

who or what is God?

Many people of faith whether Jewish, Muslim, Catholic, Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, Christians or those who have no faith in a particular religion, have asked that question. But what does Yeshua (Jesus) have to do with any of this? In answer, I have turned to the Bible (both the Old and New Testaments) to find out what its claims are about God and Yeshua, and to debunk some common misinterpretations as well. I guarantee that some will find this shocking, so with that said, let's read on.



Hear, O Israel, the LORD is our God; the LORD is one.

(A:vi, S: v) ⁴ "Sh'ma, Yisra'el! Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai echad [Hear, Isra'el! Adonai our God, Adonai is one];" **D'varim (Deuteronomy) 6:4** – *Complete Jewish Bible (CJB)*

do Christians believe in more than one God?

- No! All Christians believe in One God the Bible never says two or three Gods.
- Yeshua is NOT the Father. Yeshua is always refered to as the "Son" or the "only begotten Son," but never the Father and never "a" God or god.

why then do we see God as two or more persons in the Torah and the Tanakh (the Jewish Old Testament)?

Genesis 1:26 – New American Standard Bible (NASB)

"Then God said, "Let **Us** make man in **Our** image, according to **Our** likeness;"

- who is "Us" and "Our" referring to?
- since angels do not create, we know that it is not referring to angels

Genesis 11:17 (NASB)

"Come, let **Us** go down and there confuse their language,"

- again, who is "Us" referring to since "Us" is plural?

Isaiah 6:8 (NASB)

Then I heard the voice of the Lord [plural elohim], saying,

"Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us [plural pronoun]?"

- the voice of God or Yahweh ("I") "and yet "who will go for Us?"

who is "he?" is it God or the Angel?

Genesis 48:15-16 - New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

- 15 Then he blessed Joseph and said, 'May the **God** before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked faithfully, the **God** who has been my shepherd all my life to this day,
- 16 the Angel who has delivered me from all harm may he bless these boys."
 - "May the **God** before whom..." speaking about God
 - "the **God** who has been my shepherd..." speaking about God
 - "the **Angel** who has delivered me..." —speaking of the Angel?
 - "may **he** bless the boys..." [singular] speaking about God again
 - why is God and the Angel included as singular when referring to God?

who does the Torah (or the Bible) say spoke from the burning bush?

Exodus 3:3-4 – New King James Version (NKJV)

- ³ And **the Angel of the Lord** appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed.
- ⁴ So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, **God** called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!"
 - verse 3 says it's the Angel of the Lord who appears —not God?
 - verse 4 says it's **God** who calls —which is it?
 - how can both the Angel and God be speaking from the burning bush?

Exodus 3:13-44 – (NKJV)

- 13 "What is His name?" what shall I say to them?"
- 14 And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you."
 - "I AM" is the Name of the One speaking to Moses from the bush.



EHHEH-YEH (I AM) hath sent me unto you.

14 And Elohim said unto Moshe, Eh-heh-yeh ashair Ehheh- yeh (I AM WHO I AM); and He said, Thus shalt thou say unto the Bnei Yisroel, EHHEH-YEH (I AM) hath sent me unto you. **Shemot (Exodus)** 3:14 – *Orthodox Jewish Bible (OJB)*

who is called "I AM" in the Scriptures?

- "I AM" is the Most holy Name of God. It is reserved only for God Himself.
 No angels in heaven nor any other created being may have that Name.
 God's Name is holy because He is holy. The Name "I AM" is Yahweh (YHVH).
- If anyone other than the Father, the Creator, God Himself was to ever claim that they were "I AM" that would be considered the worst possible sin and an outright lie, punishable by death by hanging or stoning in Biblical times. The term used for such a crime was, and is still called to this day:

blasphemy

would anyone else ever dare to call themselves by this holy Name?

Proverbs 30:4 – (NKJV)

Who has ascended into heaven, or descended?

Who has gathered the wind in His fists?

Who has bound the waters in a garment?

Who has established all the ends of the earth?

What is **His name**, and what is **His Son's name**,

If you know?

- "His" [God's] name and "His Son's" name?
- so the Old Testimament actually says that God has a Son and that His Son has a name?



does the Tanakh (the Jewish Old Testament) ever mention a Son being given? if so, whose son?

Isaiah 9:6 – (NKJV)

For unto us a **Child** is **born**.

Unto us a **Son** is **given**;

And the government will be upon His shoulder.

And His name will be called

Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

- who is this verse talking about when it says "Mighty God," "Everlasting Father?"
- could it be talking about the "Child that is born?" or the "Son that is given?"
- are those the names or titles of that Son?
- what is the difference between a "Child being born" (human birth)and a "Son that is given" (not from human origins) and given by Who?

what does the New Testament say about a Son being given?

