

Doctrines of Demons

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Today is the Sabbath, January the 6th, 2007. The subject we are going to be studying today is the “doctrines of demons”. Of course that could go on for ever but we are only going to cover a few here.

During the past Feast of Tabernacles, 2006, many of us were exposed to a large number of brethren using sacred names as it is termed today when referring to the Father and the Son. In brief many of these folks would not use the names, of Jesus, Lord, God etc.. For those of us who understand the times we live in and the condition of the Body of Christ, such things do not become offensive or for that matter even a surprise. We understand that God the Father and His Son are known by and called by many names throughout the bible. However, there are some who do not have this understanding, conviction, or peace of the scriptures residing in them. That is an unfortunate symptom of the times we live in.

Some who use sacred names, have no problem using other names, such as Jesus, Christ, Lord, God, etc.. They prefer to use *Yahweh*, *Yehovah*, *Yahshua*, etc.. There is nothing wrong with that, in my opinion. They choose to use some form or version of Hebrew to refer to the Father and the Son. If it ended there, that would be a wonderful thing but with some it doesn't.

What is disgusting, is many who are becoming a part of this sacred names doctrine or movement, are being led astray by very deceptive men, into an abyss of error. These men use the sacred names doctrine to launch into heresy after heresy. They take a perfectly acceptable doctrine and then try to use scripture or better said, twist scripture, as well as the Hebrew and Greek languages to disqualify Jesus the Christ as one of the *Elohim* of the Old Testament (OT) Scriptures.

Such doctrines evolving today are nothing new, even though some are hearing them for the first time.

Two of the biggest attempts at deceiving brethren, and for that matter anyone else willing to listen, are “the God is one doctrine,” meaning there has only been one being referred to as God forever, and the other is that Jesus the Christ never existed before His physical birth

to Mary, with an offshoot twist by others, that He did preexist but was created by the Being we now call the Father.

Let there be no mistake about it. These doctrines are being directly tied to the sacred names movement for the most part, which is a true shame.

Not only is it my personal belief that Jesus Christ was the God referred to almost always in the OT scriptures. It is also my belief that He alone created everything that was created. That was the workload that He carried out in agreement with His eternal companion and friend whom we know as the Father today. My belief in these doctrines is not founded in myth, or for that matter in a self-centered mind, which by the way, is the fundamental error in the minds of those who teach the “God is one Being” error. It originated with Lucifer as we will clearly see later on from the scriptures. It is an emanation of his desire for himself. It is an ancient doctrine founded in the most self-centered and deceitful being that has ever lived. But do not be surprised at how many fall for it today, for even 1/3 of the angels were fooled by it. My beliefs come from the very clear scriptures written in Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek. When translated into English we need to be sure we catch the essence of the original, to be sure the English language accurately captures it. Many translations of late do not do this. In my study, “Did Jesus Christ Pre-exist?” I cover scripture after scripture to show the accuracy and truth of the bible, as to Christ's pre-existence and eternal nature. We will not be going into that article today for it is available for all to read. We are going to look at a few words in Hebrew and Greek which are used in both the old and the new testaments, which clearly tell us what Christ Himself taught about all this as well as what the disciples understood and taught on this doctrinal matter.

When we turn to the oldest account of history ever recorded, we do not turn to Genesis as most of us know. We turn to the book of John. In John, the 1st chapter, we read about who was who, and who did what, at the time of creation. Every accredited translation of the ancient texts tell us the very same

thing. So let's establish some very clear scriptural facts before we begin our word study.

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 came into being through Him, and without Him not even one *thing* came into being that came into being." (The Interlinear Bible)

These simple, plain, and repetitive scriptures of God just told us there was more than one *Elohim* or God prior to creation. Both are referred to as God. One is identified by name as Word. It clearly tells us hear with great emphasis that absolutely nothing that was made or created was made by anyone or anything else other than the Being called Word. Revelation 19 and focusing on verse 13, tells us that Being is Jesus Christ. "And His name is called The Word of God," it says. John 1:14 also tells us the same thing.

John 1:14, "And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us. And we beheld His glory, glory as of an only begotten from *the* Father, full of grace and of truth."

Scripture clearly tells us this being, known as both God and the Word, became a man. And not just any man, but the only begotten of the Father. Up until that point in time everything that had been made had been made by the Word who became Jesus Christ (this is very important). The being we know as the Father was in total agreement with it. He and the Word were of one mind and spirit on it. They were co-creators, with the Word carrying out Their desire and decision. As a man, the Christ had a glory that no other man had ever had. He was the only begotten from the Father and He was full of His grace and truth, which is vital for us all to understand. For all truth comes from the Father and it separates us from evil.

So here we have the Word coming as a man in a human womb. The Father wasn't creating the being referred to as the Word, who was also God, but was begetting Him as Jesus the Christ, a human being.

I have heard some completely deceived individuals declare that His begetting here in John 1:14 is referring to the being we know as the Father creating the Word as His son, before the creation of the world. This is so

asinine it doesn't even merit a reply.

Scripture tells us that absolutely nothing that had ever been made prior to Christ becoming a physical man, was made by anyone else other than Himself. To listen to deceivers on this point, we would have to conclude that the scriptures must mean that He made Himself then. As I just stated, it is completely asinine. We are not only enlightened about these scriptural events but reminded about them for they are a pattern in the bible.

Phil 2:5-8, "For let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6) who subsisting in the form of God, thought *it* not robbery to be equal with God, 7) but emptied Himself, taking *the* form of a slave, having become in *the* likeness of men 8) and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself [that would be before the Father, that is], having become obedient until death, even *the* death of a cross."

It is by this often repeated pattern that we have come to know the basic tenets of God and the work They have done and are continuing to do. It is all about Their family and Their desire to place what They have with others, to share it. It is about out going concern and personal sacrifice on Their part. They expect the same from all those who will share in Their eternal existence. That is why we are to have the same mind that was in Christ and not a self-centered, I am it, type of mind set, like Lucifer had and still has. God doesn't want a repeat of his actions. We are to follow the Word and the Word's example, not Satan's. Scripture tells us Jesus was God, not some lesser god but equal as God. He had created everything that had been made. Having this incredible and eternal glory, He willingly emptied Himself of it, sacrificed all that He was, to further the plans and desires that He and His eternal friend had put into motion. He humbled Himself unto death. He became subject to it, as a flesh and blood human being. The immensity of that sacrifice cannot be understood by the human mind outside of the spirit of God residing with it. The Word emptied Himself of His divinity and exalted the Father. He became Jesus the Christ, who was about to display a new and more easily understood example for all of physical creation, as well as the spiritual creation to witness. The pattern of who and what the *Elohim* or

God were, and are, should not be confusing to any of us. That is the very reason why we have no problem with verses like Genesis 1:26; Genesis 11:7; and John 17:21.

Gen 1:26, “And God [that being *Elohim*] said, let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over all the creepers creeping on the earth.”

Gen 11:7, “Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language that they may not understand one another's speech.”

John 17:21, “...that they also may be one in Us,...”

