

CHAPTER 7

IS THE JEWISH MESSIAH G-D?

Over the past 2,000 years, there has been a major division between the *house of Judah* (Judaism) and the *house of Israel* (Christianity) about who is the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*). Furthermore, there has also been a major disagreement between the two houses of Israel over whether the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) is just an earthly man who is anointed by the G-d of Israel and fulfills the expected functions of his office of ministry or whether the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) is the G-d of Israel manifested in the flesh.

In the last chapter, we learned that the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus was born a Jew, lived a Jew and died a Jew. In this chapter, using Scriptures from the *TeNaKh* (Old Testament) and the *Brit Hadashah* (New Testament) along with Rabbinic and other Jewish literature, we will examine the issue of whether the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus is the G-d of Israel manifested in the flesh. We will learn that the entire Bible along with selected Rabbinic and other Jewish literature teaches us that the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus is the G-d of Israel (*YHVH*) manifested in the flesh.

Furthermore, we will cross-reference Rabbinic and other Jewish literature with Scripture passages from the *Brit Hadashah* (New Testament) to further clarify that the WORD OF *YHVH* as mentioned in Jewish literature is the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus. Once the *house of Judah* (Judaism) and the *house of Israel* (Christianity) recognize that *Yeshua*/Jesus is the G-d of Israel (*YHVH*) manifested in the flesh and is the promised Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*), full restoration can come to both houses of Israel.

THE G-D OF ISRAEL IS YHVH

The G-d of Israel is *YHVH*. *YHVH* is also known as the *tetragrammaton*. In respect to the holiness of the name of the G-d of Israel (*YHVH*), the *house of Judah* (Judaism) refers to *YHVH* as *Adonai*. In English, we pronounce the name of G-d (*YHVH*) as Jehovah. In our English Bibles, *YHVH* is mostly translated as LORD. In respect to the holiness and the sanctity of the name of

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the G-d of Israel, when referring to the G-d of Israel in written form, the *house of Judah* (Judaism) will write the name of God as G-d rather than God and write L-rd rather than Lord.

THE G-D OF ISRAEL AND THE JEWISH MESSIAH ARE ECHAD

To the *house of Judah* (Judaism), the most important verse in the Torah is found in Deuteronomy (*Devarim*) 6:4. This scripture passage is known as the *Shema*. In Hebrew, this verse reads transliterated into English as:

"Shema Yisrael YHVH Eloheynu YHVH Echad."

In mystical Jewish literature, it is explained that this verse declares that the G-d of Israel is YHVH and is a COMPOUND UNITY. In the (*Zohar*, Volume 2, page 43) it is written:

"The prescribed daily form of prayer (a confession of the unity of the Godhead), has for its object, that you shall know and comprehend it. We have said in many places that this daily form of prayer is one of those passages concerning the unity, which is taught in the Scriptures. In Deuteronomy 6:4, we read first YHVH, then ELOHEYNU and again YHVH, which together make one unity. But how can three names be one? Are they truly one because we call them one? How three can be one can only be known through the revelation of the Holy Spirit, and, in fact, with closed eyes. This is also the mystery of the voice. The voice is heard only as one sound, yet it consists of three substances, fire, wind, and water, but all three are one, as indicated through the mystery of the voice. Thus are YHVH; ELOHEYNU; YHVH but one unity, three substantive beings which are one; and this is indicated by the voice which a person uses in reading the words, "Hear, O Israel," thereby comprehending with the understanding the most perfect unity of EYN SOF (the boundless one); because all three are read with one voice, which indicates a trinity. And this is the daily confession of faith of the unity, which is revealed by the Holy Spirit in a mystery. Although there are so many persons united in the unity, yet each person is a true-one; what one does, the other does." 1

The Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus confirmed the above belief as written in the *Zohar* that He is a compound unity with the limitless one (Eyn Sof) as taught in the *Shema*. In John (*Yochanan*) 10:30 it is written:

"I and my Father [Eyn Sof] are one [Echad]."

In John (*Yochanan*) 17:11, 21-23 it is written:

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"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 ... That they all may be one; as thou, Father, are in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: 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."

THE WORD OF YHVH IS THE JEWISH MESSIAH

The *Targumim* are a Jewish commentary on the Scripture passages in the Torah and the Prophets. The *Targumim* were considered to be authoritative Aramaic paraphrases of the books of the *TeNaKh* in the first century and were read in the synagogues along with the Hebrew of the Torah and Haftorah readings. 2

In various Scripture passages in the Torah and the Prophets, the *Targumim* interpret YHVH as being the WORD OF YHVH. In some of these Scripture passages, it is explained that various individuals trusted (*emunah*) in the WORD OF YHVH and prayed in the name of the WORD OF YHVH. The Word of YHVH is also seen as being the Creator, the covenant maker and the mediator between the G-d of Israel and mankind. Furthermore, Israel and the *house of Jacob* are also seen being saved by the Word of YHVH. In Jewish mystical writings, the Word of YHVH is known as *Metatron* who is explained to be the *Son of Yah*.

