

Who Is Messiah?

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(Yofānan 8:28, GNM)

With the words “I Am” here, Messiah is claiming to be the Almighty who appeared to the Patriarchs. That is why the Jews tried to stone him after he uttered this phrase one too many times for their liking. If you see “I am he” in your translation, it is not correct. The words are simply, “I Am” (ἐγώ εἰμι). The verb εἰμι is the “I” form of the verb, and not the “he” form (3rd person singular). εἰμι is first person singular (I) with the verb “to be”, so it means “I am”; The phrase can take an object, and often does, but in Yofānan 8:28 there is no object phrase, no pronoun “he”, and no phrase like “the one who” as if he was saying “I am the one who....”

Messiah’s usage is exactly like that final usage in Exodus 3:14, “And the Almighty said unto Moshēh, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shall you say unto the sons of Yisra’ael, I AM has sent me unto you.” He says, “I AM has sent me unto you.” (ἐγώ εἰμι ἀπέσταλκέν με πρὸς ὑμᾶς). The Hebrew is:

אֲהִיָּה שְׁלַחְנִי אֵלֵיכֶם

The key word is I AM (אֲהִיָּה), *Ehyeh*. He did not say to say “I am *He has send me unto you.” He said to say, “I AM has sent me unto you.” Adding the word “he” after I AM in not legitimate in the Hebrew text. Neither is it legitimate in the Greek text, nor in English for that matter. I am sure that Yeshua spoke Yofānan 8:28 in Hebrew, and Yohanan is simply translating him.

He really did say “I AM.” There is no object phrase or even a phrase that can function as an object to “I AM” in Yofānan 8:28. Even Hebrew translations have corrupted Yofānan 8:28. For example Franz Delitzsch has: אֲנִי הוּא, “I am He.” Now of course Delitzsch knew that “He” referred to the Almighty One, and not a messiah who is a mere man. Yet many take these mistranslations to mean “I am he”

that is a messiah who is a mere man, and many have argued that “I am he” is not a claim to be Yahweh as he appeared to the Patriarchs. Yet I have shown that such arguments are taught either by those who lie about the text or who have been deceived by false teachers concerning this text.

Yet there is a “silver lining” in the mistaken translation “I am He” so long as we recognize who “HE” is. For Yahweh often did say “I am He,” meaning the one and only Creator.

Deu 32:39

Isa 41:4

Isa 43:10

Isa 43:13

Isa 43:25

Isa 46:3

Isa 48:12

Isa 51:12

Isa 52:6

There is only one Elohim who is multi personal, namely Father, Son and Spirit. One may wonder how He can speak in the first person saying, “There is no Elohim besides Me” and yet be multipersonal. The answer is that Hebrew sometimes has the first person speaking as if a singular entity for more than one person as in Exodus 17:3, “And the people complained against Mosheh, and said, ‘Why did you bring us up from Egypt to kill ME and MY sons, and MY cattle with thirst.’” This shows that a collective entity can speak in the first person for the whole entity in the Hebrew language, so when Yahweh says, “There is no Almighty besides ME” Elohim is speaking similarly.

Now is it possible that “I am” can take an implied object? Yes, it is possible in Greek, and sometimes required, “I am he” however Yeshua makes clear in Yohanan 8:58 that he has meant “I AM” all along, so that if someone wants to take it as “I am He” then it is only legitimate if “He” is understood to be Yahweh. He said, “Yēshū^f said to them, “Amæn, amæn, I say to you, before Ayrraham was born, I Am.” Here “I Am” abruptly ends the sentence, and the Jews were ready to stone him because he was claiming to be the Almighty.

In Gen. 3 Yahweh says, “Then Yāhwēh Almīghty said, “Behold, the man has become like one from of us, to know good and evil.” Did not man know good and evil before he ate of the fruit? Yes,

he did, because Yahweh told him that it was good to eat of all the other trees, and evil to eat of the forbidden tree. So what does “know good and evil” mean? It means more than simply acquiring the facts from the Almighty. It means determining for oneself what is good and evil. It means being independent of Yahweh and rejecting his determination so that one can replace it with one’s own determination of good and evil. This is a power that no created being is supposed to take for himself. It is a prerogative of Yahweh alone to determine good and evil. Therefore, when he says “like one from us” the “us” is talking about Yahweh only. So the “us” is an insight into the multipersonal nature of the Almighty. It has been there from the very beginning of the world.