Both agreed on what was to be done, with only one carrying it out. Scriptures clearly tell us at least two beings existed from before creation who were both *Elohim* or Gods. They worked in unison on all things with one mind set and purpose. They are the essence of love. As I mentioned earlier, I as well as many others have written about all this before using scripture after scripture, line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little, there a little, to show them as biblical fact. What we are going to do now is to use New Testament (NT) scriptures and the Greek language along with the same scriptures and words in the OT in the Hebrew language to clearly show what the authors who wrote the NT understood and taught about who Christ had been and who He was.

Names and titles play an important part in this simple study. The conclusions will be obvious and need to be addressed in this time of darkness and deceit.

Let's start with one word to make clear the points about who was who in the OT scriptures and the plan of salvation that we have already discussed. The word is lord. In the Greek it is *kurios* #2962 in Strong's.

Strong says of it, “From *kuros* (supremacy); supreme in authority, i.e. (As noun) controller; by implication Mr. (As a respectful title): God, Lord, master, sir.”

In Hebrew several words are translated as lord. They are numbers 113, 136, and 3068 which we will

discuss.

#113 is *adon*. Strong says of it, “From an unused root (meaning to rule); sovereign, i.e. controller, (human or divine): . . . It is comparable to names beginning with *Adoniy*.”

Keep this in mind for it becomes very important.

The 2nd Hebrew word is #136 *Adonay*. Strong says of it, “An emphatic form of #113; the Lord (used as a proper name of God only)”

Very important folks. Remember this word is *Adonay* not *adoniy* which is the general use of lord in a name. This use of Lord, *Adonay*, is a proper name and not a title such as #113 *adon*.

The 3rd and most prominent word translated lord in Hebrew is #3068 *Yehovah, Yahweh (YHWH)*. Strong says of it, “From #1961; (the) self-Existent or Eternal; *Jehovah*, Jewish national name of God.”

So with the Greek and Hebrew stated, let's go back to Greek and to Vine's, for it has a lot to say about Lord or *kurios*.

We can sum up the first part of its explanation as to meaning and use in the first few sentences.

Vine's says of Lord, “*kurios* #2962, properly an adjective, signifying “having power” (*kuros*) or “authority,” is used as a noun, variously translated in the NT; Lord, Master, owner, Sir, a title of wide significance, occurring in each book of the NT save Titus and the Epistles of John.”

Vine's goes on to tell us the following with evidentiary scriptural notations, which I have left out for the sake of writing them out.

“It is used (a) of an owner, (b) of a master, i.e., one to whom service is due on any ground, (c) of an Emperor or King, (d) of idols, (e) as a title of respect addressed to a father, a husband, a master, a ruler, an angel, (f) as a title of courtesy addressed to a stranger, (g) *kurios* is the Septuagint and NT representative of Hebrew *Jehovah* [#3068] (Lord in English versions), of *adon*,

Lord, and of *Adonay*, Lord, it also occurs for *Elohim*, God.

Thus the usage of the word in the NT follows two main lines: one is (a) through (f) customary and general, the other, (g), peculiar to the Jews, and drawn from the Greek translation of the OT.”

Vine’s is very accurate on that point. We are going to focus on the last usage, however, (g). This becomes very important for Christ, Himself, assumed the title as Vine’s goes on to state. As well, the apostles also gave it to Him in some very revealing ways.

Let’s establish first that Christ assumed this title Himself and notice the time frames He did so in.

Matt 12:8, “For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”

Lord is *kurios*. This title and name cannot be given to anyone other than the one who created it. Because to be its sovereign, one would have to be greater than it. Christ created it as the Word, the designated one of the *Elohim*, the Us of Genesis 1 and the Word of John 1.

Mat 7:21-22, “Not everyone who says to Me, Lord [*kurios*], Lord [*kurios*], shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22) Many will say to Me in that day, Lord [*kurios*], Lord [*kurios*], have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?”

The context here is very clear. Jesus calls Himself Lord or *kurios*. The time setting is also very clear as to the power associated and attached to it.

John 13:13-14, “You call Me Teacher and Lord [*kurios*], and you say well, for so I am. 14) If I then, *your* Lord [*kurios*] and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.”

The context here is clear as to who is Lord and at what time in His existence. These are just three instances where Christ refers to Himself as Lord. Do you think He was using *kurios* in one of its common uses, Vine’s (a) through (f) or (g), the higher use of it? It is important that we understand that Christ knew who He was and who He had been. We will see that made

plain. Vine’s tells us He was intending it to be in the higher senses of its current use and at the same time suggests its OT associations. Is that what we think and believe? Some actually don’t. So what are these OT associations that *kurios* is attached to. We will get to many of these very revealing scriptures shortly, but listen to a point that Vine’s makes about calling Himself Lord or *kurios*.

“His purpose did not become clear to the disciples until after His resurrection [very important], and the revelation of His deity consequent thereon. Thomas when he realized the significance of the presence of a mortal wound in the body of a living man, immediately joined with it the absolute title of deity, saying, ‘My Lord and my God.’”

That is found in John 20:28. Interesting point made by Vine’s. Let’s read about it.

John 20:27-28, “Then He said to Thomas, reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand *here*, and put *it* into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing. [Now here Christ was answering Thomas’ earlier boast recorded in verse 25.] 28) And Thomas answered and said to Him, My Lord [*kurios*] and my God [*Theos*]!”

If Christ was not Lord and God at that time why didn’t He rebuke Thomas for calling Him by those names because it would have been blasphemy? Look at Christ’s reply in verse 29.

John 20:29, “Jesus said to him, Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed [believed what? Believed that He was Lord and God].

Blessed *are* those who have not seen and *yet* have believed.”

That reply says it all, or maybe John made this all up as he was being boiled in oil, as a Catholic priest once told me was the case at the time of his visions in the book of Revelations. Or maybe the translators made it all up. I certainly don’t think that. The bible is a book of hope, filled with patterns, and instructions, and will give us some incredible answers to the truthful doctrines of the Father.

Vine’s goes on to tell us, “Thereafter [His resurrection], except in Acts 10:4 and Rev 7:14, there

is no record that *kurios* was ever again used by believers in addressing any save God and the Lord Jesus.”

Just think, that happens to be a scriptural fact. Is that just a coincidence after it had been used over and over again in common usage in the Gospels? Remember Vine’s (a) through (f), until Christ’s resurrection. I think we all know the answer to that if we understand how God works with us.

So do NT scriptures link Lord with God in other places? In Matthew 22:37 as well as Mark 12:30 and Luke 10:27 we read:

Mat 22:37, “Jesus said to him, you shall love the Lord You God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.”

Here we see Christ referring to the teachings of some OT scriptures, Deuteronomy 6:5, 10:12, and 30:6. The word “Lord” in the phrase, “Lord your God,” in these OT scriptures is *Yehovah* or *Yahweh*, #3068. The word “God” in the same phrase is *Elohim*, #430. All three Gospel writers had no problem calling *Yehovah*, *kurios* and for that matter *Elohim*, *Theos*. There are other examples of that but three witnesses will suffice. Remember line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little, there a little. It is how God instructs us.

Let’s now look at another important example found once again in three different Gospels. Matthew 22:41-45, Mark 12:35-37 and Luke 20:41-44, all say the same thing. Matthew’s account is:

Mat 22:41-45, “While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, 42) saying, What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He? They said to Him, *The Son* of David. 43) He said to them, How then does David in the Spirit call Him Lord [*kurios*], saying: 44) the Lord [*kurios*] said to My Lord [*kurios*], sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool? 45) If David then calls Him Lord [*kurios*], how is He his Son?”

