The only begotten SON of GOD

PART ONE

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ELOHIM AND THE GRAND PLAN

In the beginning, Elohim—Gods, existed.

Isaiah recorded God's exact words. He said, "I am the LORD [YHWH], and there is no other; there is no God [Elohim = masculine plural] but Me. I will equip you for battle, though you have not known Me, so that all may know, from where the sun rises to where it sets, that there is none but Me; I am the LORD [YHWH], and there is no other" (Isaiah 45:5-6).

A side note: YHWH is the Christian pronunciation of God's name; others prefer YHUH. The modern-day use of the letter "W" was introduced in the 8th century. In the Roman alphabet the letter "V" represented both the "w" and the "u" sound. The Old English language made a distinction between the "v", "u" and "w" sounds. The monks translated the Anglo-Saxon Runes through the Roman language to Latin. The letters "v" and "u" were added into the Latin alphabet but a "w" was not. So, the monks placed two "uu" or "double u" together forming the "w" sound. This explains the slight difference that occurs in the pronunciation of God's name. It

is preferred by some scholars as YHUH, which when saying God's name is an exercise of breathing in and out—the breath of life.

It is acknowledged in Isaiah 45 of the existence of more than one God by the use the word Elohim. There are Gods. A distinction among the existence of the Gods is what YHWH is making very clear. "There is no Elohim but Me." There is no other among the Gods like Him. He is actually the source of all Elohim—Gods. He is clear about exactly who He is. He provides His name, YHWH, translated as LORD. YHWH is unique, a one-of-a-kind among the Gods. He is the Supreme, the Almighty God.

While two Gods were present at creation, only the Great God has the awesome power to command beginnings from nothing. However, the Supreme God can give to another Being this astounding power. Through the second God, the power of creation was given. Everything in heaven and on earth was created through the second God and remains sustained by him to this day. Together, they are building the God-family.

The structure of the God-family demands righteousness and perfection. Both Gods worked together to formulate and engineer the grand plan for the birth of the God-family that will form the holy, royal, ruling God-family kingdom over all creation and future expansions for all eternity. The second God is the image of the Great-Creator God who is the perfection of law-keeping Kingship and righteous Lordship. The two creations: heaven and earth were intentionally created at different times with different expertise. The first creation in heaven was created to become experts in kingship—law and order, while the second creation on earth is being molded to mature into experts in lordship—priests and priestesses—grace and righteousness.

The second God is the holder of many crowns. He is Jesus Christ, Yashuah HaMashiach. Every detail of every step in the process of the grand plan for the birth and establishment of God's family kingdom is essential to its indestructible composition and eternal longevity. Jesus Christ is at the centre; he is the cornerstone; he is the capstone; he is the anointed King over all kings and Lord over all lords serving the one and only Great, Creator God. He accepted his role before the beginning of God's family kingdom and put both, his physical and eternal life, on the line to save and prepare the second creation for their immense calling and pre-prepared offices. This unique creation was made to become living grace—lords, while the first creation was created and prepared to be the eternal expression of living law—kings. The two roles bound together are the image of the Great, Creator God who is the ultimate KING and LORD—law-keeper and grace-giver.

The role accepted by the second God is comprised of many essential components, all revealed in the scriptures. The Bible is a master piece of writing illustrating the length, depth and breadth of Almighty God's love for all creation expressed in His transparency, unveiling His grand plan in the scriptures for all who yearn to know Him. They will search and find wonders unknown to carnal man, truths that will excite the God-fearing believers and discover and participate in the riveting, never-ending, forever-budding expansions to come.

THE WORD

The Word—complete knowledge of Almighty God

The first significant identifier of the roles of the Son of God in the New Testament was spoken by the Apostle John. He addressed Jesus Christ as the Word. It is a title that personifies a Being rich and complete with the knowledge of Almighty God: His very being, His essence, His character, His law and His ways. It also includes being the Communicator of God and having God's power to speak commands and creation obeys.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning" (John 1:1-2). This scripture identifies Jesus Christ as the other God with the Almighty God in Genesis one.

This Being titled as the Word was identified and announced to creation as One who is complete with the knowledge of everything that is God. He is with God; he is also a God and existed prior to the beginning of creation in heaven and on earth. It is through this One that creation was made and continues to be sustained. It is through this One that everything about the Great-Creator God can be known. He is the Speaker of God.