The “us” cannot refer to any divine council members who are not Yahweh, or not the Almighty, because then it would be clear that created beings could evolve to godhood so that they could become determiners of good and evil, and then the devil would be right. The devil is only right in the sense that created beings who rebel against Yahweh can TRY to usurp his exclusive lawmaking right, but we know that whatever man does against Yahweh is not according to the truth.

We know that when the Messenger of Yahweh appeared to Hagar that it was Yahweh himself speaking to Hagar, and we know that she saw Him and did not die. We know that when Ya’aqov struggled with the Messenger that it was Yahweh who had taken human form, and that he saw Him “face to face” and lived to tell about it. We know that Yahweh is not a man that he should lie, and yet he takes the form of a man who always tells the truth, and that form is Messiah Yeshua. We know that Yahweh has nothing that he must repent of, but he felt sorry that he had made man after man added sin to sin. We know that the part of Elohim who is the divine Son went through the experience of suffering and then death, and that he was raised by the power of Elohim from the dead. He who faithfully trusts this, repenting of his sins, will be saved.

I write these things so that you will not be deceived by the Rabbis of Judaism, or by the many Christians who deny the Son, and deny that Yahweh clothed himself with the flesh of a man, and lived among men. I write this so that you will not be tricked by arguments that say “God cannot do this,” and “God cannot do that.”

I have witnessed the rationalizations of the Rabbis concerning the texts wherein Yahweh was seen by men. First they claim superior knowledge of Hebrew. Second they claim that they have an ethnic corner on the truth. And finally, they claim to be the authorities

appointed by God. They put all this together with their Hebrew methods of interpretation, which are really not Hebrew methods at all. Nor does labeling their thought “Hebrew thinking” make it Scriptural thinking. Yeshua said these religious leaders were children of the devil, and he also said their place of teaching was a “synagogue of Satan.” He said this because they rejected who He was, while claiming to know God. Knowing his Torah is important, but what good is it to know his Torah if you do not know Him?

Being Hebrew does not sanctify any person or their teaching. Nor does speaking Hebrew do so. Have you observed how sanctified modern Israel really is? Uncleaness is everywhere, just as it was everywhere in ancient times, and the prophets spoke against it. No doubt we need Hebrew and a knowledge of Torah to know the truth, but please do not mix this up with with Judaism. Satan is an expert at finding people rebellious enough to reject a key point of the truth who are willing to keep ahold of the less important points.

Satan is a master deceiver who wishes to remove the key point and MAKE IT APPEAR that he hasn’t removed the key point. There are those who think that the Messiah is the Spirit who dwelled in a mere man, and that the soul of that man was not Yahweh. Yep, they missed everything. Yeshua is himself, in his very soul and person Yahweh. It is a shame that I even have to spell this out, which is already obvious, but the enemy like to twist words around, and redefine words so that the key truth is left out while all the less important truths are left in.

The sheople think that because the less important truths are still there that their teachers are godly men. They think that because they have some less important truth that others do not have, and that because the others have the truth they left out, that they are justified in leaving it out. Where did they learn to think? Do they not know that it is possible to be wrong on a good many minor truths and yet still know the important truth?

The important truth is fidelity and trusting faithfulness to Messiah Yeshua, because he is Yahweh, and is worthy of our ultimate trusting faithfulness like no other. Any so called “faith” or “believing” that is directed toward a messiah who is a mere man is no faith at all. It is a sham and a perversion. Those who deny him will soon find the life going out of them.

However, as you observe these people who deny, you must not forget this. They are still made in the image of the Almighty, and are still capable of truth, love, and honesty. Yet they have been cut off from the source of this. I say this so that you will not be deceived by

the fact that they still have a supply of righteousness in their spiritual storehouse. It is true that no new supplies are coming in and that they will run out someday. As Messiah said, they will die in their sins if they do not come to know him and place their ultimate fidelity with him. So do not let the fact that they still have fading life deceive you into thinking they really have everlasting life.

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