# Main Key of the Bible

# Christ's Role in the Bible

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## 1. The Old Testament

### Introduction:

The role of Christ in the Old Testament is found first from scripture given to us in the New Testament. In order to gain a proper understanding one must go back and use Hebrew words rather that the standard words used in English translations. First the word for God was translated from the Hebrew word Elohim. This word has multiple meanings and use, sometimes it refers to the Father, other times to the Son and other times to the head of a tribe or a leader or person of importance. As an example we will use John 1:1, comparing the King James Version (KJV) with The Scriptures Bible (TS). Note that even the Scriptures Bible has not recognized Christ's role throughout the Old Testament, as it attributes the actions and words spoken directly to the Father rather than to Christ.

The English word Christ is Christos in Greek and means Messiah or anointed one. The name given to the Messiah was Jesus as translated in English, which is Yeshua in Hebrew. Yeshua means "He shall save".

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.(KJV)

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim, and the Word was Elohim. (TS)

Note that there are major differences in using Strong's Concordance for the same word in Hebrew and in Greek. Thus God in the New Testament is G2316, meaning "Theos", while God in the Old Testament is H430, meaning "Elohim". To gain an understanding as to the meaning of these words one must go beyond Strong and use the Hebrew as well as the Greek Lexicons. Without using these other reference materials, one cannot come to a proper understanding of the meaning of specific words. The word God are equated together in Joh 10:34 and Psa 82:6, then using the Hebrew definition of Elohim one learns the term has a wide range of meanings and must be looked at in context to it's use in each particular scripture.

From the comparison of scripture in Joh 1:1 it is really saying that the "Word" was with the Father and the "Word" was a mighty one, or in this case the Son. Later one can learn that from other scriptures that it says the mighty one was really Christ. This will be shown later.

Another example that is confusing using regular English translations is from Psalms 45:7, where a comparison is again made between KJV and TS.

Psa 45:7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. (KJV)

Psa 45:7 You have loved righteousness and hated wrongness; <sup>a</sup> Therefore Elohim, Your Elohim, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions. Footnote: <sup>a</sup>Quoted in Heb 1:8-9 where the Greek text has *lawlessness* instead of *wrongness*. (TS)

The above is saying that the Son is being anointed by the Father, not that God is anointing Himself.

Therefore to gain a deeper understanding this document will use scripture taken from "The Scriptures Bible". This Bible is assembled by The Scriptures Research Institute and strives to give the most accurate interpretation possible in the translation. Every Bible, even the Scriptures Bible, has mistakes.

Recognize that context is everything in understanding scripture and needs to also be used with logic for obtaining understanding.

# **Information tying Christ to the Old Testament:**

The following scriptures tell us the identity of Christ. First from John He was the Word.

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim, and the Word was Elohim.

Joh 1:2 He was in the beginning with Elohim.

Joh 1:3 All came to be through Him,<sup>a</sup> and without Him not even one came to be that came to be. Footnote: <sup>a</sup> Eph 3:9, Col 1:16, Heb 1:2, Heb 11:3, 2Pe 3:5, Psa 33:6.

Joh 1:4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

Joh 1:5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

The above scriptures tell us the Word was with the Father in the beginning, and that everything was made by the Word. He was life and was the light. It is important to follow upon the scripture references given in Joh 1:3 above as they give more understanding.

Eph 3:9 and to make all see how this secret is administered, which for ages past has been hidden in Elohim who created all through יהושע (Yeshua) Messiah

Heb 1:2 has in these last days spoken to us by the Son, whom He has appointed heir of all, through whom also He made the ages

Heb 11:3 By belief, we understand that the ages were prepared by the word of Elohim, so that what is seen was not made of what is visible.

2Pe 3:5 For they choose to have this hidden from them: that the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by the Word of Elohim

Psa 33:6 By the Word of יהוה (The Father) the heavens were made, And all their host by the Spirit of His mouth

All of the above referenced scripture tells us that the Word made all the heavens and earth out of nothing as well as making all the hosts by the spirit of His mouth. Up to the point of Yeshua, coming to earth as a man, the Father kept all of this hidden from man.

We are told that Christ can do whatever the Father shows Him.

