



Who Really is Yeshua?



PREFACE

Thank you for taking the time to read this instruction, I pray that the Ruach Ha’Kodesh (Holy Spirit) is present with you as you read and check with you own Bible the validity of its contents. The contents of this instruction are based entirely on God’s word the Bible, to challenge your current beliefs in the spirit of love that Yeshua spoke of in John 13:35.

Irrespective of our current religious beliefs we can all agree that the Word of the God of Abraham is the medium by which all truth is defined and we must realise that, in its entirety, it is the ultimate source of authority. The information contained within these pages are primarily aimed at the three Abrahamic faiths, Judaism, Christianity and Islam but is not limited to these faiths. The word of Almighty God is for ALL nations and not one nation has the exclusive rights to its contents. (Genesis 22:18). If we take this attitude in our worship and are obedient to the creator of the universe we shall certainly be blessed.

If we find in our studies that what we read in His word does not fit with what we believe then the error is with us and not God’s word, if we truly love Almighty God we must be prepared to adjust our way of life in order to be approved by Him, just as His friend Abraham did.

Please remember that I have no religious affiliation other than to Yeshua Ha’Mashiach and the Almighty God that sent Him, therefore I am bound by the Ruach and not by a manmade religious practice or tradition, assuring you that I have no ulterior motive other than the spreading of the truth that can only be found in Almighty God’s word via His gift to us all... the Bible. I pray that this instruction will help you in your quest for truth.

Numbers 6:24-26

All scripture quotes are taken from the King James Bible unless otherwise stated.

Introduction

This topic and debate have been ongoing since the beginning of the second century, a plethora of neo-platonic theologians and philosophers have attempted to clarify the ‘nature’ of Jesus, in human terms, using various means to ‘once and for all’ clarify the distinction between Almighty God יהוה Y_eH^oV_aH and His son Yeshua, many with agendas of their own.

Throughout this publication I like to refer to the man whom most people will recognise as Jesus Christ by his given Hebrew name יֵשׁוּעַ Yeshua מְשִׁיחַ ha’Mashiach after all he is not Latin or Greek but a Hebrew. The Hebrew language is the language that approximately 98% of the Bible is written in, the TaNaKh (Old Testament) is 100% Hebrew. The beautiful poetic Hebrew language is one of the most poetic languages of all, and when it comes to a person’s name there is always a meaning attached. Yeshua is the shortened form of Yehoshua which, in Hebrew means “Y_eH^oV_aH is Salvation” which is much more descriptive than the Latin Iesus or Greek Ιησούς which have no contextual meaning. Another fact that we in the west often forget is that not one letter from Genesis to Revelation was recorded by the hand of a gentile and I include Luke in that too. It is coming to light with many Biblical Greek scholars that, when we closely analyse the writings of Luke both in his gospel account and the extensive knowledge of the Synagogue system and the eloquence of his Greek style show that it is far more likely that Luke was an educated man and either was a Jew himself or a proselyte to the Jewish faith as he displays, in his writings, things that would not be known to gentiles such as his knowledge of the written torah.

You might say to yourself, “why is it important to know who Yeshua (Jesus) is?” the answer to that is that, if you want to get to know someone on a more close and intimate level you would surely want to know as much as you can about them in order to please them, it would be almost impossible to please someone who you don’t know. We also want them to get to know us too and it is the intention of this little booklet to help you get to know who Yeshua really is.

Since the formation of Christendom in the middle period of the 4th century the Latin universal church (Roman Catholic) has debated much on the subject of the essence of Yeshua (they do not want to call him by his Hebrew name as it is far too “Hebrew” to be a “Christian”). This will come as quite a shock for those who are “Christians”, but the fact remains that the “Christ” they worship is not a Christian. Yeshua was a Pharisee, a Jewish man from the tribe of Judah, a “Hebrew of Hebrews”.

There is no record of discussion concerning the essence of Jesus in connection with his identity as “God incarnate” although it must have been unofficially discussed prior to the council of Nicaea in 325 when the topic was formally discussed by the bishops and lead by the (pagan) Roman Emperor Constantine the Great.

The fact is, they were so removed from the truth by this time that they had formulated their own personal “ecumenical” Jesus that they had forgotten (most likely by choice) to read the scriptures to find the answer to the true identity of the one they called Christ. So, they did what all humans do in such a dilemma, they make things up to fit with their belief system. This has resulted in much confusion and disagreement between the original Christian church in Rome which resulted in many splits and divisions over the

millennia, and the splitting has continued today, even the sections that split from the Roman Church have split and split again, the same is true even to a greater extent in the Churches that protested in the 16th century C.E. there are now well over 33,000 different denominations that all presume to believe the same thing but in a different manner. God Help Us!!!!

The upshot of all this is that we have been constantly lied too, syncretism is still so prevalent today as it was in the 3rd and 4th centuries C.E. until it becomes almost impossible to identify any of the churches in Christendom that actually preach the real truth and not their own denominational doctrine and theology.

The evidence shows that we are fast approaching the prophesied “end times” with Daniel’s prophesy starting to become more and more noticeable... Daniel 12:4 *“But you, O Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, to the end time. Many shall travel back and forth, and knowledge shall be increased”*.

As this cosmos (From Greek kosmo-, combining form of kósmos “order, good order, government, world order, the universe.) as this present world of mankind descends further and further into the abyss where bad is good and good is bad, it’s all happened before.

In this study, as in all studies I cannot emphasise more strongly the concept of discernment, if we do not possess this amazing gift then it will be extremely difficult to understand the deeper things of our Father and you will most likely be misled by those who’s intention it is to confuse so as to lead you into their captivity. (Ephesians 4:14).

As with all the publications I pray that you find this little booklet helpful in your quest to walk with Yeshua in spirit and truth, remember that there can be many lies but only one truth.

Shalom

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Y_eH^oV_aH's Master Plan

When Y_eH^oV_aH created the universe and placed the earth in position, He intended to create beings in His likeness to inhabit the earth and care for all the things He had created in the first five days and to enjoy its wonderful beauty and give thanks to Him that created all things. He created Man and Woman to fill the earth and have in their care and subjection all living things, He also created them with free will, giving them a set of instructions as to daily life. He also created them with perfect bodies that would never die for it was never His intention that they would experience suffering, sorrow and, eventually, death. As we well know from the account in Genesis 3, by Adam's disobedience, the whole human race lost this wonderful blessing and sin entered the world of humankind and death through sin. Genesis 2:17 *"but of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil you may not eat, for in the day that you eat of it, surely you shall die"*.

This could well have been the final end to the story however, Y_eH^oV_aH, being compassionate, full of grace and mercy, made a way out for all of human kind (Gen 3:15), concerning the serpent (Satan) and the woman (the seed of Y_eH^oV_aH's organisation, Yeshua) He told Satan that He will... "put enmity between you and the woman—between your seed and her seed. He will crush your head, and you will crush his heel." (Gen 3:15). This is THE key scripture in our ultimate salvation.

The first part of this prophesy has now been fulfilled; it was fulfilled when Yeshua gave his perfect life in order to repurchase that which the first Adam lost due to his disobedience. Yeshua offered himself as the voluntary Passover lamb that was slaughtered on Passover, the day before the feast of unleavened bread. In this way Yeshua was "bruised" in the heel, which is not usually fatal and this was proven three days later when his Father resurrected him.

The second half of the prophesy will find fulfilment when Yeshua returns as Yeshua be David and bruises the Satan in the head. A blow to the head in this context is usually fatal, thus will the Satan be placed in Gehenna along with all his followers which will happen at the end of Yeshua's millennial rule.

