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A Voice To The End-time Church

## Who Was Christ?

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Even among trinitarian churches, not to mention all the others, there are marked differences of opinion concerning Christ's pre-existent state. The early beliefs of such groups as the Ebionites and the Sebellians which stated that the Saviour was merely a human being, thus denying his spirituality, has been embraced by a number of modern-day churches. Others, however, see him as being wholly divine and consequently deny his humanity. Some believe that Christ had no past existence, that he came into being solely at the moment of his human birth. There are others who admit that he must have pre-existed, but are uncertain as to what his state of being actually was. A few churches even teach that the Messiah was, in a former life, none other than Michael the archangel!

As aware Christians, we cannot afford to simply accept the erroneous traditions and teachings of men. The inspired Word of God is the source of spiritual knowledge, and if we will only allow it to speak to us, then we can surely discover the answer to the question - **WHO WAS CHRIST?**

### **MORE THAN ONE GOD?**

The Jews of the first century may have been in a sad state of spiritual degeneration, but they all, virtually to a man, were united in the belief that there was but **ONE GOD AND ONE GOD ONLY!** Their perception was based squarely on such seemingly straightforward scriptures as Deuteronomy 6:4 which states: "**Hear, O Israel: The Lord (Yahweh) our God is ONE LORD.**"

Simple evidence confirming that the Jews had no real conception of a plurality in the Godhead is clearly revealed in the dialogue between Jesus (Yahshua) and the Pharisees as recorded in Matthew 22:41-46:

**"While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, What think you of Christ? Whose son is he? They say unto him, The son of David. He said unto them, How then does David in spirit call him Lord, saying: The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit you on My right hand, till I make your enemies your footstool? If David then calls him Lord, how is he his son? And no man was able to answer him a word, neither dared any man from that day for ask him any more questions."**

In other words David, writing in Psalms 110, states: **"The Lord said unto my Lord."** Notice that there are two beings mentioned in this verse. Christ obviously associated himself with the second of these two *Lords*. Who then was the first one? The Jews didn't know. They did not understand. They were confounded by Christ's words, but clearly the other *Lord* must have been the Father - the one who tells the second *Lord* to sit on His right hand!

Does the Bible reveal that anciently two great Spirit Beings, not one, comprised the Godhead? Yes, indeed! This is precisely why we read in Genesis 1:26:

**"And God (*Elohim*) said, Let US make man in OUR image, after OUR likeness, and let them have dominion over...all the earth."**

The Hebrew word translated *God* in this verse is *Elohim* - a uni-plural word very much like *herd*, *flock* or *family*, indicating a plurality of members, but one group or unit. During his earthly ministry, Christ made, at least from the Jewish perspective, some rather outrageous statements about himself. For instance, beginning in John 6:35, we read:

**"I am the bread of life: he that comes to me shall never hunger...For I CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN, not to do my own will, but the will of Him that SENT ME...The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread of life which came down from heaven" (vs. 35, 38, 41).**

Such a claim unnerved the Jews. They simply could not grasp the concept that someone could have come down from heaven and be standing before them in the flesh! They stumbled at Christ's words. He spoke in a similar fashion to Nicodemus, saying:

**"If I have told you earthly things and you believe not, how shall you believe if I tell you of heavenly things? And no man has ascended up to heaven, but he that CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN, even the Son of Man which is in heaven" (John 3:12-13).**

Time and time again, Jesus told the Jews that he came from the Father, that he was sent from heaven to perform the work and will of his Father - and every time he made such statements, the Jewish leaders saw red! It infuriated them! Christ's words flew in the face of their narrow beliefs concerning the nature of God.

If, therefore, the Saviour came from God the Father, that would certainly seem to corroborate the fact that he indeed did have some sort of pre-existence - but what was his status? Could he have been a part of the Deity itself? Notice the classic passage on this question from John's gospel:

**"In the beginning was the Word, and the WORD WAS WITH GOD, and the WORD WAS GOD...And the Word was MADE FLESH and dwelled among us" (John 1:1. 14).**

This is surely one of the most profound and revealing verses in all the Bible. It parallels what Genesis 1:26 actually says, and answers in one sentence the countless number of questions concerning the Messiah's former existence. Was there originally more than one member of the Godhead? **ABSOLUTELY!** Was Christ that second member - Unquestionably **YES!!**