Again, each instance of “Lord” here is *kurios*, and Christ makes it clear. He used the same word in each instance. If we are to believe the bible is an inspired writing. Christ is talking about “Lord” here in the third person.

To every believer Jesus was and is the Christ, the Messiah. So we believers know He is talking about Himself here. Those who penned these scriptures knew and believed that as well. These verses in Matthew, Mark, and Luke are quoting Psalms 110:1.

Psa 110:1, “The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.”

In Hebrew the first “Lord” is #3068, *Yehovah*, and the second is #136, *Adonay* and NOT #113, *adon*. Some argue that the second “Lord” here is actually *Yehovah* #3068 also but was changed in the Hebrew text many centuries ago. Whether it was or was not is irrelevant to the principle point being made by this scripture. That point is simply this, there were two Lords, two separate and distinct beings. David knew that, as did the writers of the NT scriptures. With the translation of the 2nd “Lord,” as *Adonay* we see that both are *Elohim*, remember *Adonay*, #136, is a proper name for God. It is not the Hebrew *adoniy* which is often assigned to a much less important role of a more common usage. So here in Psalms 110:1 we have two names of deity being translated as *kurios* by writers of the NT scriptures. Some say the NT was originally written in Aramaic. That to me is without merit. As to the accuracy of the Greek translations Paul tells us repeatedly that he was not only sent to the gentiles, but specifically to the Greeks. That is not a coincidence. If it were Aramaic and copied to the Greek language, Jesus Christ says, He will never leave nor forsake, us and that the scriptures we have been entrusted with were given by inspiration of God. And of course you can read that in 2 Timothy 3:16.

The translators copied what was written originally. Of course that is not the case today with many translators or translations. By the original, I am talking about the Masoretic Text for the OT and the Textus Receptus for the NT. These translators had no trouble in the Greek referring to the Hebrew word as *kurios*.

I mentioned earlier that the second “Lord” in Psalms 110:1 is #136 *Adonay* (its proper spelling in English) and NOT #113 *Adon*.

Strong’s has it numbered as 113 but this is an obvious mis-numbering of the Hebrew word. The Interlinear

has it correctly listed as #136. How do we know this?

Take out your Strong's, Vine's, Brown-Driver-Briggs and International Standard Bible Encyclopedia and look at the Hebrew spelling of each. Remember Hebrew is written right to left, not left to right as English is. Focus on the last letter of #113. Now open up to Psalms 110:1 in the Interlinear. It is obvious the spelling is for #136 not #113. To verify this look at "Lord" in Psalms 105:21 and 114:7. Both are #113 and match the Hebrew spelling. Now look at Psalms 110:5 and 109:21. These are both #136. Compare their spelling in Hebrew with the second "Lord" in 110:1. They are the same. Don't let the Hebrew for "my" confuse you. It is the first letter attached to it so drop it from #136 to see the true spelling of *Adonay* here. If you jump over two words later you see "my" again in Hebrew "at my right hand." This clearly shows how "my" is spelled out so you know it is separate from *Adonay* even though in Hebrew it is spelt as one word together. You can turn to your reference books noted above to see it for yourselves. The tables below can help you follow it along. The characters in Hebrew go from right to left.

Table 1

Psalms 105:21; 114:7	113	אֲדֹנָי
Psalms 110:5; 109:21	136	אֲדֹנָי

Table 2 - Psalms 110:1

3068	136
1st word "Lord"	2nd word "to my Lord"
יְהוָה	לֵאלֹהֵי

Table 3 - Psalms 110:1

"to my Lord"	"Lord" by itself	"to my" by itself
לֵאלֹהֵי	אֲדֹנָי	לְ

Getting back to the three Gospels we see that Christ the Messiah referred to Himself by a name of an OT

deity. There is no doubt about this because Christ asked the Pharisees, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" Yes, the subject matter of the question is about the Christ. In Luke 22:69 Jesus told His persecutors at His trial:

Luke 22:69, "Hereafter the Son of Man will sit on the right hand of the power of God."

Just as Psalms 110:1 tells us.

Do we believe that Christ was *Adonay* in the OT scriptures. If we don't, we would be calling Him a liar here in the Gospels. Let's review Acts 2:34-35. These are the words of Peter talking to the multitude gathered in Jerusalem for the Feast of Weeks. This is part of his sermon.

Act 2:34-35, "For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: the Lord said to My Lord, sit at My right hand, 35) till I make Your enemies Your footstool."

Peter clearly understood and taught that the first "Lord" is talking about the Father (Who by the way, no man had ever seen except the Son of man which presents a problem for many in their OT personages.) and the second "Lord" was Jesus the Christ, when He was called by no less than the name, *Adonay*. David called the second "Lord," "my Lord." Now why do you think he did that? Peter knew as do we today. This was the Lord God, *Adonay Elohim* whom he dealt with at that time. He was very personal to Him. The Father was *Yehovah Elohim* to him, but not known to him on a personal level. I hope that is easy to understand because that is what scripture bears out. Keep track of all of this because it is going to get very interesting and informative.

Certainly up to this point we have seen and read enough scriptural proof for an open mind to believe that Jesus Christ was part of the *Elohim* of the OT scriptures.

There are some who need more scriptural fact and God has provided an abundance of it. Let's be clear that we are only going to address some of them today.

Let's pick up on the history of *Elohim* by the very words of God the Father. This is real history, not

revisionist.

Heb 1:1-6, “God, who at various times and in different ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2) has in these last days spoken to us by *His* Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; 3) who being the brightness of *His* glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4) having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.[Why? We will address this very important point later.] 5) For to which of the angels did He ever say: you are My son, today I have begotten you? And again: I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to Me a son?”

Some teach this is saying Christ had been an angel prior to this. I remind us all to remember this Being we now know as Father did not create any of the angelic beings or for that matter any of the physical creation, let alone the begetting of any, except the Word. The Word had created everything prior to that. This is a very, very big point of doctrine as related to the plan of salvation and why there came a time and a need for a father/son relationship between the *Elohim* to take front and center, to move the plan along. There had to be a new example set. Not like Lucifer’s! It had to be one of willingly yielding, of self denial, not self-centeredness.

6) “But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM.”

Once again, we see past and present clearly delineated by the inspired word of God. The Word who had made everything that had ever been made became flesh and blood through emptying Himself of His divinity and the Father begetting Him in Mary’s womb. He is the first born of the Father. He is His only begotten Son. Everything except God the Father worships the Son. This is the same pattern as in John and Philipians as we saw earlier.

But now let’s listen to who is who, and who was who, in the Father’s own words, and what Greek and

Hebrew words are used.

Heb 1:8-9, “But to the Son He says: Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. 9) You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions.”

Each time God is mentioned here in verses 8 & 9, it is the Greek *Theos* #2316. Take notice that the Father here, refers to the Son as *Theos* twice and to Himself once. These scriptures here in Hebrew 1:8-9 are found in Psalms 45:6-7. The Hebrew word God there is #430 *Elohim*. *Elohim* as we all know is plural. These *Elohim* are obviously the Father and the Son of the NT scriptures. The Father says so. They were both members of the *Elohim*. But the Father is not finished telling us everything we need to know about this here in Hebrews, the first chapter. For He continues talking to His Son in verses 10-12.

