

Jehovah Revealed

The Name

According to Jews it is blasphemous to sing "GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH," based on a false interpretation of Leviticus 24:16 "anyone who blasphemes the name of the LORD must be put to death." It is incredible to think that people singing praises to God could be accused of blasphemy and even put to death for saying the name Jehovah. It was the same when reading Scripture, they replaced the name Jehovah with the word Adonai and they wrote YHWH instead of Jehovah. This manipulation of God's name seems blasphemous in itself and many people would object to a similar manipulation of their own name never mind God who when asked his name by Moses replied "I AM THAT I AM."

God Revealed

God is described as being Omniscient, Omnipotent and Omnipresent. We are all familiar with metamorphosis and mutation and the Bible speaks of transfiguration which is the same. At the beginning of John's Gospel we read, "In the beginning was the Word: and the Word was with God: and the Word was God." Today we understand about DNA code which is written in text form and we are told this is how life began, if this is the case then Almighty God, the creator of heaven and earth with whom all things are possible would have no difficulty revealing himself to his people in fire and cloud as he led the Israelite nation through the wilderness and as he appeared to Daniel where we read "the form of the fourth man is like the **Son of God**" Dan 3:25. Notice the "Son of God" is revealed in the Old Testament.

The Latin word 'persona' means for one person to take on a different role or appearance which is what is being described here the same with One God in all his aspects which are three or triune. In the New Testament Jesus "appeared in another form to two men as they walked" Mar 16:12 and in Phl 2:6 we read about Jesus, "Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men.

The Coming of the Messiah Prophesied

In Jeremiah chapter 31 we read, "Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them," declares the LORD. "But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the LORD, "I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. "They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares the LORD, "for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

They already knew from Daniel 7:13 that the Son of man who was the Ancient of Days and obviously not a created being, was to have everlasting dominion that would not pass away, neither would it be destroyed and all people, nations, and languages would serve him in glory. The sign of the Messiah would be a virgin who would conceive and bear a son whose name would be Immanuel. (Isa 7:13) The government would be upon his shoulder and he would be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (Isa 9:6)

The First Christians

Matthew who was a Jew himself tells us that a new age had begun with Jesus. The first people to accept Christ and follow his teaching were Jews themselves who knew well the

Old Testament prophecies regarding the coming Messiah. Matthew in his gospel says "The 'kingdom of heaven' is at hand" which is an often repeated phrase about the salvation and redeeming work of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Old Testament era had ended and a new work begun with the coming of Jesus who for the second time revealed himself to mankind as He had revealed himself many years earlier to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and the prophets for as we read in 1Jn 5:7 "There are Three who give testimony in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost. And these three are one."

When the Jews began to believe in Jesus they did not meet a new God, they simply came to know God in a new and very real way. Neither did they abandon their Jewishness, but they became 'complete' Jews who realised that God's promises had been fulfilled in Jesus.

The important message of Matthews Gospel is that Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies and Matthew shows this when he points to events in Jesus' life and then points back to the Old Testament and writes, "Then was fulfilled that which was spoken through the prophet, saying..."

For example in Micah 5:2 we read, "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." (Notice the word "everlasting" in some translations it is eternal. This is in reference to Jesus.

"Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of every creature: for in him (Jesus) were all things created in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers. All things were created by him and in him. And he is before all: and by him all things consist. Col 1:15-17 (Notice: Jesus is the creator and not a created being)

Interestingly King David was born in Bethlehem also. "Now David was the son of that Ephrathite of Bethlehem-Judah whose name was Jesse" 1Sa 17:12

The Jewish elements of the Gospels are unmistakable. Jesus is a Jew born of a Jewish mother. His family tree cannot be separated from the history of Israel and Jews can identify with Jesus' relationship to the Law and the Jewish tradition. Jesus said that he had not come to abolish the Law and the prophets but to fulfil them (Matt 5:17-20).

Jesus interpreted the Law with divine authority-"You have heard that it was said... but I say to you...etc, etc." Jesus also criticized the religious leaders for putting their tradition above God's commandments and it seems likely that Matthew's Gospel was written in an environment where Jewish and Gentile Christians belonged to the same church, but with Jews being in the majority.

Jesus the Saviour

The name Jesus which means "Jehovah is salvation" is from the Latin form of the Greek Iesous (Jesus) which in turn is the transliteration of the Hebrew Jeshua, Joshua, Jehoshua. Source <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/08374x.htm>

In the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel we are shown the saving grace of Jesus through his name which means he is to save his people from their sins (Matt 1:21). Immanuel means "God is with us" and the obedience Jesus requires is the same as the obedience that was required by Jehovah under the Old Covenant. It is this obedience to Jehovah that enables us to become a 'Child of God' but it was not until after the death and resurrection that people fully realised just who he was, what his death had accomplished and what Jesus meant when he said at the last supper, "the cup was the new covenant, in his blood."

The Israelites knew Almighty God as Jehovah and now in the New Covenant we read in

Matthew 1:21 that the name of Jesus has salvific implications according to the angel who said to Joseph: "you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" and if we think back to the Old Testament we are reminded of Isaiah's prophecy in chapter 7:14 that says: "they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us"

Many Christian hymns have been written about Jehovah including the well-known hymn, "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" whose wisdom is spoken of in 1 Corinthians 1:24 "But to those called by God to salvation, both Jews and Gentiles, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Jesus is Jehovah

When the Greek word kurios is used in connection with the LORD Jesus Christ it means Jesus is Jehovah and we see this in the following verses from the Aramaic which along with Greek is the language of the New Testament. The name Jehovah continues on into the New Testament alongside the name of Jesus for He is God on earth. The following verses are from the Aramaic Bible in Plain English.