Joh 5:19 Therefore יהושע responded and said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son is able to do none at all by Himself, but only that which He sees the Father doing, because whatever He does, the Son also likewise does.

#### The following refers to the Word or Yeshua as the light.

Joh 1:9 He was the true Light, which enlightens every man, coming into the world.

Joh 1:10 He was in the world, and the world came to be through Him, and the world did not know Him.

Joh 1:11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

Joh 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the authority to become children of Elohim, to those believing in His Name,

Again the above tells us the world came to be as a result of the Word, and the world did not know him, and the men that He created did not receive Him. But those that believed in Him were given authority to become the children of the Father.

Joh 1:14 And the Word became flesh and pitched His tent among us, and we saw His esteem, esteem as of an only brought-forth of a father, complete in favour and truth.

The above tells us the Word became flesh and walked among us, and walked in favour and in truth. He was brought forth of a father.

Joh 1:16 And out of His completeness we all did receive, and favour upon favour, Joh 1:17 for the Torah was given through Mosheh – the favour and the truth came through Messiah.

Joh 1:18 No one has ever seen Elohim. The only brought-forth Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He did declare. Footnote: b Joh 5:37, Joh 6:46, 1Jn 4:12.

Now the scripture is clear in defining the Word as becoming flesh as Yeshua Messiah, Jesus Christ, who is the only brought forth Son of the Father. We are also told that only the Son has seen the Father.

Again we need to follow up and examine the reference scriptures attached to Joh 1:18.

Joh 5:36 "But I have a greater witness than that of Yoḥanan, for the works that the Father gave Me to accomplish, the works that I do, bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me. Joh 5:37 "And the Father who sent Me, He bore witness of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form.

The witness referred to is John the Baptist, Yohanan, and we are told that Yeshua was sent by the Father. Again it is reinforced that no one has either heard or seen the Father, only the Son knows Him.

Joh 6:46 "Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from Elohim – He has seen the Father.

Further we are again told that no one has seen the Father except for He who is from the Father, being that of the Son.

1Jn 4:12 No one has seen Elohim at any time. If we love one another, Elohim does stay in us, and His love has been perfected in us.

Once more the same is told to us, that no one on earth has at any time seen the Father. This makes a total of four times that we are told that no man has ever seen the Father and one of

these scriptures also tells us that no one has heard the Father. The more times the Bible says the same thing, the more important it becomes. From this recognize that Moses did not see the back of the Father, but rather he saw the back of Yeshua that passed by him as he was in the clift of the rock on the mountain.

Next consider the following in John.

Joh 17:3 "And this is everlasting life, that they should know You, the only true Elohim, and Messiah whom You have sent.

Joh 17:4 "I have esteemed You on the earth, having accomplished the work You have given Me that I should do.

Joh 17:5 "And now, esteem Me with Yourself, Father, with the esteem which I had with You before the world was.

The above scripture tells us that the Father sent the Son and the Son carried out the work that the Father sent him to do. Yeshua asks the Father to glorify Him now that He had finished accomplishing the work that the Father sent Him to do. Yeshua asks for the glory He had when he was with the Father before the world came to be, and before He came down to earth as a man.

Joh 17:24 "Father, I desire that those whom You have given Me, might be with Me where I am, so that they see My esteem which You have given Me, because You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

Joh 17:25 "O righteous Father, indeed the world did not know You, but I knew You, and these knew that You sent Me.

Further Yeshua tells us the Father loved him before the foundation of the world and that Yeshua knew the Father before the world and before Yeshua was sent down to earth.

Yeshua is in the form of the Father and when He was with the Father he emptied Himself so that He could come down to earth as a man.

Php 2:6 who, being in the form of Elohim, did not regard equality with Elohim a matter to be grasped,

Php 2:7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, and came to be in the likeness of men.

Php 2:8 And having been found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, death even of a stake.

Joh 6:38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

Joh 7:29 But I know him: for I am from him, and he hath sent me.

Joh 8:38 I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.

Joh 3:13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, *even* the Son of man which is in heaven.

Yeshua took the form of a servant, He humbled Himself and was obedient to the Father, even to that of death. We are also told by Yeshua that He came down from heaven to do the will of the Father and that Yeshua is from The Father and the Father sent Him. Yeshua tells us that what He speaks is what He has seen with His Father. Yeshua tells us that He came down from heaven, He was before He came to earth the Son in heaven.

