**Comparisons of Jesus with Jehovah**

1. **His Singularity, His Name, His Glory**
2. **OT – Jehovah, Elohim, El, Eloah, Holy One** (*Qâdôwsh*)

**Exo.3:13-15** “And spoke Moses to the Elohim, ‘Behold, I *am* going to *the* sons of Israel and I will say to them, ‘Elohim of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they will say, ‘What is His name?’ What do I say to them?’ And spoke Elohim to Moses, ‘I Am Who I Am.’ And He spoke thus, ‘You will say to the sons of Israel, ‘**I Am** has sent me to you.’’ And spoke again Elohim to Moses thus, ‘You will say to the sons of Israel, ‘**Yahweh**-Elohim of your fathers, Elohim of Abraham, Elohim of Isaac, and Elohim of Jacob has sent me to you.’ This *is* **My name** to the age and this *is* **My memorial** to generation, generation.’”**Here Yahweh-Elohim identifies Himself with a new name “I Am”, with which His about-to-be-redeemed covenant people were to identify Him. How is it then that Jesus later said, ‘Truly, truly I say to you, before Abraham came to be I Am.” (Joh.8:58)? If Jesus were a pre-existent angel, the proper grammar would have been “I was”. But the Jews fully understood Jesus’ meaning with that “I Am”, because they attempted to stone Him for His presumed blasphemy (Joh.8:59). Jesus is the “I Am” Who spoke with Moses.**

**Exo.34:14**“For you will not bow yourselves down to another god (*êl*), for Yahweh – His name *is* Jealous – a jealous God (*Êl*) *is* He.” **If we accept Jesus as “a god”, are we not going against Yahweh’s jealousy? The healed blind man of Joh.9:38-39 bowed to Jesus, and Jesus’ response was not the typical “Do it not!” that one would expect of an angel of God or a man of God. Or I might add: any creature of God, however elevated he might be – this includes the Demiourgos (Demi-god) of the 1st century Gnostic beliefs.**

**Deu.4:35** “You yourself have been shown *it*, to know that Yahweh Himself *is* the Elohim, *there is* none else apart from, besides Him.” **Does this statement allow for both “an elohim” and “the Elohim”?**

**NOTE:** Hebrew allows the juxtaposition of prepositions – for the purpose of emphasis. An example in English might be: ‘I was late on account of, because of my sleeping late.’ Silly English, but good Hebrew.

**Deu.4:39** “And you know this day, and you bring *it* back to your heart that Yahweh Himself *is* the Elohim in the heavens above the heights and upon the earth from underneath – *there is* none besides.” **Does this statement allow for both “an elohim” and “the Elohim”?**

**Deu.6:4**  “Hear, Israel, Yahweh our Elohim, Yahweh *is* one.” **See comments after Mk.12:29 below.**

**2 Sa.7:22** “Therefore You have become great, Adonai-Yahweh, for none *is* like You and *there is* no Elohim except You in all that we have heard with our ears.” **Does this statement allow for both “an elohim” and “the Elohim”?**

**1 Ki.8:59-60** “And these my words which I have sought favor to the face of Yahweh become near to Yahweh our Elohim by day and night, to make judgment of His servant and judgment of His people Israel, a word of day by day, in order for all peoples of the earth to know that Yahweh Himself *is* the Elohim – *there is* none besides.” **Does this statement allow for both “an elohim” and “the Elohim”?**

**2 Ki.19:15** “And Hezekiah interceded before Yahweh and said, ‘Yahweh Elohim of Israel, seated on the cherubs, You Himself *are* the Elohim - by Yourself – to all the kingdoms of the earth. You made the heavens and the earth.” **Does this statement allow for both “an elohim” and “the Elohim”?**

**2 Ch.6:14** “And (Solomon) said, ‘Yahweh Elohim of Israel, *there is* not like You an elohim in the heavens and in the earth, keeping the covenant and the kindness for Your servants who walk before You with all their heart.’” **Flat statement: there is NO elohim like Yahweh Elohim anywhere in the creation. Because of the sharing of power, honor and glory between the Father and the Son, the Son cannot be another elohim like Yahweh! He either is Yahweh, or no elohim at all.**

**Isa.37:16** “Yahweh of armies, Elohim of Israel, dwelling on the cherubs, You are Himself the Elohim unto Your aloneness, unto all kingdoms of the earth. You Yourself have made the heavens and the earth.” **If Yahweh Himself (emphatic) is the Creator, how can the Word (Jesus) of John 1:1-3 be another creator of these same things?**

**Isa.40:18** “And to whom will you compare God (*Êl*), and what likeness will you arrange to Him?”

**Isa.40:25** “’And to whom will you compare Me, and will I resemble?’ says *the* Holy One.”

**Isa.42:8** “I Myself *am* Yahweh; this *is* My name. And I give not My glory to another, nor My praise to idols.” **In Joh.17:5 Christ asks for His glory back, which He shared with the Father before the overthrow (and re-creation). If only the Father be Yahweh, He would not have agreed to share His glory with a creature. If it were otherwise, then the Son must be a deceiver!**

**Isa.44:6,8** “Thus said Yahweh, King of Israel and redeeming him, Yahweh of armies, I am First and I am Last, and apart from, without Me *there is* no Elohim. … Dread not, nor fear. Have I not told you from that time and declared *it*? And you *are* My witnesses. *Is there* existing Eloah (sing. of Elohim) apart from, without Me? But *there is* not; a Rock I have not known.” **Note the “First and Last” correlation between Isa.44:6 and Rev.22:13 – see below under “Creator.” Also, 1 Cor.10:4 identifies Israel’s “Rock” as Christ.**

**Isa.45:5-6** “I *am* Yahweh and *there is* none besides – except Me, Elohim. I gird you and you have not known Me. So that they will know from rising of sun and from sunsetting, that except-apart from Me I *am* Yahweh – *there is* none besides.”

**Isa.45:14** “Thus said Yahweh, ‘… surely with you *is* God (*Êl*) and *there is* none besides, except Elohim.’”

**Isa.45:18** “For thus said Yahweh, creating the heavens. He *is* the Elohim, shaping the earth and making it. He Himself established it. He created it not an emptiness. He shaped it to dwell in. He *is* Yahweh and *there is* none besides.”