Heb 1:10-12, “And: You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. 11) they will perish, but You remain; and they will all grow old like a garment; 12) like a cloak You will fold them up, and they will be changed. But You are the same [Heb 13:8, Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday, today, and forever.], and Your years will not fail.”

Brethren, once again the Father teaches us a history lesson about Jesus Christ. The Father called Him God and now calls Him Lord, just like Thomas did. Lord here is *kurios* in the Greek. The Father here tells us, this Lord, His Son, who is the person we know as Jesus Christ, laid the foundations of the Earth and that the heavens are the works of His hands. So what “Lord” of the OT is He or was He?

Job 38:1, “Then the Lord [*Yehovah* or *Yahweh*, #3068] answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said:” continue in verse 4.

4) “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell *Me*, if you have understanding.”

Yes, that is absolutely correct. The Father says His Son was the *Yehovah* of the book of Job. Christ was Lord in the OT scriptures and times. But as we read earlier *Yehovah* said to my *Adonay*. So *Yehovah* there was clearly the Father, but in Job clearly the Word

was, as God the Father attests to. How can this be? Very simple. *Yehovah* #3068 simply means, “Eternal Life Giver.” It can be used as a title or as a name. It is used interchangeably between both of the *Elohim*. It did not and does not just designate one of Them. They are both Eternal Life Givers and both *Elohim*. That can’t be any clearer. What else is very clear is that the Word is also called by the proper name *Adonay* #136, as we have seen. Go back and apply this simple and factual understanding to the so called discrepancies which fuel the sacred names doctrines and it will completely clear them up to any rational and factual thinking mind.

I have actually been told that if I don’t call Christ by His Hebrew names I will lose salvation. According to them I never had the opportunity if I don’t. That is as sick a doctrine as Satan can perpetrate on mankind and that ever could be. It leads into much more error so that many are denying the true God and the true Christ. A counterfeit plan is being put forth which is Satan’s agenda. It is satanic in nature as we will see as we continue because it is self-centered and singular in nature. I can call the Father, Father or *Yahweh* or *Yehovah* or any number of other names. As well I can call Jesus, just that, Jesus or *Yahshua* or *Adonay* or *Yehovah* or *Yahweh* or any of the many more names He is called by. We are repeatedly seeing the apostles as well as the Father and the Son do so.

So lose the opportunity for salvation if I don’t call Jesus or the Father by *Yehovah* or *Yahweh*, whatever the version might be. If that is the case, the Us have then caused mankind to sin, and of course the Us being the *Elohim*. What do I mean by that?

Gen 11:1, “Now the whole earth had one language and one speech.”

Now verses 6 & 7:

Gen 11:6-7, “And the Lord [*Yehovah*] said, Indeed the people *are* one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. 7) Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.”

That would mean, as we listen here, God caused

mankind to sin if we are to believe the lie of some of the “sacred names” folks. Just think, that doctrine is no different than the one homosexuals preach. They say that they are queer because God made them that way genetically. Do we see where such deceptions and filth are coming from today? Just think, tie that together. If you have to call God by His name *Yahweh* or *Yehovah* or *Yahshua* or any of the others and use the Hebrew pronunciation, man was doomed from the Tower of Babel when God changed his language, because they all spoke different languages. Do you think they knew Hebrew? NO! They didn’t know the language. That is why they were confused, so they could not cooperate and work together and understand one another. That is made very clear by God.

Look what the NT scriptures clearly tell us on the subject of languages, on this point. It certainly is the opposite of salvation being tied to sacred names theology.

Act 2:5-11, “And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. [because they were there for Pentecost] 6) And when this sound occurred, [that would be the whirling, remember] the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. [God just doesn’t leave it at that. Look at what He says.] 7) Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? 8) And how *is it that* we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? 9) Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10) Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11) Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.”

Give me a break. Do we believe God or not? How clear can these things be? Here in Acts the second chapter one of the verses Peter actually quotes is Psalms 110:1. While we are here in Acts let’s look at some of the other names and titles Peter refers to Christ by.

Act 3:14-15, “But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you,

15) and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses.”

The Interlinear here translates “Prince of life” as “Author of life”. The Greek word is *archegos* #747.

Strong’s says of it, “From 746 and 71; a chief leader:—author, captain or prince.”

Vine’s says of it, “Primarily an adjective signifying ‘originating, beginning,’ is used as a noun, denoting ‘a founder, author, prince or leader,’”

Let’s be certain of these two Greek words which combine to give us *archegos*. #746 is *arche*. It means commencement or chief. #71 is *ago*. It means to lead; by implication to bring or drive. Peter clearly understood all of this and calls Christ the Originator or Author of life. All created life came from Him, Christ.

While we are on this subject let me state the “God is one being” folks like to turn to Revelation 3:14 to substantiate their assertions. Let’s make this a nonissue for them.

Rev 3:14, “And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God:”

Here the “God is one being” and “Christ was created” folks, trip over each other to proclaim this states Christ was the actual first thing created by God. Is that what it is saying? Does the scriptures bear this out? Obviously NOT from what we have clearly seen! Does the Greek language here bear it out? NO! Not a chance!

The word, Beginning, is #746 *arche*. We just saw that it was the main component in one of Christ’s names or titles attested to by Peter. How does the Author of life, in Acts 3:14-15, become part of His own creation in Revelation 3:14? He doesn’t! *Arche* is from #756, beginning reference. It means commencement, chief, ruler.

In Revelation 3:14, the word, creation is #2937 *ktisis*. Strong’s says of it, “From #2936, original formation.”

So here in Revelation 3:14, the accurate translation is: “The ‘chief’ or ‘ruler’ of the original formation of God.” That is exactly what all the other scriptures tell us. Jesus Christ was the Being who made everything. He was the Chief, the Ruler of all that was made and nothing that was made was made without Him. Jesus Christ had been the Originator, the Beginning of all life. That is a very clear pattern scripturally. Now that is the beginning of all physical life and all created spirit life. Because there is another life, it is eternal spirit, which is different from the two. No beginning!

He is also God in OT times as the scriptures have clearly established. Both He and the Father are *Yahovah* or Eternal Life Givers. This is very important. The *Elohim* are one with each other. They are unified in what They do. That is why we read scriptures which attribute such things as creating heaven and earth assigned to both of them. For NT scripture tells us the Father is named as such also. Does this mean the scriptures contradict themselves. Not at all if we understand the plan of salvation and the doctrine of being “one”. This confuses many for they do not understand either the plan of salvation or oneness. This confusion is being used and exploited by deceivers to cloud the minds of brethren to turn to another God and is the spirit of anti-Christ.

Unfortunately there are some very arrogant and very deceptive teachers twisting scripture. They are of their father’s nature in this as we will see. In doing what they do there are brethren being sucked into the black hole of the doctrines of demons. Scripture is being perverted. Some are trickier than others. These angels of light are blinding many who have had true doctrine. Yes, even the elect will be deceived we are told. Scripture clearly and simply tells us that two *Elohim* existed before anything was created, or made for that matter. One was called the Word and it was through Him that anything that was made was made. There came a time when He willingly divested or emptied Himself of His equality in all things divine. He placed His very existence into His eternal Friend and Companion’s hands. They entered a new relationship at that time. The Word became a man. In fact, the only begotten Son of the other God Being. They were now Father and Son. The Son had willingly yielded Himself to the Being He had been equal with in all things eternal. To say they were one in everything is

probably an understatement.