### **WHO THE GOD OF ISRAEL WAS NOT!**

On numerous occasions, Christ made the statement that he came to show or reveal the reality of God the Father. To his disciples he declared:

**"All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knows who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will REVEAL HIM" (Luke 10:22).**

Why was there a need for the Father to be manifested to human beings? Could it be that this great Spirit Being was **UNKNOWN** to mankind? It would certainly seem so. Notice that, on another occasion, Christ expressly stated:

**"And the Father Himself which has sent me, has borne witness of me. You have NEITHER HEARD HIS VOICE AT ANY TIME, NOR SEEN HIS SHAPE" (John 5:37).**

And again, in John 1:18, we read:

**"NO MAN HAS SEEN GOD AT ANY TIME; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he has declared Him."**

If therefore man has neither heard the voice of God the Father nor seen His shape, the obvious question arises - **WHO WAS THE GOD OF THE OLD TESTAMENT?** - For this Being is clearly shown as speaking directly with Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden (**Gen. 3:8-13**), and with their elder son Cain (**Gen. 4:6-7**). Furthermore, this same personage contacted Noah and gave him specific instructions about building the ark (**Gen. 6**), and later actually appeared to Abraham! Notice Genesis 18:1:

**"And the Lord (Yahweh) APPEARED unto him (Abraham) in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day."**

In the succeeding chapters of Genesis, we read that God spoke directly to Isaac and even wrestled all night with Jacob (**Gen. 32:24-31**). Several hundred years later, a man named Moses was confronted by the very same Spirit Being. Moses, in fact, became known as the man with whom God spoke **FACE TO FACE!** - but that's not all. Notice the following astounding event:

**"And He said unto Moses, Come up unto the Lord, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel; and worship you afar off...Then went up Moses and Aaron and Nadab and Abihu and seventy of the elders of Israel; and THEY SAW THE GOD OF ISRAEL: and there was under His feet, as it were, a paved work of sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in its clearness" (**Ex. 24:1, 9-10**).**

According to the unqualified testimony of the Messiah, every one of these incredible occurrences could not have involved God the Father. Who then was the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob? Who then did appear to Moses and the elders of Israel?

Throughout the entire Old Testament, this same great Spirit Being named **YAHWEH** spoke and appeared to His human servants. He was the God of Joshua and Caleb, of Samuel and David, of Elijah, Isaiah and Ezekiel. So who was this God of the Old Testament?

## **WHO WAS THE GOD OF THE OLD TESTAMENT?**

The apostle Paul really shatters any doubt about who the God of Israel truly was. See how plainly he answers the question in the following passage of Scripture:

**"Moreover, brethren, I would not that you should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; and did all eat the same spiritual meat; and did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and THAT ROCK WAS CHRIST" (I Cor. 10:1-4).**

You just cannot get much more explicit than that! The one who became Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world, had a spiritual life long before the time of his human birth. He was, in fact, the God or Lord of the Old Testament! There are many ways of demonstrating and confirming this truth. Notice in the following references from the Old Testament how perfectly the Messiah fulfilled each of them in the New Testament:

Isaiah long ago prophesied many times of the coming of the Saviour. In a very familiar passage from chapter 40, we read:

**"The voice of him that cries in the wilderness, Prepare you the way of the Lord (Yahweh), make straight in the desert a highway for OUR GOD. Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it" (Isa. 40:3-5).**

Now notice carefully that Isaiah was inspired to write that the Being for whom this preparation was to be made was the Lord or Yahweh, who is also called God. How was this Scripture fulfilled? The answer is recorded in Matthew 3:1-3:

**"In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, Repent you, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is that spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness. Prepare you the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."**

It was John the Baptist who actually came on the scene in first century Judea and preached this very message and fulfilled the requirements of Isaiah's prophecy. And before whom was he preparing the way? Why, Christ, of course! Therefore it should be crystal clear that Yahweh or the Lord of the Old Testament was none other than the promised Saviour Jesus! No other honest and logical conclusion can possibly be drawn! For additional substantiation of this fact, read the parallel account in John 1:19-27.

