yahweh," OR the word Elohim should have been utilized throughout. What was rendered in the magazine was a cardinal error and serves to confuse, not clarify.

It further states, "The Word is Yahshua Who became flesh (John 1:14), but He is not Yahweh! John 1:1-2 was written correctly with the proper names and terms. Reread it slowly. (par. 17) Again, this is inconsistency and confusion.

The One Who became Yahshua appeared to Abraham as "the Word of Yahweh." The Hebrew would be "Dabar-Yahweh" (****Y**>-- (*1000)** as related in Gen. 15:1. Revelation 19:13 reveals that this is Yahshua's name, "And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of Yahweh.

Let's take a look that the Hebrew word for Word. It is dabar ($\widehat{\mathbb{Aur}}$). The dalet ($\overline{\mathbb{T}}$) is an hieroglyphic for a door. Didn't Yahshua proclaim that He is the door? (Jn. 10). Again, the beit ($\underline{\mathbb{I}}$) has to do with a tent, temple, house, family. The resh ($\widehat{\mathbb{A}}$) has to do with a head. Thus, Yahshua, the Word, is the door to the head of the house, tent, temple, family (Yahweh). Also, the last two letters of dabar the *beit* ($\underline{\mathbb{I}}$) and *resh* ($\widehat{\mathbb{A}}$) make up another Hebrew word, *bar* ($\widehat{\mathbb{Aur}}$), which is another Hebrew word for son. Yahshua is

the Son, Who is the door to the Father. But let me ask you this, Has Yahweh ever been without His word? I don't think so. He and His word have always existed side-by-side, together as one.

He is also not only our door to eventually be able to see the Father, but He is our door to be able to enter into the family of Elohim that possesses the family name Yahweh. Don't you understand that when you are baptized in Yahshua and receive the Holy Spirit, that you are sealed with the name Yahweh? Don't you understand that we will be, are even now called the sons or children of Elohim? **EQUALITY**

Yahshua stated that the Father was greater than Him (Jn. 14:28). But didn't He still make Himself equal to Elohim? Didn't the Jews accuse Him of making Himself as such? (Jn. 5:16-18; 10:33)

Yahshua prayed to the Father, "And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory **which I** had with thee before the world was," Jn. 17:5.

Yahshua had this glory with the Father before the world was.

But what happened? Didn't Yahshua have to empty Himself of that glory that He had? "Let this mind be in you, which was also in the Messiah Yahshua: Who, being in the form of Elohim, thought it not robbery **to be equal with Elohim**: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore Yahweh also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Yahshua every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Yahshua the Messiah is Yahweh, to the glory of Yahweh the Father," Phil. 2:5-11.

Here is how the Word of Yahweh renders these verses, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in the Messiah Yahshua: **Who being in the form of Yahweh**³, thought it not robbery **to be equal with Yahweh**³: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the [torture] stake. Wherefore Elohim also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Yahshua every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess⁴ that Yahshua the Messiah is **Sovereign**⁵, to the praise of Yahweh⁶ the Father."

The superscripts **3**, **4**, **5**, and **6** have interesting notes. Superscript **3** notes that the Aramaic Peshitta has "*Elaha*" here. *Elaha* is the equivalent to the Hebrew *Eloah* or *Elohim*. Superscript **4** cross references to Isaiah 45:23. Superscript **5** reveals that the word **Sovereign** is translated from the Aramaic word "Mariah." Mariah or Maryah is the Aramaic equivalent to the name Yahweh. Superscript **6** notes that the Aramaic Peshitta has "*Elaha*" here.

Thus, according to the Aramaic Peshitta, these verses should have been translated thusly: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in the Messiah Yahshua: Who being in the form of Elohim, thought it not robbery **to be equal with Elohim**: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the [torture] stake. Wherefore Elohim also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Yahshua every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that **every tongue should confess that** <u>Yahshua the Messiah is Yahweh</u>, to the praise of Elohim the Father."

Doesn't it say that He was EQUAL with Elohim? Before His human birth Yahshua was just as much Yahweh as the Heavenly Father is Yahweh. It was when He willingly emptied Himself of that power and glory to become flesh, man, that he lost that equivalency. He was restored to that glory that He had with the Father when He was raised back up into the heavens.

By the way, does being equal always mean that whatever is equal is exact in scope and power or authority? In a home, the wife is equal to the husband, they are equally human, and equally bear the same family name, but the husband is still supposed to be the head. The Father is the head of Yahshua, but they are still equally Elohim and equally bear the family name Yahweh. Yahshua, the Word, has always submitted Himself to the will of the Father.

MELCHIZEDEK

In Psalms 110, the Sovereign at the right hand of Yahweh, who is also Yahweh is declared to be High Priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Very little is said about this Melchizedek in Scripture, but we do find that he appeared to Abraham, which is touched on in the books of Genesis and Hebrews, "For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high El, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; **but made like unto the Son of Elohim**; abideth a priest continually," Heb. 7:1 -3.

Notice this carefully, He is without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of day, nor end of life, BUT MADE LIKE UNTO THE SON OF ELOHIM; abideth a priest continually (ever).

This was Yahshua before His human birth. This is more power, glory, and honor that He had to empty Himself from. He had to divest Himself of all of the power and glory that He had in order to be made like unto the son of Elohim. Who was made like the son of man? Wasn't it Yahshua? Who was made like the son of Elohim? Wasn't it Yahshua?