In the *Brit Hadashah* (New Testament), the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus is seen riding on a white horse, known as the Word of G-d (YHVH) and is the King of kings and the L-rd of lords. In Revelation 19:11, 13, 16 it is written:

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True ... and his name is called the WORD of GOD [YHVH] ... and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, and LORD OF LORDS."

We will now examine some of the *Targumim* which speak of the WORD OF YHVH being YHVH.

ABRAHAM AND JACOB TRUSTED IN THE WORD OF YHVH

Abraham (*Avraham*) trusted in the WORD OF YHVH. According to *Targum Onkelos*, Genesis 15:6 it is written:

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"And Abraham trusted [emunah] in the WORD OF YHVH, and He counted it to him for righteousness." (Targum Onkelos, Genesis 15:6) 3

According to the *Brit Hadashah* (New Testament), the WORD OF YHVH that Abraham (*Avraham*) trusted in was the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus. In Galatians 3:7-9, 14 it is written:

"Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith [emunah], preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. So then they which be of faith [emunah] are blessed with faithful Abraham ... That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith [emunah]."

According to *Targum Onkelos* Genesis 28:20-21, Jacob (*Ya'acov*) trusted in the WORD OF YHVH and the WORD OF YHVH was His G-d as it is written:

"And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If the WORD OF YHVH will be my support, and will keep me in the way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, so that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the WORD OF YHVH be my GOD." (Targum Onkelos, Genesis 28:20-21) 4

According to the *Targum* of Psalm 62, King David urged Israel to trust in the WORD OF YAH at all times. In Psalm (*Tehillim*) 62:9 (Jewish version) it is written:

"Trust in the WORD OF YAH at all times, O people of the house of Israel! Pour out before Him the sighings of your heart; Say, God is our trust forever." (Targum, Psalm 62:9) 5

ABRAHAM PRAYED IN THE NAME OF YHVH

According to the *Jerusalem Targum* of Genesis 22:14, Abraham PRAYED in the NAME of the WORD OF YHVH as it is written:

"And Abraham worshipped and prayed in the name of the WORD OF YHVH, and said, You are YHVH who does see, but You cannot be seen." (Jerusalem Targum, Genesis 22:14) 6

In the *Brit Hadashah* (New Testament), the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua* / Jesus instructed His followers to pray to G-d the Father [Eyn Sof] in His name. In John (*Yochanan*) 15:16 it is written:

"...whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you."

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THE WORD OF YHVH IS THE CREATOR

According to the *Targumim*, the WORD OF YHVH is the Creator. According to *Targum Jonathan* Genesis 1:27 it is written:

"And the WORD OF YHVH created man in his likeness, in the likeness of YHVH, YHVH created, male and female created He them. (Targum Jonathan, Genesis 1:27) 7

In Exodus (*Shemot*) 3:13-15, the G-d of Israel revealed to the children of Israel that His name is YHVH as it is written:

"And Moses said unto God, 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? 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. And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, the Lord 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 forever, and this is my memorial unto all generations."

In the *Jerusalem Targum* to Exodus (*Shemot*) 3:14 it is written:

"And the WORD OF YHVH said to Moses: 'I am He who said unto the world, 'Be!' and it was: and who in the future shall say to it 'Be!' and it shall be.' And He said, 'Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'I AM' has sent me unto you.'" (Jerusalem Targum, Exodus 3:14) 8

YHVH MEANS TO ETERNALLY EXIST

The name of the G-d of Israel (YHVH) means in Hebrew "to eternally exist." In the *Gesenius's Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon to the Old Testament*, by H.W.F. Gesenius, printed by Baker Book House Company, on page 337 in the explanation of the phrase "I AM THAT I AM," in Exodus (*Shemot*) 3:14, Gesenius writes:

"To this origin, allusion is made Exodus 3:14; (of the Hebrew), 'I (ever) shall be (the same) that I am (today)'; compare Apoc 1:4,8: the name YHVH being derived from the (Hebrew) verb HVH (which means) to be, was considered to signify God as eternal and immutable, who will never be other than the same."

Therefore, the name of the G-d of Israel (YHVH) fully translated into English expresses that G-d is eternal and immutable and that His name means, *"I (ever) shall be (the same) that I am (today)."* In other words, the name of the G-d of Israel (YHVH) means that He eternally exists

and that He is the same yesterday, today and forever. This is the name of the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus in Hebrews 13:8 as it is written:

"Jesus Christ (Yeshua HaMashiach) the same yesterday, and today, and forever."

The Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus confirmed the words of the *Jerusalem Targum* to Exodus 3:14 when He declared to the Jews that questioned Him that He was the I AM (YHVH) spoken of in Exodus (*Shemot*) 3:14.

In John (*Yochanan*) 8:56-58 it is written:

"Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad. Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am."