Joh 6:32 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, Verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.

Joh 6:33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

Joh 6:34 Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.

Joh 6:35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

Joh 6:50 This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

Joh 6:51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

\*Joh 6:58 This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

Further we are told that Yeshua is the bread that came down from heaven.

Joh 16:28 I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.

Yeshua tells us He came forth from the Father and came into the world, and now He leaves the world to go to the Father.

Joh 8:58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

#### The clearest statement from Yeshua is that before Abraham was, I Am.

1Co 15:46 Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

1Co 15:47 The first man *is* of the earth, earthy: the second man *is* the Lord from heaven.

1Co 15:48 As *is* the earthy, such *are* they also that are earthy: and as *is* the heavenly, such *are* they also that are heavenly.

1Co 15:49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

The first man was Adam, the second man is Yeshua, the Lord from heaven. The difference between the spiritual and the earthly is explained.

### In First Corinthians we are given further information on Yeshua in the Old Testament.

1Co 10:1 For I do not wish you to be ignorant, brothers, that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea,

1Co 10:2 and all were immersed into Mosheh in the cloud and in the sea,

1Co 10:3 and all ate the same spiritual food,

1Co 10:4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed, and the Rock was Messiah

The Cloud and the Spiritual Rock that followed the Israelites out of Egypt and through the desert was the Messiah, or Christ. The Spiritual Rock was the Rock that gave flowing water and it followed them throughout their journey of 40 years. The Cloud and the Fire was also that of the Messiah, it was not that of the Father.

In the following from Hebrews we are told that in the wilderness the Israelites tried Christ and provoked Him.

Heb 3:8 do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, in the day of trial in the wilderness,

Heb 3:9 where your fathers tried Me, proved Me, and saw My works forty years. Heb 3:10 "Therefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, 'They always go astray in their heart, and they have not known My ways.'

Yeshua when speaking to many of His disciples who found His sayings too difficult and were leaving tells them the following.

Joh 6:60 Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard *this* said, "This is a difficult statement: who can listen to it?"

Joh 6:61 But Jesus, conscious that His disciples grumbled at this, said to them, "Does this cause you to stumble?

Joh 6:62 "What then if you see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before?

The above statement made by Yeshua is very clear, He was in heaven before He came down to earth.

Consider the following from Exodus first on the Cloud and the Fire.

Exo 14:19 And the Messenger of Elohim, who went before the camp of Yisra'ěl, moved and went behind them. And the column of cloud went from before them and stood behind them,

Exo 13:21 And יהוה went before them by day in a column of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a column of fire to give them light, so as to go by day and night.

**Exo 13:22** The column of cloud did not cease by day, nor the column of fire by night, before the people.

Exo 24:15 And Mosheh went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain.

Exo 33:9 And it came to be, when Mosheh entered the Tent, that the column of cloud descended and stood at the door of the Tent, and He spoke with Mosheh.

Exo 33:22 "And it shall be, while My esteem passes by, that I shall put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand while I pass by.

Exo 33:23 "Then I shall take away My hand and you shall see My back, but My face shall not be seen."

Exo 40:36 And when the cloud was taken up from above the Dwelling Place, the children of Yisra'ěl went onward in all their journeys.

Exo 40:37 But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up.

Exo 40:38 For the cloud of יהוה was on the Dwelling Place by day, and fire was on it by night, before the eyes of all the house of Yisra'ĕl, in all their journeys.

Second consider the Rock from Exodus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

Exo 17:6 "See, I am standing before you there on the rock in Ḥoreˇb. And you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people shall drink." And Mosheh did so before the

eves of the elders of Yisra'ěl.

Num 20:8 "Take the rod and assemble the congregation, you and your brother Aharon. And you shall speak to the rock before their eyes, and it shall give its water. And you shall bring water for them out of the rock and give drink to the congregation and their livestock."

Deu 32:3 "For I proclaim the Name of יהוה, Ascribe greatness to our Elohim.

Deu 32:4 "The Rock! His work is perfect, For all His ways are right-ruling, An Ěl of truth and without unrighteousness, Righteous and straight is He.

