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WHAT IS THE NAME OF GOD?

JESUS CHRIST said the **Name Of God**
is
EL ELYON.

But the Jews of His time said,
the **Name Of God**.
was
YAHWEH.

Whoever notices the difference between the “**is**” and the “**was**” has the answer to the conflict. The Bible records the conflict. This book attempts to study it. The discoveries are liberating.

JUSTICE and **MERCY**

JUSTICE comes from **YAHWEH**,
and
MERCY comes from **EL ELYON**.

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YAHWEH, with the **nature** of

- 1) LAW,
- 2) JUDGMENT,
- 3) CONDEMNATION,
- 4) PUNISHMENT, and
- 5) DEATH,

brings **JUSTICE** to each situation.

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EL ELYON, with the nature of

- 1) LOVE,
- 2) LIGHT,
- 3) FORGIVENESS,
- 4) FREEDOM and
- 5) LIFE,

brings **MERCY** to each situation.

The majority of scriptures say **YAHWEH** brings justice.
The majority of scriptures say **EL ELYON** brings mercy.

No scriptures say that **YAHWEH** does not bring mercy.
No scriptures say that **EL ELYON** does not bring justice.

God can do anything He wants to do.

God can be anything He wants to be.

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YAHWEH or **EL ELYON**

JUSTICE or **MERCY?**

1) Law or Love?

2) Judgment or Light?

3) Condemnation or Forgiveness?

4) Punishment or Freedom?

5) Death or Life?

JUSTICE and **MERCY** are in conflict. Our lives prove it. We seem to never know if we should "lower the boom" on someone (put them under the law and then force **JUSTICE** on them) or if it would be better to just love them, forgive them, and grant them **MERCY**.

It has been said that **JUSTICE** and **MERCY** kissed in **JESUS CHRIST**.

Psalm 85:10, *Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. (KJV)*

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NO LAW FOR ABRAHAM

Some Bible students have asked the question, “How did Abraham get away with treating Sarah like he did, when he gave her to the king of Egypt. He should have been stoned under the law.”

Why didn't **God** punish Abraham? Would you punish him? The moral of this story is applicable many times in our own lives as we try to decide if punishment is indicated, or not. Here is a quick review of the story.

Abraham told his wife, Sarah, to tell the King of Egypt that she was Abraham's sister, join his harem and go to bed with the King (to save Abraham's neck). Most people have wondered how Abraham could break Moses' law by treating his wife the miserable way that he did.

NO PUNISHMENT

The shocking progression of events shows that **God** did **not** punish Abraham for giving his wife to the King. Many Christians believe that Abraham should have been punished.

THE REASON

The reason that Abraham was not punished by **God** is that the law of **YAHWEH** was **not** given to the people of Israel until about 500 years later (through Moses). Much more about **YAHWEH** is in following chapters.

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NO LAW -- NO SIN

Where there is no law there is no sin.

Romans 5:13, For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. (KJV)

Romans 4:15, Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression. (KJV)

Abraham only answered to the commands of **EL SHADDAI**, the **name/nature** of his understanding of **God**, at the time. **EL SHADDAI** gave commands to Abraham, but **YAHWEH** gave the law to Moses.

Romans 2:12, For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law; and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law; (KJV)

Romans 4:8, Blessed is the man to whom the LORD will not impute sin. (KJV)

Therefore, Abraham was counted sinless for his act because he did it about 500 years before there was any law that told him not to do it.

LAW OR LOVE?

The **name/nature** of "YAHWEH" manifests Himself as a masculine law giver and **punisher**. **YAHWEH** is the **God** of the nation Israel. So, Israel has always been very occupied with the **law**. When trying to solve problems, all religions based on Judaism (such as Christianity) seem to lean more toward the **law**, rather than toward **love**. This thought is brought into sharp focus in the

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story of **JESUS** and the adulterous woman. (John 8:3-11)

ADULTERY

Let us try to examine a familiar story using the concepts of the **Names of God**. **YAHWEH** (Justice), i.e., the law, given by **YAHWEH** through Moses, demanded that the adulterous woman be stoned. She was caught in the very act. She was guilty. All the Jews knew that **YAHWEH** (Justice) demanded corporal punishment. They were willing and ready to execute her. They wanted justice. They demanded:

LAW,
JUDGMENT,
CONDEMNATION,
PUNISHMENT and
DEATH.

The Jews (Israelites) were truly trying to serve their concept of **God**, "**YAHWEH**." They were willing to **punish** her by stoning her.

TREATMENT OF ADULTERY

EL ELYON (the **Most High God**) told His son, **JESUS**, to bring **no** condemnation. **JESUS** gave her **mercy**. She walked out of a very bad situation with:

LOVE,
LIGHT,
FORGIVENESS,
FREEDOM, and
LIFE.

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John 8:3-11, And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,

⁴ They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.

⁵ Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?

*⁶ This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But **JESUS** stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.*

⁷ So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.

⁸ And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.

*⁹ And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and **JESUS** was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.*

*¹⁰ When **JESUS** had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?*

*¹¹ She said, No man, LORD. And **JESUS** said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more. (KJV)*

Repeat: **Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more..**

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Yes, there was a great conflict.

Yes, there is still a great conflict!

We still deal with conflict in our own daily lives. The conflict ends when we shift our priorities and realign them in the same order that **JESUS** placed His.

Almost every person has tried to reconcile the **God** of love, mercy, forgiveness and peace with the **God** who hardens hearts, punishes, wounds and kills whole nations. Perhaps this study on the different **Names of God** is helping.

DIFFERENT AS NIGHT AND DAY

It is very obvious that their concept of **God** and **JESUS'** concept of **God** were as different as night and day. In contrast, the Father of **JESUS CHRIST** was **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**) not **YAHWEH**, the **name/nature** of **God** who gave the law to Moses. Much more on **EL ELYON** is in following chapters. Consequently, **JESUS** treated the woman a lot differently than the religious Jews treated her.

WHAT'S BEST?

Our study of the different **Names of God** will help us to know when it is right to apply the **law nature** (**YAHWEH**) and when it is best to apply the **love nature** (**EL ELYON**) and what the difference is.

FORGIVE OR APPROVE?

No condemnation does **not** mean approval. The Bible word "**forgive**" means to "**Let it go.**" I know of some people who erroneously conclude that the refusal of **JESUS** to condemn the woman meant that He approved

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of her sinful adultery. **JESUS** never approved of what she did. **JESUS CHRIST** gave her the power to avoid sin in the future. He sent her away with the command, "Go and sin no more." **JESUS** "**let her go**," which is the same thing as to **forgive**.

Church boards have been known to excommunicate a sinful church member because the board thought that any other punishment would imply that the board approved of the sin. They feared that other members would **accuse** them, like the scribes and Pharisees **accused JESUS**.

That ungrateful attitude on the part of the church board members is responsible for driving some people away from church. It takes a strong board member to **forgive** rather than condemn.

LET IT GO

It is unreasonable to try to force Bible laws and ethics upon that part of society that is unsaved. Further, it is also unreasonable to try to force Bible laws upon regular church people who have not applied themselves to learn the laws of **God**.

When foreign missionaries decide to **not** bring condemnation upon a new convert who has 5 wives, it does not indicate that they approve of his polygamy. It means that they decided to "**let it go**" (forgive the offense).

Tragically, recently, a foreign missions board ordered a new convert to divorce 4 of his 5 wives. That resulted in 4 more women who turned to prostitution because it was the only way that they could provide for themselves and

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their children. It would have been so very much better if the mission board would have “**let it go.**” Sometimes it is better to let the problem go and not address it rather than to try to attack and lick the problem. Remember, all the king’s horses, and all the king’s men, couldn’t put Humpty Dumpty together again. Sometimes -- “**Let it go.**”

LIFE OR DEATH?

The astute Bible Student can see that the Bible teaches that those people who serve the **name/nature** of **YAHWEH** (the God of Israel) nearly always end up with **death**. Contradistinctively, those people who serve the **name/nature** of **EL ELYON** nearly always end up with **life**.

If we want to overcome the last enemy, which is **death**, (I Cor. 15:26) we must learn to pattern our own lives after the **name/nature** of **EL ELYON**.

1 Corinthians 15:26, *The last enemy that shall be destroyed is **death**. (KJV)*

CHURCH OF THE PAST

These are some of the reasons that the church of the past favored using the law of **YAHWEH** to punish people and to use the fear of punishment to keep them in line. The church of the past has acted like scribes and Pharisees.

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CHURCH OF THE PRESENT

Conversely, many churches of the present and in the future will turn more to **EL ELYON** and grant mercy to all the situations they can. Soon, the church will act like **JESUS** did.

JESUS AND THE NAME

JESUS must have thought that the **Name Of God** was very important. You probably remember what He said in these familiar passages:

Hallowed be **thy Name**. (Matthew 6:9)

I have manifested **thy Name**. (John 17:6)

I have declared unto them **thy Name**. (John 17:26)

I will declare **thy Name**. (John 17:26, Psalm 22:2)

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THE GODHEAD

While I look at the **GODHEAD**

I stand in awe of every splendored portion.

Within the intense glory Nothing can be distinguished.

Every section is equally brilliant.

Within the resplendent light I am oblivious.