THE MESSIAH IS THE I AM (YHVH) OF THE G-D OF ISRAEL

The Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus referred to Himself many times as I AM in the following scripture passages:

1. **I AM** the bread of life (John 6:35).
2. **I AM** the light of the world (John 8:12).
3. **I AM** the door (John 10:9).
4. **I AM** the good shepherd (John 10:11).
5. **I AM** the resurrection and the life (John 11:25).
6. **I AM** the way, truth and the life (John 14:6).
7. **I AM** the true vine (John 15:1).

In the *Targum* to Psalm (*Tehillim*) 33:6 we are told that the WORD OF YHVH was the Creator as it is written:

"By the WORD OF YHVH were the heavens made, and all the hosts of them by the Spirit of His mouth."

The *Brit Hadashah* (New Testament) confirms what was written in the *Targumim* that the Word of YHVH is the Creator. However, in the *Brit Hadashah* (New Testament), the WORD OF YHVH is known as the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus. In Colossians 1:15-17 it is written:

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"[Jesus] *Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.*"

THE WORD OF YHVH IS THE COVENANT MAKER

According to *Targum Onkelos* the WORD OF YHVH made the Noahide Covenant in Genesis 9:17 as it is written:

"And YHVH said to Noah, 'This is the token of the covenant which I have established between MY WORD and between all flesh that is upon the earth.'" (Targum Onkelos, Genesis 9:17) 9

Also according to *Targum Onkelos*, it was the WORD OF YHVH who made the covenant with Abraham in Genesis 17:7 as it is written:

"And I will establish my covenant between MY WORD and between you..." (Targum Onkelos, Genesis 17:7) 10

The *Brit Hadashah* (New Testament) confirms what was written in *Targum Onkelos* that the WORD OF YHVH made a covenant with Abraham (*Avraham*). However, in the *Brit Hadashah* (New Testament), the WORD OF YHVH is known as the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus. In Galatians 3:16 it is written:

"Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises [Covenant] made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ."

THE WORD OF YHVH IS METATRON

According to the Babylonian *Talmud* in *Sanhedrin 38b*, another name for the WORD OF YHVH is *Metatron* as it is written:

"Once a Min [Nazarene] said to R. Idith: It is written: And unto Moses He [YHVH] said, 'Come up unto YHVH...' [Exodus 24:1] But surely it should have stated: ... 'Come up unto Me!' It was METATRON [who was speaking] he replied, 'Whose name is similar to that of his Master, for it is written: For my name is in him.' [Exodus 23:21]" (*Babylonian Talmud*, *Sanhedrin 38b*) 11

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According to the writings of Jewish mysticism, *Metatron* is the "Middle Pillar of the Godhead" and this "Middle Pillar" is the "Son of Yah" as it is written:

"The Middle Pillar [of the Godhead] is Metatron, who has accomplished peace above, according to the glorious state there." (*Zohar, Volume 3, Ra'aya Meheimna*, page 227, Amsterdam Edition)

"Better is a neighbor that is near, than a brother far off. This neighbor is the Middle Pillar in the Godhead, which is the Son of Yah." (*Zohar, Volume 2, Ra'aya Meheimna*, page 115, Amsterdam Edition) 12

The *Brit Hadashah* (New Testament) confirms what was written in the *Zohar* that the WORD OF YHVH otherwise known as *Metatron* is the Middle Pillar of the Godhead and the Son of Yah. However, in the *Brit Hadashah* (New Testament), the WORD OF YHVH otherwise known as *Metatron* and the Son of Yah is the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua/Jesus*. In Colossians 1:15, 19, 2:6, 9 it is written:

"[Jesus] *Who is the image of the invisible God ... For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell ... As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him ... For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.*"

THE WORD OF YHVH IS THE FIRST BEGOTTEN OF ALL THE CREATURES OF G-D

According to the writings of Jewish mysticism, the WORD OF YHVH is not only *Metatron* and the Son of Yah but He is also the "first begotten of all the creatures of God" as it is written:

"And Abraham said to his oldest servant of his house ... [Genesis 24:2] Who is this of whom it said 'his servant?' In what sense must this be understood? Who is this servant? R. Nehori answered: 'It is in no other sense to be understood than expressed in the word, 'His servant,' His servant, the servant of God, the chief in His service. And who is he? Metatron, as said, He is appointed to glorify the bodies which are in the grave. This is the meaning of the words, 'Abraham said to His servant' that is to the servant of God. The servant is Metatron, the eldest of His [YHVH's] House, who is the first-begotten of all creatures of God, who is the ruler of all He has; because God has committed to Him the government over all His hosts.'" (*Zohar, Genesis; Midrash HaNe'elam; Page 126, Amsterdam Edition*) 13

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first begotten of all the creatures of G-d is the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus. In John (*Yochanan*) 1:1, 14, 3:16 it is written:

"In the beginning was the Word [of YHVH], and the Word [of YHVH] was with God, and the Word [of YHVH] was God [a compound unity with Eyn Sof] ... And the Word [of YHVH] was made flesh and dwelt [shakan] among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only [first] begotten of the Father)... For God so loved the world that he gave his only [first] begotten Son [the Son of Yah] that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

In I John (*Yochanan*) 5:1, Revelation 1:5, 7 it is written:

"Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is [first] begotten of him ... And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead ... Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him [Zechariah 12:10,12 — Babylonian Talmud, Sukkot 52a]. Even so, Amen."