Deu 32:18 "You neglected the Rock who brought you forth, And forgot the Ěl who fathered you.

The Rock is the Messiah. This is who spoke to Moses and interacted with the Israelites on their purification through the desert. Yeshua was the mediator for the Father throughout the Old Testament. It was the Messiah that rewarded and punished. Note that the above is very clear, the Messiah is also to be considered as representing the Father, El. He is second to the Father. Throughout the Old Testament Christ represents Himself in His interactions with man as God on behalf of the Father, and He told man that God is one. Later in the New Testament Christ tells us His Father is greater than Him, and that we are to worship the Father. Note that we are also told that every knee will bow to Christ.

Deu 6:4 "Hear, O Yisra'ěl: יהוה our Elohim, יהוה is one!

Mar 12:29 And יהושע answered him, "The first of all the commands is, 'Hear, O Yisra'el, יהוה is one. Deu 6:4.

Joh 14:28 "You heard that I said to you, 'I am going away and I am coming to you.' If you did love Me, you would have rejoiced that I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I.

Rom 14:11 For it has been written, "As I live, says יהוה, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to Elohim." <u>Isa 45:23</u>.

Php 2:10 that at the Name of יהושע every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

Php 2:11 and **every tongue should confess** Isa 45:23 that יהושע Messiah is Master, to the esteem of Elohim the Father.

Isa 45:22 "Turn to Me and be saved, all you ends of the earth! For I am Ěl, and there is none else. Isa 45:23 "I have sworn by Myself, a word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness, and shall not

return, so that to Me every knee shall bow, every tongue swear.

As we continue, we are told of those that were led in the wilderness being disobedient.

1Co 10:5 However, with most of them Elohim was not well pleased, for they were laid low in the wilderness.

1Co 10:6 And these became examples for us, so that we should not lust after evil, as those indeed lusted.

1Co 10:7 And do not become idolaters as some of them, as it has been written, "The people sat down to eat and to drink, and stood up to play."  $Exo_32:6$ .

1Co 10:8 Neither should we commit whoring, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell,

1Co 10:9 neither let us try Messiah, as some of them also tried, and were destroyed by serpents, 1Co 10:10 neither grumble, as some of them also grumbled, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

Scripture above tells us that they tried the patience of the Messiah to the point where he had a number of them destroyed. The opposite of grumbling is patience and endurance and being thankful.

Moses tells the congregation that the one that led them out of Egypt and through the wilderness would have a prophet raised up.

Act 7:36 "This one led them out, after he had done wonders and signs in the land of Mitsrayim, and in the Red Sea, and in the wilderness forty years.

Act 7:37 "This is the Mosheh who said to the children of Yisra'ěl, יהוה' your Elohim shall raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brothers. Him you shall hear.' Deu 18:15.

Act 7:38 "This is he who was in the assembly in the wilderness with the Messenger who spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and with our fathers, who received the living Words to give to us,

The prophet is Christ who was the messenger that led them out and had done wonders as well as spoke to Moses on mount Sinai.

Christ is in the likeness of the Father and is the first born of all creation.

Col 1:15 who is the likeness of the invisible Elohim, the first-born of all creation. Footnote: b
Heb 1:6, Rev 3:14.

Col 1:16 Because in Him were created all that are in the heavens and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or rulerships or principalities or authorities – all have been created through Him and for Him.<sup>c</sup> Footnote: <sup>c</sup> Joh 1:3.

Col 1:17 And He is before all, and in Him all hold together.

Col 1:18 And He is the Head of the body, the assembly, who is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that He might become the One who is first in all.

We are told that all thing in the heavens and earth were created through Christ and for Him. Christ was before all and is the Head of all as well as the first-born of the dead.

Following up on the reference scriptures as given above, it reinforces that Christ was the beginning of creation by the Father and all the messengers do reverence to Him.

Heb 1:6 And when He again brings the first-born into the world, He says, "Let all the messengers of Elohim do reverence to Him." Psa 97:7.

Rev 3:14 "And to the messenger of the assembly in Laodikeia write, 'The Aměn, the Trustworthy and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of Elohim,<sup>a</sup> says this: Footnote: <sup>a</sup> Col 1:15, Heb 1:6.

