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This article explores the evidence for a multipersonal God within the story of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Genesis 19:23-24

23 The sun had risen on the earth when Lot came to Zoar. 24 Then the LORD rained on Sodom and Gomorrah sulfur and fire from the LORD out of heaven.

Is this a Hebrew idiom or are these 2 distinct persons being identified as Jehovah?

Let's see.

1 Kings 8:1

1 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the fathers' houses of the people of Israel, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion.

Solomon gathered the Israelites to King Solomon. No one would assume there are two Solomons. This is simply a Hebrew idiomatic way to say that Solomon gathered the people to himself.

1 Samuel 20:12-13

12 And Jonathan said to David, "The LORD, the God of Israel, be witness! When I have sounded out my father, about this time tomorrow, or the third day, behold, if he is well disposed toward David, shall I not then send and disclose it to you? 13 But should it please my father to do you harm, the LORD do so to Jonathan and more also if I do not disclose it to you and send you away, that you may go in safety. May the LORD be with you, as he has been with my father.

Jonathan refers to himself as "I" and "Jonathan" in the third person, but no one would argue that there are two Jonathans.

1 Samuel 25:21-22

21 Now David had said, "Surely in vain have I guarded all that this fellow has in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that belonged to him, and he has returned me evil for good. 22 God do so to the enemies of David and more also, if by morning I leave so much as one male of all who belong to him."

David refers to David in the third person even though he's talking about himself. He is referring to himself as David, why not say "to my enemies"?

Does this prove that Genesis 19:24 doesn't show that there are multiple persons identified as Jehovah? No. Here's why.

Genesis 18:1-3

1 And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. 2 He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth 3 and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant.

Three MEN. Three of them. They are appearing as human form and shape, and you would think they were actual human beings.

Genesis 18:4

4 Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, 5 while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said."

They were not human by nature, but they have human bodies and human shape and they are so real and tangible that when you touch their bodies it feels physical and even their feet could be washed by water.

Genesis 18:8

8 Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They did not take on human nature, but their form was so real that they even ate human food. They didn't take on human flesh, but they took the form.

Who is Jehovah? It is at least one of these three men, but the text shows us that it is more than one of the men who is Jehovah.

Genesis 18:20-21

20 Then the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, 21 I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know."

Who will go down? Jehovah. Jehovah will go down.

Genesis 18:22-26

22 So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. 23 Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? 24 Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? 25 Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” 26 And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

Who will go down? Jehovah. Who goes down? Two men. Who stays with Abraham? The Lord Jehovah. So at LEAST one of these men if not all three of these men are Jehovah the Judge of all the Earth. He had no doubt that he was speaking to his Lord, as he intercedes for the righteous to be spared.

Genesis 18:33

33 And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

There is no doubt this is taking place on Earth at a specific location and at a specific spot. Where is Jehovah going? Read verse 21, “I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.” You cannot escape that Jehovah is going down to Sodom.

At LEAST of the men is Jehovah. This is the majority position. Jehovah is on earth, eats human food, has his feet washed, he is here in HUMAN FORM, not nature, but as a human bodily form. He is now going to appear at another location. Jehovah is on Earth.

Genesis 19:24

24 Then the LORD rained on Sodom and Gomorrah sulfur and fire from the LORD out of heaven.

This is not parallel to the verses people use to say this verse is an idiom where it is clear that there is only one Solomon and one David and one Jonathan. This is not speaking in the third person. Here you have a Jehovah in heaven and a Jehovah on earth raining fire from that Jehovah out of heaven.

Genesis 19:25-27

25 And he overthrew those cities, and all the valley, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground. 26 But Lot's wife, behind him, looked back, and she became a pillar of salt. 27 And Abraham went early in the morning to the place where he had stood before the LORD.

This is irrefutable proof. This took place on Earth, where Abraham stood before the Lord. This Jehovah was on Earth, Abraham was not in heaven, and there was another Jehovah in heaven.

Genesis 19:28-29

28 And he looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah and toward all the land of the valley, and he looked and, behold, the smoke of the land went up like the smoke of a furnace.

29 So it was that, when God destroyed the cities of the valley, God remembered Abraham and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow when he overthrew the cities in which Lot had lived.

We are told explicitly that we have Jehovah on Earth and another Jehovah in heaven at the same time.

Let's explore some times we have God talking in a way that sounds like he is speaking in the third person, but he isn't.

Here is an example of a third-person moment:

John 17:3

3 And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

Jesus refers to himself in the third person.

These next examples are not that. These show god referring to another who is God destroying Sodom and Gomorrah.

Amos 4:11

"I overthrew some of you,
as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah,
and you were as a brand plucked out of the burning;
yet you did not return to me,"
declares the LORD.

This is God saying what he did to Sodom and Gamorrah. He said HE overthrew them as GOD overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. ONE Jehovah overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah by the OTHER Jehovah out of heaven. This is not a 3rd person situation. He doesn't say "I overthrew

you as I overthrew Sodom” he says “I overthrew you as GOD overthrew Sodom”, so he is speaking of Sodom & Gomorrah as being destroyed by someone else who is God.

Jeremiah 50:40

40 As when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighboring cities, declares the LORD, so no man shall dwell there, and no son of man shall sojourn in her.

God again mentions it as being destroyed by someone else who is God. He doesn't say God. Why doesn't he say “as when I overthrew”? This is clearly God referring to another person who is also God who destroyed the cities. He does not say it was another God, but it was the same God, however that person who is God is distinct from the God who is speaking.

Isaiah 13:17-19

17 Behold, I am stirring up the Medes against them,
who have no regard for silver
and do not delight in gold.

18 Their bows will slaughter the young men;
they will have no mercy on the fruit of the womb;
their eyes will not pity children.

19 And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms,
the splendor and pomp of the Chaldeans,
will be like Sodom and Gomorrah
when God overthrew them.

Who will stir up the Medes? God. When God stirs up those people to carry out their evil intents within their hearts, nothing will withhold them from destroying the Babylonians. God is removing the constraint on their hearts and they will be unleashed on the Babylonians. This is God speaking. God then says it will be like when GOD destroyed the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. He is not referring to himself in the third person. This CANNOT be third person. We have ALREADY PROVED that there was a Jehovah on EARTH and a Jehovah in HEAVEN from which the Jehovah on Earth rained fire and brimstone from.

God is speaking of another person who is God who destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah. There was a Jehovah in heaven, and a Jehovah on earth. One Jehovah employed the other Jehovah to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah, therefore, Genesis 19:23-24 is NOT a Hebrew idiom, but it is in fact proof of the trinity and the multiple persons that make up Jehovah.