THE WORD OF YHVH IS THE WAY TO THE TREE OF LIFE AND THE HEAVENLY CITY OF JERUSALEM

According to the writings of Jewish mysticism, the WORD OF YHVH is not only *Metatron*, the Son of Yah and the first begotten of all the creatures of God but He is also the way to the tree of life and the heavenly city of Jerusalem.

"To keep the way of the tree of life. [Genesis 3:24] Who is the way to the tree of life? It is the great *Metatron*, for he is the way to that great tree, to that mighty tree of life. Thus it is written, 'The Angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them.' [Exodus 14:19] And *Metatron* is called the Angel of God. Come and see, thus says R. Simeon. The holy One, blessed Be He, has prepared for Himself a holy Temple above in the heavens, a holy city, a city in the heavens, and called it Jerusalem, the holy city..." (*Zohar, Volume 2, Exodus*, page 51, Amsterdam Edition) 14

The *Brit Hadashah* (New Testament) confirms what was written in the *Zohar* that the WORD OF YHVH otherwise known as *Metatron* is the way to the tree of life and the heavenly city of Jerusalem. However, in the *Brit Hadashah* (New Testament), the WORD OF YHVH otherwise known as the way to the tree of life and the heavenly city of Jerusalem is the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus. In Revelation 21:10, 22:12, 14 it is written:

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"And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God ... And, behold, I [Yeshua/Jesus] come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be ... Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life and may enter in through the gates of the city."

THE WORD OF YHVH IS THE ONLY MEDIATOR BETWEEN G-D AND MAN

According to the writings of Jewish mysticism, the WORD OF YHVH is not only *Metatron*, the Son of Yah, first begotten of all the creatures of God, the way to the tree of life and the heavenly Jerusalem but He is also the only mediator between the G-d of Israel and man as it is written:

"...Every petition sent to the King must be through Metatron. Every message and petition from here below, must first go to Metatron, and from thence to the king. Metatron is the Mediator of all that comes from heaven down to the earth, or from the earth up to heaven. And because he is the mediator of all, it is written 'And the Angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed; that is, before Israel which is above. [Exodus 14:19] This Angel of God is the same of whom it is written, 'And YHVH went before them...' [Exodus 13:21] to go by day and by night as the ancients have expounded it. Whoever will speak to me [says God] shall not be able to do so, till he has made it known to Metatron, thus the holy One, blessed be He, on account of the great love to and mercy with which He has over the Assembly of Israel, commits her [the Assembly] to Metatron's care. What shall I do Him [Metatron]? I will commit my Whole house into His hand, etc. Henceforth be you a Keeper As it is written, 'The Keeper of Israel' [Psalm 121:4]" (*Zohar, Volume 2, Exodus, page 51, Amsterdam Edition*) 15

The *Brit Hadashah* (New Testament) confirms what was written in the *Zohar* that the WORD OF YHVH otherwise known as *Metatron* is the only mediator between the G-d of Israel and mankind. However, in the *Brit Hadashah* (New Testament), the WORD OF YHVH otherwise known as the only mediator between the G-d of Israel and mankind is the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua/Jesus*. In I Timothy 2:5 and Hebrews 9:15 it is written:

"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus ... And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first [original] testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance."

THE WORD OF YHVH IS THE SAVIOR AND SALVATION OF THE HOUSE OF JACOB

According to the *Targumim*, the WORD OF YHVH is the Savior and Salvation of the *house of Jacob* as it is written:

"Our father Jacob said: My soul does not wait for salvation such as that wrought by Gideon, the son of Joash, for that was but temporal; neither for a salvation like that of Samson, which was only transitory; but for that SALVATION which you have promised to come, THROUGH YOUR WORD unto Your people, the children of Israel; for your salvation my soul hopes." (Targum Jonathan, Genesis 49:18) 16

"But Israel shall be saved by the WORD OF YHVH with an everlasting salvation ... By the WORD OF YHVH shall all the seed of Israel be justified ..." (Targum Jonathan, Isaiah 45:17, 25) 17

"But I will have mercy upon the house of Judah, and I will save them by the WORD OF YHVH, their God." (Targum Jonathan, Hosea 1:7) 18

Many Scripture passages in the *TeNaKh* (Old Testament) and the *Brit Hadashah* (New Testament) confirms what was written in the *Targumim* that the WORD OF YHVH is both the Savior and the Salvation of the G-d of Israel for the entire *house of Jacob* (Judaism and Christianity).

THE G-D OF ISRAEL IS OUR SAVIOR

The Jewish Scriptures (*TeNaKh*) teach us that the G-d of Israel ALONE is our salvation. In Isaiah (*Yeshayahu*) 43:1, 3, 11 it is written:

"But now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob [house of Israel and house of Judah], and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine ... For I am the Lord [YHVH] thy God [Elohim], the Holy One of Israel, thy Savior [Yeshua] ... I, even I, am the Lord [YHVH]; and beside me there is no savior."