Christ is the Trustworthy and True witness, the beginning creation of the Father, the Son of God.

We are told that Christ or Master created the earth in the beginning along with the heavens.

Heb 1:10 And, "You, Master, did found the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of Your hands.

The lamb of God, who is Christ was dressed in a robe dipped in blood and His name is the Word of God.

Rev 19:13 and having been dressed in a robe dipped in blood – and His Name is called: The Word of יהוה. Footnote: <sup>C</sup> Joh 1:1 and Joh 1:14.

From all of the scripture above it is clear that the Word of God existed before the earth and heavens and that He is the Son of God and second to the Father. We are told that Christ as the Word that created the earth and the heavens. We are told that no one has seen the Father except

the Son and no one has heard the Father. Christ was the Rock and also the Cloud and the Column of Fire that lead the Israelites out of Egypt and through the wilderness. He was the one that the Israelites and Moses heard speak. Christ was the one that not only pre-existed but emptied Himself to come down to earth as a man, walking in the flesh. All of this remained hidden until it was told to us by Yeshua and His Apostles as found in the scriptures above.

# 2. The Interaction of Christ in the Old Testament

As we look at scripture telling us of the interaction of God with man throughout the Old Testament, and taking note of the scriptures from the New Testament telling us that no one on earth has ever seen the Father nor heard the Father it tells us that the Mediator for the Father throughout the old Testament was Christ. It was Christ that existed before the world and the heavens, it was Christ as the Word of God who created the heavens and the earth, and man.

1Ti 2:5 For there is one Elohim,<sup>a</sup> and one Mediator between Elohim and men, the Man Messiah Footnote: a 1Co\_8:6, Eph\_4:6, Mar\_12:29-34.

The above verse is very clear, that Yeshua is he Mediator between the Father and man. We need to look at the references attached to this verse.

1Co 8:6 for us there is one Elohim,<sup>a</sup> the Father, from whom all came and for whom we *live*, and one Master יהושע Messiah, through whom all came and through whom we *live*. Footnote: <sup>a</sup> Eph 4:6, 1Ti 2:5, Mar 12:32, Mar 12:34.

Eph 4:6 one Elohim and Father of all, who is above all,<sup>a</sup> and through all, and in you all. Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See Mar 12:32, Mar 12:34, 1Co 8:6, 1Ti 2:5, Mar 12:29-34.

Mar 12:29 And יהושע answered him, "The first of all the commands is, 'Hear, O Yisra'el, יהוה is one. Deu 6:4.

Our Mediator is known as Master Yeshua Messiah . We have been told from scripture above that Christ was the mediator for the Father throughout the Old Testament, or for the old covenant. Now we are told the same thing applies for the new covenant.

Gal 3:19 Why, then, the Torah? It was added because of transgressions, until the Seed should come to whom the promise was made. And it was ordained through messengers in the hand of a

mediator.

Gal 3:20 The Mediator, however, is not of one, but Elohim is one.

The seed, being Christ was to come as promised in messages given to the prophets by messengers or angles as directed by the Mediator who is Christ. The Father talks to the mediator who then talks to others.

Heb 12:24 and to יהושע the Mediator<sup>d</sup> of a new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling which speaks better than *the blood* of Hebel. Footnote: dSee Heb 8:6.

Yeshua is the Mediator of the new covenant which comes into being by His blood.

Heb 8:6 But now He has obtained a more excellent service, inasmuch as He is also Mediator<sup>a</sup> of a better covenant, which was constituted on better promises. Footnote: <sup>a</sup>Messiah is called the Mediator of the New (Renewed) Covenant in Hebrews, in three places: Heb 8:6, Heb 9:15, Heb 12:24.

Heb 9:15 And because of this He is the Mediator of a renewed covenant, so that, death having taken place for redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, those who are called might receive the promise of the everlasting inheritance.

Christ is the Mediator of both the new and old covenant. Knowing this we can now examine the interaction of the Mediator with a number of people in the Old Testament.

Starting with Adam and at that time.

Gen 2:16 And יהוה Elohim commanded the man, saying, "Eat of every tree of the garden,

Gen 3:8 And they heard the voice of יהוה Elohim walking about in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of יהוה Elohim among the trees of the garden.