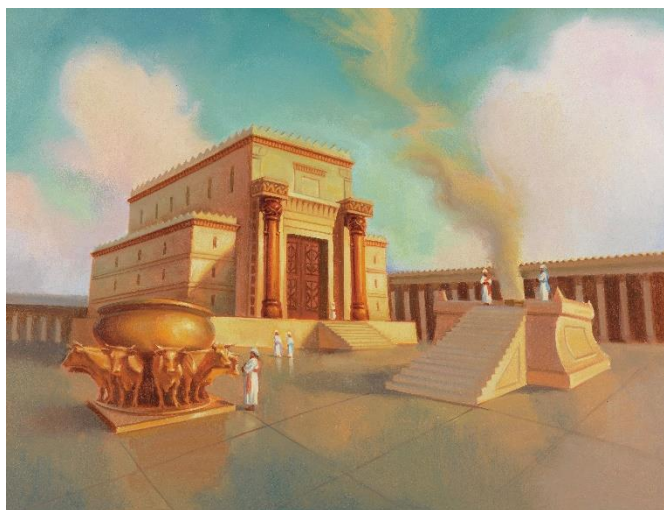
Section 1

A Little Hebrew History

To find the truth about the true identity of Yeshua we have to begin with an examination of Hebrew history and dig a little deeper into the religious ceremonies that were given to the Hebrew people that Y_eH^oV_aH brought out of the land of Egypt using Moses as their leader and Aaron as their high priest (Kohenim Gadol), I say Hebrew because no one was identified with the term 'Jew' at this time, this may come as a surprise to you but, the patriarchs of the Hebrew faith Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (*later Israel*) were NOT Jewish, they were Hebrews.

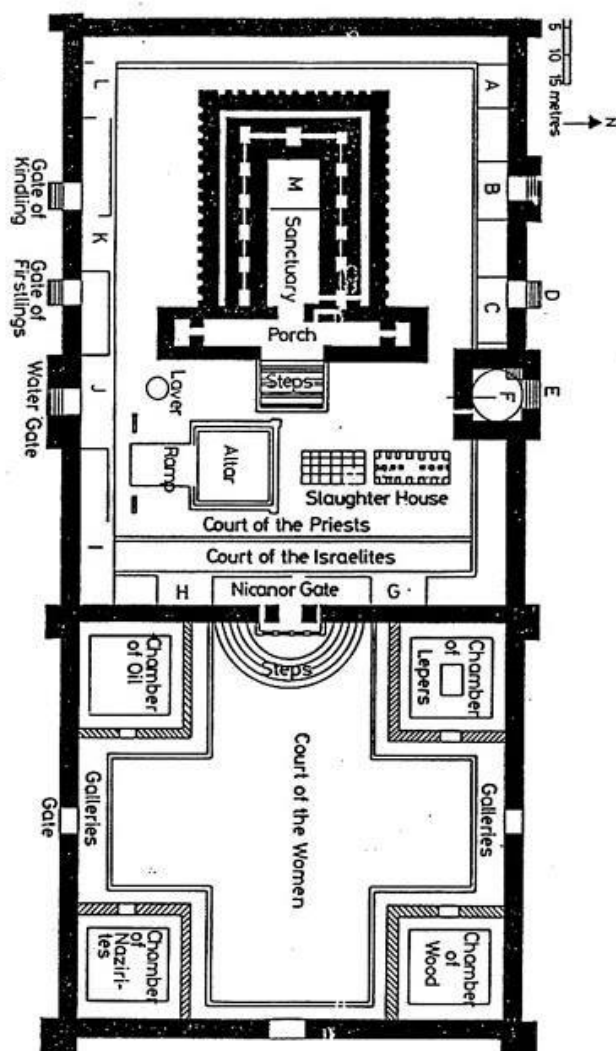
The model of worship that Y_eH^oV_aH instructed Moses to initiate is found in the book of Exodus (Shemot) chapter 26 to the beginning of chapter 31. This includes the building of the Tabernacle to consecration of the priesthood (Kohenim) and Levites. "Tabernacle", according to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, simply means tent. Since the Hebrews were in the wilderness for 40 years and continually moving, the place of worship had to be of a

transient construction, it was not until the temple of Solomon was constructed in Jerusalem did the Hebrew nation have a permanent place of worship to Y_eH^oV_aH .



Artists impression of the temple of Solomon.

The design of Solomon's temple followed the design of the tabernacle, it had various courtyards and the two most important areas namely the 'Holy Place' where the priests (Kohenim) would gather, and the 'Holy of Holies' where the 'Mercy Seat' (the lid of the ark of the covenant) and other items were placed. And, once a year, on atonement day, the High Priest (Kohen Gadol) would enter the 'Holy of Holies' to offer a blood sacrifice for the atonement of the nation's sins, the Kohen Gadol was the only means by which the nation could approach Almighty God Y_eH^oV_aH . No other priest was allowed to enter the Holy of Holies for, if he did, he would lose his



life. This process was continued after the return of the exiles from Babylon built the second temple under the supervision of Zerubbabel. (Ezra 5:2).

As with many other rituals of these early forms of worship, this was a foreshadow of the things to come, this method of worship continued until the death of Yeshua ha'mashiach. The second temple being finally destroyed by Titus and the Roman army in around 70CE.

Up until the time of Yeshua's death, the temple had been the representation of Y_eH^oV_aH's presence on earth, all the sacrifices for atonement were conducted there for the temple represented Y_eH^oV_aH's chosen place for worship. The books of Exodus and Leviticus is where we find most of the Torah (instructions) on the correct way to worship the one and only true God Y_eH^oV_aH, this included the many sacrifices and offerings which were to be made by the faithful.

Hebrew, Israelite or Jew

In Christendom there seems to be much confusion over these terms due to much misunderstanding and mistranslation. If we are to arrive at a sound understanding of what the Bible is about, we must first separate these three commonly used terms and place them in their proper place so, let us now examine what these terms mean in a biblical sense.

Hebrew: The translation of this word into English means to “traverse” or “pass over”, this is exactly what Abram did when he left his father's house. All the house of Abram's family were gentiles (pagans) that worshiped other gods. Abram was called by

Joshua 24:2-3 And Joshua said unto all the people, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, even Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor: and they served other gods. ³And I took your father Abraham from the other side of the flood, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and gave him Isaac.

Y_eH^oV_aH to separate himself and his family and to leave Ur of the Chaldeans. There is quite a humorous story which tells us that Terah (Abram's father) was an idol maker and one day

all his idols were smashed by an “unknown” intruder, its worth a read and will put a smile on your face!

When Abram and his family, including Terah left Ur they were “crossing over” from paganism to the true God of the universe Y_eH^oV_aH thus becoming known as Hebrews. They were quite obviously not Jews as the tribe of Judah was still in the future.

This is when Y_eH^oV_aH changed Abram's name to Abraham. The name Abram means “*High father or Exalted father*” and the Abraham means “*Father of multitudes or Father of nations*”, there is not much difference in the meaning, the significance of the change of name is in the giving of the name. It was Terah who gave the baby boy the name of Abram but, when Abram “crossed over” he became a child of Y_eH^oV_aH so Y_eH^oV_aH changed Abram's name to Abraham as Y_eH^oV_aH was now the legal Father of Abraham. See how it works? This is the Hebrew way of thinking, not the western Latino/Hellenistic mindset which invariably gets things all wrong concerning the Hebrew word of Almighty God.

Israelite: Abraham was blessed with two sons, his firstborn son was Ishmael by his wife's handmaiden Hagar, his second son by his true wife Sarah (Y_eH^oV_aH had changed her name from Sarai to Sarah too) and his name was Yitzhak (Isaac) meaning "one who laughs" or "one who rejoices", what is so miraculous about the birth of Yitzhak is that Sarah was 90 and Abraham was 100 when they were blessed with Yitzhak. (Genesis 17:17).

Y_eH^oV_aH had told Abraham that it would be through the line of Yitzhak that His promise would be fulfilled, Yitzhak had two sons by his wife Rebecca the firstborn was Esau and the second being Jacob. Esau became the patron of the Edomite nation and Jacob became the patron of the Israelite nation. So, what is the connection between Jacob and the Israelites? The account in Genesis 32:22-32 tells the story. To cut a long story short, Jacob had two wives, Leah and Rachel (daughters of Laban) and each wife had a maidservant, Zilpah to Leah and Bilhah to Rachel. Leah was the mother of six sons and one daughter... Reuben, Simeon, Issachar, Levi, Judah, Dinah and Zebulun. Rachel had two sons, Joseph and Benjamin. Jacob also had sons by the handmaidens of both wives, Zilpah's sons were Gad and Asher, the sons of Bilhah were Naphtali and Dan. These are the 12 sons of Jacob.