In Isaiah (*Yeshayahu*) 45:21-22 it is written:

"Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the Lord? And there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Savior; there is none beside me. Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else."

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In Isaiah (*Yeshayahu*) 63:7-8, it is written:

"I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses. For he said, Surely they are my people ... so he was their Savior.

In Hosea (*Hoshea*) 13:4, it is written:

"Yet I am the Lord thy God from the land of Egypt, and thou shalt know no god but me: for there is no savior beside me."

In Luke 1:46-47, it is written:

"And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior."

Therefore, it is the G-d of Israel alone who is our Savior.

YESHUA IS OUR SAVIOR

The Hebrew word for savior is the Strong's word 3467 in the Strong's Concordance. It is the Hebrew word *Yasha* which means *"salvation, save, savior, preserve, rescue or bring deliverance."*

The Hebrew word for the English word Jesus is *Yeshua*. It is related to the Hebrew word *Yasha*. As we studied in the last chapter, the Hebrew name of the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*), *Yeshua*, communicates to us in Hebrew thought that He is the Savior of both the *house of Judah* (Judaism) and the *house of Israel* (Christianity).

The Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus is the Savior of the G-d of Israel for the *house of Jacob*. In Luke 2:10-11, it is written:

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

In John (*Yochanan*) 4:25-26, 41-42, it is written:

"The woman saith unto him, I know that the Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he ... And many more believed because of his own word; And said unto the woman, Now we

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*believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the **Christ, the Savior of the world.**"*

In Acts 5:30-32, it is written:

*"The God of our fathers raised up **Jesus**, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a **Savior**, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost [Ruach HaKodesh] whom God hath given to them that obey him."*

In Acts 13:22-23, it is written:

*"And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfill all my will. Of this man's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a **Savior, Jesus.**"*

Since the G-d of Israel alone is our Savior and the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus is our Savior, *Yeshua*/Jesus is the G-d of Israel manifested in the flesh.

THE G-D OF ISRAEL IS OUR SALVATION

The Bible not only tells us that the G-d of Israel is our Savior (*yasha*) but He is also our salvation (*yeshua*). In Exodus (*Shemot*) 15:2, it is written:

"The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation [yeshua]: he is my God, and I will prepare him a habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him."

In Psalm (*Tehillim*) 62:1-2, it is written:

"Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved."

In Isaiah (*Yeshayahu*) 12:2 it is written:

"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation."

Therefore, it is the G-d of Israel who is the salvation of His people.

YESHUA IS OUR SALVATION

The Hebrew word for salvation is the Strong's word 3444 in the Strong's Concordance. It is the Hebrew word *Yeshooah* which means "*salvation, save, victory or bring deliverance.*"

The Hebrew word for the English word Jesus is *Yeshua*. It is related to the Hebrew word *Yeshooah*. The Hebrew word for the English word Jesus communicates to us that He is the Salvation of both the *house of Judah* (Judaism) and the *house of Israel* (Christianity).

The Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus is the Salvation of the G-d of Israel unto the *house of Jacob*. In Acts 4:8, 10-12 it is written:

"Then Peter [Kefa], filled with the Holy Ghost [Ruach HaKodesh], said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel ... Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at naught of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

In Romans 10:9-12, it is written:

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him."

In I Thessalonians 5:9, it is written:

"For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ."

THE HAND AND ARM OF G-D BRINGS SALVATION

The word hand is the Strong's number 3027 in the Hebrew Concordance. It is the Hebrew word 3027 which is *yad*. The Hebrew word *yad* means "*hand indicating power, strength or to draw from strength.*" The word for arm is the Strong's number 2220 in the Hebrew Concordance. It is the Hebrew word *zeroah*. The Hebrew word *zeroah* means "*arm (as stretched out), mighty, power, strength.*"

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In Jewish thought, the hand and arm is associated with salvation, strength and victory. It is the G-d of Israel who stretches out his hand and arm to save His people. In Isaiah (*Yeshayahu*) 59:1 it is written:

"Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save ..."

In Exodus (*Shemot*) 6:6, it is written:

"Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments."

In Deuteronomy (*Devarim*) 4:32, 34 it is written:

"For ask now of the days that are past, which were before thee, since the day that God created man upon the earth, and ask from the one side of heaven unto the other, whether there hath been any such thing as this great thing is, or hath been heard like it? ... Or hath God attempted to go and take him a nation from the midst of another nation, by temptations, by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand, and by a stretched out arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the Lord your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?"

In Psalm (*Tehillim*) 136:1, 10-12 it is written:

"O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever ... To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn: for his mercy endureth forever: And brought out Israel from among them: for his mercy endureth forever: With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm: for his mercy endureth forever."

In Isaiah (*Yeshayahu*) 52:10, it is written:

"The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God."

In Luke 1:46-47, 51 it is written:

"And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior ... He hath showed strength with his arm..."