A burst of increasing scintillation projects light on light.

Somehow I notice and respond to the ever increasing illumination,

I am in love.

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FIVE PRIMARY NAMES OF GOD

Here are 5 different Hebrew (transliterated) words that appear in our **Old** Testament as one word or thought -- "**God**."

EL ELYON

YAHWEH, ELOHIM, EL SHADDAI

ELOAH

1. **EL ELYON**, is the **name** of the **nature** of **God** that is the **Most High God**, possessor of heaven and earth, androgynous gender. The father of **JESUS CHRIST**. **God** of the nations.
2. **YAHWEH**, is the **name** of the **nature** of **God** that gives law, leads to victory, judges, punishes, wounds, heals, and delivers. Masculine gender. The **God** of Israel.
3. **ELOHIM**, is the **name** of the **nature** of **God** that creates. Androgynous gender.
4. **EL SHADDAI**, is the **name** of the **nature** of **God** that loves, nourishes, and provides. Feminine usage.
5. **ELOAH**, is the **name** of the **nature** of **God** that is the **MESSIAH, CHRIST**, life giving, creative force, anointing, the **Holy Ghost**. Feminine, Old Testament gender. Masculine, New Testament usage.

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ONE GOD

These are five primary **names** of five **natures** of our **one God**.

Deuteronomy 6:4, Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: (KJV)

These are not complete descriptions of our **one God** because it takes the whole Bible, and that has not been really sufficient either. At least, the primary **names** do provide an orderly start so that we can try to understand the Bible and understand our **God**. Many other **Names of God** (72!) that are in the Bible are mentioned in later chapters of this book, but these are the main ones to study for the present.

TRANSLITERATED

We mentioned that the Hebrew words were transliterated. That means to represent or spell words, letters or characters of one language (Hebrew in this case) in the words, letters or characters of another language or alphabet (English in this case).

Language experts are never completely satisfied with any transliteration attempts. But, most agree that transliteration is better than nothing. Since the Hebrew language is all Greek to me, (that's a joke son) I praise our **God** for anything that makes Bible study easier and/or more accurate. That includes transliteration.

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MANY OTHER NAMES

We will now look at a few of the very many other Hebrew **names** that the **Old** Testament uses for **God**.

EL

EL is used both in the singular and plural and used chiefly in poetry and prophetic discourse. The word **EL** does not follow a general pattern like the other words for **God** do. The usage of **EL** seems to be generalized so that it can include any of the ideas from any of the other **names**. Since **EL** at times seems to include the other **names**, I have decided to not include **EL** in the list of primary **names**.

We might properly think of the **name** of **EL** as any **name** and/or every **name**. Also, **EL** seems to be an abbreviation, at times.

Here are **EIGHT** ways that the Bible uses **EL**, that should be mentioned here, in passing:

EL ELYON -- Most High God

EL SHADDAI -- God Almighty

EL OLAM -- Everlasting God

EL HAI -- Living God

EL ROI -- God of Seeing

EL ELOHE ISRAEL -- God, The God of Israel

EL GIBBOR -- Herd God

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EL BRIT -- God of the Covenant

ADONAI

ADONAI is translated into the word **LORD**. **ADONAI** also appears as a **name** for the word "**God**."

But, **ADONAI** was also used by the Masoretic scribes as a substitute word for **YAHWEH**, for their own reasons, some of which we will study later. Thus, the Masoretic scribes erroneously (but purposefully) corrupted the transmitted texts by changing **YAHWEH** into **ADONAI** as they hand copied the texts. Centuries later the English translators erroneously (but not on purpose like the Masorites) translated **ADONAI** into Lord, rather than **God**.

The simple form of **ADON** occurs with and without the article. It also occurs as a divine **name**, **ADONI** and **ADONAI**.

CONFOUNDED CORRUPTION

The Hebrew **Names of God** were not copied consistently by the ancient scribes. As a result they were sometimes confounded as they were translated into English. A sad example of this confounding is demonstrated in many of the Bible passages that appear before Ex. 6:2-3. The **name YAHWEH** erroneously appears in a number of verses in Genesis, (in the transmitted text) but the text in Ex. 6:2-3 says that it is impossible for **YAHWEH** to appear in the Bible before Exodus chapter 6.

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*Exodus 6:2-3, And **ELOHIM** (God) spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am **YAHWEH** (the LORD):*

*³ And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the **name** of **EL SHADDAI** (God Almighty), but by my **name** **YAHWEH** (**JEHOVAH**) was I not known to them. (KJV)*

Scholars give us the answer to the conflict when they tell us that the sacred transmitted texts were purposefully corrupted by the ancient scribes, as the Bible was hand copied from generation to generation. The Jewish scribes purposefully substituted the **Name of God** that their (denominational) superiors commanded. A few modern Bible scholars have spent their whole lives in the attempt to right that wrong by restoring the **Names of God** as they appeared in the original texts, and/or to identify the corrupted verses. Some have even gone so far as to identify when they thought the corruption occurred, and by which group of Priests or Rabbis.

ADONAI also means lord, as in the case of a boss of a field, or a manor, or a work crew, and it is also translated that way.

ADONAI is not listed here with the five primary **Names of God** because **ADONAI** was purposefully corrupted by the Masoretic scribes by substituting it for **YAHWEH** whenever they came across that word (but there were exceptions wherein they didn't substitute, which we will study in detail later). As a result, the pattern of the use of **ADONAI** is not consistent throughout our English language Bible.

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It is probably one of the most confounded, and most confusing, and most upsetting studies with which advanced Bible students have had to deal.

BAAL

BAAL is apparently used as an equivalent for **YAHWEH**. It also appears as an element in a number of compound proper **names**, such as: Jerubbaal, Meribbaal, Ishbaal, etc. **BAAL** is also the **name** of a Canaanite Deity having nothing to do with our **God**. In the majority of cases **BAAL** has an evil connotation. I have not listed **BAAL** with the primary five because **BAAL** is an equivalent **name**.

ZEBAOT

ZEBAOT means armies or hosts of men and/or angels. The **names** **YAHWEH** and **ELOHIM** frequently occur with the word **ZEBAOT**. **YAHWEH ZEBAOT** means the **God** **YAHWEH** of the armies of Israel. **YHWH ELOHE ZEBAOT** means, **YAHWEH** God of Hosts. **ZEBAOT** does not appear at all in the Pentateuch, Joshua or Judges.

The singular **ZABA** means heavenly host.

Some authorities call **ZEBAOT** a **Name of God**, others disagree, considering it a common name.

YHWH ZEBAOT is associated with the Ark, which was the symbol of **God's** presence in the midst of the hosts of His people. Later in prophetic passages **YHWH ZEBAOT** was transferred to the heavenly hosts. The heavenly hosts were added to the earthly hosts.

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I have elected to not include **ZEBAOT** in the list of primary **Names of God** because whatever is said about **YAHWEH** or **ELOHIM** can be said to include the idea of **Hosts of Israel** or **Heavenly Host**, that is, **ZEBAOT**.

EHYEH-ASHER-EHYEH

EHYEH is part of the word **YAHWEH**. **EHYEH-ASHER-EHYEH** was translated "I am that I am" in the KJV. **EHYEH-ASHER-EHYEH** means God's potency in the immediate future, according to some authors. Some say that it says, "I will be, because I will be." Others say that it means, "I am whatever I want to be." Whatever is said about **YAHWEH** is true about **EHYEH-ASHER-EHYEH**. That is why I have decided to not list **EHYEH-ASHER-EHYEH** with the primary **Names of God**.

YAH

The **name YAH** is composed of the first letters of **YAHWEH**. It is part of the expression "Hallelujah." **Hallelujah** probably means "Praise ye **YAH**." It is an abbreviation for **YAHWEH**. That is why **YAH** is not listed in the primary **Names of God**.

A LOT MORE NAMES OF GOD

Chapter 30 gives a pretty complete listing of 72 other **names** and other titles of **God**.

NEW NAMES

Under the listing **Names of God**, the **JEWISH ENCYCLOPEDIA** relates the following astonishing facts. "Like other Hebrew proper **names**, the **name of God** is more than a distinguishing title. It represents the

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Hebrew conception of the divine **nature** or character and of the relation of **God** to His people. It represents the Deity to His worshipers, and stands for all those attributes which He bears in relation to them, and which are revealed to them through His activity on their behalf. **A new manifestation of His interest or care may give rise to a NEW name.** So, also, an old **name** may acquire new concept and significance through new and varied experience of these sacred relations." (Emphasis by D.E.)

Personally, I am thrilled to find that statement in Jewish literature. I wish that every Christian and Jew could read it and understand it.

One obvious example of that quote from the **JEWISH ENCYCLOPEDIA** is in Exodus 6:2-3.

*Exodus 6:2-3, And **ELOHIM (God)** spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am **YAHWEH (the LORD)**:*

*³ And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the **name** of **EL SHADDAI (God Almighty)**, but by my **name YAHWEH (JEHOVAH)** was I not known to them. (KJV)*

More on **JEHOVAH** in **YAHWEH CONFOUNDING. Chapter 11.**

In other words, **God** changed His **name**. He said, I used to go by the **name** of **EL SHADDAI, (God Almighty)** but now Moses, to you, my new **name** will be **YAHWEH**. The early patriarchs did not know **YAHWEH**, the **God** of Israel. They used to know **God** as **EL SHADDAI (God Almighty)**.