In the Genesis account Jacob wrestled with an angel on the banks of the Yabbok river for quite a long period of time until the Jacob received his blessing and his name was changed from Jacob which means "*to follow or be behind*" to Israel which means "*fighter of God,*" "*triumphant with God,*" "*God contended,*" or "*Wrestles with God*".

Now the sons of Jacob become the 12 tribes of Israel.

In modern times we understand the name "Israel" to mean the secular state in the middle east but, this is not the case in Biblical terms. When God's word refers to the Israelite nation He is referring, not to the secular state but the 12 tribes of Israel which is totally worlds apart from the secular state.

Jew: In modern times the names "Israelite" and "Jew" are synonymously linked, this is true to a certain extent. Let us look back into the historical account so as to get an accurate picture of the conditions which led to the formation of Judaism.

In the reign of king David and later his son Solomon there was a single kingdom in which all the 12 tribes were united. When Solomon died he was succeeded by his son Rehoboam who was mislead into raising money from excessive taxes and other issues which angered the people until ten tribes split and formed the Northern Kingdom of Israel whilst two tribes Judah and Benjamin (with the Levites as they were priests and had no inheritance of their own as they were set apart for temple duties) formed the Southern Kingdom of Judah. These two Kingdoms remained at odds with one another until the Northern Kingdom was destroyed by the Assyrians and its lands flooded with gentile settlers that became known as "Samaritans" this is why the Jews didn't care much for the Samaritans as recorded in the Bible.

It wasn't long before the Southern kingdom of Juda, through their worship of false gods, succumbed to the armies of King Nebuchadnezzar, the temple was destroyed, Jerusalem raised to the ground and most of its people led away to 70 years of captivity in Babylon.

It was obvious that, during this time, the worship of the one true God could not be undertaken as instructed in the written Torah of Moshe. (The so called “Oral” torah was not in existence at this time). This heralded the beginnings of an alternative method of worship that did not centre round the temple and the daily sacrifices that were ordained to be observed, in comes the idea of Pharisees and the worship cantered round the Synagogue rather than the temple.

As the temple of Y_eH^oV_aH was situated in Jerusalem which was in the kingdom of Judah the new way of worship adopted the name of the tribe of Judah as their identity thus becoming known as “Jews”.

From this new religion came the name “rabbi” which means “a Jewish scholar or teacher, especially one who studies or teaches Jewish law”. These rabbis became heads of the synagogues after the return and reconstruction of the second temple in Jerusalem. After the return from Babylon the religion of Judaism expanded and grew and the rules and regulations that are found in the written torah were expanded and added too. Before captivity in Babylon the nation of Israel adhered to just one Torah, that was the written Torah of Moshe but now, after the return the rabbis had invented another Torah, the “Oral” torah from which their religious books of the Mishnah and both Babylonian and Jerusalem Talmud’s are based. The oral torah is nothing but a record of the traditions of men, this is the torah that Yeshua and the Apostles (including Sha’ul) was so vehemently against, not the written Torah of Moshe which is still as applicable today for all the followers of Yeshua. (See “Grafted in”. Romans 11:11-24).

In Y_eH^oV_aH ’s timeline, Judaism is a relative newcomer in the monotheistic religions, Judaism in around 400 B.C.E, then Christianity in the mid-4th century C.E and Islam in around 610 C.E.

Now we have a firmer grasp on the roots of the Abrahamic faith we can now start to focus on who Yeshua is, what he is and the truth concerning his relationship with his Father Y_eH^oV_aH.

Why Follow Yeshua?

Setting the Scene for the Coming Mashiach.

Although the concept of a coming saviour is recorded in the Genesis the real event is perfectly foreshadowed by the Exodus account. Moshe was selected to lead the Israelite nation out of bondage from Mitsraim (Egypt), Moshe was the anointed of Y_eH^oV_aH to lead His people to the land promised to Abraham, this made Moshe the Mashiach to God's people.

Whilst in the wilderness the Israelite nation, along with many that were not the natural lineage of Israel (Jacob) accepted the God of the Israelites and followed them out of Egypt, even Egyptians were present, these people left their gentile pagan roots and joined themselves to the Israelite nation so becoming "grafted in". there were to be no differences in any areas between true born Israelites and those of the nations, in Y_eH^oV_aH's eyes they were one and the same. As they sojourned through the wilderness, they learned many things concerning how to conduct themselves in daily life and the worship of the one that, by His almighty hand, brought them out of bondage of cruel slavery and into the freedom of being God's chosen people.

Moshe and his brother Aahron ministered to the people until the borders of the promised land 40 years later but neither Moshe nor Aahron entered into the promised land because of certain events that had taken place earlier. As with many Biblical prophecies, the Exodus from Egypt prefigures the end times when Yeshua returns, as did Moshe from Midian, to lead His people out of bondage to sin and separating the "sheep from the goats" to lead Y_eH^oV_aH's people into the promised new kingdom.

During that long sojourn in the wilderness the Israelite nation were subject to many internal power struggles just as it is today, the Bible describes them as a "stiff necked" and "hard hearted" people, it is sad that, even by witnessing first hand the glory and power of Y_eH^oV_aH they still rebelled against His authority. Time and time again Moshe had to plead with Y_eH^oV_aH not to destroy all of them. Even during the temple periods many of the chosen ones thought that they could do things better. The Southern kingdom did not take heed of the events which, by turning their back on the true God and worshipping false pagan (gentile) gods led them to be scattered amongst the nations and divorce from the true God of Israel. Although it took around 100 years the Southern kingdom, just as their brothers in the Northern kingdom, worshipped pagan deities and turned their backs on Y_eH^oV_aH which resulted in their 70 year captivity in Babylon. it is this stiff necked and hard hearted curse that still survives in rabbinic Judaism today as they would rather listen to the rabbis rather than the word of the God in which we share. In rabbinic Judaism the name Yeshua is shortened to form a derogatory name and most active Jews will not allow the name of Yeshua to be uttered.

The written Torah the coming of the Mashiach is spoken of by Moshe at Deuteronomy 18:15 *"The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall **harken**"*; The Hebrew word for "**harken**" שָׁמַע is (tish·ma·'Un H8085) which, in English translates to "you must listen and obey" it is based on the Hebrew word שְׁמָעָה (Shema).

So, by rejecting Yeshua as their Mashiach the hapless Jewish nation are still not obeying the written Torah. More of that later.

There can be no doubt that Yeshua IS the promised Mashiach, there is no one in recorded Biblical history in any records in Judaism, Christianity or Islam that can fit the fulfilment of the TaNaK's prophecies concerning the coming of the Mashiach like Yeshua does, after all Yeshua means "God Saves" in Hebrew. But it must be made clear that Yeshua has not finished, the first time he came, he came as the "suffering servant" recorded in Isaiah 53, he is Yeshua ben Joseph (son of Joseph). The next time he will appear he will be much different, he will return as Yeshua ben David (son of David) to execute Y_eH^oV_aH's judgement on all who reject to be obedient to Almighty God Y_eH^oV_aH, and time is running out.

Yeshua's Ministry Begins

There is not much known about Yeshua's early life and what there is, is mostly hearsay

"The Gospels record that exactly seventy weeks - four hundred and ninety days - transpired from the day that Yeshua was baptized in water until the day he fulfilled his initial mission by baptizing his Disciples with the Holy Spirit." p2

"It was Eusebius who first proposed a three-and-one-half-year ministry, three hundred years after the resurrection of Yeshua. Every church 'father' and historian for the first three centuries either clearly stated or never contradicted that Yeshua's ministry was "about one year." p3

The two accurate Passovers are recorded in John:

1. "Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover ..." John 2:23 and
2. "Now before the Feast of Passover ..." John 13:1

The two bogus Passovers are:

1. "after this there was a feast of the Jews ..." John 5:1
This is The Feast of Weeks (aka Shavuot) not Passover. and
2. "Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews was near."
These words are missing from "Greek Manuscript #472, an 11th century manuscript that was originally housed in Constantinople, may be the last in the manuscripts that maintained the accurate rendering of John 6:3-5." p9

I suggest that " a three-and-one-half-year ministry of Messiah was invented by Eusebius, and an additional three-and-one-half-year period was inserted-by-interpretation from the The Acts to give Eusebian dogmas theological credence." p6

Therefore, I conclude that 70 weeks is the correct answer.