"All things came into being through Him, and without Him not even one thing came into being that has come into being" (John 1:3).

The Word, who became the Son, has the power through his voice to command and creation obeys.

"The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His nature, upholding all things by His powerful word" (Hebrews 1:3).

THE Word of the LORD—Messenger from the Great-Creator God

Many times, the Word delivered messages from Almighty God to Abraham. He delivered God's message to Abraham in person and by speaking directly out of the heavens. He spoke in visions and in dreams all according to how God Almighty wanted.



The Word of the LORD—in a vision

"After these things **the word of the LORD** came to Abram **in a vision,** saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I *am* your shield, your exceedingly great reward" (Genesis 15:1).

The Word represented the Most High LORD in a visible format, communicating Almighty God's message of assurance and support for Abraham.

The Word of the Lord—in person

"Then **the word of the LORD came to Abram**, saying, 'This one will not be your heir, but one who comes from your own body will be your heir'" (Genesis 15:4).

Engaging with the spirit world was a common experience for Abraham. Job experienced many long conversations with the Almighty God, directly. The Messenger of the LORD manifesting himself through visions and in person was an everyday event for many people in the ancient world, even outside of God's people. King Nebuchadnezzar received messages from the Almighty God, either directly or through His Messenger. It was not a strange event to engage in a conversation with the Great-Creator God through His messenger, the Word or for the nations, in ancient times, to communicate regularly with their heavenly rulers.

The word of Sarah's conception and birth in her old age

"The LORD appeared to Abraham near the large trees of Mamre. Abraham was sitting at the entrance to his tent... Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. So, he quickly left the entrance to his tent to greet them. He bowed low to the ground. 'My Lord,' said Abraham, 'if I have found favor in your sight, please do not pass your servant by'" (Genesis 18:2-3).

Verse two begins with the LORD (YHWH) appearing to Abraham. When Abraham addressed the lead figure of the three men, he identified the leader in lowercase "Lord." He recognized that the lead messenger was not the "LORD" in all capital letters—the Great-Creator God, but His messenger, His communicator—the Word. Abraham understood that these three men were not mortals. He responded by bowing low to the ground, then addressing the leader as "My Lord" and finally, asking if he was seen in a favourable light before him, that he would stay and eat.

Moses wrote the book of Genesis and fully understood the method of communication used by the Great-Creator God. Moses recorded God's words to the ancient Israelites, "You cannot see My face, for no one can see Me and live" (Exodus 33:20).

The leader of the three men identified by Abraham as "Lord" spoke the words given to him by the Great-Creator God. Then the leader of the three men said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year. Your wife Sarah will have a son. Then **the Lord** [note lower case is used] said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh? Why did she say, 'Will I really have a baby, now that I am old?' Is anything too hard for me? I will return to you at the appointed time next year. Sarah will have a son'" (Genesis 18:10, 13-14).

These are all the direct words of the Great-Creator God spoken to Abraham through God's Angel Messenger.

The word of the judgement on Sodom and Gomorrah

"The LORD also said, 'The cries against Sodom and Gomorrah are very great. Their sin is so bad that I will go down and see for myself. I want to see if what they have done is as bad as the cries that have reached me. If it is not, then I will know" (Genesis 18:21).

Two angels leave to witness the sins of Sodom and Gomorrah. Abraham remains with the leading Being to plead for the righteous who may live in Sodom and Gomorrah. He understands that the leading Being is the direct messenger of the LORD Almighty. Abraham addressed this Being, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?"

The leading Being spoke the word of the LORD Almighty, "For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it."

"When the LORD had finished speaking with Abraham, **he left**, and Abraham returned home" (Genesis 18:32-33). The Being left when there was no further messaging; "he [lowercase] left."

Jesus is the Word who spoke only the words of the father

When Jesus was mortal on earth, he spoke only the words of the Father. "For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment— what to say and how to speak. And I know that His command leads to eternal life. So I speak exactly what the Father has told Me to say" (John 12:49-50).



Jesus is the Word. "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).

THE ANGEL OF THE LORD

Voice from heaven

The eternal Being with the Great-Creator God, titled the Word, is also addressed by God as the Angel of the LORD.

"And the **Angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven,** and said, 'Abraham, Abraham' and he said, 'Here am I'. He said, 'Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now, I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me'" (Genesis 22:11-12).