The Lord of the Old Testament is many times called both the Redeemer and the Saviour (Psa. 19:14, Isa. 47:4, 48:17, 49:7, 54:5, 60:16, Jer. 50:34). Notice how Isaiah puts it:

**"For a small moment have I forsaken you, but with great mercies will I gather you. In a little wrath I hid my face from you for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on you, says the Lord your REDEEMER" (Isa. 54:7-8).**

We all know that Christ is the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. It is said in Revelation 5:9 that he is the one who **"has redeemed us to God"** by his blood which was shed on the cross.

In other instances, the God of the Old Testament is called the **SHEPHERD** (Isa. 40:10-11) and the **JUDGE** (Psa. 50:1) of His people - and in John 10:11-14 and Acts 10:42, the Saviour is shown to fulfil those very roles and have those very titles.

Another proof is found in I Peter 2. Here the apostle punctuated his discourse on the Messiah by quoting an Old Testament prophecy. Notice what he said:

**"Unto you, therefore, which believe, he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, and a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the Word" (I Pet. 2:7-8).**

Now remember that this is a quote from the Old Testament which Peter was inspired to apply to Jesus. Let's take a look at the original passage and see to whom it referred. It is found in Isaiah 8:13-15:

**"Sanctify the Lord of hosts Himself; and let Him be your fear, and let Him be your dread. And He shall be for a sanctuary; but for a STONE OF STUMBLING and for a ROCK OF OFFENCE to both the house of Israel...and many among them shall stumble and fall and be broken and be snared and be taken."**

That's right! The subject of the prophecy is clearly the Lord or Yahweh, the God of the Old Testament. This constitutes as direct a piece of evidence as is possible that Yahweh of old became Jesus or Yahshua the Saviour!

Another excellent example of how a description of God in the Old Testament is manifestly fulfilled by the Messiah is found by comparing Isaiah 44:6 with Revelation 1:10, 18. First the passage in Isaiah:

**"Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and the Redeemer, the Lord of hosts; I AM FIRST AND I AM THE LAST; and beside me there is no God."**

And concerning Christ, John records in Revelation the following:

**"I am the Alpha and Omega, THE FIRST AND THE LAST...I am he that lives, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore."**

Remember how, when God appeared to Moses, He told him that His name was **I AM** (Ex. 3:13-14). Well, one of the most remarkable events in the New Testament just happens to involve the use of this name. On the night of his arrest, when the mob of Jewish leaders approached Christ and his apostles, the following exchange took place:

**"Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, comes thither with lanterns and torches and weapons. Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek you? They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus said unto them, I AM. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them. As soon as he had said unto them, I AM, they went BACKWARD AND FELL TO THE GROUND" (John 18:3-6).**

One of the clearest evidences that Christ was indeed the same as the Lord of the Old Testament is found in comparing the prophecy of Zechariah 14:1-4 with the testimony of the angels to the apostles in Acts 1:9-12:

**"Behold, the day of the Lord comes, and your spoil shall be divided in the midst of you. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle...Then shall the Lord go forth and fight against those nations as when He fought in the day of battle. And His (the Lord or Yahweh) feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east...and the LORD MY GOD shall come and all the saints with Him" (Zech. 14:1-4).**

To most fundamentalist Bible students, this prophecy is about the Second Coming of the Messiah, at the end of this age. When Christ ascended back up to heaven, all the apostles were staring in amazement at what they had just witnessed, when one of the angels told them:

**"You men of Galilee, why stand you gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven,**

shall so **COME IN LIKE MANNER** as you have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11).

It was from the very same Mount of Olives that Christ ascended in the presence of his disciples, and to that precise spot where he will soon descend at His Second Coming! So the comparison of Old and New Testament passages coincide perfectly.

What we have covered represents only a mere fraction of the Biblical confirmation that Christ indeed did live prior to His human birth, and that he was a member of the Godhead, the one responsible for dealing directly with mankind. He therefore was the one who was worshipped as Yahweh or The Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Yet even beyond his position as Lord, this great Being also was directly involved in the an undertaking of monumental proportions. When most religious people think of who made man and the earth on which he lives and the vast, incomprehensible universe, they almost always assume that it must have been God the Father. But the Bible reveals something quite different. Notice what John says:

**"In the beginning was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God and Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. ALL THINGS WERE MADE BY HIM: AND WITHOUT HIM WAS NOT ANYTHING MADE THAT WAS MADE"** (John 1:1).