So why did this have to happen? Have you ever asked yourself that question? The answer is vital to understanding the plan of salvation and its basic tenets. Before we move onto that let's take another arrow away from Satan's quiver. I mentioned earlier that some are teaching and preaching that if you do not use the "sacred names" you will lose salvation. *Yahweh* being the one most commonly referred to. If that is the case, then Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are doomed.

Ex 6:2-3, "And God spoke to Moses and said to him: I *am* the LORD [*Yehovah* #3068]. 3) I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty [*El Shadday* #410 & #7706], but *by* My name LORD [*Yehovah* #3068] I was not known to them."

So the three patriarchs are toast according to the doctrine of demons. Now how ridiculous is that? Let me tell you. To cover their falsehood and non-scriptural teachings they say these verses are not a statement but a question. And that is just one of the asinine arguments. Could this be the case? Not on our lives. Let's read the literal translation of Ex 6:2-3.

Ex 6:2-3, "And spoke God to Moses and said [now remember, not asked in any way shape or form in the Hebrew here] to him I *Yehovah*; and I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob as *El Shadday* and my name *Yehovah* not I did reveal myself to them."

All statement of fact with no hint of a question. Why didn't He reveal Himself as *Yehovah* or Eternal Life Giver? Because that is a covenant name which would take us into another very important study but a distraction from what we are following in this one. Well let's just touch on it briefly.

There is only one argument brought forth which on the surface seems to contradict or question the very clear statement of God here in Exodus 6:3.

One example is found in Genesis 15:7-8.

Gen 15:7-8, "Then He said to him, I *am* the LORD [#3068 *Yahweh*], who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it. 8) And he said, Lord [#136 *Adonay* GOD [#3069

Yehovih], how shall I know that I will inherit it?"

Strong's says, "3069 *Yehovih* (pronounced yeh-ho-vee) a variation of 3068 [used after 136 and pronounced by Jews as 430, in order to prevent the repetition of the same sound, since elsewhere pronounce 3068 as 136]: God"

So does Genesis 15:7-8 contradict what is clearly stated in Exodus 6:3?

If you think it does and believe the scriptures are the inspired word of God then you are calling God a liar.

If not, what is the explanation then? Do you remember earlier that I mentioned that this study would look in part to names and titles of importance. We are seeing that unfold before our eyes. Was the Hebrew *Yehovah* known by Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob? It seems very clear that it was. But let's understand this. It was known as a title and not as a name. This is very important! The name of *Yehovah* is a covenantal name. It is special to us for the promise it holds to us, "Eternal Life Giver". As a title, there is no promise in it. God is telling us something incredible here in Exodus 6. Read verses 6-8 and see God reveal Himself and some of His promises to Israel through Moses and the mighty works He was to perform. No longer was it a covenant of circumcision with promises of a great nation etc. It was now going to be a very defined marriage covenant, very personal. Did Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob know Him under those circumstances as *Yehovah*? No they didn't. What was a title to them, was now going to be a name to Israel both physically and spiritually with tremendous promise attached to it. No there is no contradiction. The scriptures are absolutely clear that Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob did not know Him by His name *Yehovah*, they knew Him personally by the name *El Shadday*. Once again many today do not believe the very clear and simple scriptures God has left us. We are to use the clear scriptures to explain those which some use to twist the truth of God. The choice is very clear. Do we believe God or not!

We know the *Elohim* by the name *Yehovah* today. Yes it is a name full of promise "Eternal Life Giver."

There is much more to this but not at this time.

Actually I think it is important at this time to follow up on this point. As I mentioned earlier in the text we were going to take away another arrow from Satan's quiver. Lets complete that now as to Exodus 6:3.

As stated some individuals today are attempting to take this very clear statement of fact by God, and suggest it is an error in translation and that it is actually asking a question thus changing the entire meaning of the scripture. They are doing this because it stands in the way of their erroneous doctrine, specifically, that if you do not call God by His correct name (that they put forth) and even its pronunciation, that you will lose the opportunity for salvation.

Their sense of desperate urgency, to add to and take away from this scripture, and thus the word of God is absolutely blatant.

There are several key words we need to look at in this scripture to see what in fact God is telling us by making this declaration to Moses. And no they are not *El Shadday* or *Yehovah*! They are #8034 *shem* and #3045 *yada*. We also need to follow the pattern of the bride through the plan of salvation.

Lets start with the Hebrew word *shem*. This is the same word translated "name" in Genesis 4:26, 12:8, and 13:4 associating it with *Yehovah*. In each case it suggests that He was known as *Yehovah* by name. Just about every Hebrew/English dictionary states that *shem* can be translated as one of the following; name, reputation, renown, fame, glory, character, or memory (memorial).

It appears in scripture over 860 times so it is very easy to do a word study to see all its uses.

Strong's says it is a prime word; an appellation, as mark or memorial of individuality; by implication honor, authority, character.

So when God says in Exodus 6:3, "but by My '*shem*' *Yehovah* I was not known to them" what is He saying? Lets narrow it down for it is very important not just in proving the statement is true as it stands but also for

part of a pattern of instruction. He is our Redeemer, our Life Giver, and our Savior. Please keep in mind the context here. He will be revealing Himself to the children of Israel not only through word and deed but very personally at Mt Sinai. Face to face one might say for the express purpose of entering into a covenant with them, and specifically a marriage covenant in which they will agree to abide by the rules of the household throughout their physical lives.

Now I ask all reading this, what is one of the very important aspects of such a covenant? The taking of and transferring of the husbands name, the family name. The husband bestows it upon the bride and it becomes her name as well for she becomes one with him. She is now a part of that household including its name. *Yehovah* is a covenantal name with meaning and a family name.

Did Abraham, Isaac, or Jacob ever enter into such a covenant with *Yehovah*? The answer is clearly no! However will they share in the blessings and benefits of such a covenant? Yes!

Here in Exodus 6 Moses is not being told that Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob did not know *Yehovah* as to His renown, fame, glory, character, memory, etc, but that they did not know Him by His covenantal name with its incredible meaning and purpose. Just think of the scriptures that should be racing through our thoughts right now. A few are,

Rev. 3:12, "... And I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from MY God, and My new name."

Rev. 14:1, "Then I looked and behold, a Lamb standing on Mt Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty four thousand having His Fathers name written on their foreheads."

Rev. 22:4, "They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads."

Yehovah is telling Moses that Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob did not know Him under those circumstances and promises. That meaning of His name they did not know. He is the giver of life but also eternal life.

Instead they knew Him only as He revealed Himself to them and as He states that was as *El Shadday* or God Almighty. “And I appeared (*raah* #7200) to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as *El Shadday* and by My name *Yehovah* I did not reveal Myself to them.”

This is a very clear statement from God and in no way can it be twisted into a question of doubt. In fact the very structure of the Hebrew here lends absolutely no basis grammatically for that to happen.

Apply what we know now about the various meanings and uses of the word *shem* to the 3 scriptures the folks use to try and state God was known by His name *Yehovah* in all its fullness. Lets just use Genesis 12:8. Lets start in verse 7 and please do not omit the context of what is being stated here.