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In Exodus 6:2-3, we find **three names/natures** of **God**:

1. **ELOHIM**,
2. **EL SHADDAI**,
3. **YAHWEH**.

Did you notice that **three** different Hebrew words were used for **God**? But the **three** were translated into **FOUR** different English words.

1. **God**,
2. the **LORD**,
3. **God Almighty**, and
4. **Jehovah**.

They all mean the same thing -- "**God**." To make matters worse, one Hebrew word, "**YAHWEH**," was translated into two different English words, "the **LORD**" and also into "**JEHOVAH**," in the same passage.

No wonder that there is very little agreement among Christians, or among Jews, or between Christians and Jews, as to what **God** is like! There are as many different definitions of "**God**" as there are readers of this book. No one agrees completely.

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We also find that **God** did not appear with the same **name** to everyone. **God** appeared to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, by the **name** of **EL SHADDAI**, the provider **God**. (Ex. 6:2-3) But, about 500 years later, when He appeared to Moses (Ex. 6:2-3), **God** changed His **name** to **YAHWEH** (the **God of Israel**).

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With that information, we can begin to see some reasons for the differences between Abraham, Moses, David, and **JESUS**. We see that they each knew **God** by a different **name/nature**. They all loved **God**. But they did not act the same way because they served different **name/natures** of the same **God**.

When we want to know what **God** is like, we must also define the time period about which we are thinking. We must ask, "Who's doing the talking, and when? What **name** did he use?" We will follow the word "**name**" with the descriptive word "**nature**" to keep reminding ourselves that the two words are very close to meaning the same thing.

Perhaps it might be good to read Ex. 6:2-3 in context in order to gain more insight into the whole subject of the **Names of God**.

*Exodus 6:1-8, Then **YAHWEH** (the **LORD**) said unto Moses, Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh: for with a strong hand shall he let them go, and with a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land.*

² *And **ELOHIM** (**God**) spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am **YAHWEH** (the **LORD**):*

³ *And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the **name** of **EL SHADDAI** (God Almighty), but by my **name** **YAHWEH** (**JEHOVAH**) was I not known to them.*

⁴ *And I have also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers.*

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⁵ *And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant.*

⁶ *Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am **YAHWEH** (the LORD), and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments:*

⁷ *And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a **ELOHIM** (God): and ye shall know that I am **YAHWEH** (the LORD) your **ELOHIM** (God), which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.(KJV)*

Only a few months before this passage in Exodus, when **God** changed His **name/nature** (Ex. 6:1-8), the people of Israel had never heard of using the **name** "**YAHWEH**" for **God**. They all knew **God** by the **name/nature** of "**EL SHADDAI**," the **God** of provision. "**EL SHADDAI**" was the **name** of **God** that they used for the preceding 450 years, some of which were while they were slaves in Egypt.

When Israel came out of Egypt, then **God** reintroduced Himself/Herself with a new **name/nature** **YAHWEH**. Personal pronouns, when relating to our **God**, probably should be androgynous, i.e., Himself/Herself, especially in a story like this where **YAHWEH** and **EL SHADDAI** interact. More about the gender of the various **names/natures** of **God** is in later chapters.

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When they left Egypt, the nation of Israel needed a masculine **name/nature** of the **God** of war, hosts, armies, and victory. That's what **YAHWEH** is. They needed that more than they needed a feminine **name/nature** of the **God** of provision. That's what **EL SHADDAI** is.

From the time of Abraham's wanderings in the desert, through the time of Israel's slavery in Egypt, Israel only knew **God** as **EL SHADDAI**. So, **God** changed His/Her **name/nature** when the times changed from slavery in Egypt to entering and possessing Canaan's fair land.

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God changed His **name** from **EL SHADDAI** to **YAHWEH**.

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*³ And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the **name** of **EL SHADDAI (God Almighty)**, but by my **name YAHWEH (JEHOVAH)** was I not known to them. (KJV)*

God changed His **name/nature** from **EL SHADDAI** to **YAHWEH**. We plan to go into great detail about that name change in the following chapters.

GOD DOESN'T CHANGE BUT HIS METHODS DO

You may have already guessed that **God** changed His **name/nature** many more times than just Ex. 6:2-3.

Our **God** did not change Himself. He really hasn't changed a bit. **God** changed His **method** of dealing with us, as we matured through the centuries.

Here is a little tip. Keep a watchful eye, looking for the following parallel thoughts. As we study the history of our **God's** interest and care in dealing with His people, we will notice that there is a parallel between the raising of a child from infancy to adulthood (a period of about 20 years) and the development of the nation of Israel from Abraham to **CHRIST** (a period of about 2000 years).

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In other words, A child's god (little "g") changes from Mama, to Mom, to Mother, to Dad, to Pop, to Father, as the child matures. The nation of Israel followed the same basic pattern of **name** changes of their heavenly parents. At first the **name/nature** of **God** was the feminine **EL SHADDAI** (mother).

Later, Israel changed to a **name/nature** of **God** as the masculine **YAHWEH** (father). Watch for those parallel thoughts because they will reinforce each other and make it easier to understand why and how our **God** changed His/Her methods of dealing with us as we matured.

CHANGE YOUR NAME?

Has anyone that you know ever changed their **name** like **God** did? Yes! About half of your friends have changed their **names**. Ladies change their last **name**, on the day they enter into a new relationship, which changes their whole way of life. They change their **name** on the day they get married. The idea of changing your **name**, when you change your **nature** is not new at all. It's a wonder that the idea of a **name** change is so new when applied to **God**.

A NEW NAME

*Isaiah 62:2, And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a **new name**, which the mouth of **YAHWEH** (the LORD) shall **name**. (KJV)*

Revelation 2:17, He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and

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*will give him a white stone, and in the stone a **new name** written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it. (KJV)*

*Revelation 3:12, Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my **God**, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the **name** of my **God**, and the **name** of the city of my **God**, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my **God**: and I will write upon him my **new name**. (KJV)*

“A new manifestation of His interest or care may give rise to a **new name**.” Quote from the **JEWISH ENCYCLOPEDIA**.

For instance, as slaves in Egypt, Israel needed to know the **name/nature** of **EL SHADDAI** (provider). But 500 years later, a newly trained army of Israelites (not slaves anymore) under Moses needed a new manifestation of a **new name/nature** of **God**, i.e., **YAHWEH** (leads to victory).

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FATHER, SON, HOLY GHOST

Most everyone has learned to separate the three **names/natures** of **God** in the **New Testament**:

1. **God** the **Father**,
2. **God** the **Son**, **JESUS**, and
3. **God** the **Holy Spirit** (**Ghost**).

Christians agree that the three **names** do refer to three different **natures** of the **one** and the **same God**. This concept is given the extra Biblical title, "**The Trinity**."

We don't see any reason for thinking that there should be much trouble expanding our thinking from **three names natures** in the **New Testament** to **five** in the **Old**.

WHY ARE THERE SO MANY NAMES?

This is a Christian oriented study about the **Names of God**. Naturally there will be many references to **JESUS CHRIST** and also to the **Holy Spirit** as part of the Christian Trinity. Our main emphasis will be to find the answer to the question, "Why did the **Holy Spirit** dictate so many different **names** for the **one** true **God**?" And/or, "What did the Hebrew writer have in his own mind when he chose one of the 72 (or more) different ways to express the idea of **God**?"

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MORE NAMES

You may have already guessed, judging from the thickness of this book, that we will observe many more times, than just Ex. 6:2-3, when our **God** changed His **name/nature**. In another sense, our **God** did not change Himself. He really hasn't changed a bit. It is His method of dealing with us, that changes as we mature.

NAMES ARE CAPITALIZED

When the **New** Testament uses words like "**Highest**" or "**Most High**" it is referring to the **Old** Testament **Name of God**, "**EL ELYON**."

Here is an example:

*Luke 1:32, He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the **Highest**: (KJV)*

Note that often the words High and/or Highest are capitalized in the N.T. because they are proper **names**.

"**Most High**" and "**Highest**" are N.T. equivalents to "**EL ELYON**" in the O.T. So the scripture makes more sense to a Bible student when it is printed like this:

*Luke 1:32, He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of **EL ELYON** (the **Highest**): (KJV)*

FAMILY OF GOD IN HEAVEN

*Ephesians 3:14-15, For this cause I bow my knees unto the **Father** of our **LORD JESUS CHRIST**,*

*¹⁵ Of whom the **whole family in heaven and earth is **named****, (KJV)*

Did that scripture say **God** has a **family** in heaven? It looks like it did; and a family has several different

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members; doesn't it? Father? Mother? Son?
Daughter?

GODHEAD

*Colossians 2:9-10, For in him (JESUS CHRIST)
dwelleth all the fulness of the **Godhead** bodily.*

*¹⁰ And ye are **complete** in him, which is the head
of all principality and power: (KJV)*

To understand the **Godhead**, one must attempt to
understand **JESUS CHRIST**.