Did you catch that? Christ the Saviour was with God from the very beginning. Well, what occurred *in the beginning*? The Creation, of course! Who was there with the Father? The very one who later became the Messiah! It was he, in fact, who actually made everything! Paul confirms this astounding fact in his letter to the Ephesians, by saying:

**"Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given...to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world has been hid in God, who CREATED ALL THINGS BY JESUS CHRIST"** (Eph. 3:8-9).

In his first letter to Corinth, he expressed this same truth, saying:

**"But unto us there is but one God, the Father of whom are all things, and we in Him: and one Lord Jesus Christ, BY WHOM ARE ALL THINGS, and we by him" (I Cor. 8:6).**

In Hebrews 1:2, Paul again hits this theme, declaring: **"God...has in these last days spoken to us by His Son...BY WHOM ALSO HE MADE THE WORLDS."** But

perhaps his most comprehensive and definitive statement on this subject was made to the Church at Colossae:

**"Giving thanks unto the Father, which has made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: who has delivered us from the power of darkness, and has translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son: in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: for BY HIM WERE ALL THINGS CREATED, that are in heaven and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones or dominions or principalities or powers: ALL THINGS WERE CREATED BY HIM AND FOR HIM: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the Body, the Church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead: that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell" (Col. 1:12-19).**

This incredible former life of our Saviour as the second honored member of the very Godhead, as the Creator of the entire universe and as the Lord and God of the Old Testament, is truly what made His willing sacrifice for us so precious, so immense, so utterly significant. Paul expressed it perfectly when he wrote the Philippians the following message:

**"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Jesus: who, being in very nature, God, did not consider EQUALITY WITH GOD something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death - even death on a cross! Therefore God has exalted him to the highest place and gave him a name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus Christ every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2:4-9).**

Christ's blood has such value and cleansing power, not just because he was perfectly righteous, not just because he was begotten of the Holy Spirit - but primarily because of **WHO HE REALLY WAS!** - and the fact that he willingly gave it all up for the sake of mere humanity! He emptied Himself of His divinity - His **ETERNAL LIFE!** Even though He was God, He gave it all up to walk the earth and suffer immeasurably as a human being. How great is such love as this, that Christ

sacrificed not only his physical life, but far above that, his eternal life? No wonder the Father has now exalted Him to even greater glory than ever.

Once Christ manifested himself as a man, he began to reveal God the Father to his disciples. There had always been two great Spirit Beings, one generally hidden, the other revealed. Through Christ's ministry, now both are known. Indeed, it is through the Messiah that we can be reconciled to the Father in the first place. And it is by him that we now have direct access to the very throne room of our heavenly Father (Heb. 4:15-16). Now we worship the Father through the Son, something that was never really done before. Christ has now become our spiritual High Priest.

### WHERE DID CHRIST COME FROM?

Remember that John began his gospel account by saying that Christ had been with God from the beginning and that he was also God as well? If that is so, what did the Saviour mean when he made the following confession to his disciples?

**"You have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If you loved me, you would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: FOR MY FATHER IS GREATER THAN I" (John 14:28).**

If Christ was God and yet the Father is greater than he, what then is or was their relationship? Paul expresses it this way:

**"But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of every woman is the man; and the HEAD OF CHRIST IS GOD" (I Cor. 11:3).**

Clearly the Father is the head of Christ - even though he prayed in John 17:5 to be given the same glory he had prior to his human birth! So this relationship existed from the beginning and is currently in effect as well. It will, in fact, always be that way. As Paul relates:

**"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then comes the end, when HE SHALL HAVE DELIVERED UP THE KINGDOM TO GOD, EVEN THE FATHER, when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power...And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself BE SUBJECT**

**unto Him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all" (I Cor. 15:22-28).**

The question therefore remains - If, as John states, the Father and the Son are both God, why is one greater than the other? Why is one subject to the other? Remember how Paul characterized the association between God the Father and Christ in I Corinthians 11:3? Let's read that section once again:

**"But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of every woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God."**

Note the relationship here. Christ is to God the Father as the wife is to her husband - equal, but different - different in responsibility, different in authority. So it is in the Godhead. But it is most intriguing that Paul was inspired to equate God and Christ with a husband and wife. Are we to perceive here a type or pattern that could possibly give us a key to understanding the reason why one member of the Godhead could be subject to the other?