THE ARM OF THE G-D OF ISRAEL IS THE MESSIAH

The arm of the G-d of Israel is the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus. In Isaiah (*Yeshayahu*) 59:1-2, 12, 15-16 it is written:

"Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear ... For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them .. Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment. And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him."

The arm of the L-rd was wounded for the sins of G-d's people. In Isaiah (*Yeshayahu*) 53:1, 5-6 it is written:

"Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? ... But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities ... the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

The Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus was born to save His people from their sins. In Matthew (*Mattityahu*) 1:21 it is written:

"And she [Mary/Miryam] shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS [Yeshua]: for he shall save his people from their sins."

THE RIGHT HAND AND ARM OF G-D BRINGS SALVATION

In Jewish thought, it is specifically the *right* hand and arm which brings forth victory and salvation. In Exodus (*Shemot*) 15:2, 6 it is written:

"The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation ... Thy right hand, O Lord, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O Lord, hath dashed in pieces the enemy."

In Psalm (*Tehillim*) 17:7 it is written:

"Show thy marvelous lovingkindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust in thee from those that rise up against them."

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In Psalm (*Tehillim*) 89:13 it is written:

"Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand."

In Psalm (*Tehillim*) 98:1 it is written:

"O sing unto the Lord a new song, for he hath done marvelous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory."

THE RIGHT HAND OF THE G-D OF ISRAEL IS THE MESSIAH

The right hand of the G-d of Israel is the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus. In Mark 14:61-62 it is written:

"...Again the high priest [Cohen HaGadol] asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ [Mashiach], the Son of the Blessed? And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven."

In Luke 22:66-69 it is written:

"And as soon as it was day, the elders of the people and the chief priests and the scribes came together, and led him into their council, saying, Art thou the Christ [Mashiach]? tell us. And he said unto them ... Hereafter shall the Son of man sit on the right hand of the power of God."

In Acts 2:29-36 it is written:

"Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God has sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh [II Samuel 7:12-13], he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption [Psalm 16:10]. This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost [Ruach HaKodesh], he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, Until I make thy foes thy footstool [Psalm 110:1]. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ."

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In Hebrews 1:1-5, 13 it is written:

"God who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; Being made so much better than the angels, and he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my son, this day have I begotten thee? [Psalm 2:7] And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? [II Samuel 7:14] ... But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool [Psalm 110:1]."

WE MUST TRUST IN THE ARM OF THE MESSIAH AND NOT OUR OWN STRENGTH

Both the *house of Judah* (Judaism) and the *house of Israel* (Christianity) must trust in the arm of the Messiah (*Mashiach*) to be our salvation and not trust in our own arm and strength. In Jeremiah (*Yermiyahu*) 17:5, 7 it is written:

"Thus saith the Lord: Cursed be the man that trusteth in man and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord ... Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is."

THE G-D OF ISRAEL IS THE FIRST AND LAST

The G-d of Israel is the first and the last. In Isaiah (*Yeshayahu*) 41:4 it is written:

"Who hath wrought and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? I am the Lord, the first, and with the last, I am he."

The G-d of Israel is the first and the last. He is the King of Israel and the redeemer of His people. In Isaiah (*Yeshayahu*) 44:6, it is written:

"Thus saith the Lord the King of Israel, and his redeemer the Lord of hosts: I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God."

The way that you would express the phrase first and the last using the Hebrew alphabet is with the Hebrew letters *Alef* and *Tav*. *Alef* is the first letter in the Hebrew alphabet and *Tav* is the

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last letter in the Hebrew alphabet. The first and last letters in the Greek alphabet are *Alpha* and *Omega* respectively.

THE MESSIAH IS THE FIRST AND THE LAST

The Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus is the first and the last, the beginning and the end. He is the *Alef* and the *Tav*, the *Alpha* and *Omega*. In Revelation 1:5, 7-8 it is written:

"And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood. Behold, he cometh with clouds: and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen. I am Alpha and Omega [Alef and Tav in Hebrew], the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty."

The way that you would say "which is, and which was and which is to come" in Hebrew is YHVH. The Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus is YHVH, the beginning and the end, the *Alef* and the *Tav*. In Revelation 2:8 it is written:

"And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These things saith the first and the last, which was dead and is alive."

In Revelation 21:5-6 it is written:

"And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega [Alef and Tav in Hebrew], the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely."

In Revelation 22:12-13 it is written:

"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."