Gen 4:9 And יהוה said to Qayin, "Where is Hebel your brother?" And he said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's guard?"

First we were told in Joh 5:37 that no man has heard the voice of the Father, so the person talking with Adam and Cain is that of Christ. We are also told that Elohim walked about in the garden in the cool of the day, and as a result of Adam and Eve hiding themselves, this tells us they were used to seeing as well as talking with Elohim. Again no one has seen the Father so this person they interacted with was Christ.

#### Next let us examine what we know of Noah.

Gen 6:13 and Elohim said to Noaḥ, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them. And see, I am going to destroy them from the earth.

Gen 6:22 And Noah did according to all that Elohim commanded him, so he did.

Gen 7:1 And יהוה said to Noaḥ, "Come into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen that you are righteous before Me in this generation.

Gen 8:15 And Elohim spoke to Noah, saying,

Gen 8:16 "Go out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and your sons' wives with you.

Gen 9:1 And Elohim blessed Noaḥ and his sons, and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase, and fill the earth.

From scripture we learn that Elohim spoke to Noah on a number of occasions, as well as to the family of Noah. Again we know that no one has heard the Father, so it was Christ that spoke to Noah as the Mediator for the Father.

Continuing we find scriptures describing a number of interactions between the Lord and Abraham.

Gen 12:1 And יהוה said to Abram, "Go yourself out of your land, from your relatives and from your father's house, to a land which I show you.

Gen 12:2 "And I shall make you a great nation, and bless you and make your name great, and you shall be a blessing!

Gen 12:7 And יהוה appeared to Abram and said, "To your seed I give this land." And he built there a slaughter-place to , יהוה, who had appeared to him.

Gen 17:1 And it came to be when Abram was ninety-nine years old, that יהוה appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am Ěl Shaddai – walk before Me and be perfect.

Gen 17:2 "And I give My covenant between Me and you, and shall greatly increase you."

Gen 17:3 And Abram fell on his face, and Elohim spoke with him, saying,

Gen 17:4 "As for Me, look, My covenant is with you, and you shall become a father of many nations.

Looking at these verses we can understand Elohim spoke directly with Abraham a number

of times and also that Elohim appeared directly to Abraham and Abraham responded by falling on his face. What we know from above that it was Christ who was interacting with Abraham. In scripture we also know that the Lord did not always interact directly with Abraham, sometimes it was through messengers or angels and other times through dreams, but there were times that the scriptures above tells us it was by direct interaction.

Moses experienced many interactions with Elohim. Initially it was the burning bush with a messenger. This also tells us Elohim often interacted with man through intermediates of messengers, as this was also done to Abraham at his tent when the messengers were on their way to Sodom and Gomorrah to destroy it.

Exo 3:2 And the Messenger of יהוה appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. And he looked and saw the bush burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed.

Exo 3:3 And Mosheh said, "Let me turn aside now, and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn."

Exo 3:4 And יהוה saw that he turned aside to see, and Elohim called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Mosheh! Mosheh!" And he said, "Here I am."

However we know Moses developed a special relationship with Elohim and saw the back of Elohim.

Exo 33:18 Then he said, "Please, show me Your esteem."

Exo 33:19 And He said, "I shall cause all My goodness to pass before you, and I shall proclaim the Name of יהוה before you. And I shall favour him whom I favour, and shall have compassion on him whom I have compassion."

Exo 33:20 But He said, "You are unable to see My face, for no man does see Me and live."

Exo 33:21 And יהוה said, "See, there is a place with Me! And you shall stand on the rock.

Exo 33:22 "And it shall be, while My esteem passes by, that I shall put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand while I pass by.

Exo 33:23 "Then I shall take away My hand and you shall see My back, but My face shall not be seen."

From the New Testament scriptures we know that Moses saw and heard Elohim who was Christ. As Moses walked forward after Mount Sinai he talked directly with Christ.

The 10 commandments written on the stone tablets were made by the finger of Elohim, who was Christ.

Exo 31:18 And when He had ended speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Mosheh two tablets of the Witness, tablets of stone, written with the finger of Elohim.

There are others in scripture that heard the Lord but we do not know enough details to be able to establish the manner and whether it was direct or though a messenger or in a dream. These others are Job, Elijah, Jonah and David.