The **name JESUS** means "**SAVIOR**," and that means to
deliver from **sin** and **death**. The word **CHRIST** means
anointing, and that means the **power** and/or the life
giving force that will accomplish that job.

The word "**CHRIST**" is not the last name of **JESUS**. It
is His **Title**.

There are many references to performing an (often
miraculous) act in the "**name of JESUS**."

For example,

*Acts 3:6, Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none;
but such as I have give I thee: In the **name** of **JESUS**
CHRIST of Nazareth rise up and walk. (KJV)*

That means that all of the fullness of the **Godhead** (all
72 **names/natures**) is brought into play when the **name**
of **JESUS CHRIST** is properly used. All of the 72 (or
more) **Names of God** are summed up in **JESUS**
CHRIST, because **JESUS CHRIST** is the "fullness of
the **Godhead** bodily."

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GODHEAD, PLURAL OR SINGULAR?

Remember,

*Colossians 2:9, For in him (CHRIST) dwelleth all the fulness of the **Godhead** bodily. (KJV)*

The words "fulness of the **Godhead**" cause us to notice a definite idea of **plurality**. We know that there is only **one God**, but, the Bible concordance indicates that there may be a conflict about **one** or **many Gods**.

JAMES STRONG wrote **STRONG'S EXHAUSTIVE CONCORDANCE** that has become the recognized authority of Bible words to all the English speaking people of the world. **STRONG** wrote: "**Godhead**, 2320, Greek **THEOTES**, pronounced Theh-ot-ace, from 2306, divinity, godhead. This is a **plural** form of 2316. **God**, 2316, Greek **THEOS**, pronounced theh-os, a deity, especially the supreme Divinity, at times a magistrate."

The word "**Godhead**" is a **plural** form of the word "**God**." But, we are **Monotheistic** (meaning belief in **one God**) not **Polytheistic** (meaning belief in **more than one God**). How can this be?

Most all Christians and Jews recognize:

Deuteronomy 6:4, Hear, O Israel: The LORD our **God** is **one** LORD: (KJV)

Monotheism is such a well-established fact that we need spend little time on it here. But the Bible uses words that confuse the issue by adding **polytheistic** (several **Gods**) ideas, like the word "**Godhead**."

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We do not expect the writings of ancient Jewish Rabbis or Cabalists to embrace these present teachings on the **Names of God**.

In fact, we expect them (along with some other Christian groups) to deny these scholarly facts as evidenced by the section in the **JEWISH ENCYCLOPEDIA, NAMES OF GOD**, volume 9, page 162 which states, "The Rabbis as well as the Cabalists steadfastly maintained their belief in monotheism. Hence they recognize **one** proper **name** for the Deity, **YAHWEH**, considering other **names** as appellations (Webster: appellation -- the **name** or title by which a person, thing or clan is called and known) or titles signifying divinity, perfection, and power, or as characterizing His acts as observed and appreciated by mankind in various stages of their development."

The Cabalists illustrate this by the example of one who looks at the sun through various-colored glasses, which change the impressions produced upon the observer, but do not affect the sun.

The ancient Rabbis and Cabalists did not admit that the Hebrew language in the O.T. contains many different **Names of God**. However, many other Jewish scholars claim that there are 72 (at least) distinct and different **Names of God** that are used in the Bible. If the Jews can't agree about their own **Old** Testament, its no wonder that Christians are confused.

The same **JEWISH ENCYCLOPEDIA** states, "A new manifestation of His interest or care may give rise to a

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new name (of **God**).” In this case, I agree more with the contemporary scholars who wrote the **JEWISH ENCYCLOPEDIA** than I do with the ancient Rabbis.

THE FOUR NATURES OF JESUS CHRIST

Scholars have noticed a remarkable revelation about the **natures** of **JESUS CHRIST**. They report:

Each gospel book writer features a specific **nature** of **JESUS CHRIST**.

Matthew presents **JESUS CHRIST** as a **Lion**.

Mark presents **JESUS CHRIST** as a **Calf**.

Luke presents **JESUS CHRIST** as an **Eagle**.

John presents **JESUS CHRIST** as a **Man**.

Revelation 4:6-7, And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

*⁷ And the first beast was like a **lion**, and the second beast like a **calf**, and the third beast had a face as a **man**, and the fourth beast was like a **flying eagle**.
(KJV)*

NO SHADOW OF TURNING

Just because **God's name** changes does not make **Him** change a bit. **He** is the same, single, **one God**. But if we only know **God** by **one name/nature** -- then we will likely miss out on some other very satisfying **natures** of **God**.

The way to know the fullness of **JESUS CHRIST** and all of **His natures** is to know all of the different **names/natures** of the **Godhead** because:

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*Colossians 2:9-10, For in him (**CHRIST**) dwelleth all the fulness of the **Godhead** bodily.*

*¹⁰ And ye are complete in him (**CHRIST**), which is the head of all principality and power: (KJV)*

All of the **names/natures** of **God** are incorporated in **JESUS CHRIST**.

WHAT ARE YOU LIKE?

Some narrow minded Christians only know **God** in **one** (or a few) **names/natures**. Naturally, those persons will pattern their lives after the **name/nature** that they know. Consequently, sometimes those kinds of people are not very nice to be around because they are so narrow. Of course, that is also true of some Jewish people.

Our hope is that this book (or one like it) will change all that for the better.

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MY NAME CHANGES

I have quite a few different **names** myself. My **name** is David Paul Ebaugh. Most people call me David. A few call me Dave. In the navy, my **name** was Ebaugh, D. P. 231-25-89 **SIR** (with a shout). Later, my **name** was Mister Ebaugh when I was a supervisor of engineers. Then my **name** changed to Reverend Ebaugh. At the same time, three young ladies and an airline pilot call me Dad.

Now, **ten** children call me Grandpa, and I never planned on **that** at all. Some people have even called me by some unprintable **names** that I would rather forget, if I could.

But really -- I'm only **one** person. You know that! But, did you ever consider the curious fact that the **name** by which you choose to call me, indicates the type of response you expect to receive from me? No engineer who worked for me ever called me Dad; and no child of mine ever called me Mr. Ebaugh. That is so important I'll try to say it another way. **The name we use for a person indicates our relationship to the person.** The **name** also indicates our understanding of the **nature** of the response that we expect from that person.

RELATIONSHIP AND RESPONSE

Mr. Ebaugh does not respond the same way that Dad does. And David doesn't act like Rev. Ebaugh, but you know -- they are all the same man. That is not so hard to see about me. You know that it is true about yourself. And now you conclude that the same thought probably holds true regarding the different **Names of God**.

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That's probably the reason that the Bible teaches us to use a new **name** for **God**. The **name** is **ABBA**. That means "Dad." (Galatians 4:6, Romans 8:14 & Mark 14:36)

*Galatians 4:6, And because ye are **sons**, **God** hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, **Abba**, Father. (KJV)*

*Romans 8:14, For as many as are led by the Spirit of **God**, they are the **sons** of **God**. (KJV)*

*Mark 14:36, And he said, **Abba**, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt. (KJV)*

So, the **name/nature** of **God** that you choose to use, expresses your relationship with your **God**. It also indicates the **nature** of the response that you are expecting to receive from your **God** .

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OVERCOME THE LAST ENEMY -- DEATH

The Christian who wants to overcome the last enemy which is **death** (I Corinthians 15:26) desires to know **God** as **JESUS** knew Him.

*1 Corinthians 15:26, The last enemy that shall be destroyed is **death**. (KJV)*

JESUS overcame **death** for us and the last generation of Christians shall also overcome **death**.

JESUS AND MELCHISEDEC

JESUS and **Melchisedec** (Spelled **Melchizedek** in O.T.) served the **name/nature** of **God** as **EL ELYON**, the **Most High God**. (Genesis 14:18) **JESUS** and **Melchisedec** entered the **EL ELYON** priesthood through the power of an **endless life**. (Hebrews 7:16-17) They both overcame the last enemy, **death**.

Those Christians who are alive in the last generation, who do overcome the last enemy, **death**, will do it the same way, through the power of an **endless life** (they **will not die**). They will have a balanced knowledge of, and experience with, all of the **names/natures** of **God**. They will become priests of **EL ELYON**, the **Most High God**.

They will conduct their lives like **JESUS** and **Melchisedec**.

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READ THE SCRIPTURES

Here is a review of the scripture references for that last powerful statement.

*Genesis 14:18-20, And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**).*

*¹⁹ And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**), possessor of heaven and earth: (KJV)*

*²⁰ And blessed be the **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**), which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all. (KJV)*

The **New** Testament tells us that **Melchisedec** (N.T. spelling) never died; he was a priest forever; he had an endless life. And **JESUS** entered the **Melchisedec, EL ELYON** Priesthood the same way, by overcoming death.

PRIEST FOREVER

*Hebrews 5:5-6, So also **CHRIST** glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee.*

*⁶ As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of **Melchisedec**. (KJV)*

ETERNAL SALVATION

Hebrews 5:9-10, And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

*¹⁰ Called of **God** an high priest after the order of **Melchisedec**. (KJV)*

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FOR EVER

*Hebrews 6:20, Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even **JESUS**, made an high priest for ever after the order of **Melchisedec**. (KJV)*

ENDLESS LIFE -- FOREVER

*Hebrews 7:15-17, And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of **Melchisedec** there ariseth another priest,*

¹⁶ Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life.