If Melchizedek is an eternal high priest as these Scriptures declare, because he had neither beginning of days, nor end of life, then he would still be the Heavenly High Priest. That means that Yahshua couldn't take his place, because Melchizedek is High Priest eternally. But if Yahshua is Melchizedek, the High Priest Who offered the greatest sacrifice for all eternity, Who had to put off His priestly robes and office until the sacrifice was completed, then all difficulties disappear. He came, offered the sacrifice and was then restored to the office of Heavenly High Priest.

What does the Apostle John declare, "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that <u>eternal life</u>, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Yahshua the Messiah," 1 Jn. 1:1-3.

Do you believe this? Do you believe that eternal life was manifested to the people of John's day? Do you believe that John and the other disciples saw and handled eternal life? Do you believe that they heard the words of the eternal spirit emanating from Yahshua the Word of Yahweh?

Furthermore, Paul wrote that Yahshua only (excluding the Father, of course) **has immortality** (1 Tim. 6:16). He is able to dwell in the light that no other man is able to approach.

BELIEVING

Paul and his company came to Antioch of Pisidia and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day. When they were asked if they had any words of exhortation, Paul stood up and began to explain about the deliverance of Israel out of Egypt, the forty years in the wilderness, Israel's entrance into the land of promise, the space of time under the Judges, Samuel, King Saul, and King David. (Acts 13:14-22).

Then Paul said, "Of this man's seed hath Elohim according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Yahshua: When John had first preached before his coming the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John fulfilled his course, he said, Whom think ye that I am? I am not he. But, behold, there cometh one after me, whose shoes of his feet I am not worthy to loose. **Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth Elohim, to you is the word of this salvation sent. For they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew him not, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are read every sabbath day**, they have fulfilled them in condemning him. And though they found no cause of death in him, yet desired they Pilate that he should be slain. And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a sepulchre. But Elohim raised him from the dead: And he was seen many days of them which came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses unto the people. And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers, Elohim hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Yahshua again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee. And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David. Wherefore he saith also in another psalm, Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of Elohim, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption: But he, whom Elohim raised again, saw no corruption. Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses. Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets; Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish: for <u>I work a work in your days, a work</u> which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you," Acts 13:23-41.

Now take notice. Paul says that the prophets (actually the law and the prophets) were read to the Jews every Sabbath day. So many, many of the Jews know the Old Testament Scriptures by heart. They study for so many secrets that are hidden there. They hang on to every chapter, every sentence, every word, every letter, but still are blinded as to the truth about Yahshua.

There are so many among us who study the Scriptures, read the Scriptures, have the Scriptures read and taught to them every Sabbath day, but are in denial as to Who Yahshua really is.

The Apostle John writes, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of Yahweh: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of Yahweh: **Every spirit that confesseth that Yahshua the Messiah is come in the flesh is of Yahweh**: And every spirit that confesseth not that Yahshua the Messiah is come in the flesh is not of Yahweh: and this is that spirit of antimessiah, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world," 1 Jn. 4:1-3.

Now we know that Christianity has been taken away through deception, and has embraced another Savior, but they do believe that their Jesus was God, while they are still condemned as antimessiah because of their errors.

What about us? Remember that John began this book of First John by declaring that he and the other disciples had handled **eternal life**. So do you believe that Yahshua is eternal, that He stepped down from eternity into this world in order to do a work that the overall preponderance of the people will not believe even though a man declare it (With proof from the Scriptures) to them, or do you believe that He was created? If you can't believe what John says here, as well as the rest of the Scriptures, doesn't that mean that you are in error? Does that make 1 Jn. 4:1-3 apply to you?

We believe that Yahshua is exactly Who the Scriptures declare Him to be. He is Elohim, Yahweh Elohim, Yahweh El, El Shaddai, Melchizedek, Adonai Yahweh (My Sovereign Yahweh), Dabar-Yahweh (Yahweh the Word), Malak-Yahweh (Yahweh the Messenger), Yahweh-Yireh (Yahweh the Provider), Yahweh-Ropheka (Yahweh Who heals), Yahweh-Nissi (Yahweh My Banner), Yahweh-Mekaddishkem (Yahweh Who sanctifies you), Yahweh-Shalom (Yahweh Who sends peace), Yahweh-Tsabaoth, (Yahweh of Hosts), Yahweh -Tsidkenu (Yahweh Our Righteousness), Yahweh-Shammah (Yahweh is There), Yahweh Elyon (Yahweh Most High), Yahweh-Roi (Yahweh My Shepherd), etc., etc. We believe this and declare it.

YAHWEH DOES NOT CHANGE

Don't the Scriptures say that Yahweh doesn't change? "For I am Yahweh, I change not," Mal. 3:6. Now if Yahweh the Father created Yahshua before the beginning, then that makes the Father the Creator and Yahshua the created. So why did He change and make Yahshua the One Who created all things? If He created Yahshua and then turned the job of creating everything else to Him, then He changed. If He doesn't change, then He would have created Yahshua, and Yahshua would have created the heavens and the earth, and then the heavens and earth would have created everything else (Hey! That's evolution!).

Didn't He say He wouldn't give His glory to another? "For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it: for how should my name be polluted? And I will not give my glory unto another," Isa. 48:11.

The Father couldn't have given His glory to Yahshua, if Yahshua is just a created being. The heavenly angels are created beings and they have their own glory, but they don't have the glory of the Father. Only the Father and the Son possess the same glory.

Was Yahshua created, or is He eternal? The Scriptures

say that He was, is, and will be eternal life. The Scriptures say that He was, is, and will be immortal. The Scriptures reveal that He was, is, and will be Yahweh. The translation of the name Yahweh is "the Eternal One." The name Yahweh comes from a verb meaning "to be." Thus, the name Yahweh also means the One Who exists.

May Yahweh open your eyes to be able to see and understand His majesty, honor and esteem.

