## Who is this Angel of GOD?



**God is not alone.** "I am God [EI, masculine singular], and there is no other; I am God[s] [Elohim, masculine plural], and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand and I will do all that I please" (Isaiah 46:9b-10).

God Almighty heads the God family. He presides over a great assembly where He has given power and authority to created heavenly beings who He calls 'sons'. "God presides in the great assembly; he gives judgment among the 'gods'... I said, 'You are 'gods'; you are all sons of the Most High...' (Psalm 82:1, 6).

When God [Elohim, masculine plural] made the earth, the sons of God shouted for joy! It was a wonderful moment in time. They all rejoiced; God was expanding His family. God spoke to Job helping him understand the vast difference between Him and the created. "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundations? ...On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone—while the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?" (Job 38:6-7)

The Psalmist revered this great God and declared His greatness over all of creation.

"The heavens praise your wonders, LORD, your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones. For who in the skies is comparable to the LORD? Who among the sons of the mighty is like the LORD, a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all who are around him?" (Psalm 89:5-8)

But who is man that God is mindful of him? "Let **US make man in our image**, in our likeness, and let them rule..." (Genesis 1:26). Elohim [masculine plural] decided to make mankind in their image. At least two Gods were involved in the creation of mankind.

"He [Christ] is the image of the invisible God, the preeminent over all creation. For by him [Christ] all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him" (Colossians 1:15-16).

"He is before all things, and in him all things hold together" (Colossians 1:17).

Jesus Christ is the second God of the God family. He is the Son of God and co-creator. Both God Almighty and Jesus Christ created mankind for the purpose of rulership with them in their family.

When sin entered into our world, mankind became like God, knowing good and evil. "The man has now become like one of US, knowing good and evil" (Genesis 3:22). This was not a good thing for mankind because they were created to grow in God's knowledge. Mankind was not created knowing all knowledge like the creation in heaven. The Apostle Paul stated that it takes a mature, disciplined Christian to be able to distinguish between good and evil. Until mankind matures in their walk with God, they will believe that they are doing the right thing, when in fact, they will be in error.

"But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil" (Hebrews 5:14).

Now, in recent times—times recent to God, some of His sons have turned against Him. The Apostle Paul fully understood man's real enemy as spiritual evil rulers who are BOTH on earth AND in the heavenly realms. "For our struggle is **NOT AGAINST FLESH AND BLOOD**, but **against the rulers**, **against the authorities**, **against the powers of this dark world** and **against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms**" (Ephesians 6:12).

The heavenly rebels are the provocateurs who deceive mankind through trickery and man's own ignorance of the spiritual world. God acknowledges mankind's disparity and devised a redemption plan a long time ago.

Critical to the success of the plan, is the angel of God. His role is multifaceted and multi-dimensional: the **Son of God** who participated in the creation of earth, **the Word** who was with God from the beginning, **the Angel** who called out to Abraham from heaven, **the Angel with God** in the burning bush when God spoke to Moses, **the Man** who wrestled Jacob and changed his name to Israel, **the Angel** who worked with YHWH to lead Israel out of Egypt, **the Angel of God** who sat under the oak tree and spoke with Gideon, **our Savior** who became flesh and blood and died on the cross, **our High Priest** who intercedes for us for he understands our weaknesses and his Father—our Father listens to him, **the Mighty Angel** in Revelation robed in

a cloud who roars like a lion, **the Tested Stone** that will not disappoint you, **God's Unique Son** of whom He is well pleased, the **Anointed One** crowned **King of all kings and Lord of all lords**, **the King** who will reign until all of God's enemies are under his feet and death is swallowed up. He will judge, He will sentence, He will correct, He will rule until all things are restored the way they were—then, he will make himself subject to the Almighty—Creator God and **God Almighty will rule through all and in all**.