*¹⁷ For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of **Melchisedec**. (KJV)*

LAST ENEMY IS DEATH

1 Corinthians 15:26, The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. (KJV)

The last generation of believers in **JESUS CHRIST** will overcome the last enemy -- death. Perhaps you will do it. It is possible that you may enter the **Melchisedec** priesthood for ever after the power of an endless life.

PRIEST FOR EVER

*Hebrews 7:21, For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The LORD sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of **Melchisedec**: (KJV)*

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MELCHISEDEC PRIESTS DO NOT DIE

The **Melchisedec** priesthood lasts **for ever** because **Melchisedec** priests **do not die**. This is in direct contrast to the Levitical (Aaronic) priests who do **die**. The book of Hebrews calls special attention to this contrast. I hope that you can take the time to read chapters 5, 6 and 7 of Hebrews.

Also see Chapter 27 of this book for much more on **Melchisedec**.

*Hebrews 7:1-28, For this **Melchisedec**, king of Salem, priest of **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**), who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him;*

² To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;

*³ Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of **God**; abideth a priest continually.*

⁴ Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils.

⁵ And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham:

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⁶ *But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises.*

⁷ *And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better.*

⁸ *And here men that **die** receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he **liveth**.*

⁹ *And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham.*

¹⁰ *For he was yet in the loins of his father, when **Melchisedec** met him.*

¹¹ *If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of **Melchisedec**, and not be called after the order of Aaron?*

¹² *For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law.*

¹³ *For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar.*

¹⁴ *For it is evident that our LORD sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood.*

¹⁵ *And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of **Melchisedec** there ariseth another priest,*

¹⁶ *Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an **endless life**.*

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*17 For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of **Melchisedec**.*

18 For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof.

*19 For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto **God**.*

20 And inasmuch as not without an oath he was made priest:

*21 (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The LORD sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of **Melchisedec**:)*

*22 By so much was **JESUS** made a surety of a better testament.*

*23 And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of **death**:*

*24 But this man, because he **continueth ever**, hath an unchangeable priesthood.*

*25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto **God** by him, seeing he **ever liveth** to make intercession for them.*

26 For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

27 Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself.

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²⁸ *For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated **for evermore**. (KJV)*

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WHAT IS GOD?

What is **God**? It is the Teutonic word for a personal object of reverence or fear. It is like the Greek word "**THEOS**" and the Latin word "**DEUS**." It is applied to all superhuman beings of mythology who exercise power over **nature** and man. When the Teutonic races converted to Christianity, the word "**God**" was adopted as the **name** of the Supreme Being, the Creator of the universe, and the three Persons of the Trinity. The result is a very unfortunate mixture of ideas that produced a real literary mess.

One purpose of this study is to try to help identify the parts of this mess and try to find out what they really mean.

GENDER OF GOD

Different words for **God** also have different genders in many languages. As our study develops, we are going to see that different Hebrew words for **God** also have different genders. In Hebrew, the last characters (letters) of the word tell the gender. We will see that Hebrew words often tell a new and extended story in the Bible when the gender is noticed. We will also see that we lose a lot when we are limited to our English genderless words.

MALE AND FEMALE

For instance, **YAHWEH** is masculine. **EL SHADDAI** is feminine in context usage. When the masculine **YAHWEH** and the feminine **EL SHADDAI** come together to operate in concert, they become the creator, **ELOHIM**. The word "**ELOHIM**" is androgynous (meaning both masculine and feminine) in gender in the

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Hebrew language. The androgynous word "**ELOHIM**" (creator) was unfortunately translated into the genderless word "**God**" in our English Bible. In our English language we lose the gender idea because our word "**God**" brings no idea of gender to us.

In the creation story we lose the idea that there must be a masculine **YAHWEH** operating in concert with a feminine **EL SHADDAI** in order for them to become the androgynous creator **ELOHIM**.

There is a fairly complete analysis of the creative aspects of the Godhead featuring the masculine **YAHWEH**, the feminine **EL SHADDAI**, and the androgynous **ELOHIM** in Chapter 14 titled **YAHWEH FAMILY**. Check it out.

ADAM WAS BOTH MALE AND FEMALE

You probably remember that, at first, Adam was created as an androgynous person because Eve was still within that body. In other words, Adam was both male and female, at first. That is exactly the same as **ELOHIM** -- male and female. That explains why **ELOHIM** said, "I'll make man as I am -- in my androgynous image."

Most students say that understanding the different genders of the various **name/natures** of **God** really does add a lot of meaning to the Bible. They don't get as much meaning from the simple English.

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THINK ABOUT THAT

What you think about the gender of **God**, shapes, to a great degree, what you think **God** will do, and consequently, what you should do. For instance, since the **God of Israel** is masculine **YAHWEH**, most Jews (and most Christians) of today have mentally developed a personal profile and a national profile that reflects their understanding of how their masculine **YAHWEH** would want them to handle a problem. They usually apply the law instead of mercy, like a father usually does.

In the U.S.A. we use a giant army, with a big stick, to force our will upon other smaller nations. Our President, Theodore Roosevelt, is reported to have said, "Speak softly, and carry a big stick."

This narrow minded view is unfortunate because **God** is far more than just masculine. Many times it is better to offer mercy, like a mother usually does, rather than the law of the father.

The **NEW ENGLISH DICTIONARY** points out that the old Teutonic word "**God**" is neuter. In Christian applications the word **God** became masculine. In Gothic and Old Norwegian the construction is masculine even where the earlier neuter form is still kept.

Popular etymology has connected **God** with **good**, exemplified by the corruption of "**God be with you**" into "**good by**." We plan to use the word "**etymology**" several times in this study. So now it won't hurt to remind ourselves what **etymology** means.

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ETYMOLOGY

Etymology means to study the history of a linguistic form such as a word. It is studied by tracing its phonetic, graphic, and semantic development since its earliest recorded occurrence. It is studied by tracing the course of its transmission from one language to another by distinguishing it from its component parts. The subject word is studied by identifying its cognates in other languages. The word and its cognates are traced back to a common ancestral form in a recorded or assumed ancestral language.

Etymology is a branch of linguistics. It helps us to find out what the ancient author meant.

THAT'S TOUGH

For instance, when I was in the Navy during the Korean war, the word "**tough**" meant hard to break or hard to tear. About 20 years later, when my daughters were in high school, I found, to my surprise, that it then meant a good looking guy. That's quite a bit of difference.

Now, if we read the word "**tough**" we need to know a lot about it -- or we will get the wrong idea. We must know the **etymology** of the word "**tough**." We must know **when** the author used the word "**tough**" so we can know if it means "hard to tear" or if it means "a good looking guy."

Often the context will give you the answer, but not always. The same is true for Hebrew and Greek Bible words.

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GAY FUN

There is another problem. Even within the same generation a word can mean something very very different. When I was in the Navy 40 years ago, "**gay**" meant to have good clean fun. Nowadays, to some people, it describes a person who wants to have sex with another person of the same sex.

So you see, when someone uses a word, we really don't know for sure what they mean. Sometimes I think that's why we have lawyers and preachers. If we all understood the intent of the words we use we might eliminate the jobs of 99% of those people.

DIFFERENT RELIGIOUS BELIEFS

The Father of our LORD **JESUS CHRIST** was identified as **EL ELYON**, the **Most High GOD** (Luke 1:32 & 35). While it is true that **YAHWEH** was the Father of the Jewish religion, **YAHWEH** is never referred to as the Father of **JESUS**.

That's why **JESUS** didn't act the way the Jews expected Him to act. For instance, the Jews wanted to stone the adulterous woman, but **JESUS** brought no condemnation. No condemnation does not mean approval.

YAHWEH and **EL ELYON** have some completely different **name/natures** -- and yet they are the same God. I think the differences in the **name/natures** of **God** produce a major reason for the existence of different major religions such as Jewish or Christian. The different **name/natures** are also the reason for

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different denominations such as Catholic, Baptist, Methodist, or Pentecostal. Each group shapes their own religious belief system (ethos) based on their own singular concept of a single **name/nature** of **God**. I think that is the major reason that we don't get along very well, and I hope that will soon change, for the better.

ATHEISTS

I can not find any Bible arguments made to demonstrate the reality of **God**. The existence of **God** is presupposed throughout. The controversies of the Prophets never examine the fundamental question of **God's** existence or nonexistence. My own personal experience with a personal **God** has settled the question for me. The existence of **God** seems so basic to me, that the arguments of an atheist seem absurd and are hardly worth any of my time at all.

WHICH NAME?

Even though some of my friends will not publicly use the word "**God**" anymore, substituting words like "**YAHWEH**," "**ELOHIM**," and "**EL ELYON**," I have elected (for myself) to not abandon the word "**God**." I do not condemn or find fault with anyone who now uses the original Hebrew **names** publicly. I don't feel comfortable in telling students to use this word or that word, even though I use the original Hebrew **names** in my private prayers and contemplation.

For the time being I'm publicly using the word "**God**." Here's why.