From out of heaven, the Angel of the LORD spoke the commands of the Great-Creator God. Frequently, in ancient times, God spoke directly to creation on earth as He did with Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Enoch, Noah, Job, and Gideon. It was such a common occurrence that it was taken for granted.

The Angel of the LORD spoke to Abraham, again. "And the **Angel of the LORD** called unto Abraham out of heaven the **second time** and said, 'This is what the LORD says: Because you have obeyed me and have not withheld even your son, your only son [heir], indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your seed shall possess the gate of their enemies'" (Genesis 22:15-17).

God's instructions for Abraham to sacrifice of Isaac, his only heir, was a test of Abraham's trust and faith in Him. Abraham was prepared to complete the task. The image of a sacrifice, the life taken of the only family-heir, was a prophecy of the redemptive sacrifice of Jesus Christ. He is the only Heir of God Almighty. Since, there was no benefit in the sacrifice of Isaac's life because he was not a perfect, qualifying offering, God provided a substitute according to the practice of the sacrificial system in place. Abraham proved that he was fully dedicated to the Great-Creator God, so, God made an unconditional promise to bless him abundantly. Through Abraham, the Holy Son of God would be born and he would be a father of a multitude of nations (Genesis 17:4).

The Angel of the LORD and Hagar

The Angel of the LORD was involved in every issue arising out of the family of Abraham, during ancient times to the present. Sarai gave Hagar to Abraham with the intent to impregnate her because she was barren. Hagar conceived and began treating Sarai with disrespect and Sarai responded harshly. Hagar eventually ran away.

"Now the Angel of the LORD found Hagar by a spring of water in the desert—the spring along the road to Shur. 'Hagar, servant of Sarai,' he said, 'where have you come from, and where are you going?' 'I am running away from my mistress Sarai,' she replied. So the Angel of the LORD told her, 'Return to your mistress and submit to her authority.' Then the angel added, 'I will greatly multiply your offspring so that they will be too numerous to count.' The Angel of the

LORD proceeded: 'Behold, you have conceived and will bear a son. And you shall name him Ishmael, for the LORD has heard your cry of affliction. He will be a wild donkey of a man, and his hand will be against everyone, and everyone's hand against him; he will live in hostility toward all his brothers'" (Genesis 16:7-12).

The Angel of the LORD found Hagar. That language used in this verse points to a guardian figure searching and finding. It can appear that the Angel of the LORD is speaking his own words, but Hagar makes it very clear that she, too, understood the Angel of the LORD was a messenger of the Great-Creator God. Moses recorded, "So Hagar gave this name to the LORD who had spoken to her: 'You are the God who sees me,' for she said, 'Here I have seen the One who sees me!'" (Genesis 16:13)

Moses recorded her words with the "LORD" in uppercase. She knew the Angel of the LORD present was speaking the words of the Great-Creator God. She was a servant girl from Egypt. Abraham's God was not the god of Egypt. She was not a free woman, not directly blessed by the God worshipped by Abraham and Sarah. She was vulnerable and at their mercy. After being mistreated by Sarah, she ran away seeking escape from harsh treatment. She was found in the wilderness where God spoke to her through the Angel of the LORD. There she was told that she was pregnant and though a mere servant girl, a son would be born and her son would seed a great number of descendants.

She and her son would not fade into insignificance. The Great-Creator God promised her the blessing given to a free people, "As for Ishmael, I have heard you, and I will surely bless him; I will make him fruitful and multiply him greatly. He will become the father of twelve rulers, and I will make him into a great nation" (Genesis 17:20).

Hagar was comforted by God—the God of Abraham whom she had come to see through His Messenger by a well—a deep storage of water, in the wilderness—that place untouched by man—that place where people go to draw near to the Great-Creator God. "Therefore, the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; it lies between Kadesh and Bered" (Genesis 16:14).

Beer-lahai-roi [well of the living One that sees me] has been studied with varying interpretations because the name is unique and the meaning is spiritual. It was named by Hagar to describe her revelation in the wilderness when she came to know the God of Abraham from a spiritual perspective, as if she had the inflowing of God's Holy Spirit imaged with her by a well, the source of water—the image of God's Holy Spirit. She learned that eternal life was accessible to her and her descendants as she knew it was for Abraham and Sarah. The Angel of the LORD was the Messenger of this very significant revelation—the news that she and her son and his descendants will live and become a great nation.