This Angel of the LORD has a **relationship** with his Father that is **completely intertwined as one. His Father** is the head and he, the Son, is the body in the same way that Christ is the head of the church and the church is his body. They are ALL ONE in unity, living in total harmony—a oneness in thought, in action, in love. This Angel of God is the **ultimate Servant of God**— **faithful and true** who is still at work, overthrowing all those who are against the Almighty God. He is the ultimate leader and the ultimate example for us.

What are the scriptures that tell this story?

A SON OF GOD: "The angel answered, 'The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So, the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God'" (Luke 1:35).

"After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased!" (Matthew 3:16-17)

"Why do you call it blasphemy when I say, 'I am the Son of God'? After all, the Father set me apart and sent me into the world" (John 10:36).

"But when the set time had fully come, **God sent his Son**, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the Law, that we might receive our adoption as sons" (Galatians 4:4-5).

"We have seen his glory, **the glory of the one and only Son**, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).

"For to which of the angels did God ever say: 'You are my Son; today I have become Your Father'? Or again: 'I will be His Father, and He will be My Son'? And again, when he brings supreme Son into the world, he says, 'Let all God's angels worship him'" (Hebrews 1:5-6).

"No one has ever seen God. **But the unique One [Jesus], who is himself God** [divine], is near to the Father's heart. He [Jesus] has revealed God to us" (John 1:14).

THE WORD OF GOD: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God [divine]. He was with God in the beginning" (John 1:1-2).

"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).

"I don't speak on my own authority. The Father who sent me has commanded me what to say and how to say it" (John 12:49).

"So, Jesus replied, 'Truly, truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing by Himself, unless He sees the Father doing it. For whatever the Father does, the Son also does'" (John 5:19).

"My teaching is not My own," Jesus replied. "It comes from Him who sent Me" (John 7:16).

"Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The words I say to you, I do not speak on My own. Instead, it is the Father dwelling in Me, carrying out His work" (John 14:10).

"Whoever does not love Me does not keep My words. The word that you hear is not My own, but it is from the Father who sent Me" (John 14:24).

## THE ANGEL OF GOD:

**To ABRAHAM, the angel of God spoke.** "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).

The angel of God is often God's spokesperson. "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).

To JACOB, the angel of God provided instructions for Jacob. "And the angel of God spoke to me in a dream, saying, 'Jacob': And I said, 'Here am I' He said... 'I have seen all that Laban has been doing to you... Now leave this land at once and go back to your native land'" (Genesis 31:11-13). The angel of God repeated the promise made to Jacob by God. "I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you" (Genesis 28:15). The angel of God is the God of Bethel. "I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed a pillar and where you made a vow to me" (Genesis 31:13).

**For JOSEPH, the angel of the LORD was his protector.** 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, **the angel who has delivered me from all harm—may he bless these boys**" (Genesis 48:15-16).

For Joseph, God shepherded him and the Angel protected him. Like two peas in a pod, the Almighty God and the Angel of God work as one.

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...'

The angel of the LORD is visible—"appeared." Both the Almighty God and the angel of the LORD were in the burning bush. One was visible and the other was not.

To the ISRAELITES, the angel of the LORD has authority to forgive or not to forgive sins. "See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to bring you to the place I have prepared. 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 23:20-21).

"He will not forgive your rebellion" indicates that this angel of the LORD has power to judge and sentence; he is no mere messenger. "My Name [YHWH] is in him" reveals his identity. His name is YasHUaH.

To GIDEON, the angel of the LORD met with him 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. The LORD waits with the angel of God 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 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 angel (messenger), but a God—divine. He remembered the words of Moses and feared that he will 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' and believed that He was the LORD because he asked 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 Gibeon, "Peace to you, do not fear; **you shall not die**."

THE MAN: "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 32:30).

While no one in human form can see God Almighty—the Father face-to-face and live, Yashuah, God's Son does manifest himself in human form and interact with humans, face-to-face. Yashuah is no mere messenger, but has authority and as God's plan unfolds, he is given more and more authority as he accomplishes the work of his Father.

**OUR SAVIOR:** "Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!" (Philippians 2:6-8)

"But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid! For behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people: Today in the City of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11).