“And *Yehovah* appeared to Abram [didn’t have his covenantal name here as well which was to be changed to Abraham] and said I will give this land to your seed. And he built an altar there to *Yehovah*, who appeared to him. 8) And he moved from there to a mountain on the east of Bethel, and stretched his tent with bethel toward the sea, and *Ai* on the east. And he built an altar there to *Yehovah*, and called on the ‘*shem*’ of *Yehovah*.”

I suggest we put in one of the other uses for *shem* here and see if in fact it fits the context and does not call God a liar. Just about any one of them works. We can do the same with Gen 4:26 and 13:4 as well. There is no controversy unless one is trying to make the word of God fit into their doctrine instead of letting the word of God define what our doctrine should be.

Briefly the other Hebrew word we mentioned of importance in 6:3 is *yada* #3045. It is translated “know” in many bibles. We are told it is a verb and is used over 1000 times in scripture so it has a trail of use to follow as to meaning, and its use in the context.

Vines as well as several other dictionaries point out that it has multiple meanings and uses with two being primary. They are, “to know by observing and reflecting (thinking) and “to know by experiencing.” This is not how God appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He entered into a physical covenant with them with physical promises and blessings. God mentions

that here in Exodus 6:4. *Yehovah* allowed them to *raah* (see, observe, perceive, get acquainted with, gain understanding (of), examine, discover, etc) Him as *El Shadday* and not know Him as *Yehovah* by His great names meaning.

Things were about to change now with the relationship God was about to enter into with the children of Israel. They were still going to receive the physical promise of land but much more as well.

Exo 6:6, “... and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments. 7) And I will take you for Myself for a people, and I will be a God for you. And you shall know [*yada*] that I am *Yehovah* your God, the one bringing you out from under the burden of Egypt. 8) And I will bring you into a land which I raised My hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. And I will give it to you for a possession. I *Yehovah*.”

Yes, *Yehovah* God was going to fulfill his promise to the patriarchs and much, much more. This people called the children of Israel were going to enter into a very special and very personal relationship with *Yehovah*, a relationship that would ultimately allow them to acquire the family name through being faithful in marriage to Him. They would be His special people, a chosen people from amongst all nation’s, they would also be His kings and priests.

Exodus 6:3 fits into the pattern of doctrine, which the bible teaches us as Isaiah tells us, here a little, there a little, line upon line, line upon line, precept upon precept. Do we believe and trust *Yehovah*. If so we are to follow Him (His word) where ever it goes and not that of men. We have a job to do if we are called of God, for those who are called, chosen, and faithful will accompany him at His return as scriptures tell us. We are to be about our Fathers business developing the attributes of a worthy bride for His son. Those attributes are laid out clearly in the resume of the bride in Proverbs 31:10-31.

Lets not be distracted into following useless pursuits, which are not of God. Lets focus on the path of the Lamb!

It is an absolute disgrace what some deceivers are

doing to the body. We need to be on guard at all times not just for ourselves, but for others as well. If we truly believe we are being called to qualify to be the Bride, then we need to do acts commensurable with that calling. In Proverbs 31:10-31 she is very involved in providing for the well being of her household. We need to be able to help feed our household, clothe our household, and yes, defend our household. We must be prepared to use our armor. Ephesians 6:17 tells us the sword of the spirit is the word of God. I have heard others say, and as I think of it, I too may have said years ago, that all the armor of God is for defensive purposes. That is not completely true, is it. God has clearly given us an offensive as well as defensive weapon in a sword. The Greek word for sword in Ephesians 6:17 is #3162 *machaira*, a short sword or dagger which is distinct from #4501 *rhomphaia*, a large sword. This *machaira* or dagger, knife is used for close contact fighting. We need to be able to use the word of God just like that. It has two edges to it. It is a smaller version of Christ's sword. The spirit of God helps us to use it. If we do not spend enough time in the word of God we certainly will not have exercised and practiced using it. We need to strengthen our ability with it. We can and should use that word of God to defend ourselves and others and also use it offensively when wolves come into our midst. We need not only use the spiritual sword but clothe ourselves with the rest of our armor. Our breastplate of righteousness, shoes of the gospel of peace, our shield of faith, and our helmet of salvation are all intricate to our success. Paul tells us in verses 19 thru 20:

Eph 6:19-20, "and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, 20) for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak."

We too must not fear. We need to be well exercised in the use of our armor with a very special emphasis on our sword as we have girded our waist with truth. We see one of the oldest doctrines of demons circulating and gaining strength among many sacred names groups and for that matter others as well. It is an ancient deception. A version of the one Satan used to deceive so many of the angels long ago. He has modified it

from time to time to fit the circumstances and the victims he pursues. Today it is called the "one God doctrine". Now to those of us who understand what the scriptures mean when the oneness of God is mentioned, it would seem innocent on the surface. But as the saying goes, the devil is in the details. I had the displeasure this past Feast of sitting and listening to an angel of light weave this ancient and demonic doctrine in and through a sermon he was giving. It is his purpose to convince brethren that there has only ever been one God being. Now you would think with all the scriptures saying the exact opposite in quite a clear fashion that these deceivers would have no success in their unholy utterances. Once again, we understand the times we live in, and they the deceivers are flourishing. It was very difficult for me to sit through this particular sermon. I actually wanted to thrust out with my sword but I kept my place to hear the matter out for I was a guest. As it turns out many others shared the same disgust for the sermon's obviously deceptive underpinnings.

Let's take a brief look at this twisted doctrine from Satan to show how easily the sword of the word of God can cut it down. This angel of light started with a story about an Israeli soldier sacrificing his life during the most recent battle in Lebanon. He stressed the point that he went to his death shouting, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. He was repeating Deuteronomy 6:4 which states:

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!"

Following his agenda the speaker stressed "the Lord is one" as he did throughout his sermon in various covert ways with the emphasis that God, *Elohim*, plural, is actual only one being. Again, he covertly inserted this throughout his time slot. He had an agenda but like Satan, did not have the guts to make it plain. He camouflaged it. Satan is an expert at this. For those of us who were grounded in the doctrine of being one with Christ and the Father, Deuteronomy 6:4 has a very different meaning. I think that it is very important that we address this growing spiritual illness that is spreading in the Body of Christ.

Let's begin in Deuteronomy 6:4 with the doctrine of

being one. We will see that the Hebrew language strips the deceit away and then as we did with the NT Greek and scriptures for “lord” we will see what Christ taught as well as the apostles on this very subject.

Deu 6:4, “Hear, O Israel, *Yehovah* our *Elohim* is *Yehovah* one!”

That is the literal translation. The word which is drawing all of the attention is “one”. It is the crux of the deceiver’s doctrine. The speaker I was listening to never once brought up the meaning of the Hebrew word or the Greek either. He as well as all the other teachers of this false doctrine do not want to do that for a very big reason. The word, one, in Hebrew is #259 and Strong’s says of it, “*Echad*, a numeral from #258; properly united, i.e. one; or (as an ordinal) first”

Do we see what it clearly says here? It has two distinct meanings: (a) properly united as one and (b) first one used in an ordinal sense. Neither one support the false doctrine this deceiver pushes, for it means, “unity as one” or “the first one”. The word that *echad* comes from is #258 *achad*, a prime root, and means, “to unify, i.e. (figuratively) collect.” No mistaking that meaning is there. The Hebrew language is a very descriptive language. The Hebrew word for “one” here in Deuteronomy 6:4 is not telling us that there is only one God being. It is telling us *Elohim*, which is plural, is saying that *Yehovah* is either “first” or “united” as part of *Elohim*.