It is also important to note God's prophecy that Ishmael would father twelve rulers. The number twelve signifies perfect government. Ishmael was circumcised with Abraham when God made a covenant with Abraham. "You will undergo circumcision, and it will be the **sign of the covenant between me and you**" (Genesis 17:11). Physical circumcision is the representation of

a humble, broken heart dedicated to serving God. Every male under Abraham's leadership was required to be circumcised—that is, dedicated to the God of Abraham. Ishmael was circumcised; he was dedicated to the God of Abraham.

Still in the future, the descendants, under the millennial reign of Jesus Christ will worship the God of Abraham and obey His Son, Jesus Christ, and rule righteously—perfectly, as God's use of the number twelve indicates. The great blessing Hagar received was the prophecy of eternal life for her, Ishmael and his descendants who repent of sin and accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

The Angel of the LORD, the Man

"So, Jacob was left all alone, and there a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he could not overpower Jacob, he struck the socket of Jacob's hip and dislocated it as they wrestled. But Jacob replied, 'I will not let you go unless you bless me.' Then the man said, 'Let me go, for it is daybreak.' But Jacob replied, 'I will not let you go unless you bless me.' Then the man asked him, 'What is your name?' 'Jacob,' he answered. Then the man said, 'Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men and have overcome.' ... Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'It is because I saw God face-to-face, and yet my life was spared'" (Genesis 32:24-28, 30).



This story of Jacob wrestling with a man was really the Angel of the LORD who is the second God present at creation. It was recorded by Hosea when he was prophesying God's reprimanding words to Judah and Jacob, all twelve tribes of Jacob. He urged them to return to God and stop their bad behaviour.

"In the womb he grasped his brother's heel, and in his vigor, he wrestled with God. Yes, he struggled with the angel and prevailed; he wept and begged for His favor; he found Him at Bethel..." (Hosea 12:3-6).

Jacob sought God's protection from his brother, Esau. He searched, likely in prayer, and found God. It was the Angel of the LORD, who is a God, and was present in form, at Bethel. Jacob entered into a wrestling match of words and grappling the Angel to remain until it was clear and fully understood that he will be forever faithful to the God of Abraham. His life and the lives of his family and household depended on the Angel accepting his dedication of service to the LORD Almighty. As hard as the Angel pushed away, Jacob pulled him closer. Jacob would not nor could not be stopped, so grace and life was extended to him. The words uttered confirming this promise were, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men and have overcome" (Genesis 32:28).

The name, Israel, means prince with God. The overcomers will all be royal members of the Godfamily. "Those who overcome/are victorious will inherit all things, and I will be their God, and they will be My descendants/children" (Revelation 21:7).

The Angel of the LORD, Protector

Jacob encountered a number of interactions with the Angel of the LORD. He grew to rely on the Angel and considered him to be the conduit of protection from the LORD Almighty. When Jacob blessed Joseph, he 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, the angel who has delivered me from all harm, bless these boys" (Genesis 48:15-16).

For Jacob, God shepherded him and the Angel protected him. Almighty God and the Angel of the LORD work together as one. From ancient times, Almighty God was pointing to the Saviour of mankind, a man they could see, their Messenger from God, their Guardian and Protector.

The Angel of the LORD, holy

Moses saw the Angel of the LORD and heard God; both were together in the burning bush.



"Now Moses was tending the flock... There the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up... When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, 'Moses, Moses' and Moses said, 'Here I am.' 'Do not come any closer,' God said. 'Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground...'" (Exodus 3:2,4-5).

The Angel of the LORD was visible—he "appeared to him." In a display of supernatural power, the fire of Almighty God appeared to Moses in a bush. The figure of the Angel of the LORD was visible to Moses and the voice of Almighty God was heard by him. The presence of Holiness purified the ground and Almighty God warned Moses when he approached the

burning bush, to take off his dirty sandals (dust and dirt as symbols of sin) because he stood on holy ground. A similar event occurred when the Commander of God's army presented himself before Joshua.

"I have now come as Commander of the LORD's army.' Then Joshua fell face-down in reverence and asked Him, 'What does my Lord have to say to His servant?' The Commander of the LORD's army replied, 'Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy.' And Joshua did so" (Joshua 5:15).

Sinners must be clean to stand before Holiness. God began to teach Moses and Joshua the difference between the roles of Kingship and Lordship.

Job recorded Satan coming with the sons of God before the throne of God even with all his darkness and he was not turned away.