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GOD IS GOD

The word "**God**" is almost universally accepted as to its general meaning. I teach Bible lessons in a lot of churches where the use of **YAHWEH** or **EL ELYON**, etc. would be unintelligible. I recognize that the word "**God**" has a strange and a foreign meaning from its original use. But, if I removed the word "**God**" from my vocabulary, then it logically follows that I should correct the meaning of all of my other words from their present use to their original use. In that case, I would have to change a major portion of my vocabulary. I would no longer be understood -- and I just don't have the time to develop a new language (or revive an old one).

Bible study is different. In that special case, we must endeavor to find the meaning that was in the mind of the writer, in terms that we presently use. That's why we must study the word "**God**" with all of its various Hebrew and Greek words and many English translations.

HOW DO YOU SAY "GOD?"

In some languages **God** is:

Gothic, **GUTH**;

Danish and Swedish, **GUD**;

German, **GOTT**; and

Dutch is the same as English, **God**.

Different words for **God** also have different genders.

It is no wonder that no one agrees with anyone else, as to what **God** is like! I really believe that **God** will respond to the proper prayer of any believer/receiver, no matter which **name** is used. I also have discovered that the

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Bible stories make more sense when a person knows what is the **nature** of the **name** that is being used.

SLANG WORDS FOR GOD

I think that the best word for my heavenly Father is "**DAD**," which is a pretty good translation of "**ABBA**." But, you better not use "**DAD**" in very many public places.

Mark 14:36, *And he said, Abba, (DAD) **Father**, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt. (KJV)*

JEALOUS

You may not believe this, but **one name** for **YAHWEH** is "**JEALOUS**." The **LORD'S name** is "**JEALOUS**." All the other major translations say the same thing. The **LORD (YAHWEH'S) name** is **JEALOUS**. Very few people believe that **God's name** is "**JEALOUS**," but that's what the Bible says. That means we have a lot more Bible study ahead of us to see why **YAHWEH'S name** is "**JEALOUS**."

Exodus 34:14, *For thou shalt worship no other god: for **YAHWEH** (the **LORD**), whose **name** is **JEALOUS**, is a jealous **God**. (KJV)*

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DIFFERENT TRANSLATIONS FOR THE WORD "GOD"

It is hard to imagine that the Hebrew word "**EL**" (God) was translated into all of the following different English words in our Bible.

"**God**, strength, mighty, Almighty, these, those, to, about, according to, after, against, among, as for, at, because, both, and by, concerning, for, from, hath, in, into, near, out of, over, through, to, toward, under, unto, upon, whether, with, within."

That is an incredible list of words, all with different meanings, which have been translated from **one** word, God "**EL**."

Look up "**EL**" in **STRONG'S CONCORDANCE** if you want to confirm this list.

SURPRISE! SURPRISE!

If you are as surprised as I was to find that "**God**" was translated into so many other different words, then what do you think of this?

Another Hebrew word, "**ELOHIM**" was translated:

"**God**, gods, magistrates, angels, exceeding, goddess, godly, very great, judges, mighty."

So, the Hebrew words for **God** have a whole lot of other meanings, too. When we look up the other Hebrew words for **God**, we find that they were also translated into many other words in addition to **God**.

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I think the list is too long for a detailed study here, but if you want to, look up the following words in the **STRONG'S CONCORDANCE**.

1. GOD 3069 **YAHWEH**,
2. ALMIGHTY 7706 **SHADDAI**,
3. LORD 3068 **YAHWEH**,
4. LORD 136 **ADONAY**,
5. HIGH (Most) 5945 **ELYON**,
6. GOD 433 **ELOAH**.

WHAT IS GOD LIKE?

Next notice the large number of Hebrew words for **God**, and then notice that the translators from Hebrew to English did not render them consistently. They confounded the meaning by often exchanging the same English word for several different Hebrew words. When we also remember that there are a large number of variations (72), it becomes easier to see why there is a lot of disagreement as to what **God** is like.

SUCH A TIME AS THIS

Who knows? Maybe you are born at this time so you can fix the world with your new found knowledge of the different **name/natures** of our **one God**.

Esther 4:14, ---who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this? (KJV)

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PRAY TO GOD

Some Christians are starting to use the different **Names of God** in their own private prayer life. That's good, I think. But, using the different **Names of God** isn't the whole answer to increasing a person's spiritual sensitivity or the whole answer to always receiving an answer to a self serving prayer. I don't think that the key is knowing the **name** or pronouncing it right. I think the key is in living the **nature** of the **name**. Some authors have written books indicating that there is some magic in knowing the correct name of God. One book even said that the magic is in the right pronunciation. Well? Wouldn't it be nice if it was that easy?

NAME OF A DEMON

Some books contain the idea that there is a strange esoteric power in learning and using a **Spiritual name**. I think that I first ran across this idea in a book on exorcism (casting out demons). Much was made of the fact that **JESUS** demanded to know the **names** of the demons. The idea projected was that the demon was obliged to follow whatever command was given to it, as long as the exorcist called the demon by its **name**. (Mark 5:9-15)

WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

*Mark 5:9-15, And he asked him, What is thy name?
And he answered, saying, My **name** is Legion: for we are many.*

¹⁰ And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country.

¹¹ Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding.

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12 And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.

*13 And forthwith **JESUS** gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea.*

14 And they that fed the swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done.

*15 And they come to **JESUS**, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid. (KJV)*

JACOB'S SECRET ANGEL

The second story is about angels and their secret names; it's about Jacob wrestling with an angel.

The story ends this way:

*Genesis 32:29, And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy **name**. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my **name**? And he blessed him there. (KJV)*

The knowledge of the **name** of the angel must have been worth wrestling for all night. I can easily see how the idea of "special power in a **name**" got started, and there seems to be *some* merit in it.

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SAMSON'S SECRET ANGEL

Here is another story about angels and secret names, concerning Samson's mother and father.

*Judges 13:18, And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Why askest thou thus after my **name**, seeing it is secret? (KJV)*

Why would the angel not be willing to give out his **name**? Why would his name be a secret?

There is an area in which I do have personal experience regarding the special power of using the **name** of a person.

WAITRESS! WAITRESS!

When I go to a restaurant, one of the first things I try to do is to learn the **name** of my waitress. Have you ever had to call, "Waitress, waitress!" It just doesn't work! She can walk right by your table and not hear you. But if you say her **name**, she hears you from across the room. There must be something to learn concerning the fact that there is special power in a **name**. However, I'm also inclined to think that the real power comes when the approach is made in the **nature** of the **name**.

In other words, it is easier to approach someone who is a lover if you yourself are a lover. So, when you approach in the **name** and in the **nature** of the **name**, you will have a lot of things going for you.

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This chapter on the **Names of God** presents an overall view of:

1. The **Names**,
2. The **Natures**,
3. The **Actions**, and
4. The **Interactions** between the
- 5 **Names of God** by using a picture of clouds.

The basic outline for, and content of, this chapter are taken from an edited transcript of a Bible lecture on the **Names of God**. It was given at Hershey, Pennsylvania, by this author.

TYPES & SHADOWS

Some people are quite sensitive about using a picture (or any graphic or **graven image**) to represent **God**, and justifiably so.

*Exodus 20:4, Thou shalt not make unto thee any **graven image**, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: (KJV)*

Here is why we have chosen to use **types** and **shadows** to represent our **God**. The Bible speaks about **types** and **shadows** (Col. 2:17, Heb. 8:5) which foretell the facts about the real thing. **JESUS** spoke in **parables** that are usually fictional stories about events that really have a deeper spiritual meaning. The lives of Ishmael and Isaac were called an **allegory** because Ishmael represented the Old Testament and Isaac the New. (Gal. 4:24)

*Colossians 2:17, Which are a **shadow** of things to come; (KJV)*

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*Hebrews 8:5, Who serve unto the **example** and **shadow** of heavenly things. (KJV)*

*Galatians 4:24, Which things are an **allegory**: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. (KJV)*

PARABLES AND ALLEGORIES

Following the same idea of using **types** and **shadows** and/or **parables** and/or **allegories**, I have drawn a picture of one large cloud that is made up of **five** smaller ones. Each of the smaller individual clouds represents **one** of the five primary **Names of God**, and is so labeled.

Concerning the large (whole) cloud we remind ourselves that the scripture says:

*Deuteronomy 6:4, Hear, O Israel: The LORD our **God** is **one** LORD: (KJV)*

Please see the cloud picture on the next page.

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This page is for the cloud picture.

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AN ALLEGORY

Whereas there is only one big cloud that covers the whole sky, called **God**, the one big cloud is really made up of **five** smaller individual primary clouds. Each of those smaller individual clouds has a **name** of its own.

According to our usage and understanding, our word "**God**" applies to the whole giant cloud. Also, our word "**God**" applies equally to any of the individual smaller clouds that make up the whole big one.

I have chosen lightning to represent the **interaction** between the various **Names of God**. The release of lightening energy is one of the most instantaneous and powerful acts known to man. Almost everyone has watched the clouds in a rainstorm. We have seen lightning flash from one cloud to another, and then perhaps strike the earth somewhere. Also lightning is a good allegory because lightening and clouds go together. Please set aside your thoughts about the destructive action of the lightning for this illustration.