John 3:16 – (NKJV)

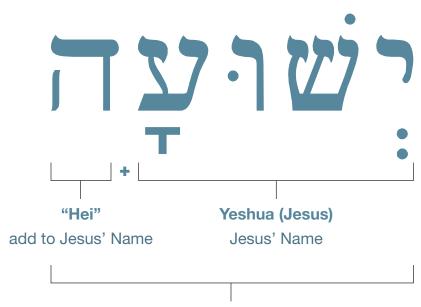
For God so loved the world that **He gave** His **only begotten Son**, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

- "He" [God] gave His only begotten "Son?"
- does this Son have a name then?

and you will call his name YESHUA

31 "She will give birth to a son, and you are to name him Yeshua (Jesus), [which means 'ADONAI (the LORD our God) saves,'] because **he will save his people from their sins**." **Luke 1:31** – (CJB)

The Hebrew Name Yeshua (Jesus), is the masculine form of the root word for Yeshu'ah — which means "**Salvation**."



"Yeshu'ah" the Hebrew word for Salvation

with Jesus as the root means: "He (God) will save"

when did Jesus save anyone?

he saved the children of Israel out of Egypt

Jude 1:5 – English Standard Version (ESV)

Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.

- does this mean that Jesus was seen in the Tanakh / Old Testament?

he was symolized in the cloud, water and rock in the wilderness

1 Corinthians 10:1-5 – (NKJV)

¹ Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, ² all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, **and that Rock was Christ**.

John 6:32-35 – New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

- 32 Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴ They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."
- 35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

was Jesus ever literally seen in the Tanakh (or the Old Testament)?

Daniel 3:25, 28 – (NKJV)

²⁵ "Look!" he answered, "I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is **like the Son of God**."

Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, who sent **His Angel** and delivered His servants who trusted in Him,

Daniel 7:13 – (NKJV)

"I [Daniel] was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him,

 the same "Son of God" figure who King Nebuchadnezzar saw in the fire makes another appearance, this time to Daniel in a vision.

blasphemy!

using Jesus' own words, what did Jesus say about Himself?

John 8:48-59 – English Standard Version (ESV)

56 Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." 57 So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" 58 **Jesus said to them**, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **before Abraham was, I am**." 59 So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

- "I AM" is only reserved for Yahweh (God).
 was Jesus actually saying that he was God or equal to God?
- what did the Jews think He meant due to their reaction of picking up stones to stone Him?

...blasphemy!

They replied, "We're stoning you not for any good work, but for blasphemy! You, a mere man,



John 10:33 – New Living Translation (NLT)

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.

Mark 14:62 – King James Bible "Authorized Version," Cambridge Edition

who is the real Jesus of the Bible?

John 1:1-3 – (NRSV)

- ¹ 1 **In the beginning** was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.
 - not **one** thing came into being (including Angels) so could this "Creator" called "the Word" ever be an Angel since Angels are created beings, or is this God?

John 1:14 – (NRSV)

- 14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.
 - since when did Yahweh ever become "flesh?"

1 Timothy 3:16 – (NKJV)

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:

GOO was manifested in the flesh,

Justified in the Spirit,

Seen by angels,

Preached among the Gentiles,

Believed on in the world,

Received up in glory.

Philippians 2:6-7 – (CJB)

- ⁶ Though he was in the form of God, he did not regard equality with God something to be possessed by force.
- On the contrary, he emptied himself, in that he took the form of a slave by becoming like human beings are.
 And when he appeared as a human being,

Could the other persons as showing up as God as in the Torah and the Tanakh, Old Testament be the Son of God before He was manifested in the flesh as a human? How could that be possible?

John 17:5 – (NRSV)

So now, Father, glorify me [Jesus] in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

- does this mean that Jesus was with the Father before creation and isn't it only God who is Creator according to Genesis 1:1?

Genesis 1:1 – (*KJV*)

In the beginning **God created** the heaven and the earth.

Colossians 1:15-17 – GOD'S WORD Translation (GW)

15 He [Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ **He created all things in heaven and on earth**, visible and invisible. Whether they are kings or lords, rulers or powers—everything has been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ **He existed before everything** and holds everything together.

God was pleased to have all of himself live in Christ.

Colossians 1:19 – GOD'S WORD Translation (GW)

For it has pleased [the Father] that all the divine fullness (the sum total of the divine perfection, powers, and attributes) should dwell in Him permanently.

- Amplified Bible (AMP)

God was pleased that all His fullness should forever dwell in the Son.

- The Voice (VOICE)

for in him all the fulness [of the Godhead] was pleased to dwell,

- Darby Translation (DARBY)

who then (or what) is God?

By the passages of Scriptures we've looked at, it is clear that there is only One God. Who is this One God then? He (God) even though is One, is more than one person and is plural, not singular in nature — yet He is One. He is extra dimensional and above the physics of the created universe. He is Spirit and outside time and space to be describe in this way throughout all Scripture. He is God: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Jesus, therefore, is God (Romans 10:9).