"One day the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them" (Job 1:6).

Satan regularly comes before God, day and night bringing charges against the overcomers of God. "For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God, day and night, has been hurled down" (Revelation 12:10b).

Satan is allowed to come before the Almighty God even as God's enemy covered with sin and lawlessness because the place of God's throne is the centre of His law courts where mistakes

are corrected. Satan comes to discuss God's law with Him; he is always working to set a precedent and modify God's law to suit himself. He attempts to justify himself by hiding his errors in the folds that he makes from twisting and bending God's law.

God's throne is the centre of all legal matters. It is the place where the accused, the law-breakers are brought and where accusers seek justice. In contrast, the centre of **God's temple** is the Holy of Holies where He sits on the Mercy Seat. This space is the most holy space where only the perfect—the pristine can enter. On earth, the High Priest, who represents Jesus Christ, enters the Holy of Holies once a year on the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, when, still in the future, God's people will be atoned for their sins.

The role of king involves the establishment and enforcement of rules and rights for the benefit of the subjects and safety of an expanding dominion. The role of Lord is the preservation of righteousness and holiness. The two roles will be bound to work together as one with equal authority under the reign of Jesus Christ to ensure that rulership is righteous, honest, truthful, just, and gracious.

The Angel of the LORD, a God!

The Angel of the LORD met with Gideon and performed the priestly function of a burnt sacrifice.

"Then the Angel of the LORD put out the end of the staff that was in his hand and touched the meat and the unleavened bread; and fire sprang up from the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened bread. Then the Angel of the LORD vanished from his sight. When Gideon saw that he was the Angel of the LORD, he said, 'Alas, O Lord GOD! For now, I have seen the Angel of the LORD face to face.' The LORD said to him, 'Peace to you, do not fear; you shall not die'" (Judges 6:21-23).

In this story, Gideon is talking with **both** the Angel of the LORD and the LORD Almighty. The LORD Almighty waits with the Angel of the LORD under the oak tree while Gideon prepared an offering. "Putting the meat in a basket and its broth in a pot, he brought them out and offered them to him [the LORD Almighty] under the oak" (Judges 6:19).

When the Angel of the LORD vanished, suddenly Gideon realized that the Angel of the LORD is more than an ordinary angel (messenger), but a God—divine. "O Lord GOD!" he said. He remembered the words of Moses and feared that he would die. Moses said, "Now, show me your glory" (Exodus 33:18) God said, "You cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live" (Exodus 33:20). Gideon remained talking with someone that he called 'LORD' (written in all uppercase). He tested the Invisible asking for proof. "If now I have found favor in your eyes, give me a sign that **it is really YOU talking to me**" (Judges 6:17).

The LORD was invisible only His voice could be heard. Gideon did not fear for his life when talking with the LORD, but feared the **face-to-face contact** with the Angel of the LORD. The Almighty God reassured Gideon, "Peace to you, do not fear; **you shall not die**" (Judges 6:23).

The Angel of the LORD is not the LORD Almighty who is a consuming fire of light.

THE ANGEL OF GOD

The Angel of God—law and obedience

Moving through the Old Testament we see references to the Angel of God. God was very clear with Moses to distinguish his title of God Almighty from the title of LORD Almighty.





God Almighty was in a battle against the god of Egypt who was working through the human pharaoh and his magicians. He said to Moses, "Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh, for because of My mighty hand he will let the people go; because of My strong hand he will drive them out of his land.' God also told Moses, 'I am the LORD. I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob as God Almighty, but by My name the LORD, I did not make Myself known to them" (Exodus 6:1-3).

The history of gods ruling over the nations in

ancient times has been mythicized by wayward scholars. Heavenly rulers were given kingship over the nations at the time of Babel. These heavenly rulers were once God Almighty's finest law-keepers and experts on His law. They were to teach the nations God's law and to teach them to live His way. Unfortunately, creation struggles to remain righteous when given access to great power. All of the heavenly rulers over the nations rebelled against the Almighty God leaving Him to prove to His people His supremacy over all gods. The exodus out of Egypt was the most powerful example of the God of Abraham's strength above and well beyond any god. The people needed to witness His supremacy before they began to believe and trust Him.