"He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world" (I John 2:2).

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus" (Romans 3:23-24).

"For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him [Christ], and through him [Christ] to reconcile to himself ALL things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross" (Colossians 1:19-20).

**OUR HIGH PRIEST:** "Jesus has already gone in there for us. He has become **our eternal High Priest in the order of Melchizedek**" (Hebrews 6:20).

"So, He had to be made like His brothers in every way, that He might become a **merciful and faithful high priest in service to God**, in order to make atonement for the sins of the people" (Hebrews 2:17).

"Therefore, since we have such a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we profess" (Hebrews 4:14).

"For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but **One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin**" (Hebrews 4:15).

"Yes, it is He who will build the temple of the LORD, and He who will bear the honor and sit and rule on His throne. Thus, **He will be a priest on His throne**, and **the counsel of peace will be between the two offices**" (Zechariah 6:13).

**THE MIGHTY ANGEL:** "Then I saw another **mighty angel** coming down from heaven. He was robed in a cloud, with a rainbow above his head; his face was like the sun, and his legs were like fiery pillars. He was holding a little scroll, which lay open in his hand. He planted his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land, and **he gave a loud shout like the roar of a lion**. When he shouted, the voices of the seven thunders spoke. And when the seven thunders spoke, I was about to write, but I heard a voice from heaven say, 'Seal up what the seven thunders have said and do not write it down'" (Revelation 10:1-4).

**Like Father, like Son:** "The LORD roars from Zion and utters His voice from Jerusalem, and the heavens and the earth tremble. But the LORD is a refuge for His people and a stronghold to the sons of Israel" (Joel 3:16).

"They will follow the LORD; **he will roar like a lion**. When he roars, his children will come **trembling** from the west" (Hosea 11:10).

"He said: 'The LORD roars from Zion and thunders from Jerusalem; the pastures of the shepherds dry up, and the top of Carmel withers'" (Amos 1:2).

The Almighty God and the Mighty Angel will roar again to the nations of 21<sup>st</sup> century Israel; they will hear and they will understand. They will return from the west to God—trembling.

**A TESTED STONE:** "Therefore, this is what the Sovereign LORD says: 'Look! I am placing a foundation stone in Jerusalem, a firm and tested stone. It is a precious cornerstone that is safe to build on. Whoever believes need never be shaken'" (Isaiah 28:16).

"As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ" (I Peter 2:4-5).

Christ is that tested and precious cornerstone who is one with God from the beginning. Before sin entered into our world, he willingly died for our sins so that we could have the option of eternal life again. His sufferings have proved many times over, his loyalty and faithfulness to God Almighty. In Christ, we can safely lean and follow—wherever he goes, knowing without a doubt that he is walking on the perfect way of righteousness.

"Therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but **fellow citizens of the saints and members of God's household**. Together, **we are his house**, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And **the chief cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself**" (Ephesians 2:19-20).

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief corner stone" (Psalm 118:22).

"For no one can lay a foundation other than **the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ**" (1 Corinthians 3:11).

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS: "Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me'" (Mathew 28:18).

"And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church" (Ephesians 1:22).

As Christ battles the rogue spiritual entities, he is given increased authority. Now, he has all authority in heaven and earth, so that he can overthrow wickedness, during the final great battle on our near horizon.

"And from His mouth proceeds a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and **He will rule them with an iron scepter**. He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God, the Almighty. **On his robe at his thigh was written this title: King of all kings and Lord of all lords**" (Revelation 19:15-16).

Christ will judge the world. "For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son" (John 5:22).

"And He ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify that **this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead**" (Acts 10:42).

"On the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men **through Christ Jesus**" (Romans 2:16).

A RELATIONSHIP OF ONE: Unique and precious is the relationship that God Almighty has with His Son. It is no ordinary relationship; it is intertwined and bound into ONE harmonious union of thought, action, and love. God Almighty is the head of this relationship and Yashuah is His body, under subjection, yet working side by side. This relationship is the same unique and precious relationship that Christ will have with his church—two entities working as one in every way.

