

# The Greater and Lesser YHWH

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The title of this message may pique the reader to amazement and wonder. Most Believers in YHWH whether they be modern traditional Jews, Messianic Jews, Messianic Israelites, Sunday Christians or Roman Catholics, generally do not have understand the truth of Scripture regarding two powers in heaven. Through false expressions of monotheism, the Jew and Moslem reject the understanding of the duality of powers in heaven. Christianity, with its unscriptural Trinitarian doctrine of the three equal persons/powers in heaven all existing as personages all being YHWH, have confused millions through the centuries, including Trinitarian proponents, who accept it despite the fact that Yahshua never taught it, and despite the fact that the only Trinitarian verse in First John 5:7-8 has now been revealed universally as a fraudulent addition to the original texts. Most updated translations are removing this papal addition to the Bible. The more that these manmade myths have been perpetuated; the harder it is to overcome them with scriptural understanding. Nevertheless we will attempt to do so.

## Most Believers

Most Believers in the New Testament are not fully Believers in Yahshua's own Words when it comes to His position in YHWH. His testimony and His Father's testimony concerning Him contradict man's religious edicts, interpretations and convocations. Councils such as Nicea and Constantinople only served to reinforce the error of the trinity by causing sincere men and women to over look and even disregard the Words of Messiah in favor of the words of men. Modern Judaism and Islam have gone to the other extreme stating that monotheists cannot ever entertain a duality of powers (not persons) considered to be echad in the heavens. That is all well and good, but ancient Judaism and more importantly the prophets, the sages, and the Messiah of Israel, all speak a different message concerning true insight into understanding Elohim.

In John 10:29 Yahshua calls the Father, the Greatest Person/Power in the universe. He clarifies that by stating that the "Father is greater than all." [1] That all would then relegate Yahshua, as being "less great" in position and all other attributes, since all attributes that He possesses are said to come/originate from the Father. The Greek word for "greater" is meizon [2] meaning "greater", "larger", "stronger" or "Elder". The "Greater YHWH" is also acknowledged as Yahshua's own Elohim or Superior in many references such as John 20:17, Revelation 3:12 and countless other scriptures in both covenants. [3] This concept is eternal and eternally binding on all worshippers in all generations. IT cannot be limited to a time from Bethlehem to Golgotha, as many dispensationalists try to convey! Christians realize that the Father is greater BUT in order to preserve their "holy cow" doctrine of the trinity, they caveat that by insisting that Yahshua's lesser status was only for a limited period of 33.5 years!

In order to fully grasp Messiah's own Words, worshippers are going to have to be willing to leave Trinitarian dogma along with monotheistic explanations that are manmade, based on man's dogma but not divine revelation. When one accepts sola scriptura/scripture alone as divine revelation, one is left with a picture of YHWH, that completely opposes all religious perversions of His nature.

Speaking of His own existence both before and after Bethlehem, the Messiah Yahshua teaches us in John 13:16 that the Servant, in this case the Suffering Servant of YHWH, is not greater than the One who sent Him. That is plain and simple. There should be no argument and no dissenting opinion. In the literal Greek this verse reads "Neither is the apostle or YHWH's messenger (Malach in Hebrew) greater or the elder of Him who sent Him." He said in John 13:17, "blessed are you if you know these teachings!" What teachings must we know? We must grasp that the Father is always greater the Yahshua. That is where the truth and the blessings of comprehension reside!

Here Yahshua states that as the "Messenger of His Presence" known in times past as Metatron, He was not, is not and will never be the elder over the Father or equal unto the Father. Unlike Christianity, Scripture does not teach of a "plurality of equal elders" but of the Father above all, in all and through all including his Son.[4] The Father is said to be Greater or larger or stronger, and the Elder of ALL, which includes the "Lesser YHWH" Yahshua. Many times in Scripture, Paul teaches us this ancient Jewish understanding, by beginning his epistles with a greeting in Elohim the Father the Elohim and Father of Yahshua the Messiah. He is not only Yahshua's Father, but also His Elder Elohim. This is not to say or even hint at the denial of Yahshua's deity.

That in Scripture is a foregone conclusion. Yahshua is fully and equally YHWH in that He is and has all that the Father is and has, by first receiving all things from the Father. This bestowing upon Yahshua of all things from the Father establishes Him forever as "YHWH the Lesser", or the "Lesser YHWH", eternally under the Elder or Greater YHWH. This understanding may not initially sit well with the reader. It may make the reader very uncomfortable, but it is pure Scripture, reiterated many times by the Messiah Himself. When properly grasped it is a most liberating truth from the shackles of religion and man's puny attempts to explain His Creator, as the clear references to the duality of divinity sets us free to worship in truth. This understanding is that "two powers abide eternally as one", in the heavens.