What we are looking for here, is the thought/picture of the **interaction** between the several **Names of God**.

NATURE OF THE NAMES

The drawing is not a picture of **God**. Of course not. It is an allegory of the way five individual clouds are really a part of the one whole big cloud. In a loosely similar way, the five **Names of God**, operate individually and separately, while at the same time they are a part of the whole concept of **one God**.

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Concerning one of the ten commandments:

*Exodus 20:4, Thou shalt not make unto thee any **graven image**, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: (KJV)*

I do not believe that the cloud or clouds are a **graven image** of **God**. No. The picture is a **type** and **shadow**, a **parable**, and/or an **allegory**. The cloud picture is not an **image** of **God**.

Across each individual cloud I have attempted to display a short outline of the **meanings** and the **natures** and some of the **actions** of each of the 5 **Names of God**.

We will refer back to this drawing and these notes quite often. So, you may save yourself quite a lot of time later if you take a few minutes **now** to look over the cloud drawing. Of course it's not complete. All the books in the world couldn't do that.

FIVE NAMES OF ONE GOD

I researched each and every time that the word "**God**" appears in the Bible. Naturally that took a long time (over a year). That was before I had this wonderful computer. That phase of study would take much less time, now.

PRONUNCIATION

You may pronounce these 5 Hebrew **Names of God** any way that you want. That's right. Every audience I have ever spoken to has always had a few people who learned to pronounce these words with some variation. Who is to say? Even the Jews do not agree among themselves

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concerning the correct Hebrew pronunciation of the **Names of God**.

EL ELYON

EL ELYON is **God** (GEN. 14:18-20), the **Most High God**, the **God** of the nations. Androgynous (masculine and feminine), possessor of heaven and earth, Father of the **LORD JESUS CHRIST** (Luke 1:32, 35, 24:49), our Father too (Psalm 82:6). Translated "**Most High**" and "**Most High God**." Provides love, mercy, forgiveness.

EL ELYON is **God** of the nations but **YAHWEH** is **God** of Israel.

EL ELYON is **God** of the Melchisedec Order, but **YAHWEH** is **God** of Aaronic-Levitic Order (Heb. 7:21).

EL ELYON is the **God** of those who overcome **death**.

Etymology of **EL ELYON** is Strong's 5945, 5947 and it is 5945, 5920, 5921, 5942, 5946, 5956, 5957, 5958, 5959, meaning to provide from the **top head**.

YAHWEH

YAHWEH is **God**, (Ex. 6:2), masculine (call me **ISHI**, husband, Hosea 2:16), **God** of Israel (not the nations), law giver, judge, condemner, punisher, **death** bringer, guard, shepherd, light, salvation, protector, healer, deliverer, causer of victory, the **I AM**. Was introduced to Moses in 1491 B.C. **YAHWEH** gave 613 laws to Moses, established the Aaronic-Levitic priesthood (not Melchisedec priesthood). The unspeakable

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unpronounceable **name YHWH** (tetragrammation) is **YAHWEH**. Usually translated "LORD," was corrupted into "ADONI" by Masorite copyists, and was also corrupted into "JEHOVAH" by English translators.

YAHWEH operates in concert with the feminine **EL SHADDAI** and becomes **ELOHIM** who creates all things.

Etymology of **YAHWEH** is Strong's 3068, 3050, 3051 meaning to produce with the **hand**.

ELOHIM

ELOHIM is **God**, androgynous (masculine and feminine), plural, creator of all things (Genesis 1), spirit, translated "**God**," the object of reverence.

Etymology of **ELOHIM** is Strong's 430, 410, 352, 193, 17a, and it is 430, 424, 413, 410, 451, meaning to come forth with (by) a strong oak **tree**, and **rump**.

EL SHADDAI

EL SHADDAI is **God**, feminine (Ex. 6:3), from the word "shad" meaning "breast" (the large breasted one, her breast is mine for me to use), translated "**Almighty**," in the O.T., but not "Almighty" in the N.T., the **God** of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph (not Moses in his later life), the mother, nourisher, provider, life sustainer, open eyed.

The word "**Almighty**" in the New Testament (G3841, pantokrator, 2 Cor. 6:18; Revelation 1:8 & 7 more) is **not** the same as **EL SHADDAI** in the Old Testament. The word "**Almighty**" in the New Testament should be

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translated “**All Powerful**” to distinguish it from the word “**Almighty**” as used in the Old Testament.

EL SHADDAI appears often in Job, has knowledge of all truth, provides balance and fairness, provides because of need, and withholds when best, responds in love.

EL SHADDAI operates in concert with masculine **YAHWEH** and they become the **ELOHIM** who creates all things.

Etymology of **EL SHADDAI** is, Strong's 7706, 1237, 7703 and 7706, 7699, meaning to provide with the **breast**.

ELOAH

ELOAH is **God**, Lord, Messiah (OT), **CHRIST** (NT Acts 2:34-36), life giving creative force (Hebrews 10:12-13), the anointing, Ghost, Spirit. Gender is feminine in the Hebrew O.T. The spirit is neuter in the Greek N.T., but always travels with a masculine article, making the usage masculine in the New Testament.

ELOAH appears often in Job.

ELOAH connects spirit with flesh.

Etymology of **ELOAH** is Strong's 433, 410, 352, 193, 17a, and it is 433, 410, 451, meaning to provide with the **rump**.

BODY PARTS

Did you notice that all five **name/natures** of **God** are etymologically connected to anthropomorphic body parts by the Hebrew words?

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EL ELYON -- head

YAHWEH -- hand

ELOHIM -- rump

EL SHADDAI -- breast

ELOAH -- rump

GENDERS OF GOD

Did you notice the various genders in the Hebrew for the Names of God?

EL ELYON -- androgynous

YAHWEH -- masculine

ELOHIM -- androgynous

EL SHADDAI -- feminine

ELOAH -- feminine in Old testament, ELOAH changes to masculine in New Testament.

The **ELOAH** gender change is probably because the **Holy Spirit** was quiet and retiring (feminine characteristics) in the Old Testament -- but dramatically changed to forceful and active (masculine characteristics) in the New Testament.

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GOD OF ISRAEL OR GOD OF NATIONS?

Did you notice that **YAHWEH** is the **God** of Israel contradistinctive to **EL ELYON** who is the **God** of the nations? When Israel was taken captive from Jerusalem to Babylon, they changed the **name/nature** of **God** from **YAHWEH** (LORD) to **EL ELYON** (**Most High God**) because **YAHWEH** laws could not be practiced in Babylon.

For instance, in Babylon the king called the three Hebrew children servants of **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**) - not servants of **YAHWEH** (the LORD) (Daniel 3:26).

*Daniel 3:26, Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, ye servants of **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**), come forth, and come hither. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, came forth of the midst of the fire. (KJV)*

WHICH PRIESTHOOD?

Did you notice that the Aaronic/Levitic priesthood is under **YAHWEH** but that the Melchisedec priesthood is under **EL ELYON**? **JESUS** was a priest after the order of Melchisedec. He was not a priest after the Aaronic-Levitic order. (Heb. 5:6, etc.) The Bible tells us to expect to eventually enter into the Melchisedec priesthood, too. (Heb. 5:9-10, 6:20, 7:19-28)

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OVERCOME DEATH

Further Bible study will show you that those Bible characters who overcame **death** did serve the **name/nature EL ELYON**.

ONE GOD

*Deuteronomy 6:4, Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is **one** LORD: (KJV)*

FAMILY OF GOD

*Ephesians 3:14-15, For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our LORD **JESUS CHRIST**,*

*¹⁵ Of whom the **whole family** in heaven and earth is **named**, (KJV)*

Did that say there is a **family** of **God** in heaven?
It did. Yes. It did.

PRESENT RELIGION

YAHWEH is the **name/nature** of the **God** of the present religions, especially Judaism, Roman Catholicism, and Protestantism.

NEW RELIGION

The **name** of the **God** of the new religion is **EL ELYON**. The new religion (**EL ELYON**) will go through the same problems, understandings and misunderstandings, acceptance and rejection, as did Christianity, as it emerged from Judaism some 2000 years ago. The new religion (**EL ELYON**) will lead humanity to peace, following **JESUS**, the High Priest after the order of Melchisedec. It will require a separation from old religious orders, like the disciples left John in order to follow **JESUS** (John 1:37).

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*John 1:37, And the two disciples (of John) heard him (John) speak, and they followed **JESUS**. (KJV)*

Rejection of the present religions, especially Judaism, Roman Catholicism, and Protestantism on the part of much of contemporary society has been mostly because of the failure of the established present religions to bring significant social reforms, especially peace to men.

Some contemporary people recognize that most of the world's bloodshed has been because of the present established religions.

God is presently establishing a **new religion** based on the **name/nature** of **EL ELYON** which will right the wrongs of the past and present practices of religion.

An understanding of the different **names** and **natures** of **God** will help us to see what the future holds. Even though **YAHWEH** and **EL ELYON** are the same single **God**, there is as much difference between the two **name/natures** of **God** named **YAHWEH** and **EL ELYON**, as there has been between Judaism and Christianity.

WHY US?