**Isa.45:21-23** “Declare and bring near. Also let them be counseled together. Who has proclaimed this from aforetime; from that time has declared it? *Is it* not I Myself, Yahweh? And *there is* none besides Elohim, apart from, without God (*Êl*), righteous and saving. There is none except Me. Turn to Me and be saved all extremities of earth, for I Myself *am* God (*Êl*) and *there is* none besides. By Myself I have sworn. *The* word has gone out from My mouth of righteousness and it will not return – that to Me will bow every knee, will swear every tongue.” **Rom.14:10-11 and Phi.2:10-11 apply v.23 here to Jesus. There is none righteous and saving but Yahweh, to Whom every knee will bow – this applies also to our Saviour Jesus Christ, the righteous One (1 Joh.2:1).**

**Isa.46:5** “To whom do you liken Me and cause to resemble and compare Me, and we are like *one another*?”

**Isa.46:9** “Remember former things from the age, for I *am* God (*Êl*) and *there is* none besides, Elohim and *there is* none like Me.”

**Isa.48:10-11** “Behold, I have smelted you and not with silver. I have chosen you in the furnace of affliction. For My sake, for My sake I do *it*, for how is it (i.e., My glory) profaned? And I give not My glory to another.” **Joh.17:5 again.**

**Joe.2:27** “And you will know that I *am* in the midst of Israel. And I Myself *am* Yahweh your Elohim, and *there is* none besides. And My people are not ashamed to the age.”

1. **NT**

**Mat.7:21-22** “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord’ (Kurie, Kurie) will enter the kingdom of the heavens, but the one doing the desire of My Father, the One in the heavens. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord (*Kurie, Kurie*), have we not prophesied in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name done many deeds of power?’”

**Those familiar with the LXX, as were most of Jesus’ hearers would have immediately made the association between ‘Kurie, Kurie’ (vocative case) and the Septuagint translation of “Adonai-Yahweh”, thus:**

1. **Adonai-Yahweh as ‘Kurios-Kurios’ (64 times)**
2. **Adonai-Yahweh as ‘Kurios mou Kurios’ (8 times)**
3. **living Adonai-Yahweh as ‘ze Kurios-Kurios’ (1 time)**
4. **Yahweh as ‘Kurios-Kurios’ (2 times)**
5. **Yahweh as ‘Kurios ho Kurios’ (1 time)**
6. **Yahweh-Adown as ‘Kurios ho Kurios’ (2 times)**
7. **Yahweh-Adonai as ‘Kurios-Kurios’ (3 times)**
8. **Yahweh-Yahweh as ‘Kurios-Kurios’ (2 times)**
9. **Yahweh-Yahweh as ‘ho Kurios-Kurios’ (1 time)**
10. **Yahweh-Elohim as ‘Kurios mou Kurios’ (2 times)**

**So 86 times in the LXX Yahweh is called “Lord, Lord”.**

**Translating by this formula, they will call on Jesus in that day by His name Adonai-Yahweh!**

**Mat.25:11-12** “And later come also the remaining virgins, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, (*Kurie, Kurie*) open to us.’ But He answering said, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’” **Everything in Mat.7:21-22 above applies here also, except that here Jesus is the parabolic Bridegroom, Who is addressed “Kurie, Kurie” – i.e., “Adonai-Yahweh”.**

**Mar.12:29** “Jesus answered, ‘First is – Hear, Israel, Lord our God, Lord is one.’” **Mark captures verbatim from the LXX of Deu.6:4 (above). The LXX uses Kurios for Yahweh. If Kurios is one, or there is only one Kurios, how can Yahweh/Kurios of the OT be separate from Jesus/Kurios of the NT? The doctrinal books of the NT constantly refer to Him as the Lord Jesus Christ or the Lord Jesus. ‘Kurios’ seems to have become part of His name, as ‘Christ’ also became.**

**Luk.4:15** “And He was teaching in their synagogues, having been glorified (*doxazomenos*) by all.” **This is Luke’s description of the beginning of Jesus’ ministry – He received glory from all.**

**Joh.5:22-23** “For neither does the Father judge no one, but He has given all the judgment to the Son, in order that all may honor the Son according as they honor the Father. He not honoring the Son does not honor the Father Who sent him.” **There are different degrees or types of honor: honor of parents (Eph.6:2), honor of real widows (1 Ti.5:3), honor of all men and the king (1 Pe.2:17). But Jesus revealed that men were to honor Him according as they honored the Father – i.e., equally.**

**Joh.12:37-41** “But His having done so many signs before them, they were not believing in Him (i.e., Christ), that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke, ‘Lord, who believed our report, and to whom was the arm of the Lord revealed?’ Because of this they were not able to believe, for again Isaiah said, ‘He has blinded their eyes and made stubborn their heart, that they might not see with the eyes and understand with the heart and turn around, and I might heal them.’ These things said Isaiah because he saw His glory and spoke concerning Him (i.e., Christ).”**This text contains a synopsis of Isa.6:9-10, with an explanation “because he saw His glory.” Isaiah witnessed the Glory in vv.1-3, with Yahweh on an exalted throne, His accompaniment filling the temple, and the seraphs declaring, “Holy, holy, holy is Yahweh of Armies. Whole earth is filled with His glory.” Does this sound like Big Yahweh or little yahweh? John says Isaiah saw Jesus’ glory!**

**Luk.24:26** “Ought not this Christ to suffer and to come into His glory?”

**2 Cor.4:6** “Because God Who said, ‘Light shines from darkness’, Who shone in our hearts for the illumination of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” **NOTE: When Moses had seen Yahweh’s glory on Horeb, he was given a slight afterglow. When Christ was transfigured on the mount, His radiance was as the sun! Moses had seen Yahweh and radiated a little for a little while. Jesus saw Moses and Elijah, but shone like the sun. Moses had a reflected glory – not of himself. Jesus had an inner glory – very much of Himself.**

**Col.2:9** “because in Him (Christ) dwells all the fullness of the Deity (*theotēs*) bodily.” **It isn’t just Deity/Theity that dwells in Him, but all its fullness! An incomparable indwelling.**

**Ti.2:13** “awaiting the happy hope and shining forth of the glory of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.” **NOTE: a glory shared between equals.**

**Heb.13:20-21** “And the God of peace, Who brought up from *the* dead the Great Shepherd of the sheep, by *the* blood of an age-abiding covenant, our Lord Jesus, may He restore you in every good thing to do His will, doing in you what *is* pleasing before Him through Jesus Christ, to Whom *be* the glory unto the ages of the ages. Amen.” **Shouldn’t Paul be glorifying God, ahead of Christ?**

**2 Pet.3:18** “And increase in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and unto the day of an age. Amen.” **Shouldn’t Peter be glorifying God, rather than Christ?**