Ref: NKJV, The Chronological Gospels, ISBN-13:978-0-9895281-0-8, p 2-9

and rumour and extracts from the gnostic gospels. We know from the bible accounts the place of birth and the circumstances of both Yochanan (John the immerser) and his cousin Yeshua. It is apparent that Yochanan was the one who represented the return of Elijah, preparing the way for God's anointed one (Mashiach). There is around 12 years of Yeshua's early life missing from the bible account, it is not until the time he was taken to the temple in Jerusalem when he was 12 that Yeshua is mentioned again. We can speculate but the trouble with speculation is that it usually breeds fictitious stories, my advice is to steer clear of anything that is extrabiblical and it is most likely to be from the thinking of men rather than inspiration from the Ruach ha'Kodesh.

It is a teaching of Christendom that Jesus ministry lasted for 3 and a half

years, this is not true, this 3.5-year ministry of Jesus was a concoction made up by Eusebius.

With this in mind it would make Yeshua almost 29 years old when he was baptised by Yochanan and the Ruach ha'Kodesh descended upon him in the form of a dove and the voice that declared "This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased". (Matthew 3:16, 17). This event marked the start of Yeshua's earthly ministry. And, like his predecessor Moshe, he came to release the Israelite nation from bondage, but not from physical slavery like Moshe, but bondage from sin and death. (Matthew 15:24).

As his ministry progressed it brought him into increasing conflict with many Pharisaic leaders. Yeshua himself being a Pharisee he knew all the rabbinic belief system and, through the Ruach ha'Kodesh he was able to read the heart condition of the individuals that he met along the way.

Why did the Pharisees Hate Yeshua so much?

As previously mentioned, the Pharisaic (rabbinic) religion had devised their own theology that suited their requirements better than using just the written Torah. They wanted to be separate from the "ordinary" populus in order to elevate themselves in their self-importance. They did this by inventing an extra torah that they insist was given to Moshe along with the written Torah, although there is no record of such in the TaNaKh. They did exactly what Christendom did in the later 2nd century, they made things up!

In fact, they added many extra burdens onto the Jewish people by including their takenote (extra rules and regulations), it is this "Oral" torah that Yeshua exposed and this is the sole reason for venomous hatred for him for he was exposing their false doctrines and threatening their livelihood by teaching the people to obey God rather than men. The oral torah is not based on the true written Torah of Moshe but the teachings and doctrines of men. This is exposed at Matthew 15:9 "*But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men*". The "*doctrines the commandments of men*" meaning the oral torah.

70 weeks later Yeshua gave his life as the lamb of God and his obedience to the Fathers Torah gave mankind the opportunity to receive the promise that was given to Abraham through his precious blood that was sprinkled before the altar of the Most High.

This hatred of Yeshua is still as potent today as it was almost 2000 years ago, when Jews hate they certainly hate with a passion. But if it wasn't for their disbelief the ones from the nations that do truly know that Yeshua is the Mashiach and live their lives in obedience to the written Torah today are able to be "grafted in" to the cultivated Olive tree. (Read: Romans 11:11-24). This is designed to make the Jewish leaders jealous, and it is working. It is my prayer that, Abba opens the eyes and unstops the ears of the non-believers (Yehudim) so the light of the scriptures might shine through and soften their hard hearts and stiff necks so they too might share in the promise that was given to Abraham.

Section 2

The Great Commission

As you can imagine, from the time of the arrest of Yeshua in Gethsemane was a time of great consternation for the followers of Yeshua and, although the eleven disciples had been the closest to the Master Yeshua they were still men, they possessed the same thoughts and emotions as all of us, they were not “superhumans”, most of them were fishermen from the Galilee, an area of less opulence than many other places in the land and the residents were considered to be of a lower standard of education, this disdain was possibly due to the fact that the district was once part of the Northern Kingdom and the people were probably considered by some to be Samaritans which fuelled their loathing, but that is only speculation.

Prior to his arrest, trial and murder Yeshua had explained that, in order to free mankind from the bondage of sin and death he had to offer his perfect life as atonement for sin can only be achieved by the spilling of blood. The disciples, being Torah observant Jews would be aware of the proceedings as they had honoured the Yom Kippur festival at the temple in Jerusalem as instructed by the TaNaKh.

Just before Yeshua ascended to the Father he gave the disciples and all his followers what has come to be known as “The Great Commission” that is recorded in Matthew 28:16-20.

The Great Commission

Matthew 28:16-20 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. ¹⁷And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. ¹⁹Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, *and of the Holy Ghost*: ²⁰Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

It is worthy of note that, in v19 the text “...*and of the Holy Ghost*” is a later interpolation that was inserted in order to give support to the “trinity” doctrine which is widely taught throughout Christendom. Verse 19 is the baptismal formula that most people in the Christian church are baptised with however, when you read and understand the text no one can actually be baptised by using this formula, this is because, following the text, we know the Name of the Father, we also know the name of the Son but, if we are to be baptised in the name of the “Holy Ghost” what actually is his name? I have asked this question many times and no one

has yet revealed the answer to me, they usually give many titles of the Ruach ha’Kodesh but never a name, this is because the actual name of the Ruach ha’Kodesh can not be found anywhere in the bible canon.

It must also be noted that, in these early times the “Clergy” and “Laity” class could not be found and all the followers of Yeshua were given this commission from the Apostles to the followers.

At Shavuot (Pentecost) in 33C.E. the Ruach ha’Kodesh was poured out upon the disciples and followers of Yeshua, this event was made clear by Yeshua when he told his disciples that he would send a “comforter” to assist them in their work concerning the great commission. (John 14:16; 15: 26).

Attention should be focused on the use of the word “he” when referring to the Ruach ha’Kodesh. In Christendom it is accepted that the Ruach ha’Kodesh is an actual person and the third person in the trinity doctrine however, this idea brings into start relief the difference between the Western mindset and the Hebrew mindset, it highlights the erroneous understandings of the context of the

Hebrew thought process compared to that of the Greco-Roman ability to contextually transmit the understanding between the two often opposed theological mindsets. The Greek word for “he” is ἐκεῖνος (ekeinos ^[G1565]). This form of Hebraism is found everywhere in the Bible and it is of little wonder considering that the Bible is the union of the TaNaKh and the Brit ha’Dashah, both of which are Hebrew in origin. We find the same Hebraism in Proverbs 1:20 and 8:1 to 9:12 where “wisdom” is identified as “she”. By using the reasoning that the Ruach ha’Kodesh is a person, we must also accept that wisdom must be likewise a person too, which is absolutely ridiculous.

G1565

ἐκεῖνος ekeinos [ek-i'-nos]

From G1563; that one (or [neuter] thing); often intensified by the article prefixed: - he, it, the other (same), selfsame, that (same, very), X their, X them, they, this, those. See also G3778.

The Gospel message gathers pace.

From the event at Shavuot 33C.E. the Great Commission really started to gather momentum and thousands were baptised into union with the death of Yeshua and reborn as followers of Yeshua. In these early days the gospel was preached mainly to Jewish brothers and sisters including the proselytes. This rapid spread was easily noticed by the religious leaders and it brought about vicious retribution to the followers of Yeshua that were now identified as followers of “The Way”. Among the most zealous persecutors of “The Way” was a Pharisee named “Sha’ul of Tarsus” who was himself a high ranking official of the Sanhedrin. Having studied in the Yeshiva of Gamaliel, the son of Simeon ben Hillel and grandson of the great Jewish teacher Hillel the Elder. And, what we can gather from the Jewish records, Sha’ul of Tarsus was destined to become a member of the prestigious Sanhedrin council himself.