"My Father, who has given them [the saints] to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand" (John 10:29). "I AND THE FATHER ARE ONE" (John 10:30). God Almighty works with Christ, His Son. They are in complete harmony; their relationship is like a spiritual marriage of one—a totally unified relationship with God as the head, Christ as His body.

"But I want you to realize that the **head of every man is Christ**, and **the head of the woman is man**, and **THE HEAD OF CHRIST IS GOD**" (I Corinthians 11:13).

"But if I do his work, believe in the evidence of the miraculous works I have done, even if you don't believe me. Then you will know and understand that the **FATHER IS IN ME, AND I AM IN THE FATHER**" (John 10:38).

"Believe me when I say **THAT I AM IN THE FATHER AND THE FATHER IS IN ME**; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves" (John 14:11).

"I will remain in the world no longer, but they [the saints] are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be ONE as WE are ONE" (John 17:11).

"The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; I IN THEM AND YOU IN ME, that they may be PERFECTED IN UNITY, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me. Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, although the world has not known You, yet I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me; and I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them" (John 17:22-26).

The Spirit from God through Christ makes this unique and precious relationship possible for us. "For by **one Spirit** are **we all baptized into one body**, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into **one Spirit**" (I Corinthians 12:13).

"But ye are not in the flesh, **but in the Spirit**, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man has not the **Spirit of Christ**, he is none of his" (Romans 8:9).

"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abides in me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing" (John 15:4-5).

"Therefore, **if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (II Corinthians 5:17).

This oneness is all about a unified **relationship**. Separate entities brought together as ONE. "For we are members of His body. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the **two will become one flesh**. **This mystery is profound**, but **I am speaking about Christ and the church**" (Ephesians 5:30-32).

Christ has been given authority over the church—the head. "And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church" (Ephesians 1:22).

"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it" (I Corinthians 12:27).

"The body is a unit, though it is comprised of many parts. And although its parts are many, they all form one body. So, it is with Christ" (I Corinthians 12:12).

THE ULTIMATE SERVANT OF GOD—FAITHFUL AND TRUE: Christ is the ultimate servant, the ultimate leader, and the ultimate example for us. He was there from the beginning. He suffered immeasurably to save us. His love for us is unquestionable. There is no greater love, than the love of dying for someone else. God has given him all power and authority to finish the work of destroying death and restoring all things back to how it was before sin and rebellion began, those many—many years ago.

"For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him [Christ], and through him [Christ] to reconcile to himself ALL things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross" (Colossians 1:19-20).

The last enemy is death for then, all of creation will be living righteously. There will be no sin, hence, no penalty of death. "For He [Christ] must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be abolished is death" (I Corinthians 15:26).

"He [Christ] will swallow up death for all time, And the Lord GOD will wipe tears away from all faces, and He will remove the reproach of His people from all the earth; for the LORD has spoken" (Isaiah 25:8).

"But now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who **abolished death** and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel" (II Timothy 1:10).

"Shall I ransom them from the power of Sheol? Shall I redeem them from death? **O Death,** where are your thorns? **O Sheol, where is your sting?** Compassion will be hidden from My sight" (Hosea 13:14).

"Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire This is the second death, the lake of fire" (Revelation 20:14).

Together, the saints will rule with Christ—under him, yet side-by-side to teach mankind the way of God, to judge angels and to subdue sin. They will be like him in his glory. "Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is" (I John 3:2).

When Christ's work is fully accomplished, the Son will bend his knee to the Almighty God. Christ will be made subject again to his Father, giving all power to God to rule through all and in all. "When he has done this,



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then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all" (I Corinthians 15:25).

A large portion of the work involving mankind is still incomplete. Christ has provided the way for us to join him in God's great work. Now is the time to repent and accept Christ's sacrifice. Come and join the race with the saints studying the word of God, proving all things, embracing truth, rooting out lies, and growing intimately close to our creator God. YHWH/Yahuah is His name.

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