**Rev.5:13** “And every creature which *is* in the heaven and upon the earth and beneath the earth and upon the sea, and all those things in them, I heard saying, ‘To Him Who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb *be* the blessing and the honor and the glory and the might unto the ages of the ages.’”**The One Who Sits and the Lamb share equally in the blessing, honor, glory and might. They are equals. This “One Who Sits” is referred to throughout the Revelation. In the immediate context He is worshipped by the four living ones with “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty” and by the twenty-four elders with “Worthy are You, Lord and our God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power” (Rev.4:8-11). Would Yahweh share such glory with a creature?**

1. **His Sovereignty**
2. **OT – Jehovah, Jehovah-Elohim of Armies**

**Psa.22:27-28** “All the ends of the earth will remember and turn back to Yahweh, and all clans of nations will bow down before You. For to Yahweh *is* the kingship and ruling among nations.” **This future rulership of the whole earth here ascribed to Yahweh is somehow given to Christ (and much more) – see Mat.28:18 below.**

**Psa.89:8-9** “Yahweh-Elohim of Armies, who is like You – a strong Yah! And Your faithfulness *is* around You. You *are* ruling in the majesty of the sea, in lifting its waves. You Yourself still them.” **This rulership over earthly natural law is also included in Mat.28:18 below.**

**Psa.103:19** “Yahweh has established in the heavens His throne, and His kingship has ruled in all.”

**Jer.31:35** “Thus said Yahweh, giving sun for light by day, the statute of moon and stars for light of night, quieting the sea when its waves roared. Yahweh of Armies *is* His name.”

1. **NT**

**Mat.28:18** “And approaching, Jesus spoke to them saying, ‘Was given to Me all authority in heaven and upon the earth.’” **This goes beyond the earthly sovereignty ascribed to Yahweh in Psa.22:27-28, and 89:8-9 above. It also includes the heavens – e.g., the “rule” of sun, moon and stars per Gen.1:16 and Jer.31:35 above.**

**Mat.25:31** “And when the Son of man may come in His glory and all the angels with Him, then He will sit upon the throne of His glory.” **Here is Jesus leading the heavenly host – i.e. He is Himself Yahweh of Hosts (or Armies).**

**Rev.19:11-15**“And I saw the heaven opened and, behold, a white horse and the One sitting upon it *is* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. And His eyes *are* as a flame of fire, and upon His head *are* many diadems, having a name written which no one has known except Himself, and clothed with a garment dipped in blood, and His name has been called the Word of God. And the armies which *are* in the heavens followed Him, upon a white horse, clothed in linen white, pure. And out of His mouth comes forth a sharp sword, that with it He may strike the nations, and He will shepherd them with an iron staff, and He tramples the winepress of the rage of the wrath of God Almighty.” **Activities usually associated with Yahweh of Hosts (Armies) are here attributed to the Word of God – i.e., Jesus. Here it is heavenly armies He leads – same group that assembles around His throne in Mat.25:31.**

**Rev.19:16** “And He has upon the garment and upon His thigh a name written: King of kings and Lord of lords.” **The title “king of kings” was given to Nebuchadnezzar (Dan.2:37) and Artaxerxes (Ezr.7:12) because to them were given a worldwide dominion – a dominion subsequently given to Jesus. But the “Lord of lords”** (*Adônêy ha adôniym*) **title was reserved for Yahweh – see Deu.10:17; Psa.136:1-3. It is used of Jesus here and in Rev.17:14.**

1. **Creator**
2. **OT –Elohim, Jehovah-Elohim, Jehovah-Adôn, Jehovah, Holy One** (Qâdôwsh)**, El, Father** (Heb. create = *bârâ’*; creation, creature = *berîy’âh*; make = *`âsâh*; work (n.) = *ma`aseh*)

**Gen.1:1** “In the beginning Elohim **created** (*bârâ’*) the heavens and the earth.”

**Gen.1:27** “And Elohim **created** (*bârâ’*) the Man in His likeness, in the likeness of Elohim He **created** (*bârâ’*) him. Male and female He **created** (*bârâ’*) them.”

**Gen.2:4** “These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth in their being **created** (*bârâ’*), in the day of Yahweh-Elohim **making** (*`âsâh*) earth and heavens.”**This establishes Yahweh as the Elohim of creation.**

**Gen.6:7** “And Yahweh said, ‘I will blot out the Man whom I **created** (*bârâ’*) from upon the faces of the ground, from Man even to cattle, even to creepers and even to flyers of the heavens, for I have been sorry that I **made** (*`âsâh*) them.”

**Num.16:30** “But if Yahweh **created** (*bârâ’*) a **creation** (*berîy’âh*) and the ground opened its mouth…”

**2 Ki.19:15** “And Hezekiah interceded before Yahweh and said, ‘Yahweh Elohim of Israel, seated on the cherubs, You Himself *are* the Elohim - by Yourself – to all the kingdoms of the earth. You **made** (*`âsâh*) the heavens and the earth.” **The Elohim, Yahweh Himself, not an elohim, created all things.**

**Neh.9:6** “You are He, Yahweh alone, You **made** (*`âsâh*) the heavens, *even* the heavens of the heavens and *the* whole army of them, the earth and all that *is* upon it, the sea and all that *is* in it, and You are keeping alive all of them, and the army of the heavens *is* bowing down to You.” **If Yahweh alone created every corner of the universe and everything inhabiting it, how can it be said of Christ that “all things by Him came into being” (Joh.1:3) and “by Him were created all these things in the heavens and upon the earth” (Col.1:16)? As for keeping all of them alive, this role also belongs to Christ – “and He is before all things, and by Him all these things hold together” (Col.1:17)**

**Psa.8:1-9** “Yahweh, our Adôwn, how majestic Your name in all the earth, Who set Your splendor above the heavens. Out of the mouth of children and sucklings You established strength, because of those vexing You, to put a stop to those acting hostile and taking vengeance themselves. For I see Your heavens, *the* **works** (*ma`aseh*) of Your fingers, moon and stars which You established. What *is* man that You remember him, and a son of Man that you attend to him? And You decreased him a little from Elohim, and glory and splendor crown him. You cause him to rule over the **works** (*ma`aseh*) of Your hands. You have put all things underneath his feet. Flocks and cattle, all of them, and also animals of *the* open field; bird of heavens and the fish of the sea, passing through *the* ways of *the* seas. Yahweh, our Adôwn, how majestic *is* Your name in all the earth.”

**Psa.51:10** “A clean heart **create** (*bârâ’*) for me, Elohim, and an established spirit renew in my inward part.”

**Psa.89:46-47** “Until when, Yahweh, will You hide Yourself? Unto perpetuity will Your rage burn like fire? Remember, I *pray*, how long is *the* time of life. On account of what vanity have You **created** (*bârâ’*) all the sons of Man?”