Sha’ul of Tarsus, through ignorance brought about by unquestionable loyalty to the Pharisaic law (oral torah) became the foremost persecutor of the followers of The Way and his name spread fear amongst all Yeshua’s followers. You probably are aware of what happened to Sha’ul on the way to Damascus when Yeshua appeared to him and told him that he had been chosen to become an Apostle of the one he was so zealously fighting against. Can you imagine how the religious leaders reacted when they learned the news that their foremost opposer to this new sect of Judaism had now become a follower of The Way too! Their admiration of Sha’ul of Tarsus soon turned to vitriolic hatred of their onetime hero which is paralleled by the hatred they displayed to Yeshua, and it is still prevalent today in rabbinic Jewish circles. The name of Yeshua and Sha’ul of Tarsus are viewed as an anathema by most Jewish rabbis.

There is little doubt that Sha’ul (referred to by Christendom as Paul), became one of the foremost purveyors of the gospel message and over 60% of the Brit ha’Dashah is attributed to Sha’ul’s writings.

Although Sha’ul became a follower of Yeshua it would be wrong to use the word “conversion” to describe the events that day on the road to Damascus, Sha’ul did not

convert, he was enlightened by the Master himself and his spiritual blindness was removed and he saw the glory of Yeshua. Contrary to popular Christian belief, the Apostle Sha'ul remained a Torah observant Jew, a "Hebrew of Hebrews of the tribe of Benjamin". (Philippians 3:4-6). Everything that that Sha'ul taught was in total harmony with his Master Yeshua, he never once taught against the Torah of Moshe, but, like Yeshua he rejected the oral torah of tradition that formed the basis of the religion of rabbinic Judaism, this is one reason that rabbinic Jews of today teach that Sha'ul "invented" Christianity, they are still sore at him for what, in their eyes, is betrayal.

This energetic and zealous rabbi of Yeshua was executed in Rome at the orders of Emperor Nero in around 64/65 C.E. after the great fire by beheading. Sha'ul was arguably the greatest Apostle after Yeshua although, I feel sure he would disagree with me on that point such was his humility in connection with the gospel message. The Apostle Peter also died around the same time but there is no evidence that Peter was ever in Rome.

Up until the reign of Constantine the Great the followers of Yeshua suffered greatly at the hands of both Jewish and Roman authorities.

In the Brit ha'Dashah, believers never refer to themselves as "Christians"; rather, they use such terms as brethren (Acts 15:1; 1 Corinthians 16:20, NAS), disciples (Acts 11:26; 14:24, NKJV), and saints (Acts 9:13; 2 Corinthians 13:13, ESV). Before his enlightenment, Saul of Tarsus sought out those "who belonged to the Way" (Acts 9:2), indicating that an early label for Christians could have been "people of the Way" (see also Acts 19:9; 24:22).

The followers of Yeshua were first referred to as "Christians" by the Gentiles of Syrian Antioch, and the name was more than likely meant as an insult (see Acts 11:26). Both the Bible and history suggest that the term Christian was probably meant as a mocking insult when it was first coined. Peter actually tells his readers not to be "ashamed" if they are called by that term (1 Peter 4:16). Likewise, when Herod Agrippa rejects Paul's appeal to be saved, he says, "Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?" and he was probably playing off of the negative reputation of that term (Acts 26:28). Why would he, a king, submit to the indignity of being called a "Christian"?

The Decline of the True Gospel

It was prophesied by the Apostles that, when they had fallen asleep in death "ravenous wolves" would infiltrate the flock. This is exactly what happened after the death of the last Apostle John in around 100C.E. at the age of 93.

It is known that Sha'ul and John had started Yeshiva's, schools that taught the gospel message to those who had been gifted with evangelism.

These schools produced the men that became known as the "Ante-Nicene Fathers" and included mostly converts from the gentile (pagan) nations. although seemingly good in theory, but in practice, it was nothing short of a disaster.

Matthew 7:15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

Acts 20:29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

These early Ante-Nicene “fathers” were all gentile converts and, like most people that convert from one way of life to another it usually takes some time and adjustment but, with the persecution that was going on to the new congregations it would have been extremely difficult to minister to the ecclesia. Another problem that they had was more personal, they brought some extra baggage with them from their former way of life. Many of them were Neoplatonists which meant that they were inclined to read the Hebrew Tanakh and Brit ha'Dashah through a Hellenistic Platonic filter. Although some of these Ante-Nicene fathers had received some teachings from the Apostles (mostly John) they suffered from things that all students fall foul of, that is the want to do it “my way” so, when the Apostle John died they were left, as it were, to their own devices and it was not very long after the death of John that syncretism started to appear in the teachings as this was the only thing that these gentile converts were comfortable with because they knew the pagan rituals and they were inclined to “adapt” some things to make them fit into the Hebrew religious cycle and renaming them accordingly.

The Decline of the True Gospel

Enter Quintus Septimius Florens Tertullianus, or Tertullian as he is called in Christendom, he was born in 155C.E. in Carthage and most likely he was the son of a Roman centurion. He was well educated and wrote several books in Greek. In around 198C.E. at the age of 42 he converted to the growing religion of the “Christian” fellowship. And he became a Montanist in around 207C.E.

Tertullian can be accredited with the introduction of what we now identify as Christianity as with him, this new religion started to form its own interpretation of the Hebrew scriptures and leaving the healthy teachings of Yeshua that were taught by the Apostles. From this many new philosophical ideas were drawn from the Neoplatonist elements that found their way into the ecclesia which stirred the growing antisemitism feelings of certain leaders in the second century.

It is not surprising that this slow but steady degeneration was taking place, after all, Peter had prophesied exactly what was happening when he was discussing his brother in Yeshua Sha'ul 2 Peter 3:16 *“As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, **which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction**”*.

We must remember that, unlike the other Apostles Sha'ul was highly educated and a lawyer in the Sanhedrin before he accepted Yeshua as the Mashiach and it is obvious that he would write with a Hebrew lawyer's mindset, this would indeed make his teachings hard to understand to most of the ecclesia that were not studied in law. Have you ever tried deciphering legal letters today? I rest my case! ☺

The Birth of Christendom

The separation between Judaism and this new sect came to a head when Constantine signed the Edict of Milan in 313 when Christianity was finally recognised as the official religion of Rome, this was finalised at the council of Nicaea in 325 when “Christianity” truly left its Hebrew origins and became a separate entity and apart from its Hebrew roots. You would be quite correct in thinking that Yeshua was hijacked from his Israelite family and made into a god of the gentile (pagan) church.

With this new found freedom this new religion wasted no time in formulating doctrines of their own in order to promote this new and increasingly anti-Jewish religion after all, the overseer of this new formation was no less than the pagan Roman emperor Constantine who, quite frankly knew as much about the Hebrew monotheistic religion as I know about thermonuclear dynamics. There is little wonder that the Neoplatonists had a field day in those early formative years.

If you are a Christian whatever your denomination, sect or creed it is a fact that you fall under the category of Christendom, this is the same Christendom that came into existence in the mid-4th century and it is Latin in its makeup and universal in its scope.

The Recognised Religion of the Roman Empire

By the end of the 4th century CE more and more non-Biblical doctrines were added and taught in the newly formed Universal (Catholic) church.

There is not one doctrine in this list that can be found anywhere in God's word the Bible.

There are many, many other practices and doctrines that have been added to the catechism of what we call the "Christian" religion. The Apostle Sha'ul knew that, in the later days, those "unlearned and unstable" spoken of by Peter would deceive the ecclesia inspiring him to write Colossians 2: 6-8. In their ignorance they assumed Yeshua to be literally Almighty God, this could not be further from Biblical truth as we will see. However, they were not the only ones to invent things to add "the traditions of men" to the text of the Bible, the Pharisees that went before them also practiced similar traditions in their fabricated "Oral Torah".

