

The Shema is the anthem of everyone who believes in the Oneness of the One and Only Living Creator. Ever since the claims of Messianics that Yahshua is divine, it has become a type of shield against what non-Messianics consider to be blasphemy. But there is no denying the fact that Yahshua made claims of Himself which constitute blasphemy, unless of course those claims are true. In this post, we are going to take a very in-depth look at what the Tanach (Old Testament) has to say about the Oneness of our Creator and the qualifications that we must look for in the promised Messiah.

What is known as "The Shema" is Deut.6:4 which states,

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD;"

There are two different words for "one" in the Hebrew;

"Yachid"-denoting a singular one

"Echad"-denoting a composite unity

The word used here in Deut.6:4 is "Echad". It is the same word used in Gen.2:24 where it says that the man and the woman shall be "one" flesh. What does this tell us of the Oneness of our Creator? That He is some how a composite unity? This mystery begins with the very first two words in the Tanach. Gen.1:1 states in the Hebrew;

"Barashiyt, Elohim...."

First,

the second word is plural and is even sometimes translated "gods" in other passages where it is used. But, we know that He is One so this passage is not telling us that there is more than one Creator. In fact, whenever "Elohim" is used in the Scriptures in reference to the Creator, it is translated as "The Mighty One". The very use of a plural word for the Creator breaks the rules of Hebrew grammar. The Creator is singular and yet the very first verse tells us He is plural. Then, before we get out of the first chapter, verse 26 of Gen.1 states;

"Let US make man in OUR image..."

Some commentators on this verse have stated that the Creator was talking to the angels, but that can't be right because angels don't create.

Secondly,

I have to stop here for just a moment to go back to the very first word in Gen.1:1. That word alone is in itself a pregnant mystery which I hope to convey in brief.

"Barashiyt", also transliterated as "b'rashiyt" is a compound word containing two words spelled with the letters - bet, resh, aleph, shin, yud and tav. The bet = "In" and the other letters = "beginning". But, these first two letters, bet and resh also spell the Hebrew word "bar" which means "son" and then the rest of the letters are a Hebrew word which means "set forth/appoint/put into position/reveal/manifest/show/seal/enthroned." The very first word in the Tanach tells us "A Son I will set forth/appoint/put into position/reveal/manifest/show/seal/enthroned."

Now, consider also that Gen.1:27 says when Elohim created man in His image, He made THEM male and female. His image required plurality in the creation of man. Then, in Gen.18:1 when He appeared to Abraham, it says that Abraham looked up and saw "three" men. And when Abraham addressed them he did not say the plural, "Sirs","friends" or "my Lords". What he said to them was singular as if speaking to but one individual. He said, "My Lord"(Gen.18:3). In verse 21 of this chapter, The LORD says, "I will go down"...[to Sodom and Gomorrah]and yet in the next verse we read that Abraham remained standing before Him. In the next chapter, Gen.19, we read that these men are "angels." This can throw us off from the implications that these individuals are mysteriously more than mere angels and I myself did not see it for years. The Hebrew for "angels" is the word "melekim" which means "sent ones". Who is being sent? Because verse 24 says, "The LORD rained down fire and brimstone from The LORD out of heaven. What? How did He do that? We read right pass these Scriptures all the time and miss the full implication of what they are saying to us about the composite unity that is so apparent in the Hebrew Scriptures. Our enemy, HaSatan is a counterfeiter. He never comes up with anything truly original. He knew of the tri-unity of Elohim, therefore he designed the false concept of a trinity, which is actually pagan rooted, but trinity is not the same as tri-unity. Our Elohim Is One, but His tri-unity, although it cannot be explained is clearly apparent throughout the entire Hebrew Scriptures. As Messianic believers, we need to be clear on this and know how to give an answer to those who ask. Clearly, the tri-unity of Yah originates not from Christianity, but from the Ancient Hebrew Scriptures as we will continue to uncover this Mystery of The Echad (The Oneness) of The Mighty One.

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