**Psa.102:24-27** “I say, ‘My God (*Êl*), take me not up in the middle of my days’ Through a generation of generations *are* Your years. Before the earth You founded, and heavens *are* the work of Your hands. They will perish and You will remain, and all of them like a garment will become old, like clothing. You will change them and they will pass away. And You *are* He, and Your years will not be finished.” **NOTE: Heb.1:8 applies to the Son what follows in vv. 10-12, which quotes verbatim from the Greek (LXX) text of Psa.102:25-27. Therefore the Son, Jesus, is also El of the OT.**

**Psa.104:24…30** “How multiplied are Your **works** (*ma`aseh*), Yahweh. All of them in wisdom You have **made** (*`âsâh*). The earth has been full of Your possessions. … You send Your spirit; they are **created** (*bârâ’*), and You renew the faces (surfaces) of the ground.”

**Psa.148:4-5** “Praise Him, heavens of the heavens, and the waters which *are* above-upon the heavens. Let them praise the name Yahweh, for He Himself commanded and they were **created** (*bârâ’*).”

**Isa.37:16** “Yahweh of armies, Elohim of Israel, dwelling on the cherubs, You are Himself the Elohim unto Your aloneness, unto all kingdoms of the earth. You Yourself have **made** (*`âsâh*) the heavens and the earth.”**If Yahweh Himself (emphatic) is the Creator, how can the Word of John 1:1-3 be another creator of these same things?**

**Isa.40:26** “Lift up high your eyes and see Who has **created** (*bârâ’*) these, the One bringing out by number their army. He calls to all of them by name. Out of abundance of strength and mighty power not one is lacking.”**Spoken of the “Holy One” of v.25.**

**Isa.40:28** “Have you not known, if you have not heard? Elohim of the age, Yahweh, **creating** (*bârâ’*) the ends of the earth, does not grow weary and does not toil. *There is* no searching for His understanding.”

**Isa.42:5** “Thus said the God (*Êl*) Yahweh, **creating** (*bârâ’*) the heavens and stretching them out, spreading out the earth and its produce, giving breath to the people upon it and spirit to those walking in it.”

**Isa.43:1** “And now thus said Yahweh, **creating** (*bârâ’*) you Jacob and forming you Israel, ‘Fear not for I have redeemed you. I have called on your name – you are Mine.’”

**Isa.43:7** “Everyone who is called by My name, even for My glory I have **created** (*bârâ’*) him. I formed him, yea, I **made** (*`âsâh*) him.” **This is still “Yahweh, your Elohim, Holy One of Israel” from v.3 speaking.**

**Isa.43:15** “I am Yahweh, your Holy One, **creating** (*bârâ’*) Israel, your King.”

**Isa.44:24** “Thus said Yahweh, your redeemer and your fashioner from the womb, ‘I Myself *am* Yahweh, making all *things*, stretching out *the* heavens by Myself, stamping out the earth from-with Myself.’” **Yahweh was Creator by Himself. Either Christ is also Yahweh, or Christ did not create anything – contrary to Scripture! Yahweh was the very personal name that God gave to Israel to call Him by. Would it make any sense for an elevated creature (Christ) to be called by this same name?**

**Isa.45:7-8** “Forming light and **creating** (*bârâ’*) darkness, **making** (*`âsâh*) welfare (lit. peace) and **creating** (*bârâ’*) bad, I *am* Yahweh **making** (*`âsâh*) all these things. Drip you heavens from above and clouds trickle righteousness. Earth opens and they bear fruit. Salvation and righteousness sprout together. I Yahweh have **created** (*bârâ’*)it.”

**Isa.45:11-12** “Thus said Yahweh, Holy One of Israel and forming him, ‘Ask of Me the things coming concerning My sons, even concerning the work of My hands – command Me. I Myself **made** (*`âsâh*) Earth and I **created** (*bârâ’*) Man upon it. I, My own hands stretched out Heavens and I commanded all their army.’”

**Isa.45:18** “For thus said Yahweh, **creating** (*bârâ’*) the heavens. He *is* the Elohim, shaping the earth and **making** (*`âsâh*) it. He Himself established it. He **created** (*bârâ’*) it not an emptiness. He shaped it to dwell in. He *is* Yahweh and *there is* none besides.”

**Isa.64:8** “And now You *are* Yahweh our Father. We *are* the clay and You forming us, and the **work** (*ma`aseh*) of Your hands all of us.” **One of the few texts where Yahweh is also identified as Israel’s Father.**

**Isa.65:17-18** “For, behold! *I am* **creating** (*bârâ’*) new heavens and new earth, and the former things will not be remembered, nor will they rise upon the heart. For exult and rejoice a perpetuity of perpetuity that I *am* **creating** (*bârâ’*). For, behold! *I am* **creating** (*bârâ’*) Jerusalem rejoicing and her people a joy.”

**Eze.28:13 … 15** “You came into Eden, garden of Elohim. Every precious stone *was* your covering: carnelian, chrysolite and onyx; tarshim, shoham and jasper; sapphire, nophek and emerald, and gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and of your pipes in you in the day of your **creating** (*bârâ’*) was firmly set. … You *were* sound in your ways from the day of your being **created** (*bârâ’*) until unrighteousness was found in you.” **Spoken of Satan, as “anointed cherub.”**

**Amo.4:13** “For, behold, *Him* forming mountains and **creating** (*bârâ’*) spirit, and declaring to Man what *is* His thought, **making** (*`âsâh*) dawn a darkness, and treading upon the heights of Earth, Yahweh-Elohim of Armies *is* His name.”

**Mal.2:10** “*Is there* not one Father to all of us? Has not one God (*Êl*) **created** (*bârâ’*) us? Wherefore do we act treacherously one against his brother to profane *the* covenant of our fathers?”

