

# **The Old Testament God Revealed in the New Testament**

One of the most misunderstood concepts today in churches around the world is the concept of the Godhead. Many different churches believe many different views of the Godhead, yet the Bible is very clear in its teaching on this subject. When man tries to add to the Word of God or alter the Word of God, confusion is the result. It was never the intention of God that we should live in a state of confusion because God is not the author of confusion. (I Cor. 14:33) If we simply base all of our doctrine on what the Bible says, all confusion will be replaced by confident Bible-based Truth that can never be shaken.

The Bible clearly teaches us that the God of the Old Testament is One God. (Deut. 6:4, Mal. 2:10, Is. 44:6) This belief in one God is what separated the nation of Israel from all the other nations. As we read through the Bible, we read how this One God of the Old Testament revealed Himself in the New Testament. The Scripture plainly tell us that God was manifest in the flesh. (I Tim. 3:16) Isaiah 59:16 tells us why God did this (Is. 63:5) The prophet Isaiah wrote about a time when God would become flesh to redeem us from our sin. He became the spotless Lamb which took away the sins of the world thus fulfilling the Law.

The problem in many churches today is that many do not understand just who Jesus really was and is. This is because they do not base their beliefs on the Word of God, but rather on the doctrines of man. If we would just read what the Scriptures clearly tell us about Jesus, we would clearly see that the God of the Old Testament came and revealed Himself to His people in the New Testament. As we journey through the Bible, let us read what the Scriptures unquestionably claim concerning Jesus.

Let us start at the beginning. The Old Testament plainly says that God is the Creator. (Gen. 1:1, 2:7, Is. 40:28, 44:24) From these Scriptures, we can see that the Bible teaches that there is only one Creator; yet in the New Testament, we read that Jesus was the Creator. (Jn. 1:10, Col. 1:14-16, Rev. 14:6-7) We just read in Isaiah 44:24 how God created the heaven and earth by Himself. Just from these first few verses, we can already come to the conclusion that Jesus and God are one and the same. This is what the Bible is telling us.

Now let's look at some Old Testament verses where God states that He is "the first and the last". The Lord makes this statement in Isaiah 41:4 and in Isaiah 44:68. In the New Testament, Jesus makes this exact same statement in Revelation 1:17, and in Revelation 22:13. Now we know that there can only be one first and one last. Once again, we can plainly see what the Scriptures are telling us about Jesus. In Exodus 3:13-14, we read when God appeared to Moses in the burning bush. When Moses asked who should I say sent me unto the children of Israel, the Lord answered, "I AM THAT I AM.....I AM hath sent me unto you." Jesus said in John 8:58, "...before Abraham was, I am." When Jesus said this, the Jews knew that Jesus was claiming to be God manifest in flesh because they took up stones to cast at Him.

In the Old Testament, God stated that He was the Rock of Israel. (Deut. 32:4, I Sam. 22:32, Ps. 18:2, 89:26) In the New Testament, Jesus is called "the Rock", our solid foundation, the chief cornerstone of our faith. (I Cor. 10:4, Eph. 2:20-22, I Pet. 2:6-8, Is. 28:16, Acts 4:11-12) In Psalm 23:1, God is called a Shepherd of His people. Other Scriptures that refer to God as a Shepherd to His people are Ps. 100:3 and Isaiah 40:10-11. In the New Testament, Jesus is called the Shepherd. (Jn. 10:11, I Peter 2:24-25, 5:4, Heb. 13:20)

Another concept which is well-established in the Old Testament is that God is their King. (Ps. 24:10, 44:4, 74:12, Jer. 10:10) The New Testament establishes Jesus as King in several Scriptures. (Matt. 2:2, Lk. 19:38, 23:3, I Timothy 6:14-15, Rev. 19:16) Many Scriptures in the Old Testament claim that God is their Savior and their Redeemer. (Ps. 78:34-35, 106:21, Is. 43:10-11, 44:6, 47:4, 45:21) The New Testament clearly establishes Jesus as the Savior and Redeemer. (Lk. 2:10-11, Gal. 3:13, Phil. 3:20, I Tim. 1:1, 4:10, Titus 2:13, Jude 25)

Another very important claim found in the Old Testament is the statement that God is coming. (Zech. 14:5, Ps. 50:3-5) The New Testament also clearly states that Jesus is coming. (I Thess. 3:13, Matt. 24:30, Mk. 13:26) Titus 2:13 calls Jesus the Great God and Savior who was getting ready to come back in that first century generation.

From all of the Scripture that we have read, we can come to the conclusion that all the same claims that God made about Himself in the Old Testament, Jesus made about Himself in the New Testament. There is only one Creator; there is only one King of Kings, there is only one Savior and one Redeemer, there is only one great I AM and only one First and Last, and there is only one God who is an immortal invisible Spirit. (I Tim. 1:17) This immortal invisible Spirit of the Almighty God became flesh and dwelt on this Earth to bring to us eternal life. (John 5:24, I Tim. 3:16)

# In Conclusion

the Bible undeniably teaches that there is only One God. This one God defined Himself to His people, in the Old Testament, as their Creator, their Rock, Their Redeemer, their Savior, Their Shepherd, the great I AM, the First and the Last, and their King who was coming. In the New Testament, Jesus came making all of the exact same claims that God had made in the Old Testament. He did this because Jesus was God manifest in the flesh to take away the sins of the world. This brings us to the conclusion that the Old Testament God revealed Himself in the New Testament as Jesus Christ.

If all churches today would just refer to the Word of God which plainly defines the Godhead, all the confusion associated with other manmade doctrines would simply melt away. The Prophet Isaiah was inspired by God to write about this beautiful fusion between divinity and humanity in Isaiah 9:6. The prophet Zachariah also wrote about the glorious time when the Lord would be King over all the Earth and His Name would be one. (Zechariah 14:9) There is but one God; His Name is Jesus Christ which means “Yahweh saves” or “Jehovah is salvation”. As Acts 4:12 states, “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”

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