God Almighty holds two distinct titles: GOD, of which, He is the supreme above all gods and LORD. God is His legal title as Creator to create laws and rule as King. LORD is His anointed title as Most High Priest executing righteous judgement, forgiving sins and extending grace. The Angel of **God** is the representative of the King over all creation. The matter God had with the heavenly ruler over Egypt was his fall into lawlessness and his false claim to be the Great-Creator God. The focus God has with Pharaoh is a legal matter—his lawlessness into sin. The Angel with God is the **Angel of God** because of the role focus in this incidence.

God called Pharaoh out for his rebellion against Him with all his claims to be equal to or higher than the only Supreme God.

"Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great dragon that lieth in the midst of his rivers, which hath said, My river is mine own, and I have made it for myself" (Ezekiel 29:3).

This life-source of Egypt was essential for all their economic strength and power. Pharaoh claimed to have been the Creator of this life-source, which implies a spiritual element as if he was also the eternal Life-Giving-Source for Egypt equal to Almighty God, Himself.

Pharaoh acknowledged the God of Israel as the Supreme God when the Egyptians suffered plagues that they could not prevent or halt and when they suffered the complete loss of their military force consumed in the Red Sea while chasing the Israelites.

"At morning watch, however, the LORD looked down on the army of the Egyptians from the pillar of fire and cloud, and He threw their camp into confusion. He caused their chariot wheels to wobble, so that they had difficulty driving. 'Let us flee from the Israelites,' said the Egyptians, 'for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt!' Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea returned to its normal state. As the Egyptians were retreating, the LORD swept them into the sea. The waters flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had chased the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived" (Exodus 14:24-25, 26-28).

Under God's title of the Most High God, he executed legal judgement against the heavenly ruler over Egypt and the people under his rule. Pharoah admitted to sinning. "Then Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron. 'This time I have sinned,' he said to them, 'The LORD is right, and I and my people are wrong... When Pharaoh saw that the rain and hail and thunder had stopped, he sinned again. He and his officials hardened their hearts'" (Exodus 9:27, 34).

They were covered in sin and sentenced to die.

The Angel of God, legal protector of Israel

"When Israel saw the great power that the LORD had exercised over the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and believed in Him and in His servant Moses" (Exodus 14:31).

The LORD Almighty has every legal right to demand His people to be released from under the servitude of Pharaoh. He is their King. They are His inheritance, His subjects (Deuteronomy 32:9). When the Israelites demanded a physical king after Samuel retired from being their judge, God gave them what they wanted but He did not abdicate His Kingship over them. He gave them a vice-regent, Saul—a Benjaminite. King Saul forgot whose throne he was sitting on and reigning from, so, God gave it to King David who never forgot. God has journeyed His people into hardship and into riches. All of their journeys are engineered into molding His people into righteousness to form a kingdom of holy, royal priests.

The great exodus out of Egypt was captured into memory to this day. The Angel of God was with the Almighty God protecting the Israelites when they were waiting for the parting of the Red Sea. They were cornered with only one way out—through the Red Sea without boats, with babies, young children, women and all of the herds with them. It seemed impossible for the Israelites but easy for the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. It was part of God's plan to show them His mighty power and the heavenly ruler over Egypt who in not comparable to the Almighty God could do nothing to stop Him. To protect them prior to the parting of the Red Sea, the Angel of God moved from leading them to stand between them and the Egyptians.

"And the angel of God, who had gone before the camp of Israel, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from before them and stood behind them, so that it came between the camps of Egypt and Israel. The cloud was there in the darkness, but it lit up the night. So, all night long neither camp went near the other" (Exodus 14:19-20).

During the Israelites' journey out of Egypt and wandering in the wilderness, the Angel with God was always present. God assigned this Angel to lead them and protect them along their way.

"See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared" (Exodus 23:20).

This is no ordinary angel. This Angel has authority to forgive or not to forgive sins. "Pay attention to him and listen to what he says. **Do not rebel against him; he will not forgive your rebellion, since my Name is in him**" (Exodus 23:21).

In ancient times, Almighty God was pointing to their Saviour—the Angel of God. "He will not forgive your rebellion" indicates that this angel has power to judge and sentence; he is no mere messenger. "My Name [YHUH] is in him" reveals his identity. His name is YaHUSHa.

Conclusion of Part One.

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YAHUAH
(My name)

HAY DALET UAU HAY YOD
YAHUDAH
(JUDAH – the Jews)

AYIN SHIN UAU HAY YOD
YAHUSHA
(YAH our Deliver)