1. **NT – God, Jesus** (Gk. create = *ktizō*; creation, creature = *ktisis*)

**Joh.1:1-3** “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. This One was in the beginning with God – all things by Him came into being (*ginomai*), and apart from Him not one thing came into being which has come into being.” **The Word, as Creator, created everything – no exceptions. This is the same One referred to in Rev.19:13 as “the Word of God”, whose garment was dipped in blood from making war on earth (treading the winepress in v.15). Because God spoke the creation into existence in Gen.1, one could view “the word” of Joh.1 as merely what He spoke at the beginning. However, John adds that “the Word was God”, in a sense making God and His spoken word inseparable. But note that this is “*ho Logos*”, the content of speech (and mind) – the matter being spoken – rather than *lalia*, which focuses on the act of speaking. (cp. “Christ - power of God and wisdom of God” per 1 Co.1:24)**

**Rom.1:19-20** “Because the knowledge of God is manifest among them, for God manifested *it* to them. For the unseen things of Him from the **creation** (*ktisis*) of the world are seen clearly by the works being perceived – both His eternal power and divinity – for them to be without excuse.”**God as Creator.**

**Col.1:14-16** “in Whom we have the deliverance, the forgiveness of sins, Who is *the* image of the unseen God, firstborn of every **creature** (*ktisis*), because by Him were **created** (*ktizō*) all these things in the heavens and upon the earth, the visible things and the unseen things, whether thrones or lordships or principalities or authorities, all these things by Him and for Him were **created** (*ktizō*).” **Christ as the Creator. Also He is “the image** (or **likeness**) **of the unseen God” – how does this reconcile with Isa.40:18, 25; 46:5, 9, where Yahweh asks, “to whom will you liken Me?”**

**Rev.3:14** “… This says the Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning (*archē*) of the **creation** (*ktisis*) of God.” **NOTE: Christ is the beginning of creation in the active sense of origin, or first cause.**

The book of Revelation is the “unveiling of Jesus Christ”. From beginning to end, the book is about the coming of Christ – He is the Coming One.

**Rev.1:7-8** “Behold, He **comes** with the clouds and every eye will see Him and those who pierced Him … ‘I am the Alpha and the Omega’ says *the* Lord God, Who was and Who is and Who **is coming**, the Almighty.”**Equates the Crucified One with the Lord God and the Almighty.**

**Rev.4:8** “… ‘Holy, holy, holy, Lord God the Almighty, Who was and Who is and Who **is coming**.”**Lord God the Almighty is also the Coming One. Then, Lord God the Almighty is Jesus!**

**Rev.22:20** “… ‘Yes, I am **coming** quickly.’ Yes, be **coming** Lord Jesus!”

This “Alpha and Omega” says later:

**Rev.21:6** “… I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning (*archē*) and the End. I will give to the one thirsting from the spring of the water of the life freely.” **Again this beginning is in the active sense. Also, these are the “living waters” that John elsewhere ascribed to Jesus – Joh.7:38.**

**Rev.22:12-13** “Behold, I **come** quickly and My reward *is* with Me to recompense to each one as his work is; I the Alpha and the Omega, the First (*prōtos*) and the Last, the Beginning (*archē*) and the End.” **Note the FIRSTNESS of Christ declared in Col.1:15, 18 in His being the Firstborn** (*prōtotokos*)**, or Heir, and His being first** (*prōteuō*).

So He Who is called “the Alpha and the Omega”, “He Who was and Who is and Who is coming”, “Beginning”, “First”, “Lord God”, “the Almighty”, “the Word” is also Jesus Christ, Who communicated to John the unveiling of Himself.

1. **Saviour, Salvation**
2. **OT - Jehovah, Jah-Jehovah, Jehovah-Adonai, Adonai, Jehovah-Elohim, Elohim, El, Father, Rock**(Heb. save = *yâsha`*;salvation = *yêsha`*, *yeshûw`âh*, or *teshûw`âh*, Joshua/Jesus = *Yehôwshûa`*):

**Exo.14:30**“And Yahweh **saved**(*yâsha`*)in that day Israel from the hand of *the*Egyptians…”

**Num.10:9** “…and you will be remembered to the face of Yahweh-Elohim and you will be **saved**(*yâsha`*)from your enemies.”

**Deu.20:4** “For Yahweh-Elohim Who goes with you to fight with your enemies for you to be **saved** (*yâsha`*).”

**Deu.33:29** “Happiness Israel! Who *is* like you, a people **saved**(*yâsha`*)by Yahweh, Shield of your help and Sword of your majesty…?”

**Psa.3:7** “Arise, Yahweh; **save**(*yâsha`*)me, my Elohim, for You have struck all my enemies…”

**Psa.7:10** “My shield is upon Elohim, **saving**(*yâsha`*)the straight of heart.”

**Psa.12:5** “’Because of the oppression of poor ones, because of the groaning of needy ones, now will I arise,’ says Yahweh. ‘I will put into**salvation**(*yêsha`*) he who breathes out to Him.’”

**Psa.18:2** “Yahweh *is* my cliff and my stronghold, and my escaping. My God (*Êl*) *is* my rocky wall. I trust in Him my Shield, and Horn of my **salvation**(*yêsha`*), and my refuge (lit. height).”**See 1 Co.10:1-4 below.**

**Psa.37:39** “And **salvation**(*teshûw`âh*) of righteous ones is from Yahweh, their Stronghold in time of distress.”

**Psa.38:22** “Make haste for my help, Adonai my **Salvation** (*teshûw`âh*).”

**Psa.40:16** “Let them rejoice and be glad in all those seeking You. Let those loving Your **salvation**(*teshûw`âh*) say continuously, ‘Magnified is Yahweh!’”

**Psa.62:1-2** “Surely toward Elohim is the repose of my soul. From Him *is* my **salvation** (*yeshûw`âh*). Surely He is my Rock and my **Salvation** (*yeshûw`âh*), my Refuge (lit. height). I am not shaken much.”**See 1 Co.10:1-4 below.**

**Psa.89:26** “He (David)himself calls Me, ‘You *are* my Father, my God (*Êl*), and Rock of my **salvation** (*yeshûw`âh*).’”**See 1 Co.10:1-4 below.**

**Psa.98:1-3** “Sing a melody to Yahweh, a new song, for wonderful acts He has done. He **saved** (*yâsha`*) for Himself – His right-hand and His holy arm. Yahweh made known His **salvation** (*yeshûw`âh*); to the eyes of the nations He revealed His righteousness. He remembered His kindness and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All *the* extremity of *the* earth has seen the **salvation**(*yeshûw`âh*) of our Elohim.”

**Psa.118:14-15** “My strength and song is Yah, and He has become to me for **salvation** (*yeshûw`âh*). A voice of loud crying and **salvation** (*yeshûw`âh*) *is* in the tents of the righteous – the right-hand of Yahweh working strength.”

**Psa.119:41** “And let Your kindnesses come to me, Yahweh, Your **salvation** (*teshûw`âh*) according to Your word.”

**Psa.119:166** “I have waited for Your **salvation** (*yeshûw`âh*), Yahweh, and Your commandments I have performed.”

**Psa.119:174** “I have longed for your **salvation** (*yeshûw`âh*), Yahweh, and Your law *is* my delight.”

**Psa.140:7** “Yahweh-Adonai, strength of my **salvation** (*yeshûw`âh*), You have covered my head in the day of arms.”

**Pro.20:22** “Say not, ‘I will requite evil.’ Wait for Yahweh and He will **save**(*yâsha`*)you.”

**Isa.12:2-3** “Behold, God (*Êl*) *is* my **salvation** (*yeshûw`âh*). I will trust and not be afraid, for my strength and melody is Yah-Yahweh, and He has become to me for **salvation** (*yeshûw`âh*).”