To grasp the possible deeper meaning of what Paul addresses, we need to focus on the very origin of man and woman. Why did it come about in the manner that it did? Please pay close attention to what the Genesis record states in this regard:

**"And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him...And the Lord caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and He took of one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; and the rib, which the Lord 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 take out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife, and they shall be one flesh" (Gen. 2:18, 21-24).**

Keeping in mind the relationships described by Paul in I Corinthians 11:3, notice how perfectly the procedure chosen by God to create the human species fits the pattern.

First of all, God states that it was not good for the man to be alone. Why did He make such a statement? Once again, I remind you to recall the relationships involved. Woman is to man as Christ is to God the Father. Is it therefore possible that at some far distant primordial time that God the Father was Himself **ALONE**? That He was speaking directly from His own past personal experience!

Secondly, it is critical to this discussion that we note the fact that woman was not made at the same time as the man, but **AFTERWARD**, and that she was created

**FROM MAN!** And finally, we see that the man and the woman are then united and are to become **ONE FLESH!**

Jesus stated in Revelation 22:13: "I am Alpha and Omega, the BEGINNING and the end, the FIRST and the last." What does he mean - He is the beginning? The beginning of what?

We know that he was the Creator of all things, therefore he would have necessarily had to have existed prior to the forming of the universe. Paul declares: "And he (Christ) is BEFORE ALL THINGS" (Col. 1:17). But did Christ always exist in the past? Notice now what he himself stated in Revelation 3:14:

**"And unto the angel of the church at Laodicea write: These things says the Amen, the faithful and true witness, THE BEGINNING OF THE CREATION OF GOD."**

We know that Christ was the beginning, but the beginning of what? Now we see. He was the beginning of the whole creation of God. He was the **FIRST TO BE FORMED** - before there was ever any other part of the universe made! Is it then possible that as the Lord took part of a man and made woman and they became one flesh, that at some ancient time, God also took a part of Himself and made Christ and they then became **ONE SPIRIT**? And from that point forward, then began the great collaboration which has resulted in the creation of all things, including the grandiose plan of salvation itself! Putting all the pertinent Scriptures together, it certainly seems that this is a distinct possibility.

King Solomon once wrote a very intriguing passage in the Book of Proverbs. It may well be a unique description of the very origin and pre-existence of Christ. Turn to Proverbs 8:22-31:

**"The Lord brought me forth as the FIRST OF HIS WORKS, before His deeds of old; I was appointed from eternity, from the beginning (John 1:1), before the world began. Where there were no oceans, I was given BIRTH, when there were no springs abounding with water; Before the mountains were settled in place, before the hills, I was given BIRTH, before He made the earth and of its fields or any of the dust of the world. I was there when He marked out the horizon on the face of the deep, when He established the clouds above and fixed securely the fountains of the deep, when He gave the sea its boundary so the waters would not overstep His command, and when He marked out the foundations of the earth. Then I WAS THE CRAFTSMAN AT HIS SIDE (Heb. 1:1-2). I was filled with delight day after day, rejoicing always in His presence, rejoicing in His whole world and delighting in mankind."**

This is truly an amazing ten verses of Scripture! I am not prepared to state categorically that this passage definitely refers to the ancient, primordial birth of the Son of God, back before there was any creation, but the symbolism, the language, the descriptions, all certainly seem to indicate that this could well be the meaning intended. The possibilities surely deserve more serious study and consideration.

**WHO WAS CHRIST?** Much, much more than the humble carpenter from Nazareth! Much, much more than the Saviour hanging on the shameful cross of destiny! He was the God of the Old Testament, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He was the Creator of the ends of the universe - the Maker of all that exists! And He is the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, **THE BEGINNING OF THE CREATION OF GOD!!** Indeed, the greatness of the Messiah is beyond expression - beyond comprehension - just as is the limitless, eternal future that the Father and the Son have prepared for us to inherit forever.

Just as man and woman were to become one flesh and then commanded to multiply and replenish the earth, so when the Father and the Son become one Spirit, they too began their plan to multiply - to create a Family for themselves - a Family that will be composed of Spirit Beings, in their image, who will live forever! So the next time you contemplate the man they call Jesus Christ - Yahshua ha Mashiach - I urge you to recall, to the fullest extent - just **WHO CHRIST TRULY WAS!!!**