THE MESSIAH IN ISAIAH 52/53 IN JEWISH LITERATURE

In various Jewish commentaries in Jewish literature when referring to the Scripture passages in Isaiah (*Yeshayahu*) 52/53, it will be said that these verses in Isaiah 52/53 speak about the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*). We will examine a few of these references in this section of the chapter. On Isaiah 52:7 it is written:

"Rabbi Jose the Galilean says: Great is peace — for at the hour the **King Messiah** reveals himself unto Israel, he will begin in no other way than with 'peace' as it is written: *How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger of good news, that announces peace* [Isaiah 52:7]." (Numbers Rabbah XI, 16-20) 19

On Isaiah 52:13 it is written:

"*Behold, My servant the Messiah shall prosper, he shall be exalted and great and very powerful.*" (Targum Jonathan, Isaiah 52:13) 20

On Isaiah 52:15-53:2 it is written:

"Regarding the mission by which Messiah will present himself ... Isaiah states, *He grew like a tender plant and as a root out of dry land ... At him will kings shut their mouths, for what had not been told unto them shall they see, and what they never heard shall they understand.*" (Maimonides) 21

On Isaiah 53:3 it is written:

"*Man*" in the passage [Isaiah 53:3] ... refers to **the Messiah, the Son of David** ... (Midrash *Thanhumi*, Rabbi Nahman) 22

On Isaiah 53:4-5 it is written:

"The Rabanan say that the **Messiah's name** is the **Suffering Scholar** of Rabbi's House (or the Leper Scholar) for it is written, *'Surely he has born our grief and carried our sorrows, yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted.'*" [Isaiah 53:4] (*Babylonian Talmud*, Sanhedrin 98a) 23

"**The Messiah** — what is his name? ... The House of Rabbi Judah the Holy One says: **The Sick One** ... *Surely he has born our sicknesses* [Isaiah 53:4] (*Babylonian Talmud*, Sanhedrin 98b) 24

"*The Holy One gave Messiah the opportunity to save souls but to be severely chastised ... Messiah accepted the chastisement of love ... 'He was oppressed, and he was afflicted.'*" And

when Israel is sinful, **the Messiah** seeks mercy on them ... *'By his stripes we were healed and He carried the sins of many' ...* (Rabbi Moshe Hadershan; *Midrash Rabbah*; Bereshit Rabbah) 25

THE MESSIAH WILL SET HIS FEET UPON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES

In traditional Judaism and in Rabbinic literature, the mount of Olives is called the mountain of the Messiah (*Mashiach*). After the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus was resurrected, He left the earth to return to Heaven (*Olam Haba*) to sit at the right hand of the Father from the Mount of Olives. In Acts 1:9-12 it is written:

"And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he [Jesus] was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet [Olives], which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey."

When the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus returns at His second coming as the Kingly Messiah (*Messiah ben David*), He will set His feet upon the mount of Olives. In Zechariah 14:3-4, 9 it is written:

"Then shall the Lord go forth ... and his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives ... and the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one."

The person's feet who stands upon the mount of Olives in Zechariah 14:4 is the L-rd in Zechariah 14:3. The word translated as LORD in Zechariah 14:3 is the Hebrew word YHVH. The feet of YHVH will stand upon the mount of Olives. This is the feet of the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus (Acts 1:9-12).

THE MESSIAH IS KING OF KINGS AND L-RD OF LORDS

There is an ancient Jewish prayer known as the *Aleinu* which is prayed regularly in Jewish synagogue services around the world. The *Aleinu* prayer is an affirmation that the G-d of Israel

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is King over all the earth. In reciting this prayer, Isaiah (*Yeshayahu*) 45:23 is quoted as it is written:

"...That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear."

In the preceding verse in Isaiah (*Yeshayahu*) 45:22, it tells us that the one to whom every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall swear is the G-d of Israel as it is written:

"Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else."

Every knee will bow to the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus, the Kingly Messiah (*Messiah ben David*). In *Philippians 2:5-11* it is written:

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ 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: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth: And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

The Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus is the King of kings and the L-rd of lords. In *Revelation 19:11, 13, 15-16* it is written:

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse [symbolic of the Kingly Messiah in Jewish thought]: and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war ... and he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God ... and out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords."

THE MESSIAH AS YHVH IN THE TALMUD

In the days that the G-d of Israel restores the *house of Judah* (Judaism) with the *house of Israel* (Christianity), the *house of Judah* (Judaism) will mourn and weep for the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus whom they have pierced. In *Zechariah 12:9-10* it is written:

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"And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn."

When the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus returns at His second coming as the Kingly Messiah known as *Messiah ben David*, the *Babylonian Talmud* explains in *Sukkot 52a* that they will mourn because of the slaying of the suffering Messiah known as *Messiah be Yosef* as it is written:

"What is the cause of the mourning [of Zechariah 12:12] ... it is well according to him who explains that the cause is the **slaying of Messiah the son of Joseph**, since that well agrees with the scripture verse: '*And they shall look upon Me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him as one mourns for his only son.*' [Zechariah 12:10]" (*Babylonian Talmud, Sukkot 52a*) 26

While the *Babylonian Talmud* in *Sukkot 52a* does not recognize that the one being slain is the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus, the one who is said to be slain in Zechariah 12:10 in the Hebrew text is YHVH when read in the context of Zechariah 12:7-12. *Sukkot 52a* in the *Talmud* interprets YHVH in Zechariah 12:7-12 as the suffering Messiah known as *Messiah ben Yosef*.

In Isaiah (*Yeshayahu*) 8:13-14 it is written:

"Sanctify the Lord [YHVH] of hosts ... And he [YHVH] shall be a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offense to both the houses of Israel..."