**Isa.17:10** “Because you have forgotten Elohim your **salvation**(*yêsha`*) and Cliff of your protection…”

**Isa.25:9** “And he will say in that day, ‘Behold this our Elohim. We waited for Him and He **saved**(*yâsha`*) us. This *is* Yahweh. We waited for Him. We rejoice and are glad in His **salvation**(*yeshûw`âh*).’”

**Isa.33:2** “Yahweh, be gracious to us; for You we have waited. Become their arm in the mornings, indeed our **salvation**(*yeshûw`âh*) in the time of distress.”

**Isa.33:22** “For Yahweh our Judge, Yahweh our Lawgiver (lit. engraving), Yahweh our King – He will **save** (*yâsha`*) us.”

**Isa. 35:4** “Say to those making haste *the* heart, ‘Grow strong, fearing not. Behold your Elohim! Vengeance comes – recompense of Elohim. He Himself comes and **saves** (*yâsha`*) you.’”

**Isa.37:20** “And now, Yahweh our Elohim, **save**(*yâsha`*) us out of his hand and all kingdoms of the earth may know that You Yourself *are* Yahweh for Your aloneness (lit. separation).”

**Isa.38:20** “Yahweh to **save**(*yâsha`*) me, and we will play music all *the* days of our lives upon the house of Yahweh.”

**Isa.43:3** “For I Myself Yahweh your Elohim, Holy One of Israel **saving** (*yâsha`*) you …”

**Isa.43:11-12**“I Myself – I *am* Yahweh, and *there is* not apart from, without Me one who **saves** (*yâsha`*). I Myself have declared and I have **saved** (*yâsha`*) and I have proclaimed, and *there is* not among you a stranger (i.e., a strange god). And you yourselves *are* My witnesses – an utterance of Yahweh - and I *am* God (*Êl*).”**Yahweh alone is Saviour. This is not a collaboration of Big Saviour and little saviour.**

**Isa.45:8** “Drip you heavens from above and clouds trickle righteousness. Earth opens and they bear fruit. **Salvation**(*yêsha`*) and righteousness sprout together. I Yahweh have created it.”

**Isa.45:15** “Truly You are God (*Êl*) concealing Yourself, Elohim of Israel – **saving** (*yâsha`*).”

**Isa.45:17** “Israel has been **saved** (*yâsha`*) by Yahweh, a **salvation** (*teshûw`âh* ) of ages. You will be neither ashamed nor humiliated until the ages of perpetuity.”

**Isa.45:21-22** “Declare and bring near. Also let them be counseled together. Who has proclaimed this from aforetime; from that time has declared it? *Is it* not I Myself, Yahweh? And *there is* not besides Elohim apart from, without God (*Êl*), righteous and **saving** (*yâsha`*). *There is* none except Me. Turn toward Me and be **saved** (*yâsha`*) whole extremity of earth, for I Myself *am* God (*Êl*) and *there is* none besides.”**Yahweh-Elohim-El alone is Saviour.**

**Isa.46:9…13**“Remember former things from the age, for I *am* God (*Êl*) and*there is* none besides, Elohim and *there is* none like Me. … I have brought near My righteousness. It is not far off, and My **salvation** (*teshûw`âh* ) does not delay. And I will put in Zion **salvation** (*teshûw`âh* ), for Israel My glory.”

**Isa.49:6** “It was easy for Your becoming to Me a Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and the preserved of Israel to return. And I will give You a light for the nations, for becoming My **salvation** (*yeshûw`âh* ) as far as the extremities of the earth.” **Luk.2:32 applies this to Jesus Christ. In what sense then can Yahweh be Saviour alone (Isa.43:11-12; 45:21-22 above), if His Servant Jesus is His salvation? Yahweh and His Servant must be one and the same, difficult as that may be for creature-minds to understand.**

**Isa.49:26** “And I will cause those oppressing you to eat their *own* flesh, and like sweet wine they will drink their *own* blood. And all flesh will know that I Yahweh, **saving** (*yâsha`*) you and redeeming you, *am*the Strong One of Jacob.”

**Isa.51:5** “Near is My righteousness. My **salvation** (*yêsha`*) has gone out and My arms will judge peoples. Unto Me *the* coasts will wait and unto My arm they will hope.”

**Isa.51:8** “For like a garment a moth will eat them, and like wool a worm will eat them, but My righteousness will come to pass unto the age and My **salvation** (*yeshûw`âh* ) unto the generation of generations.”

**Isa.52:10** “Yahweh has made bare His holy arm unto the eyes of all the nations, and all *the* extremity of *the* earth will see the**salvation** (*yeshûw`âh* ) of our Elohim.”

**Isa.59:15-17** “And it comes to pass the truth failing. And one turning from evil *is* plundering himself. And Yahweh saw *it*, and it was displeasing in His eyes that *there was* no judgment. And He saw that *there was* no man and He was appalled that *there was* no one interposing. And His *own* arm **saved** (*yâsha`*) for Him. And His righteousness, it supported Him. And he put on righteousness as a breastplate and a helmet of **salvation** (*yeshûw`âh* ) on His head. And He put on a garment of vengeance *for* clothing, and He wrapped Himself like a robe *with* jealousy.”

**Isa.60:16** “And you will suck the milk of nations, and you will suck a breast of kings. And you will know that I *am* Yahweh **saving** (*yâsha`*) you and redeeming you, the Strong One of Jacob.”

**Isa.61:10**  “I will greatly rejoice in Yahweh. Exult my soul in my Elohim, for He clothed me with garments of **salvation** (*yêsha`*). A robe of righteousness has covered me…”

**Jer.17:14** “Heal me, Yahweh, and I have been healed. **Save** (*yâsha`*) me, and I have been **saved** (*yâsha`*), for my praise is You.”

**Jer.30:10-11** “And you should not fear, My servant Jacob –an utterance of Yahweh – nor should you be dismayed, Israel, for behold! I *am***saving** (*yâsha`*) you from afar, and your seed from the land of their captivity, and Jacob will return and be in quiet and be at peace, and not trembling. For with you *am* I – an utterance of Yahweh –to **save** (*yâsha`*) you, for I make annihilation in all the nations where I have dispersed you. Surely with you I will not make annihilation, but I have disciplined you for judgment and I do not entirely acquit you.”