### **Yahshua Himself Declared**

In John 14:28 Yahshua declares that "pater meizon mou" or "the Father is greater than me." There are those who teach that Yahshua was limited in His days as a man, and that the Father was greater than Yahshua ONLY for those days when Yahshua was on earth. This cannot be so. Malachi 3:6 tells us that YHWH does not change. Since YHWH is a plurality of divinity, then Yahshua, as the brought forth YHWH, or YHWH the Lesser is always under the authority of YHWH the Greater. Hebrews 13:8 declares that Yahshua's status had to be the same for eternity, past, present, and future.

Throughout the Old Testament, it is YHWH the Greater always sending YHWH the Lesser as YHWH the Lesser, Yahshua, is known as many things from the Messenger of YHWH to the Captain of YHWH's Hosts, to YHWH's Face to the young man Metatron, to the Word/Memra of YHWH. In order to protect the heretical views of the trinity, Christians of all persuasions have tampered with the Word of YHWH by applying dispensational reasoning and human logic, into what is seen as a protection of Yahshua's deity against heretics. In so doing, they have refused Messiah's own teachings in both testaments, that He always was, always is, and always will be YHWH, but YHWH the Lesser, who reflects, images, and perfectly magnifies YHWH the Greater.

If these terms are puzzling, new or challenging to you, it is because religion has hid them well from you. That has brought s.a.tan much joy. These references we site do not even hint at the fact that Yahshua's submissive role to YHWH the Father was in anyway limited to just 33.5 years on earth, nor does He make any reference to His Lesser YHWH designation as being merely a "role within divine government", or a "limiting human condition" or a "lesser role player" in the so-called "pecking order" of heavenly government. These understandings are isogesis or insertions of man's views into the texts. Yahshua does not speak of a subservient position, or of a limited role as a Lesser YHWH for just 33.5 years. No, not at all. He speaks plainly of an eternal state of being, YHWH that is eternally a submitted Lesser Power, which is exactly what Scripture tells us, yet being fully YHWH.

### **Early Nazerenes**

The early Nazarenes who actually wrote the Scriptures believed the truth of the Greater and Lesser YHWH, since Yahshua taught them personally, before the "leaven of religion" crept in unawares. Yahshua warned us about the false trinity (from Rome) and absolute unity (from Rambam's "13 Principles of Faith") heresies in Matthew 13:33, where the leaven as a type of sin, leavens the truth of the one pure Bread of Life (Messiah). Satan introduced leaven into 3 measures of meal or the 3 primary faces/pillars or manifestations of YHWH, the Father, Son, and Spirit by turning them into persons at one extreme, and into one single face of YHWH at the other extreme. Both extremes are to be avoided! The John 14:28 pronouncement is fully understandable in combination with Hebrews 13:8, where Yahshua declares that He was, is and will yet be YHWH the Lesser or "YHWH Ha Katan" forever. Both He and His Father never change and continue throughout eternity as YHWH the Lesser submitted to YHWH the Elder. Apparently, much of organized religion chooses not to remember the Words of Yahshua Himself as reiterated again in John 15:20, where Yahshua commands His disciples to never forget this understanding. "Remember the [this] word that I said to you."

### **The Ancients Understood**

The ancients of Israel understood full well this concept of two literal powers in heaven, both being part of the echad of Israel. We see this understanding in such places as Exodus 24:1-2, Psalm 110:1-5 (where one YHWH converses with another YHWH), Ezekiel 10:1-2, Ezekiel 1:19-28, Daniel 7:9,13,14 and many other places. In Genesis 19:23, for example, we see the "Sent YHWH" or "YHWH Katan" calling up to His Elohim or YHWH the Greater who SENT Him

to destroy the cities of the plains. The ancient sages of Israel referred to the Lesser and Greater YHWH with the Lesser YHWH appearing to prophets such as Ezekiel in Ezekiel 1:28, or as He did later on earth to his disciples.[5] In Jewish literature the understanding was that the Word of YHWH, who we know to be Yahshua, was known as the Lesser YHWH or YHWH Ha Qatan.[6]

Yahshua did not come to earth with a new revelation. He was reiterating what had happened in the Old Testament, as well as confirming the ancient understanding[7] of the Greater YHWH sending the Lesser YHWH, with the Sent One being the One who carries the Divine Name. Yahshua reiterates that He is eternally the Sent One or "Angel/Messenger of His Presence" and has come to be known as Messiah YHWH, to carry the Divine Name to Israel through His disciples.[8] The Lesser YHWH was known as the "Guardian of Israel", as Yahshua refers to Himself in John 17:12, where He "is carrying" the divine name of YHWH, to deliver it to the disciples, all the while claiming to be guarding them. In Aramaic He was known as Metatron.[9] The Lesser YHWH received His Name from His role as guardian of YHWH's people. Whether or not the concept of the Lesser and Greater YHWH may be new to the reader is not the issue here. Yahshua taught it and we as His true Torah honoring disciples must perceive Him as He is revealed, not as we might like to recreate Him in our image after our likeness.