And there are three who give testimony in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost. And these three are one. 1 John 5:7

In 1 Cor 8:5-6 we read, "For even though there are many what are called gods, whether in the Heavens or in The Earth, as there are many gods and many lords, To us, ours is one God The Father, for all things are from him and we are in him, and The One **LORD JEHOVAH Yeshua** The Messiah, for all things are by him, and we are also in his hand.

"For the word which he sent to the children of Israel and announced good news of peace and tranquillity to them by Yeshua The Messiah, (**This One is LORD JEHOVAH of all**)."
Acts 10:36

That in The Name of Yeshua (Jesus), every knee shall bow, which is in Heaven and in The Earth and which is under The Earth, and every tongue shall confess that Yeshua The Messiah is **THE LORD JEHOVAH** to the glory of God his Father. Phil 2:10-11.

The Spirit of God

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters." Gen 1:1-2

1Sa 19:20 Then Saul sent messengers to take David; and they saw a company of prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as president over them; and the Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied.

2Ch 15:1 And the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded. And he went out to meet Asa, and said to him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin: Jehovah is with you while ye are with him; and if ye seek him he will be found of you, but if ye forsake him he will forsake you.

2Ch 24:20 And the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest; and he stood up above the people and said unto them, Thus saith God: Wherefore do ye transgress the commandments of Jehovah?

One God

These scriptures show that Jesus and Jehovah are one and the same, the brown text is from the Old Testament and green from the New Covenant. When we consider the 'Spirit of God' (Gen 1:2) we see three-in-one. The Spirit, Jehovah, Jesus who are One God.

Of old Thou didst found the earth; and the heavens are the work of Thy hands." Psalm 102:25" And, "Thou, Lord, in the beginning didst lay the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the works of Thy hands." Heb. 1:10,

"I have sworn by Myself, The word has gone forth from My mouth in righteousness and will not turn back, That to Me every knee will bow, every tongue will swear allegiance." Isaiah 45:23 "that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Phil. 2:10-11

"For the LORD your God is the God of all gods, the LORD of all lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who does not show favoritism or take bribes." Deut 10:17. "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Gal 3:28

"The LORD has made proclamation to the ends of the earth: "Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'See, your Savior comes! See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.'" Isaiah 62:11 "Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey.'" Matthew 21:5

"This is what the LORD says--Israel's King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God." Isaiah 44:6 "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. Rev. 22:12-14.

"O Israel, hope in the Lord; for with the Lord there is loving-kindness, and with Him is abundant redemption. And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities." Psalm 130:7-8, "who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds." Titus 2:14. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, Luke 1 68

"And I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him, like the bitter weeping over a firstborn. Zech. 12:10, "Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. Even so. Amen." Rev. 1:7.

"And it will come about that whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be delivered; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be those who escape, as the Lord has said, even among the survivors whom the Lord calls." Joel 2:32 "For 'Whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved.'"Rom. 10:13

The Coming of Christ Rev 19:11-16

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the winepress of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

Jesus is God in the Flesh

Reading about the attributes of Jesus we discover:-

all The Fullness of The Deity dwells in him bodily. Col 2:9

Yeshua The Messiah; He is yesterday, today and forever. Heb 13:9

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory. (1 Tim 3:16.)

Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: 1John 4:2

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people. Luke 1:68

God revealed himself first to the Israelites and then to the rest of the world through Jesus who is spoken of as the Son of Mary, Son of David, Son of Man and Son of God and although the body of Jesus was fully human through the power of Creator God who created the heaven and the earth we need to remember that "Son of man" is a Hebrew idiom that applies to mankind generally. (Source: Jewish Encyclopedia)

We read in John 1:14 "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." Because Jesus is eternal God who became man He was able to redeem mankind from the first Adam to the last Adam and was able to take away the sins of the whole world. His Grace is all encompassing.

As Gleason Archer explains, God had to become one of us in order to redeem us from the guilt and penalty of our sin. God as God could not forgive us our sins unless our sins were fully paid for; otherwise He would have been a condoner and protector of the violation of His own holy law. It was only as a man that God in Christ could furnish satisfaction sufficient to atone for the sins of mankind; for only a man, a true human being, could properly represent the human race.

But at the same time our Redeemer had to be God, for only God could furnish a sacrifice of infinite value, to compensate for the penalty of eternal hell that our sin demands according to the righteous claims of divine justice. Only God could have devised a way of salvation that made it possible for Him to remain Just and at the same time become the Justifier of the ungodly and instead of sending them to the everlasting perdition they deserved it was the perfect Man who was also infinite God that furnished an effectual sacrifice for all believers of every age.

The theme throughout the whole Bible is of ONE omnipresent God in heaven and on earth who revealed himself to us and whose Spirit is present with us today for those who seek him in their heart.

1 Corinthians 15:52 tells us we will be changed, "In a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed."

Jesus said "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am he, you will indeed die in your sins." John 8:24

And also "Jesus said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? But he spake of the temple of his body." John 2:19-21

Jesus obviously had to exist outside his own body to raise himself from the dead and that

is who the Father is. He is our Heavenly Father the great creator who made himself known to us in the form of man on earth, while all the time, because God is omnipresent, he was Jehovah God in heaven.