**Jer.31:7** “For thus said Yahweh, ‘Cry out gladness to Jacob, and cry loudly at the head of the nations. Declare, praise and say, ‘Yahweh, **save** (*yâsha`*) Your people, *the* remnant of Israel.’’”

**Jer.31:31, 33-34**“Behold, days *are* coming – an utterance of Yahweh –and I will cut with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah a new covenant. … For this *will be* the covenant which I will cut with the house of Israel after those days – an utterance of Yahweh – I have given My law into their inward part and I have written *it* upon their heart, and I have become to them for Elohim, and they have become to Me for People. And they will not teach still each one his fellow, and each his brother, to say, ‘Know Yahweh!’, for all of them will know Me in regard to, from their least and unto their greatest - an utterance of Yahweh – for I will forgive toward their iniquity and toward their sin I will not remember again.”**Compare Mat.26:27-28 below, where Jesus initiates the New Covenant.**

**Eze.36:23-29** “And I will consecrate My great name which *is* being profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in your midst. And the nations will know that I *am* Yahweh – an utterance of Adonai-Yahweh – in My being consecrated in you for their eyes. And I will take you out of the nations and I will gather you out of all the lands and I will bring you into your ground. And I will sprinkle upon you clean waters, and you will be cleansed from all your uncleanness, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give to you a new heart, and a new spirit I will give in your inward parts. And I will turn aside the heart of stone from your flesh, and I will give to you a heart of flesh. And My spirit I will give into your inward parts, and I will do this so that in My statutes you walk, and My judgments you keep and do. And you will dwell in the land which I gave to your fathers, and you will become to Me for a people, and I Myself will become to you for Elohim. And I will **save** (*yâsha`*) you from all your uncleannesses, and I will call unto the grain and I will multiply it. And I will not give famine upon you.”**Compare Mat.1:21 below, where Jesus is the Saviour of His people Israel.Also, Mat.26:27-28 below, where Jesus initiates the New Covenant.**

**Eze.37:23** “And they will not defile themselves again with their idols and with their abominations and with all their transgressions, but I will **save** (*yâsha`*) them out of all their dwellings in which they have sinned. And I will cleanse them, and they will become to Me for a people, and I Myself will become to them for Elohim.”

**Hos.13:4** “And I *am* Yahweh your Elohim from the land of Egypt, and Elohim besides Me you do not know, and a**Saviour** (*yâsha`*) *there is* not except*Me*.”**No other Saviour besides Yahweh-Elohim!**

**Mic.7:7** “And I myself keep watch in Yahweh; I wait for Elohim my **Salvation** (*yêsha`*). Elohim hears me.”

**Hab.3:8** “Has Yahweh been angry against rivers?*Is* Your wrath against the rivers? *Is* Your fury against the sea? For You ride upon Your horses, Your chariots of **salvation** (*yêsha`*).”

**Hab.3:18** “And I myself in Yahweh do exult; I rejoice in Elohim of my **salvation** (*yêsha`*).”

**Zep.3:17** “Yahweh your Elohim *is* in your midst, *the* Strong One **saves** (*yâsha`*). He exults over you with gladness; He gives quiet in His love; He rejoices over you with loud crying.”

**Zec.9:9** “Rejoice greatly, daughter of Zion; shout, daughter of Jerusalem. Behold, your King comes to you. Righteous and **saving** (*yâsha`*) is He, humble and riding upon a donkey and upon a colt, son of she-asses.”**This OT description of the Saviour applies to Jesus – e.g., Mat.21:4-5.**

1. **NT - Jesus, God** (Gk. save = *sōzō*;salvation = *sōtēria*, Saviour = *sōtēr*):

**Mat.1:21** “And she will give birth to a son, and you will call His name Jesus (Heb. *Yehôwshûa`*), for He will **save** His people from their sins.”

**Mat.26:27-28** “and having taken a cup and having given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, ‘All you drink out of it, for this is my blood of the covenant (“new” covenant in Luk.22:20), which is being poured out concerning many for the forgiveness of sins.”

**Joh.4:42** “… and we have known that this is truly the **Saviour** of the world.” **The Samaritan woman speaking about Jesus.**

**Acts 4:10-12**“Be it known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, Whom you crucified, Whom God raised from the dead, by Him this one has stood before you whole. This is the stone which having been despised by you the builders has become for the head of the corner; and there is not **THE salvation** in no other, for neither is there another name under the heaven which having been given among men by which we **must be saved**.” **No other name by which men must be saved! – whatever happened to the name Yahweh, Who alone is Saviour according to Hos.13:4?NOTE: double negatives were good (and emphatic) koinē Greek.**

**Acts 5:30-31** “The God of our fathers raised Jesus, Whom you murdered, hanging upon a tree. This One God exalted Leader and **Saviour** at His right hand to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.” **So Yahweh got tired of being Israel’s Saviour and gave the job to Jesus?**

**Acts 20:28** “… the church of God, which He acquired by His own blood.” **Blood of God!!!!**

**1 Co.10:1-4** “For I do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all went through the sea, and all were baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual Rock following *them*, and the Rock was Christ.” **So the Rock of Israel’s salvation was Christ! Cp. Psa.18:2; 62:1-2; 89:26 above.**

**Pastoral Epistles:**

**1 Ti.1:1** “… God our Saviour …”

**1 Ti.2:3** “… our Saviour God … “

**1 Ti.4:10** “… the living God, Who is Saviour of all men …”

**2 Ti.1:10** “… the shining forth of our Saviour Christ Jesus …”

**Ti.1:3** “… our Saviour God …”

**Ti.1:4** “… Christ Jesus our Saviour …”

**Ti.2:10** “… our Saviour God …”

**Ti.2:13** “… our Saviour Jesus Christ.”

**Ti.3:4** “… our Saviour God …”

**Ti.3:6** “… Jesus Christ our Saviour …”

**1 Ti.1:15** “… Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners …”

**Just how many Saviours are there?**

1. **Forgiveness of Sin**

**OT – Jehovah, Jehovah-El**

**Exo.34:6-7** “And Yahweh passed by him, over his face and He proclaimed, ‘Yahweh, Yahweh-El, compassionate and gracious, slow of anger and great of kindness and truth, keeping kindness for thousands, bearing iniquity and transgression and sin, and acquitting He will not acquit, appointing guilt of fathers against sons, and against sons of sons, against a third (i.e., great grandsons) and against a fourth (etc.).”

**Isa.43:25** “I, I Myself am He, blotting out your transgressions for My Own sake, and your sins I will not remember.” **Spoken by Yahweh of v.16.**

**Jer.31:34** “And they will not teach still a man his fellow, and a man his brother, to say, ‘Know Yahweh,’ for all of them will know Me in regard to, from their least even unto their great, and in regard to their sins, I will not remember again.”