Jewish understanding does not only coincide with Messiah's revelation of Himself as YHWH Ha Qatan. We are fortunate in that historical ecclesiastical records of the early Israelite Nazarenes have been preserved for us to examine whether this truth was familiar and was embraced by them, or rather if this doctrine would have seemed strange to them.

Epiphaneus states that the early Believers were "just like the Torah keeping Jews" and differed in no way from their accepted practices.[10] The Israelite disciples then were no different than their non-believing Jewish counterparts in all ways. Because of these Messianic Torah beliefs, the Nazarenes were considered heretics along with another similar group by the name of the Cerinthians, named after Cerinthus, a Born Again Believer who followed Torah. And what did his group believe?

According to Epiphaneus, they believed the same thing the early Nazarenes believed. What was that? They believed in Messiah Yahshua, Torah and a view of Elohim that held that the world was not created by the Supreme Deity but by a certain power emanating from Him. Epiphaneus 2:29:1 affirms that the Nazarenes and Cerinthians held common views on the true Creator emanating from the Supreme One. According to this historian, he couldn't say who came first the Nazarenes or Cerinthians, but they held similar beliefs.[11] Irenaeus, another anti-Nazarene, church historian and father who lived in 130-200 CE states that the Cerinthians/Nazarenes taught that "the world was not made by the primary God [sic] but by a certain power from Him, and at a distance from the Principality who is Supreme over the Universe and ignorant of Him who is above all." [12] Furthermore he also stated that, "But a certain Cerinthus himself being discipled in the teachings of the Egyptians, asserted that the world was not made by the Primal Deity, but by some virtue which was an offshoot [Branch/Tzemach/Messiah] Power, which is above all things." [13] The idea of a Lesser YHWH, still YHWH but above all powers, thrones, dominions, principalities, having preceded forth from YHWH the Greater was so common among Yahshua's disciples in the Nazarene, Ebonite and Cerinthians Torah Messianic communities, that all these Messianic groups were labeled as heretics by the "church fathers." Of course, as the reader can see not much has changed.

Nevertheless Yahshua and the Old Testament teach the same thing, and as we return to the faith once for all delivered to the saints, we can do no less. We can expect the same treatment from both sides of the issue.

We are left with the overwhelming evidence of Scripture, history and Messiah's very own Words. No matter how unsettling or new this understanding may be, it nonetheless stands solely on His Word in both covenants. We have merely touched the tip of the iceberg on this subject of the Greater and Lesser YHWH, as we could literally pen a separate work with hundreds of pages of documentation further substantiating the concept.

### **For Now**

For now however, let the reader understand that the anti-missionary's teachings flies in the face of all testimony concerning the eternal identity of Messiah as YHWH. We have brought this concept to the reader in order for the reader to understand that the concept of the Messiah being divine as YHWH emanating from the Father YHWH, and yet not being the Father, but One of two ruling powers in heaven in one echad, is the most Jewish of concepts. Moreover, it remains the most Messianic of concepts, and most importantly the truest understanding of YHWH-Elohim-Echad, explaining all the "duality of divinity" references in the Old Testament. This understanding preserves Abba-YHWH as the Greatest of all powers in this age, and in all the worlds without end.

May this most Hebraic, Messianic, and biblical understanding of the nature and role of Messiah, assist the reader, as the reader remains or returns to the faith. Fight the good fight of first century Messianic faith, as you hold fast against the darts and demonic confusing agenda of the modern day anti-missionaries, who stand for little else than dislodging the reader from eternal life in Israel's Messiah.

Le Chaim... To life!

[1] John 10:29

[2] Strong's Greek # 3187

[3] For a full consideration on the topic see Messiah Volume Three B. Mordechai chapters daled and kuf

[4] Ephesians 4:6

[5] Zohar, Shemot Section 2. p. 126 a

[6] Messiah, Volume Three p. 392

[7] Zohar Amsterdam Edition p. 114 Col 1

[8] John 17:12

[9] Aramaic word for guardian

[10] Parnarion Eusebius Section 29,7. 1-9:5

[11] Epiphanius Panarion 2:29:1

[12] Irenaeus, The Refutation Of All Heresies Chapter 20 p. sec 1 p351-352

[13] Ibid. P.114

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