

FATHER

It isn't hard to convey to someone that Yah is our Father.

"Yet, O LORD, you are our Father..." Is.64:8

Who could disagree with this? Clearly, He is our source of life, our Law giver, protector, and He calls us His sons and daughters. We are made in His image and He guides and corrects us when we need it. So, "Father" is not hard to grasp and no one that I have ever met has a problem with "Father."

SPIRIT

Gen.1:2 is the first mention we see of The Spirit of Yah which it says "...hovered over the waters..." And in Deut.34:9, it says that Joshua was "filled with the Spirit." 1 Sam.10:6 says The Spirit was "upon" Saul. Isaiah 61 states "The Spirit of The LORD is upon me..." And in Joel 2:28 Yah says He will "pour out His Spirit upon all flesh."

People will consent that Yah is a Spirit of course, but it is evident from these Scriptures and many more like them that Yah has a Spirit that He pours out from Himself while remaining Himself. So, it is not Him, but it is Him.

SON

Here's the One that people really trip over (if they're going to trip at all.) As Isaiah said of the Messiah;

"And He will be a sanctuary; but for both houses of Israel He will be a stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall. And for the people of Jerusalem He will be a trap and a snare." Isaiah 8:14

If what I have said so far has been unfamiliar or uncomfortable for you, please try to put aside your mind-set and take a fresh look at these Scriptures or you very well could miss it again.

Zech.8:3 states the following;

"This is what the LORD says: I will return to Zion and dwell in Jerusalem."

Capital letters "LORD" in our English translations denotes the Sacred Name, so this is Yah Himself saying He will dwell in Jerusalem. Now, before you tell yourself that He is omnipotent and therefore dwelling everywhere already, consider why He would tell us that at some point in time, He will come to dwell specifically in Jerusalem. How exactly will the Almighty come to dwell in Zion? How are His feet going to touch the Mount of Olives as it says in Zech.14:4? In 1 Samuel 8:7, The LORD tells Samuel, "...it is not you they have rejected as their king, but me." In this passage, Yah calls Himself Israel's King, so how is it that The King of Israel comes to us..."humble and riding on a donkey" (Zech.9:9)? Malachi 3:1 states, "I will send my messenger who will prepare the way before me." We know that messenger to be Yochanan the Immerser (John the Baptist) but, take notice again of how this is worded; "...prepare the way before ME." This verse goes on to say, "Suddenly, the Lord you are seeking will come to His temple." And He is called, "the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire.." Yahshua,

the messenger of the covenant walked into the temple about 433 years after the writing of this prophecy, and keep in mind, it was clearly Yahshua Himself who spoke to us of the messenger, Yochanan, whom HE would send to prepare the way before HIM.

The Messiah is often referred to as the "Redeemer" and "Savior."

Isaiah 59:20 tells us;

"The Redeemer will come to Zion..."

And Isaiah 62:11 says;

"Say to the daughter of Zion, See, your Savior comes!" And yet Isaiah 49:26 tells us;

"...all mankind will know that I, the LORD, am your Savior, your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob."

Yah Himself according to this passage is the ONLY Savior and Redeemer. Now look at Isaiah 63:8-9 where it says;

"...He became their Savior. In all their distress He too was distressed, and the Angel of His Presence saved them."

This terminology "the Angel of His Presence" touches upon a topic of great interest among Theologians throughout the centuries. In Exodus 23:21, The Father tells the Israelites not to rebel against the angel that He sent ahead of them for "...My Name is in Him." This "Angel of His Presence", or The Angel that it is said bears "The Name" of the Most High is also referred to as "The Angel of The LORD." Theologians have come to refer to this "Angel of The LORD" as the Theophony or Christophony; a pre-appearance of the Messiah. (More on this in a later post.)

"In all their distress, He too was distressed" reminds me of the passage in Isaiah 53:4; "Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows..."

Yah Himself is the only Savior, and yet the Angel of His Presence who bears His Name is our Savior!

Zech.13:7 says, "Awake, O sword, against my Shepherd, against the man who is close to me!" The Hebrew for "man" in this verse is "amiyth" which translates "associate/comrade/fellow/peer/equal". What man is equal to the Almighty? And yet it says in this passage that he will be killed.

The pre-existence of the Son with the Father and the Spirit is practically spelled out in these next 2 verses;

"I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill. I will proclaim the decree of The LORD: He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father.....You will rule them with an iron scepter.....Kiss the Son lest He be angry and you be destroyed in your way." (Psalm 2:6-12)

"Who has gone up to heaven and come down? Who has gathered up the wind in the hollow of His hands? Who has wrapped up the waters in His cloak? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His Name, and the Name of His Son? Tell me if you know!" (Prov.30:4)

Micah 5:2 tells us that the the ruler over Israel will be born in Bethlehem. It also tells us that "His origins are from old, from ancient times." The Hebrew word rendered "old" in this passage is "kedem" meaning "antiquity/aforetime/eternal." "ancient times" is also rendered "days of eternity."

Only The creator is eternal and yet this speaks of a child who will be born. Isaiah 9:6 tells us that the child who will be born to us will be called by the following titles; "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." This child will be called "Mighty God" and "Everlasting Father."

Clearly, in the Echad of our Creator, according to the Hebrew Scriptures there is Yah-The Father, Yah-The Ruach, and The Son, our Savior and Redeemer who is Yah. This is a mystery. And there is more to be revealed of this mystery in the next part 3.