While the text in Isaiah 8:13-14 speaks of YHVH being a sanctuary and a stone of stumbling to both houses of Israel, the *Babylonian Talmud* in *Sanhedrin 38a* interprets YHVH in these verses to be the Messiah as it is written:

"The **son of David** [the Messiah] cannot appear ere the two ruling Houses of Israel shall have come to an end ... And he [Messiah/YHVH] will become a **sanctuary**, but to **both the houses of Israel...**" (*Babylonian Talmud, Sanhedrin 38a*) 27

THE MESSIAH IS THE G-D OF ISRAEL (YHVH) MANIFESTED IN THE FLESH

The Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus is the G-d of Israel manifested in the flesh. In I Timothy 3:16 it is written:

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"And without controversy great is the mystery [sod/deeper meaning] 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."

WHOM DO MEN SAY THAT THE MESSIAH IS?

Historically, the *house of Judah* (Judaism) and the *house of Israel* (Christianity) have had a difference of viewpoint regarding who is the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*). Is the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus or should we expect another? Whom do the people of the earth say that the Messiah (*Mashiach*) is? This is the question that every person on the earth must ask and answer for himself including the *house of Judah* (Judaism) and the *house of Israel* (Christianity). This is the question that the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus asked His disciples (*talmidim*) in Matthew (*Mattityahu*) 16:13-17 as it is written:

"When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John [Yochanan] the Baptist [Immerser]: some, Elijah [Eliyahu]; and others, Jeremiah [Yermiyahu], or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon [Shimon] Peter [Kefa] answered and said, Thou art the Christ [Mashiach], the Son of the Living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon [Shimon] Bar-jona: for flesh and blood [natural human reasoning and understanding] hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven."

It is G-d the Father through His Holy Spirit (*Ruach HaKodesh*) who reveals unto men that *Yeshua*/Jesus is the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*). In I Corinthians 12:3 it is written:

"Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost [Ruach HaKodesh]."

YESHUA/JESUS IS THE JEWISH MESSIAH

When the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus came at His first coming as the suffering Messiah (*Mashiach*) known as the Messiah son of Joseph (*Messiah ben Yosef*), He claimed to be the Jewish Messiah. In Luke 24:36, 44-46 it is written:

"And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you [Shalom Alechem] ... And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were

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written in the law [Torah] of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the Psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the Scriptures, and said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ [Mashiach] to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day."

The Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus testified to the leaders of the *house of Judah* (Judaism) in His day that He was the Messiah (*Mashiach*). In Luke 22:66-67, 69-71 it is written:

"And as soon as it was day, the elders of the people and the chief priests and the scribes came together, and led him into their council, saying, Art thou the Christ [Mashiach]? tell us. And he said unto them ... Hereafter shall the Son of man sit on the right hand of the power of God. Then said they all, Art thou then the Son of God? And he said unto them, Ye say that I am. And they said, What need we any further witness? For we ourselves have heard of his own mouth."

THE MESSIAH IS THE G-D OF ISRAEL

In this chapter, we examined the question that has been a MAJOR disagreement between the *house of Judah* (Judaism) and the *house of Israel* (Christianity) for nearly 2,000 years. Is the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) the G-d of Israel manifested in the flesh or is the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) just an ordinary human being who is anointed by the G-d of Israel to perform a divine mission?

The name of the G-d of Israel is YHVH. We learned by examining Rabbinic and other Jewish literature that when the Biblical text speaks of YHVH that the Jewish commentaries often viewed the text to read the WORD OF YHVH. In various places in Jewish literature, it was explained that various individuals trusted (*emunah*) in the WORD OF YHVH and prayed in the name of the WORD OF YHVH. The Word of YHVH is also seen as being the Creator, the Covenant maker and the Mediator between the G-d of Israel and mankind. Furthermore, Israel and the *house of Jacob* are seen being saved by the WORD OF YHVH. In Jewish mystical writings, the WORD OF YHVH is known as *Metatron* who is explained to be the Son of Yah. From this, we were able to discover that all the references which we examined in Jewish literature that mentions the WORD OF YHVH actually speaks of the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus in the *Brit Hadashah* (New Testament).

Furthermore, by comparing the *TeNaKh* (Old Testament) with the *Brit Hadashah* (New Testament), we were able to understand that the G-d of Israel is our Savior and our salvation. He saves by the strength of His right hand and arm. He is the beginning and the end, the first and the last, the *Alef* and the *Tav*, the King of kings and the L-rd of lords. Finally, we were able to understand that all of these characteristics and attributes of the G-d of Israel are associated with the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus. Through this extensive study, we were able to

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understand that the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus is the G-d of Israel (*YHVH*) manifested in the flesh.

When the *house of Judah* (Judaism) recognizes that the Jewish Messiah (*Mashiach*) *Yeshua*/Jesus is the G-d of Israel manifested in the flesh, restoration can come to both houses of Israel. May the G-d of Israel pour out His Holy Spirit (*Ruach HaKodesh*) speedily in our days so that redemption, restoration, reconciliation, and unity can come to both houses of Israel. Amen.

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