Now we are starting to see the extent of the falsehoods in Christendom, do you really think that Almighty God is happy with all these additions? Think again if you do. (Deuteronomy 4:2; Revelation 22:18,19)

List of the main extrabiblical doctrines that were added to Latin Christendom

1. The pagan trinity doctrine.
 2. The immortal soul.
 3. Eucharist and Transubstantiation.
 4. Mary worship.
 5. Eternal torment in a pagan torture chamber called Hell.
 6. Moving the 7th day Shabbat of the Bible to Sun Day, (Sunday) the venerable day of the sun.
 7. The worship of the pagan "Mother of God" which has its origins in the Mesopotamian worship of Semiramis and Tamuz and similarly the Egyptian Isis and Horus.
 8. Worship of the "Queen of Heaven".
 9. Prayers to dead Saints.
 10. Use of idols and icons in worship.
 11. Purgatory.
 12. The infallibility of the Pope.
 13. The pagan festivals of Christmas (Solis Invicti), Easter (Semiramis), Lent (40-day lament for Tamuz).
 14. All Saints Day (Samhain).
- ... and many, many more.

Colossians 2:6-8 Therefore as you received Messiah Yeshua as Lord, so continue to walk in Him—⁷rooted and built up in Him and established in your faith just as you were taught, overflowing with thankfulness. ⁸See that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men and the basic principles of the world rather than Messiah.

Let us now give Yeshua the stage and let Him tell us, from the Bible who he really is.

Is Yeshua Almighty God or the Son of Almighty God?

By far the best way to unpick the question of who really was Yeshua is to let Yeshua tell us himself through his words as recorded in the Brit ha'Dashah. Contrary to popular belief, you do not need a masters degree in theology or any formal qualification apart from the ability to read, the Ruach ha'Kodesh will do the rest.

There are many scholars that know the Bible and can quote a seemingly endless number of scriptures, rattling them off parrot fashion at the slightest whim whilst they, and many others are proud to announce that they have read the complete Bible from Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21 and it is certainly commendable that they have spent the time in this effort however, there is a difference between knowing and understanding I feel sure you would agree. You can be sure that the adversary also knows the scriptures!

The Bible is not a book, it is in fact a complete library of books and it is not meant to be read like you would read a novel, it is more akin to a handbook or a user's manual, it is the creators handbook for life and although it is far more important it is like a handbook to your washing machine or camera, if you ignore the fine details, you can expect problems, perhaps not right away, but certainly in the future. As a footnote, Almighty God Y_eH°V_aH categorically does not speak in the form of Shakespearian English.

In Christendom it is the general consensus that most of the disciples of Yeshua were uneducated and illiterate country bumpkins from the Galilee. It is known that Andrew and his brother Kefa (Peter), James and his brother John were fishermen from the Galilee but don't be fooled into thinking that these were simple people. At the time of Yeshua fish was one of the main sources of protein and was in much demand. Fishermen in those days would have been reasonably wealthy and literate too both grammatically and mathematically. Matthew was a Roman Tax Collector; it would be rather foolish to assume that he could not read or write in a number of languages and was expert in the field of finance. Like Pharisees, Essenes and Sadducees, Zealots were another religious sect that desired freedom over Roman oppression, they were the "military" wing of Judaism one might say, Simon the Zealot was a highly trained member of this military organisation until he joined Yeshua and the other disciples on their mission. Little is known of Nathaniel, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas and James (Yeshua's cousin) professionally but, from the other disciples we can safely assume that these too were quite well educated in a secular sense.

Whatever the professions were all the disciples were well versed in the TaNaKh (the Hebrew scriptures) as these Pharisees would have been taught in their local yeshivas' (Torah schools) from a very early age and under the guidance of a rabbi, being taught from the two torahs Written (Law of Moshe) and Oral (Law of Tradition) and Yeshua would have undergone the very same process in his early years.

What actually makes up the Bible as we know it today? Don't forget that, in the time of Yeshua there was only one section, the TaNaKh, the Brit ha'Dashah would not be available for around another 100 years so everything that Yeshua taught was directly

from the Hebrew scriptures namely the Torah, Prophets and Writings. (Tora, Nevi'im and Ketuvim in which the word TaNaKh is derived).

Most, if not all Bibles wrongly split the two sections identified as Tanakh and Brit ha'Dashah when they are really different sections of the same Library, they share a symbiotic relationship with each other in that the Brit ha'Dashah (renewed covenant) has its roots in the Tanakh so, in effect the Brit ha'Dashah could not exist without the Tanakh neither can the Tanakh be complete without the Brit ha'Dashah, it would be like reading a novel and, in the instance of the Tanakh, finishing reading several chapters before the end, and in the case of the Brit ha'Dashah, like starting reading the novel three quarters of the way through and expecting to understand the characters and the outcome. But that is what many in the past have done. There are Jews that will not read the Brit ha'Dashah because they have been told by their rabbis that it is a "Christian" book and thus it is heresy to read it whilst some members in Christendom forbid reading of the Tanakh as it is a "Jewish" book and the Jewish laws, religion and people have been replaced by Christianity, this is called replacement theology and is totally against what the whole Bible teaches.

Christendom's View of Jesus (Yeshua).

Since its break from the Hebrew Bible Christendom has sought to distance itself from any form of "Jewishness" and, to them the "Tanakh" is far too Jewish for their doctrines, just as the Brit ha'Dashah is too "Christian" for the rabbinic Jews. This scenario is laughable if it wasn't so serious. In fact, all three monotheistic religions of today, including their denominations and sects are so way off the mark they border on heresy. This is surely the definition of "losing the plot" means!

What Christendom has done to the Hebrew scriptures would have the Hebrews of the King David's day rolling around on the floor in fits of laughter as they attempt to translate the Hebrew thought patterns through their Western Hellenistic mindset, it just won't work that way and if you try, as the translators have done in the past, you will find that there are things in the Hebrew language that really don't translate into English so, what did that do? They made things up to fit their concept of what is meant, which is often incorrect and leads to confusion and error.

Let us look at some of these misunderstandings where things have been made up instead of being based on the true Bible account. Firstly, we will look at the beginning of the gospel of John...

The "Logos" Issue.

One of the most misunderstood portions of scripture contained in the Brit Ha'Dashah is John's prologue to his gospel account. To the uneducated "gentiles" who perceive the Brit Ha'Dashah with a Hellenistic filter will always misunderstand this Jewish Apostle of Yeshua and the Hebrew

John 1:1-4 In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³All things were made through Him, and apart from Him nothing was made that has come into being. ⁴In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

mindset that he and all Yeshua's followers (including the Master Yeshua himself) possessed.

The issue here is the word "Word" which is translated from the Greek "logos" which simply means "spoken word"^(G3056). It is the doctrine of Christendom that the "logos" mentioned at John 1:1 refers to Yeshua, the translators even capitalised the translations to imply a persona to this Greek word. In truth, when we examine the context, we find that the idea that the "logos" refers exclusively to Yeshua cannot be substantiated in the Bible however, Yeshua can be identified as the word of his Father, which sounds quite confusing. The understanding comes when you read these verses in a scriptural context, when we apply this method, we can clearly see that anyone that started the conversation with "thus sayeth the Lord" can be said to be the "logos" of God, people like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moshe, David and all the true prophets can also be rightfully identified as the "logos" for they all spoke by inspiration of Y_eH^oV_aH.

Let us examine what the Apostle John is actually telling us from a contextual perspective. It is quite easy when you put aside the Hellenistic filters and read exegetically from his text in comparison with the Genesis account that he refers to.

John here is introducing the creation account of Genesis 1: 3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24 and 26 where the logos of Almighty God spoke the universe into existence but using the term "*And God said...*". There is certainly no excuse for misunderstanding any of those verses in the Genesis account, it clearly states that it was Almighty God Y_eH^oV_aH alone that created the universe, He is omnipotent, He needs no helpers to accomplish His will, He is "Echad", He shares His Ultimate glory with no one. Let there be no mistake, it is Almighty God alone that possesses the unique ability to speak things into existence.

How good it is to be free from these erroneous dogmas, doctrines and traditions of men, the truth will set you free indeed. John 8:32.

The "I Am" Clause.

One of the most used Biblical scriptures that are misread concerns two scriptures, one in the Brit Ha'Dashah and the other in the TaNaKh, Christianity teaches that Yeshua scripturally identified himself as Almighty God where he was discussing with the religious leaders of his time concerning his identity. This scripture can be found at John 8:58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, **I am**. It is the "I am" that, according to Christian belief, proves that Yeshua was identifying himself as Almighty God when compared with Exodus 3:14 "And God said unto Moses, **I AM THAT I AM**: and he said, thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **I AM** hath sent me unto you." Does comparing these verses actually prove that Yeshua is identifying himself as being Almighty God in person? As always, let us dig a little deeper into scripture in order to substantiate this claim.