As we look closely throughout the entire Old Testament the one that interacted with man was Christ. He was the Mediator for the Father. Christ was the one that rewarded and punished.

### 3. The New Testament

It is in the New Testament 1Ti 2.5 above, we are told that Christ is the mediator between man and the Father. We are told of the extensive interaction of Christ throughout the New Testament. His coming in the flesh was to show us how to properly walk the path, to inform us of the coming Kingdom of God and for Him to take our sins upon Himself and suffer and die for us, to overcome death and to have His Apostles set up his congregations and lead them in the way forward.

In this section only a few important items in scriptures will be covered.

We are told a number of times to follow and obey what Yeshua told us and showed us, a few of these scriptures are as follows;

Joh 12:26 "If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me. And where I am, there My servant also shall be. If anyone serves Me, the Father shall value him.

1Jn 2:6 The one who says he stays in Him ought himself also to walk, even as He walked.

Joh 3:36 "He who believes in the Son possesses everlasting life, but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of Elohim remains on him."

We are told that there is no other name but that of Yeshua whereby salvation occurs, and that deliverance is given to those that obey Him.

Act 4:12 "And there is no deliverance in anyone else, for there is no other Name under the heaven given among men by which we need to be saved."

Heb 5:9 And having been perfected, He became the Causer of everlasting deliverance to all those obeying Him, b Footnote: b Joh 3:36, Joh 14:15, Joh 14:23, Joh 15:10, Act 3:22-23.

After the death and resurrection of Yeshua, He now sits on the right hand of the Father and is our Chief Priest so that we can go directly to the Father in prayer, and now we pray in Yeshua's name.

Mar 16:19 Then indeed, after the Master had spoken to them, He was received up into the heaven, and **sat down at the right hand of Elohim.** Psa 110:1.

Heb 6:20 where יהושע has entered as a forerunner for us, having become **High Priest forever** according to the order of Malkitsedeq. Psa 110:4.

 $Col\ 3:17$  And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the Name of the Master יהושע, giving thanks to Elohim the Father through Him.

Yeshua is given all authority in heaven and on earth.

Mat 28:18 And יהושע came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

It is Yeshua who will at the end Judge all.

Joh 5:22 "For the Father judges no one, but has given all the judgment to the Son,

The last act Yeshua performs is the destruction of death and then He lays down His authority.

1Co 15:24 then the end, when He delivers up the reign to Elohim the Father, when He has brought to naught all rule and all authority and power.

1Co 15:25 For He has to reign until He has put all enemies under His feet.

1Co 15:26 The last enemy to be brought to naught is death.

1Co 15:28 And when all are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself shall also be subject to Him who put all under Him, in order that Elohim be all in all.

Recognizing that it was Christ that gave the Torah (Law) in the Old Testament, and that is was Christ in the New Testament that said the Torah is in place until all is done and then heaven and earth can pass away, consider the following scriptures;

Deu 5:29 Oh, that they had such a heart in them, to fear Me and to guard all My commands always, so that it might be well with them and with their children forever!

Mat 5:18 "For truly, I say to you, till the heaven and the earth pass away, one yod or one tittle shall by no means pass from the Torah till all be done. Footnote: Luk\_16:17.

It is all done or fulfilled at the end, the Last Day, when final judgment is made, when death is destroyed and Yeshua lays down His authority to the Father. At that time the present heaven and earth are burned up, or pass away.

2Pe 3:10 But the day of יהוה shall come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with intense heat, and the earth and the works that are in it shall be burned up.

Rev 21:1 And I saw a **renewed heaven and a renewed earth**, a Isa 65:17 for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea is no more. Footnote: aAlso see Isa 66:22.

The Word, the Rock, the Cloud, the Master or Yeshua Messiah, Jesus Christ, interacted throughout the Bible with man, He was the mediator for the Father. Since we are told of Yeshua role in the Old Testament and also in the New Testament as well as having been told in the New Testament how what was previously hidden is now known, there is no longer any excuse to place a partition between the Old and New Testament. It is all one Bible and we need to follow the whole Bible or complete Bible and not speculate on what we might think no longer applies. All of the Torah applies right up to the Last Day, which is the end of the current earth and heavens.

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