To get this clarified let’s go to the NT scriptures and see where this same verse is repeated and by whom and then see what they say about this teaching. In Mark 12:29 we see Christ Himself recite it.

Mark 12:29, “Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments *is*: HEAR, O ISRAEL, THE LORD OUR GOD, THE LORD IS ONE.”

The Greek word used here for “one” is #1520 *heis*. Strong says of it, “A primary numeral; one.”

Vine’s has a lot to say about it. In brief it says, “the first cardinal numeral, . . . (1) (a) ‘one’ in contrast to many, (b) metaphorically, ‘union’ and ‘concord,’ (2) emphatically, (a) a single (‘one’), to the exclusion of

others, (b) ‘one, alone,’ (c) ‘one and the same,’ (3) a certain ‘one,’ in the same sense as the indefinite pronoun *tis* (4) distributively, with *hekastos*, ‘each,’ (5) as an ordinal number, equivalent to *protos*, ‘first,’”

So its easy to see that *heis* has a lot of very different uses in the Greek. What is important to us however is what it means to Christ’s usage. For He uses it in describing the oneness of God and the Lord from Deuteronomy 6:4 as He talks it out in Mark 12:29. Let’s get it straight from Christ as to what He meant and taught by “God is one”.

John 17:11, “Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one [*heis*] as We *are*.”

No mystery as to what Christ said here, “that they may be one as We.” Remember what one of the meanings of the word for one meant, in Hebrew, “properly united.” And what some of the meanings for the Greek *heis* are, “union and concord, one and the same.” It is very clear that Christ is saying very specifically that this oneness is not ordinal or cardinal here. Nothing to do with a numerical theme at all but with unity. Christ doesn’t leave us hanging or guessing on this doctrine. In fact He goes on to explain it in very clear detail.

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 may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.”

The word here for one is *heis*. The same word that appears in Mark 12:29.

Here my friends, is one of the most important doctrines the Bride of Christ can comprehend. It is a

doctrine about the very nature and character of God, of *Elohim*. It is a doctrine of inclusion into the God family. It is about both essence and character. God desires this oneness to be shared with others. Yes, it is collective as the Hebrew describes it. Christ teaches us here that the Father and the Son are one in each other. That has been the case for eternity. We as well can be one in Them. How do we attain this oneness? It is through Christ and it is a gift. Verse 22:

22) “And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one:”

What is this glory? Verse 23 tells us it is what makes us perfect in one.

John 1:14, “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”

Let’s read that from the Interlinear.

John 1:14, “And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us. And we beheld His glory, glory as of an only begotten from *the* Father, full of grace and of truth.”

Oh yes brethren, we are sharing in that glory given to Christ by the Father. We are of His Body and He is using that glory to perfect us in Him and thus the Father. His grace and truth is washing us clean. Christ had just used that glory as the Son of God to overcome all evil in the world and in the spiritual realm as well. He as a human being with the help of His Father not only overcame the weakness of the physical creation but the weakness of the spiritual creation too, one in Adam and the other in Satan. Christ had emptied Himself of His divine spiritual glory. It had been held by the Father, and Christ had now qualified to get it back in full and not in part. Look at this incredible series of events.

John 17:1-5, “Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, 2) as You have given Him authority

over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. 3) And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, [because Christ is still human here] and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. [remember Christ had willingly submitted and yielded himself below his eternal friend] 4) 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 I had with You before the world was.”

The deceivers of this age, who dress themselves as angels of light, are out to destroy this incredible doctrine of the oneness of God and the plan of salvation. The devil will never be able to share in this oneness, for he despises it. He is evil and self-centered and wants to be the “ONLY ONE.” He wants to be supreme and have all the dominion, even over God. He does not want to share in any of it. His thinking is perverted and is infecting many who once walked according to grace and truth. Now many are being deceived and deceiving.

So there will be no misconception as to the extent of this oneness that Christ taught about here in John 17, He inspired the Greek language to be used to record the doctrines for us, and in fact all of the NT scriptures. The preposition “en” is used in this doctrine here in John, in the text as well.

John 17:21, “... in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, ...”

“In” here is the prime preposition “en” and denotes fixed position in place, time, or state, as Strong tells us. Christ makes it very clear here that it is all encompassing. It is past, present, and future. He and the Father were, are, and will be forever one. We are one in Christ right now to the extent He is cleansing us. We too, are going to be one with both He and the Father, once we attain the glory that only the Father and Son currently have in all its fullness. Look at verse 24.

John 17:24, “Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given

[back to] Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.”

So how do we go about attaining this glory which will make us one with the Father as well as with Christ? It is a process and it is founded on an understanding of true doctrine and then grows from there. In verse 17, Christ says:

John 17:17, “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.”

What does Christ mean by this sanctifying or setting apart by the Fathers word which is truth?

John 7:16-18, “Jesus answered them and said, My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me. 17) If anyone wants to practice His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or *whether* I speak on My own *authority*. 18) He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him.”

Satan and his lying cast either cannot or will not accept this doctrine. Their replacement theology which professes such things as “there has only ever been one God being,” “if you do not use Hebrew pronunciation in the use of God’s name, you will lose salvation,” and “Christ never existed prior to conception” are only a few of their unholy and non-scriptural doctrines.

The Bride of Christ must boldly expose the filth and fallacy of such teachings. These doctrines do not emanate from the Father but from the most self-centered and egotistical being which has ever been in existence. And please understand a simple scriptural fact, Satan was created and he will eventually cease to exist. He has deluded himself to this very fact. Let’s verify his creation, as it is laid out in scripture. A clear understanding of it will actually enhance our understanding of the plan of salvation. Long before the creation of mankind, and for that matter, the creation of the physical expanse, the *Elohim* had created angelic beings. How do we know this? In Job 38 God tells us they were there shouting for joy when it was created. He calls them morning stars and sons

of God. In Job 1:6 we see Satan was numbered amongst them, that being the sons of God. So angels existed prior to the physical creation according to the scripture. So how do we know that angels are created spirit beings.

Eze 28:14-15, “You *were* the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. 15) You *were* perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you.”

This first estate or angelic creation worked for awhile. For how long, the bible does not tell us. Thus it doesn’t matter for now. Remember the *Elohim* are eternal Beings, had lived forever, and existed as equals. They were “united” or “one” in how They thought, but two distinct Beings. We know that the one named Word did all of the actual creating if we believe scripture. These scriptures, here in Ezekiel as well as in Isaiah, give us a lot of information about the angelic estate at that time. We just read where Lucifer was a created anointed cherub, who covers. Covers what? The throne of God with his wings as depicted over the mercy seat on the ark of the covenant. God had established him on Mount Zion, His very throne room. Lucifer certainly had an important function. Verse 12 tells us, he was the seal of perfection full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. Unfortunately this was not enough for Lucifer. He stopped looking to his creators in a humble way. He started to believe that he was equal if not better than Them and deserved recognition as such. In fact he came to demand it. Let’s follow the process in scripture.

