



MATTHEW 4 Part II

BATTLE LINES Part 2

Is Yeshua and YHWH Echad?



The Deity of Yeshua

- ◆ **The Tanach anticipates the coming of a Messiah Who is, Himself, eternal, having the attributes of the Almighty, Who accomplishes what only God can do.**
- ◆ **The Apostolic Scriptures, including the witness of Yeshua Himself, affirm the eternal, divine nature of Messiah Yeshua**
- ◆ **If we deny the deity of Messiah, we stand against the uniform witness of the Scriptures. We do not pretend to fully understand this mystery, but we affirm it.**



The Trinity Doctrine

- ◆ The Scriptures affirm the eternality of the Father, The Messiah and the Ruach HaKodesh.
 - The Spirit of God is constantly spoken of as giving divine revelation to the prophets, yet Paul affirms that the Scriptures are “God breatheed”
 - Peter equates the Spirit with God Acts 5:3



The Trinity Doctrine Cont.

- ◆ **The Father, Messiah and The Spirit are all accredited as being the Creator**
 - Genesis 1:1
 - John 1:3
 - Ps. 104:30
 - Genesis 1:2
 - Job 33:4
 - **The Scriptures clearly speak of God as Father, Messiah (Son) and Spirit. This is without question**



The Trinity Doctrine Cont.

- ◆ **The Scriptures do not attempt an explanation of the mystery of the Godhead**
 - **The need to formulate the Trinity Doctrine in the 4th Century CE came as a result of the Christian Church being captivated by Greek thought**



The Trinity Doctrine Cont.

- ◆ The center of Greek philosophy is the issue of “being” what constitutes reality
- ◆ As the Greek fathers contemplated the mystery of the Godhead, they were not satisfied to hold it, as the mystery that it is
- ◆ The Conflicting ideas that the Scriptures present did not fit nicely into the Greek theological model there was the need to understand the “constituent parts” of God, therefore the Trinity Doctrine became a Greek answer to a Greek question



The Trinity Doctrine Cont.

- ◆ **For thousands of years, the Hebrew scholars of Scripture never felt the need to seek a rational explanation for the mystery of God's being. They lived in the tension of it.**
 - **The God who is invisible yet seen**
 - **The God who is ‘wholly other’ yet dwells among men**
 - **The God who is Himself the controller of all things, yet is approachable, moved by man's needs, and receptive to man's cry for help (salvation)**



The Trinity Doctrine Cont.

- ◆ In some ways, the formulation of the Trinity Doctrine attempts to unravel the mystery of God Himself, and in so doing, falls short\
- **Yeshua is described as “of the same substance” as the Father,(Athansian Creed) yet God is revealed as having no ‘substance’**
- **The formulation of the Trinity Doctrine became the substance of salvation. “He therefore that will be saved, must thus think of the Trinity” In this way, a man-made “explanation’ of the mystery became the primary focus of “Salvation” in the Christian Church**



The Trinity Doctrine- Conclusion

- ◆ The Scriptures clearly teach a plurality within the being of God, yet they do not attempt to explain this mystery. We align ourselves with Scripture by confessing this mystery to be true, not by accepting a man-made philosophical explanation for the mystery



Yeshua as The Eternal One

- ◆ The truth of Yeshua's mysterious nature, as Immanuel, God in the flesh, is not a theological thought or axiom; it is an essential reality
- ◆ Since our sin is against God, and since He is infinitely holy, our sin is likewise an infinite transgression
- ◆ Only a sacrifice of infinite proportions could atone for an infinite transgression



Yeshua The Eternal One

- ◆ If Yeshua is not Himself infinite, He could never have accomplished atonement for sinners
- ◆ If we deny the mystery of Yeshua's deity, we, at the same time, deny that He could be the promised Messiah who "takes away the sins of the world" John 1:19, rather we must affirm what the Scriptures every where teach, that God would send His Son as Immanual (God with us) and that through Him final atonement would be accomplished for all who would believe in Him.



Yeshua The Eternal One

- ◆ We admit that the incarnation is a **MYSTERY** that is beyond us, yet we affirm it is true because God has declared it to be true
- ◆ Romans 11:33



YESHUA AND YHWH ECHAD

YHWH

◆ The Aleph & The Tav

- Isaiah 41:4
- Isaiah 44:6

YESHUA

◆ The Aleph & The Tav

- Revelation 1:7-8
- Revelation 1:10-18
- Revelation 21:6
- Revelation 22:13



YESHUA AND YHWH ECHAD

YHWH

◆ I AM THAT I AM

- Exodus 3:14
- Isaiah 43:10-11

YESHUA

◆ I AM THAT I AM

- John 8:56-59
- John 8:23-24



YESHUA AND YHWH ECHAD

YHWH

◆ CREATOR OF THE
UNIVERSE

- Genesis 1:1
- Genesis 2:7
- Psalm 33:6
- Malachi 2:10a
- Isaiah 40:28
- Job 33:4

YESHUA

◆ CREATOR OF THE
UNIVERSE

- John 1:1
- John 1:10
- Ephesians 3:9
- Revelation 4:8-11
- 1 Corinthians 8:6
- John 1:18



YESHUA AND YHWH ECHAD

YHWH

- ◆ Shepherd That Gathers
 - Jeremiah 23:3
 - Psalm 80
 - Isaiay 54:7

YESHUA

- ◆ Shepherd That Gathers
 - 1 Peter 2:35
 - John 10:1-18
 - Hebrews 13:20-21



YESHUA AND YHWH ECHAD

YHWH

- ◆ **The Redeemer/Savior**
- ◆ **Isaiah 44:24**
- ◆ **Isaiah 40:28**
- ◆ **Isaiah 45:11-18**
- ◆ **Isaiah 43:11-12**
- ◆ **Isaiah 35:4**

YESHUA

- ◆ **The Redeemer/Savior**
 - **Revelation 5:9**
 - **Luke 2:10-11**
 - **John 4:42**



YESHUA AND YHWH ECHAD

THE HUSBAND

- ◆ Isaiah 54:5-6

THE LAWGIVER

- ◆ Exodus 20:6
- ◆ Deut. 7:9

THE HUSBAND

- ◆ Ephesians 5:24-25
- ◆ Romans 7:1-4

THE LAWGIVER

James 4:12a

John 14:15



YESHUA AND YHWH ECHAD

YHWH

◆ THE ROCK

- Numbers 20:8
- Psalm 18:2
- Isaiah 28:16

YESHUA

◆ THE ROCK

- ◆ 1 Corinthians 10:4
- ◆ Acts 4:11
- ◆ 1 Peter 2:6