**NT – Father, Jesus**

**Mat.6:14** “For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will forgive you also.”

**Luk.7:48-49** “And He said to her, ‘Your sins have been forgiven’. And those seated together began to say within themselves, ‘Who is this Who even forgives sins?’”

**Acts 5:30-31** “The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, Whom you murdered, hanging Him upon a tree. God exalted This One with His right hand a Leader and Saviour, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.”

**Col.1:13-14** “Who rescued us from the authority of the darkness and removed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,in Whom we have the redemption, the forgiveness of the sins…”

**1 Joh.1:7-9** “And if we should walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from every sin. If we should say that we have not sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we should confess our sins, He is faithful and just so that He may forgive us the sins and may cleanse us from every unrighteousness.”

1. **More Remarkable Statements**

**Isa.9:6** “For a Child has been begotten to us, a Son has been given to us, and the rule will come to be upon His shoulder, and He has called His name Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Father of eternity, Captain of peace.”**NOTE: a Son of Israel will be called “mighty God, Father of perpetuity”.**

**Mat.28:19** “Therefore having gone, disciple all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” **Note that “the name”** (*to onoma*) **is singular, making Father, Son and Holy Spirit a compound unity of One Name!**

**Joh.1:18** “No one has seen God at any time. Only-begotten God Who being in the bosom of the Father, He has fully drawn Him out (i.e., “revealed”).” **Only-begotten God! Then whom did Abraham, Moses and Isaiah see, if not This One from the bosom of the Father – with Whom He shared His glory (Joh.17:5)?**

**Joh.5:18** “Because of this, then, the Jews were seeking *the* more to kill Him, because not only was He breaking the sabbath, but He also called God His own Father, making Himself equal to God.” **NOTE: there is no contingency here – such as, “so alleged the Jews” – it was John’s testimony also that Jesus was making Himself equal to God.**

**Acts 10:36** “the word which He sent to the sons of Israel, evangelizing peace by Jesus Christ; This One is Lord (*Kurios*) of all.” **This remarkable statement of Jesus being “Lord of all” is very similar to 1 Chr.29:12 (LXX), in which David proclaims, “You Lord rule over all, Who rules over all rule.” Lord in the LXX is *Kurios*, but David was praying to the Lord *Yahweh*, as verse 11 in the Hebrew text makes apparent.**

**Acts 11:20-21** “…evangelizing the Lord (*Kurios*) Jesus, and hand of *the* Lord (*cheir Kuriou*) was with them, and a great number of those having believed turned to the Lord (*Kurios*).” **Context indicates one Lord in this passage – i.e., Jesus. But *cheir Kuriou* is frequent in the LXX as a translation of *yad Yahweh*! – 28 occs. (9-Sam/Ki/Chr.; 1-Ezr.; 1-Job; 1-Psa.; 7-Isa.; 2-Jer.; 7-Eze.). It is impossible to disregard this OT connection of Yahweh to Jesus – a common “hand” operated in OT times and the Acts period.**

**Col.2:2** “so that their hearts might be encouraged, being joined together in love and unto all riches of the full confidence of the understanding, unto recognition of the mystery (or “secret”) of God – Christ.” **In effect, Christ is God’s secret weapon to bring about the destruction of Satan’s kingdom of corruption. If the “rulers of this age”, as well as “the god of this age”, had understood this secret, they would not have pressed to kill “the Lord of glory.” (1 Co.2:8)**

1. **John the Baptist’s Unique Role**
2. **Who is Michael?**

His story is confined to five texts.

**Dan.10:13** “And the captain (*sar*) of the kingdom of Persia, *was* standing to, in front of me twenty and one days. And, behold, **Michael**, one of the chief captains (*sar*) came to my help and I remained over there beside the kings of Persia.”

Note that this angelic messenger would go on to resist the captains (*sar*) of Persia and Greece – Dan.10:20.

**Dan.10:21** “But I declare to you what is inscribed in the writing of truth, and not one *is* growing strong with me over these things, but perhaps **Michael** your captain (*sar*).”

**Dan.12:1** “And at that time will stand **Michael** the great captain (*sar*), the one standing over the sons of your people. And there will come a time of distress which has not come from the coming of a nation until that time. And at that time your people will escape, all those being found written in the book.”

The picture is one of angelic dominions among “chief captains”. Michael, an unfallen angel, was captain over Israel. Other, fallen angels had their captaincies over the nations which God had given up at the Tower of Babel. These corrupt captains came under Satan’s dominion – thus Satan could offer Jesus “all the kingdoms of the world” – Mat.4:8. The Hebrew word *sar* means primarily a military chief. On the other hand, “Messiah the Prince” of Dan.9:25 uses the Hebrew *nâgîyd*, a term never used of Michael. A prince, or chief, in the *nâgîyd* sense was a “conspicuous one” (from *nâgad*, to be conspicuous). Michael is not very conspicuous in Scripture – at least not as I understand him. But his military prowess will be proved in the great heavenly battle:

**Rev.12:7-8** “And war happened in the heaven – Michael and his angels to fight with the Dragon. And the Dragon fought and his angels, and they did not win, nor was a place found for them still in the heaven.”**Perhaps “general” would describe him better than “captain”.**

From the beginning of the conflict of the ages until that battle, which will break out when God determines it, Michael appears to have held himself in check, which is the picture in the fifth text:

**Jud.1:7** “yet Michael the archangel, when taking issue with the devil, disputed concerning the body of Moses. He did not dare to bring an evil-speaking judgment, but said, ‘May the Lord rebuke you.’”

How is it that we have in the Revelation the two great military figures (apart from Satan and the Beast)– Christ and Michael – **but no apparent connection between the two of them**. They are each spoken about, but entirely separately from one another. Michael’s assignment is war in the heaven (Rev.12:7-8). Christ returns to earth with His legions to fight ‘Armageddon’ (Rev.19:11-21). Christ’s retinue is the armies of heaven, and that may include Michael as a “chief captain”. Michael is also called one of the “chief captains”, “the great captain”, “your (Israel’s) captain” and “archangel (or “chief angel”)”. He is shown resisting “the captain of Persia” and Satan. Nowhere is Michael called “saviour”, “redeemer”, “king”, or an “elohim”. He is a rather obscure fellow, humanly speaking. On the other hand, Christ is referred to with all these “names”, and in Dan.9:25 with the superlative “Captain of captains”, just as He is superlatively the “King of kings and Lord of lords” in Rev.19:16.