Eze 28:17, “Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor;” Verse 16) “You became filled with violence within, And you sinned;”

So here we see the epitome of angelic creation committing the first sin because of the vanity he contained in himself. But did this sin stay just within him? No it didn’t. He was driven to share his deceitful delusions with other angelic beings. How did he do this? Same verse, “By the abundance of your politicing”

This is very important. This is the method he used to corrupt others by. Satan convinced others that he was the one to follow, that he would be the **only one** in charge. He was vested with great powers and abilities by God. Just think of what extent his powers of deception are, when he could deceive angels who had been in the presence of God, who had beheld the glory of the *Elohim*. He actually convinced them to turn against God. Scripture tells us that up to one third of the angels followed him. Now let's follow the action that caused the *Elohim* to hammer him. Now think about these scriptures that actually tell us what he did to get hammered.

Is 14:13-14, "For you have said in your heart: I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; [which are angels] I will also sit on the mount of the congregation [which is Zion] On the farthest sides of the north; 14) I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High."

Isn't that just incredible. He wanted to be, at the very least, equal with the *Elohim* or if not more. He thought that equality was his on demand and that he had a right to it because of his splendor and beauty and wisdom. He had developed the spiritual sickness of wanting dominion over another of his own kind, that being angels, and over his very creators, *Elohim*. The *Elohim* showed him what real power was. Christ gives us a glimpse of it.

Luke 10:18, "And He said to them, I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven."

What a smack.

Eze 28:16, "Therefore I cast you as a profane thing out of the mountain of God;"

But Satan is so vain and desperate to satisfy his lust for power and dominion, and delusion of being the **only one**, that he tries it again in a future time, which we will know when it happens.

Rev 12:7-9, "And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, 8) but they did

not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. 9) So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."

Once again that is for a future time period which I believe is not that far away. Satan will never be the only one in charge, in fact he will cease to exist. But with the original rebellion of Satan, the *Elohim* decided on a change of plans. That could have started from the time that sin was found in Satan or sometime after that. We do know for a fact that it is prior to the founding of the earth. For it had been already decided by that time that Christ would come as a man and die as scripture tells us, from the foundation of the world. (1 Peter 1:20) They had decided on creating a physical existence, one of flesh and blood with a much lower and much more fragile existence than that of created angelic spirit. The *Elohim* knew that this physical creation would be no match for the deceptive powers of Satan the devil. He had already convinced angelic beings to reject God. Fortunately for us and the plan of salvation Satan isn't the smartest or most powerful being around by a long shot. Satan now occupies the function of a "tool" to be used of God to further Their plan of salvation and the perfecting of the Bride of Christ at this time. It was decided that one of the *Elohim*, and that being the Word, would empty Himself of His divinity and humble Himself before the other eternal Being we know as the Father. He would do this by becoming flesh and blood, totally dependent on the Father for life and for the very glory They shared together. He would set the example of being submissive to His eternal Friend and Companion. That is now the example to be set for mankind as well as for the angelic kingdom. That is why we are told in:

Phil 2:5-8, "For let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus, 6) who subsisting in the form of God, thought *it* not robbery to be equal with God, 7) but emptied Himself, taking *the* form of a slave, having become in *the* likeness of men 8) and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, having become obedient until death, even *the* death of a cross."

That is now the example set for all creation to follow.

This eternal Being, Who had been part of the *Elohim*, the very one who carried out the decision to create both the angelic realm and the physical realm, was now completely dependent on His eternal Friend, now known to us as the Father. Yes, he became lower than the angels. How humble does it get for the Creator of all life, the Author, Originator of it to do that. What an awesome sacrifice and example of humility and love. All creation now has a perfect example to follow. If the Word could humble Himself before the Father, having been equal with Him and become lower than the angels, what then is expected of us, and for that matter, all of the angels too.

John 13:13-16, “You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for *so* I am. 14) If I then, *your* Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15) For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. 16) Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him.”

I hope we all understand that example and pattern of the plan of salvation. It is to be part of our very nature and character for us to be included in the oneness of God. Many created spirit beings did not comprehend this, whether actually completely deceived, or willingly complicit to some point, they rejected their place in creation and wanted to supplant the Creators. Now we who are physical and frail have a very clear pattern to see and follow. We have the Father as the Patriarch of the family. Then we have His Son, our Husband to be, sitting at His right hand, Jesus the Christ. We are now living the writing of the rest of the story. We are helping to write it with each breath we take, as are our fellow brethren, for we are into the phase of the selecting of the Son's Bride, in the time line of the plan of Salvation. Christ is preparing His Bride to receive the glory of God once she has been perfected by Him. Christ tells us:

Eph 5:26-27, “that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27) that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.”

So who are we and are we in need of this washing?

1 Cor 1:26,29, “For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called*. 27) But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; 28) and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, 29) that no flesh should glory in His presence.”

God learned a big lesson the first time around with Lucifer who became Satan. God has now chosen the weakest of the weak to work with. We who are called are not splendid, beautiful, or full of wisdom as Satan felt he was. We are in disbelief that God would want us for such an incredible future. So whatever we do, don't glory in the thought that we were called because we were something special. On the contrary.

We certainly need to do our part in this qualifying process. As a body we need to submit or as the Greek means in Ephesians 5:22, “willing yield to the Lord.” We also need to do so to one another as verse 21 states. This is the mind of Christ, the very example He set for us to follow. There is not one ounce of vanity found in it. We are members of Christ's body and working towards being perfected by Him, so we too can share in a glory far above what we currently have. That glory is of the Father and far above the present state of angels. We desire to be a part of that oneness, united in mind and nature. A very important part of our sojourn in this physical state is to have and hold the doctrines of the Father. We are being given the spirit of God so that we can discern the things of God as 1 Corinthians 2:12-13 tells us.

1 Cor 2:12-13, “Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. 13) These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.”

We must not pay heed to false apostles, deceitful workers who attempt to transform themselves into apostles of Christ, as Satan tries to transform himself into an angel of light. We must always remember the bible is a book of patterns given for our instruction. It is profitable to us for doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness as 2 Timothy 3:16 teaches us. Isaiah confirms and reassures us of this. Verse 9 paraphrased.

Isa 28:9-10, “God will teach knowledge and understanding to those who are weaned from milk, who no longer feed from the breast. He will do so by His word. 10) For precept *must be* upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little.”

His doctrines and knowledge and understanding of them run as patterns throughout the bible. Many have attempted to pollute His teachings and many more will, but with the help of God we will be made perfect in one by the washing of the word through the Son’s hands. We must hold fast and grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord, Jesus Christ and be ready and able to defend ourselves and those of our household with the sword of the spirit, the truth of the Father, the word of God.

The scriptures are all we need. We are not to add to

them or to take away from them, for to do so will cause division through vanity. Paul continually reminds us of this through his epistles. This is just one of those sobering reminders.

1 Cor 4:6, “Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes, that you may learn in us not to think beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up on behalf of one against the other.”

Plain and simple instruction from one who had it all wrong at the beginning. Just think what he had to discard to return to the very scriptures of God and not the lies and deceit of Judaism.

Now let’s focus on what is to come. This sums it up.

Rom 8:16-18, “The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17) and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together 18) For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”

Let’s walk in the way and not be taken for a ride on a detour of demons.

Our peace we give to you.