John 8:58

Firstly, let us examine Yeshua's words in the Hebrew context. Yeshua was referring to the very first prophesy that God spoke in the garden of Eden where God said to Satan... "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. Genesis 3:15. The seed of the woman mentioned is Yeshua Ha'Mashiach,

In the Hebrew mindset, if Almighty God refers to a person, even if that person does not yet exist, it is understood that the idea exists and, therefore, it is as if the person spoken of actually exists for Almighty God said *"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it"*. (Isaiah 55:11). It is this context that Yeshua was comparing himself to and the religious leaders knew it and this is the reason that they wanted to stone him. (John 8:59).

There is no contextual connection recorded in the Bible that connects John 8:58 with Exodus 3:14. In John 8:58 the Greek "I am" that is used to identify Yeshua as Almighty God is written "ego eimi"^[G1473, G1510], with this in mind, if we examine the scripture at John chapter 9 we read the account of Yeshua healing a blind man on the shabbat which angered the religious leaders, they held an inquiry as to the event in an attempt to incriminate Yeshua for working on the shabbat, they asked the blind man to confirm that it was he that was healed and he replied "**I am** he". (John 9:9). It is important that the "I am" here, uses the same Greek "ego eimi" that Yeshua used at John 8:58. By using the same rule to associate the Greek in both instances we would be correct to identify the healed blind man to be Almighty God also, which is totally ridiculous.

Exodus 3:14, 15

Now let us turn to the scripture at Exodus 3:14. The bulk of chapter 3 is taken up by Moshe (Moses) establishing who he is actually talking to in order to validate his position with the Israelite leaders when he returned to Egypt, in v13 Moshe asked Y_eH^oV_aH "...Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them?" to which He replied in v14 "...I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you". Firstly God replies with a qualification of what He will do to free the Israelite nation from Egyptian bondage by informing Moshe that "I AM THAT I AM" which is a translation from the Hebrew "Ahyah Asher Ahyah" which, in English means "I will be that which I will be" in order to free My people. You do not have to have a PhD in theology to recognise that the "I AM" referred to is not a name but rather a condition. God reveals His Most High Name in the next verse where He says to Moshe "... Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD* [YHVH – Y_eH^oV_aH] God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: **this is my name for ever**, and this is my memorial unto all generations. Exodus 3:15. (The LORD* is used in

replacement for the Divine Name of God [Yod, Hey, Vav, Hey] that is forbidden to be spoken by the Jews).

“I and the Father are One”.

This is the third important issue that we must address in order to properly identify who the Son of God truly is. It is a teaching/doctrine of Christendom that when Yeshua told the religious leaders that *“I and the Father are One”* John 10:30 he was referring to himself being the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in person meaning that Yeshua identified himself as God incarnate. If this is true then it opens the door to many suppositions, for a start it would elevate Yeshua’s human mother Miriam to a position that surpasses her stature as if Yeshua was Almighty God then, by definition, Miriam would be rightly called “Mother of God” as the Catholic (Universal) church believes.

As should always be the case, we must allow the scriptures to interpret themselves, this is called “exegetical” reading where we allow the scriptures to tell us the meaning rather than the “eisegetical” method by which you will have preconceptions of what the scriptures are saying, these preconceptions are read into the scripture in order to make the scripture mean what you want it to mean, this is obviously not the principle we must use when reading God’s word, we MUST let HIM speak to us! With this in mind let us examine what Yeshua was telling those religious leaders when he told them that he and the Father are one.

At this time Yeshua was at the temple during Hannukah, walking along Solomons Porch and he was once again challenged by the religious leaders that were seeking to trap him as an excuse to put him to death. They were struggling to understand the reason for Yeshua’s ministry, they knew from the prophesy spoken by Moshe (Moses) that *“The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;”* (Deuteronomy 18:15). They were aware that this prophet was to come and that they should shema him. With this in mind they wanted Yeshua to tell them verbally that he was the promised Mashiach (anointed one) that Moshe spoke of and Yeshua refused to comply as he knew their motives and heart condition. In all his ministry Yeshua only once identified himself as the Mashiach to one person and that person was a gentile. John 4:25, 26.

Yeshua goes on to tell them about all the miraculous signs that were performed through him by his Father and by his teaching from the written torah of his Father that he spoke in perfect harmony with his words, Yeshua taught that his followers will be obedient to the written torah for this is the measure that identifies righteousness. This led Yeshua to identify himself as being in accord with his Father in matters of divine law and commandments.

Yeshua tells us that he was “sent” by his Father 15 times in the gospel accounts (Matt 10:40; Mark 9:37; Luke 9:48; 10:16; John 4:34; 5:24; 6:38,40;7:33;9:4;12:44,45;13:20;15:21; 16:5). I consider that enough times to realise that he was not the sender but the one being sent and who sent him? His God and ours. *Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father:*

but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.) John 20:17.

John 17:11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, **that they may be one, as we are.**

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

John 17:22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; **that they may be one, even as we are one:**

If we were to take Yeshua's words at John 10:30 as identifying himself to be Almighty God, how do we correlate his words found at John 17:11, 21 and 22?

If we were to assume that Yeshua was telling us that he is Almighty God, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob then, by definition we must also take it that his disciples are God too.

I am sure you will agree with me that this idea is totally absurd as it conflicts with Deuteronomy 6:4. There is only ONE Almighty God and He shares His glory with no one. Isaiah 42:8.

We will discuss the issue of the true identity of Yeshua in greater depth later in this study but this heading shows us, by scripture that when Yeshua told those religious leaders that "I and the Father are one" he was aligning his thoughts and actions with his Father, there are no other "hidden" codes or meanings in this scripture when you read it exegetically, it is what it says it is.

The two examples above are the main proof texts that Christendom uses to identify Yeshua as Almighty God ex persona. This demonstrates the ignorance of the western thought perspective but, in the Hebrew perspective they are only half right, let us now explore the true Biblical identity of Yeshua ha'Mashiach.

Will the Real Yeshua please stand.

When Yeshua tasted the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit. (Joh 19:30). There are many things that happened at that moment, but one of the most significant is the vail in the temple that separated the Holy Place from the Most Holy was torn in two (Matthew 27:51). This event has the most profound significance, why so? The veil in the temple was a constant reminder that sin renders humanity unfit to be in the presence of God. The fact that the sin offering was offered annually and countless other sacrifices repeated daily showed graphically that sin could not truly be atoned for or erased by mere animal sacrifices. Yeshua ha'Mashiach, through his death, has removed the barriers between God and man, and now, through Yeshua as High Priest (Kohen Gadol), we may approach Y_eH^oV_aH with confidence. (Hebrews 4:14-16).

Yeshua has taken the position of King and High Priest, as in the form of **Melchizedek who was the only King AND High Priest of Salem (Jerusalem) in history. And he is the only means by which sinful mankind can approach Y_eH^oV_aH. John 14:6.**

Now you know who Yeshua is and his position, he is indeed our King of Kings but he is also our High Priest (Kohanim Gadol) the only one that qualifies to enter the heavenly Holy of Holies, in the presence of his, and our, heavenly father, not by the blood of sacrificial animals, but once and for all time by his own precious shed blood which is a permanent atonement for our sins.

Furthermore, as King of Kings, Yeshua will fulfil the meaning of Genesis 3:15 when he crushes the serpents (Satan's) head, which is a mortal blow, and rid this universe of his and all the demonic influences and return the earth to the paradise that Y_eH^oV_aH intended it to be. What a glorious victory indeed!

So, logically the answer to the initial question "Is Yeshua (Jesus) Almighty God?" is a resounding NO! and we will see why.

Who really is Yeshua?

If Yeshua is not Almighty God, then this still leaves us with a problem. Clearly Yeshua was certainly not just another person, this is evident by the fruit he produced so, by definition he must have had divine backing as no one could have performed the miraculous signs that he showed us. These credentials are enough for most people to recognise just how special Yeshua is. Even Nicodemus the Pharisaic priest and possibly many other priests, recognised Yeshua as being from Elohim. (John 3:1, 2).

