

# Question About Exegesis of Isaiah 44:24

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Please exegete this Scripture. Doesn't "alone" and "by myself" mean One Person? ...not Three Persons?

"Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;" Isaiah 44:24 KJV

## Answer:

That's an excellent and sincere question—one that touches the heart of both biblical theology and how we understand the **oneness and plurality of God**. Let's carefully exegete **Isaiah 44:24 (KJV)** and then look at how "alone" and "by myself" harmonize with the full testimony of Scripture.

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## **Key Words in Hebrew:**

- **"LORD" (YHWH)** – the covenant name of God, uniquely tied to His identity as the one true God of Israel.
- **"Alone"** – *lēbaddî* – meaning *by oneself, in isolation, without assistance*.
- **"By myself"** – *mē'ittî* (from *"et"* + **preposition**) – meaning *from within myself, without help from another*.

## **What the Text Emphasizes:**

### **1. God is the Sole Creator**

The *emphasis* of this verse is on **God's exclusive role as Creator**. This is in **direct contrast** to the surrounding pagan nations who believed in multiple gods or demiurges working together to create the world.

Isaiah is confronting **polytheism**—the belief in many divine beings working in tandem. He's declaring:

*"No one helped me. I created the heavens and the earth without assistance. There are no other gods beside Me."*

See also:

- **Isaiah 45:5** – "I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me."
- **Isaiah 40:25-26** – God names and numbers the stars, and none is missing.

The text **does not say** how God's essence or inner being is structured. It simply proclaims that **no other deity or being** assisted or shared in the act of creation.

### **Does This Contradict the New Testament Revelation of Christ?**

**Not at all. In fact, the New Testament affirms that Jesus, as the Word of God, was the very active Agent in creation—yet not separate from God.**

### **John 1:1–3, 14 (KJV)**

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made... And the Word was made flesh."*

Jesus is **with God** and **is God**—this expresses **unity of being** yet **distinction of person**.

### **Colossians 1:15–16**

*"For by him [Christ] were all things created... all things were created by him, and for him."*

### **Hebrews 1:2**

*"God... hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son... by whom also he made the worlds."*

So how do we reconcile this with Isaiah 44:24?

### **Harmonizing Isaiah 44:24 with the Godhead**

Isaiah affirms:

- No *other gods* participated in creation.
- God **acted entirely out of His own will and being.**

This **does not deny** the **multi-personal nature** of the one true God. Instead, it confirms:

- The **unity of God's essence**
- The **exclusivity of Yahweh** as the Creator
- The **nonexistence** of any outside power assisting Him

The **Trinity** teaches:

One **Being** of God (divine nature), eternally existing in three **Persons**—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

So:

- When God says “by Myself,” it means **without any help from outside Himself.**
- The **Son** and **Spirit** are not “other gods” or beings, but fully and eternally part of **God's own divine being.**

**Analogy:**

When you speak a word, is your voice separate from you? No—it is an extension of your being. So when God created through His **Word** (John 1:3) and His **Spirit** (Genesis 1:2), He was creating **by Himself**, through the **fullness of who He is.**

**Summary:**

- **Isaiah 44:24** strongly affirms the **oneness of God** and **His exclusive power as Creator.**
- The words “**alone**” and “**by Myself**” refer to the fact that God did not create with help from other **deities or external agents.**
- The **New Testament** clarifies that the **Word (Jesus)** and the **Spirit** were fully involved in creation, yet **not separate gods**, but part of the **one divine Being.**
- Therefore, Isaiah 44:24 **does not contradict** the Trinity—it **supports monotheism**, and the **Trinity defines how the one God exists in perfect relational unity.**