As always, it is better to allow the scriptures to reveal the true identity of Yeshua.

In the brit ha'Dashah Yeshua tells us that he was "sent" from Elohim 37 times, the Greek word used in most cases is Apostolos ^{G652}. The equivalent word in Hebrew is "shlichá". The elephant in the room for those who believe that Yeshua is literally Almighty God is found in Hebrews 3:1,2 where Yeshua is identified as an Apostle (^{G652}) of his Father Y_eH^oV_aH.

Hebrews 3:1-2 KJV Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the **Apostle** and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus; ⁽²⁾ Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in all his house.

In Jewish law, a shaliaḥ (Hebrew: שָׁלִיחַ, [ʃa'liach]; pl. שְׁלִיחִים, sheliḥim [ʃli'chim] or sheliaḥ, literally "emissary" or "messenger") is a legal agent. In practice, "**the shaliaḥ for a person has the same authority as the one who sent him.**" Accordingly, a shaliaḥ performs an act of legal significance for the benefit of the sender, as opposed to him or herself.

As we can see the Hebrew word shlichá reveals that, in a legal sense the one who is "sent" has the total authority of the one that sent him. In this respect Yeshua is Almighty God as Elohim anointed the man named Yeshua as His representative, giving him ALL authority, hence Yeshua became the Mashiach, the anointed of Elohim. Acts 2:22; 1Timothy 2:5.

Mat 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." No further proof is necessary.

Reasoning:

If Yeshua was Almighty God in person, who is the one that would be qualified to give Yeshua 'all power'? Does this statement, in context, imply that there is another that is greater than Almighty God? And, at some period of time Yeshua did not have 'all power' until it was given to him by his Father? (See also Matthew 11:27; Psalm 89:27; Daniel 7:14; Luke 1:32, 33; Luke 10:22; John 3:35; John 5:22 – 27; John 13:3; John 17:2; Acts 2:36; 1 Corinthians 15:27; Ephesians 1:20 - 22; Philippians 2:9 – 11; Hebrews 1:2, 2:8; 1 Peter 3:22; Revelation 11:15, 17:14, 19:16).

Conclusion

In this study we have seen the development of the Christian church and how its roots have been laid from the middle of the 2nd century C.E. and the transition from the teachings of Yeshua and the Apostles during a time of great tribulation until the Emperor Constantine the Great issued the edict of Milan in the February of 313 C.E. that established religious toleration for Christianity within the Roman Empire. The edict of Milan was the outcome of a political agreement concluded in Mediolanum (modern Milan) between the Roman emperors Constantine I and Licinius in February 313. The proclamation, made for the East by Licinius in June 313, granted all person's freedom to worship whatever deity they pleased, assured Christians of legal rights (including the right to organize churches), and directed the prompt return to Christians of confiscated property. This led to Christianity becoming the official religion of the Roman empire from the first counsel of Nicaea in 325 C.E. under the authority of Constantine I.

We have also seen the gradual influx of gentile belief systems under the name of Yeshua and how these gentile rituals leavened the pure dough of the teachings of the Master Yeshua as prophesied. It is by this means that Yeshua actually became Almighty God in the flesh which is absolutely not a Bible teaching.

Remember, no one has seen Almighty God at any time (John 1:18), if any human were in the actual presence of Almighty God they would be instantly dead for Y_eH^oV_aH is the very epitome of pureness, so pure in fact that, on Yom Kippur each year the Kohem Gadol (High Priest) entered the Holy of Holies with a rope tied round his waist in order that, if he had not cleansed himself properly he would perish and his body would be recovered by pulling his corpse out to the Holy of Holies. This is the reason for the messengers (angels) that conveyed Yehovah's words to the prophets and others like Zechariah, Joseph, Miriam (Mary) and others.

So, in answer the title of this booklet the REAL Yeshua can now stand up. It can be rightly said that Yeshua was indeed Almighty God in the flesh but not in the understanding that "...***All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me***" (Matthew 28:18 [emphasis mine]) which indicates that Yeshua had all the power of His Father YeHoVaH but Yeshua was not His Father but the image of His Father's Glory. (Hebrews 1:1-14).

Appendix A

Yeshua was sent by His Father

1. **Matthew 10:40** He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that **sent me**.
2. **Mark 9:37** Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that **sent me**.
3. **Luke 4:18** The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath **sent me** to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,
4. **Luke 9:48** And said unto them, Whosoever shall receive this child in my name receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me receiveth him that **sent me**: for he that is least among you all, the same shall be great.
5. **Luke 10:16** He that heareth you heareth me; and he that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that **sent me**.
6. **John 4:34** Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that **sent me**, and to finish his work.
7. **John 5:24** Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that **sent me**, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.
8. **John 5:30** I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath **sent me**.
9. **John 5:36** But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath **sent me**.
10. **John 5:37** And the Father himself, which hath **sent me**, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.
11. **John 6:38** For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that **sent me**.
12. **John 6:39** And this is the Father's will which hath **sent me**, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.
13. **John 6:40** And this is the will of him that **sent me**, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.
14. **John 6:44** No man can come to me, except the Father which hath **sent me** draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.
15. **John 6:57** As the living Father hath **sent me**, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.
16. **John 7:16** Jesus answered them, and said, "My doctrine is not mine, but his that **sent me**".
17. **John 7:28** Then cried Jesus in the temple as he taught, saying, Ye both know me, and ye know whence I am: and I am not come of myself, but he that **sent me** is true, whom ye know not.
18. **John 7:29** But I know him: for I am from him, and he hath **sent me**.
19. **John 7:33** Then said Jesus unto them, Yet a little while am I with you, and then I go unto him that **sent me**.
20. **John 8:16** And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that **sent me**.
21. **John 8:18** I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that **sent me** beareth witness of me.
22. **John 8:26** I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that **sent me** is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him.

23. **John 8:29** And he that **sent me** is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.
24. **John 8:42** Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he **sent me**.
25. **John 9:4** I must work the works of him that **sent me**, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.
26. **John 11:42** And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast **sent me**.
27. **John 12:44** Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that **sent me**.
28. **John 12:45** And he that seeth me seeth him that **sent me**.
29. **John 12:49** For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which **sent me**, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.
30. **John 13:20** Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that **sent me**.
31. **John 14:24** He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which **sent me**.
32. **John 15:21** But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that **sent me**.
33. **John 16:5** But now I go my way to him that **sent me**; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou?
34. **John 17:18** As thou hast **sent me** into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.
35. **John 17:21** That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast **sent me**.
36. **John 17:23** I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast **sent me**, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.
37. **John 17:25** O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast **sent me**.
38. **John 20:21** Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath **sent me**, even so send I you.

GLOSSARY

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YHVH [יהוה] • Yehoshua (Yeshua) • Ruach Ha’Kodesh • Kohen Gadol • Shaúl • Israel • Gentile • Tanakh • B’rit HaDashah • Torah • Oral Torah • Gospel • Christendom • Apostolic Fathers | <p>The personal Name of Almighty God. Y_eH^oV_aH.</p> <p>The personal name of Almighty God’s son. (Modern: Jesus).</p> <p>Yehovah’s motive force. (Holy Spirit).</p> <p>High Priest.</p> <p>Saul (Paul).</p> <p>The nation comprising the 12 tribes of Jacob (Israel) including people of the nations grafted into Israel.</p> <p>Any person that does not follow the Abrahamic Religion (Pagan).</p> <p>The books of the Hebrew scriptures. (Old Testament).</p> <p>The Renewed Covenant. (New Testament)</p> <p>The instructions or laws given to the Israelite Nation by Yehovah to Moses.</p> <p>The additional instructions added by the Pharisaic (Rabbinic) Jews which form the basis of the Mishnah, Talmud, Gemara and other Jewish religious Books.</p> <p>Good News.</p> <p>All religions that profess belief in Jesus Christ.</p> <p>The group of gentiles that directed the formation of the early church after the last apostle (John) died.</p> |
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