This is all very important to us because those people who do overcome the last enemy, **death**, (I Cor. 15:26) will become priests after the order of Melchisedec who was priest of **EL ELYON**, the **Most High God**. **JESUS** did it, and we stand as candidates to do it, too.

The **NEW RELIGION** will have a consciousness of the **name/nature** of **God** as **EL ELYON**. They will be led

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by the **spirit** of **EL ELYON** (not by the **law** of **YAHWEH**) and they will lead this world into peace.

Many people in the present religious systems have an inner leading to apply **EL ELYON** principles to every situation, even now. On occasion, they have discovered that they can't, because of old religious rules that presently govern their own organization.

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A serious study of **YAHWEH, GOD OF ISRAEL Chapter 10**, must also include a study of:

- **YAHWEH, CONFOUNDING** Chapter 11, and
 - **YAHWEH, UNCONFOUNDED** Chapter 12, and
 - **YAHWEH MADE THE LAW** Chapter 13, and
 - **YAHWEH FAMILY** Chapter 14, and
 - **YAHWEH AND/OR EL ELYON** Chapter 15,
- because there is a lot to learn about **YAHWEH**.

Some subjects in those chapters have been reviewed and/or abbreviated for this chapter. Some have not. Some subjects in this chapter are new and unique. The index should be a big help.

YAHWEH, A NAME OF GOD

Let's look at some of the **names/natures**, actions, and interactions of **YAHWEH**. **YAHWEH** is **God**. **YAHWEH** is the distinctive personal **name** of the **God** of Israel. Contradistinctively, **EL ELYON** (not **YAHWEH**) is the personal **name** of the **God** of the nations.

- **YAHWEH** is a masculine word in gender and use.
- **YAHWEH** means, **I AM**.
- **YAHWEH** is the Lawgiver.
- **YAHWEH** is the Judge.
- **YAHWEH** is the Condemner.
- **YAHWEH** is the Punisher.

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- **YAHWEH** releases the Death Bringer.
- **YAHWEH** is the **God** of **ISRAEL**, from the time of Moses to the present time.
- **YAHWEH** was **not** the **name** of the **God** of Abraham.
- **YAHWEH** gave 613 laws to Moses.
- **YAHWEH** established the Levitical Priesthood.
- **YAHWEH** established the order of Aaron.
- **YAHWEH** is the unpronounceable, unspeakable **Name of God**, according to Jewish tradition.
- **YAHWEH** was corrupted to the **name** "**ADONI**" by the Masorite Scribes.
- **YAHWEH** was corrupted to the **name** "**JEHOVAH**" by the English translators.
- **YAHWEH** is usually translated "**LORD**" in the K.J.V.
- **YAHWEH** operates in concert with **EL SHADDAI** to create all things.
- **YAHWEH** etymology is 3068, 3050, 3051 meaning to provide with the hands.
- **YAHWEH** appears in the O.T. 6823 times.

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- **YAHWEH** does not occur in Ecclesiastes.
- In Daniel **YAHWEH** is found only in chapter 9.
- Chronicles uses **ELOHIM** much more than **YAHWEH**. Psalms chapters 43 through 83 follow the same patterns as Chronicles using **ELOHIM** much more than **YAHWEH**.
- **YAHWEH** is the third person singular imperfect of the verb "**TO BE**." Some people say that therefore the meaning is, "He is" or "He will be" or perhaps "He lives" from the root meaning of the word "**BEING**."
- **YAHWEH** is erroneously called **ADONI**, **LORD** and **JEHOVAH**.

It is not hard to see how the word **YAHWEH** was contracted to **JAH**, **YAH**, **JEHO**, **YEHO**, **JO**, **YO** and **YAHU**. The graffiti message, "**YAHUDI WAS HERE**," painted on German locations by American Jewish GIs, in WW II, is probably a reference to **YAHWEH**, the **God** of Israel.

TETRAGAMMATION

YAHWEH is from the tetragrammatron "**YHWH**." The word "**YHWH**" is older than "**YAHWEH**." Ancient Hebrew did not contain vowels, only consonants. Later "vowel points" were added to the scripture texts. That's the way **YHWH** became **YAHWEH**.

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PRONOUNCE YAHWEH?

The original pronunciation must have been **YAHWEH**. You should also know that Jews pronounce "W" as "V." (After all, a W is just two Vs anyway). So we may pronounce it **YAHVEH**.

Jews are not allowed to pronounce, say, or articulate the **Name of God, YAHWEH**.

The avoidance of pronouncing the **name** of **YAHWEH** is generally ascribed to a sense of reverence. More precisely, it was caused by a misunderstanding of the Third Commandment (Exodus 20:7, Deut. 5:11) as meaning "Thou shalt not take the **name** of **YAHWEH** thy **God** in vain." Whereas it really means, "You shall not swear falsely by the **name** of **YAHWEH** your **God**."

*Exodus 20:7, Thou shalt not take the **name** of **YAHWEH** (the LORD) thy **ELOHIM** (God) in vain; for **YAHWEH** (the LORD) will not hold him guiltless that taketh his **name** in vain. (KJV)*

*Deuteronomy 5:11, Thou shalt not take the **name** of **YAHWEH** (the LORD) thy **ELOHIM** (God) in vain: for **YAHWEH** (the LORD) will not hold him guiltless that taketh his **name** in vain. (KJV)*

FEAR OF SAYING YAHWEH

In the third century B.C., the Jews regarded **YAHWEH** as a "**NOMEN INEFFABLE**" because of an extreme interpretation of Exodus 20:7 and Lev. 24:11. "**NOMEN INEFFABLE**" means "a **name** incapable of being expressed in words, unutterable, indescribable, unspeakable, not to be uttered, taboo."

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BLASPHEMED AND CURSED

*Leviticus 24:11-16, And the Israelitish woman's son blasphemed the **name** of YAHWEH (the LORD), and cursed. And they brought him unto Moses: (and his mother's **name** was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan:)*

12 And they put him in ward, that the mind of YAHWEH (the LORD) might be shewed them.

13 And YAHWEH (the LORD) spake unto Moses, saying,

14 Bring forth him that hath cursed without the camp; and let all that heard him lay their hands upon his head, and let all the congregation stone him.

15 And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, Whosoever curseth his ELOHIM (God) shall bear his sin.

*16 And he that blasphemeth the **name** of YAHWEH (the LORD), he shall surely be put to **death**, and all the congregation shall certainly stone him: as well the stranger, as he that is born in the land, when he blasphemeth the **name** of YAHWEH (the LORD), shall be put to **death**. (KJV)*

The fear of breaking the third commandment, and the fear of using YAHWEH improperly made religious Jews avoid the use of the **Name of God, YAHWEH**, at all.

PRIESTS PRONOUNCED YAHWEH

According to Jewish tradition the pronunciation of YAHWEH was used only by the priests **inside** the Temple when blessing the people (Num. 6:22-27). **Outside** the Temple they used the title ADONAI.

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THE PRIESTLY BLESSING

Numbers 6:22-27, 22 And YAHWEH (the LORD) spake unto Moses, saying,

23 Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them,

24 YAHWEH (the LORD) bless thee, and keep thee:

25 YAHWEH (the LORD) make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:

26 YAHWEH (the LORD) lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

*27 And they shall put my **name** upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them. (KJV)*

The high priest mentioned **YAHWEH** on Yom Kippur ten times. Once in every Sabbatical year (seventh year) the sages delivered the Key to pronunciation and understanding of **YAHWEH** to their disciples.

WHAT DOES YAHWEH MEAN?

Several explanations of the meaning of the **name YAHWEH** have been proposed:

1.) Derived from "to fall" and originally designated some sacred object such as a stone which was believed to have fallen from heaven.

2.) Derived from "to blow," a **name** for the **God** of wind and storm. Some say that **YAH** should be pronounced while inhaling and that **WEH** should be pronounced while exhaling. Try it. Some writers say that every breath cycle of every living human in the world is a call upon **YAHWEH**. In this sense, **YAHWEH** provides life to everyone.

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3.) Derived from "to be," meaning "He who causes to be" or "the creator."

4.) Derived from "to fall" meaning "He who causes to fall the rain, thunderbolt -- the Storm **God**."

You can take your pick.

THE FIRST MENTION OF YAHWEH

Our first recognition of **YAHWEH** occurs in Exodus 6:2-3 which says,

*Exodus 6:2-3, And **ELOHIM (God)** spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am **YAHWEH (the LORD)**:*

*3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the **name** of **EL SHADDAI (God Almighty)**, but by my **name YAHWEH (JEHOVAH)** was I not known to them.*

Our **God** changed his **name/nature** from **EL SHADDAI** to **YAHWEH**.

Yes. **YAHWEH** does appear in the KJV (and others) before Exodus 6:24. The question arises, "If **YAHWEH** was introduced in Exodus 6:2-3, then how can He appear before that verse. How can **YAHWEH** appear anywhere in Genesis?" The answer to this dilemma is in the fact that the scribes and copyists were ordered to insert **YAHWEH** into the text they were copying wherever and whenever they could. Some men have spent their entire adult lives in study about that question. They conclude that **YAHWEH** has been erroneously and purposefully inserted before Exodus 6:2-4.

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HISTORY OF THE CHANGE FROM EL SHADDAI TO YAHWEH

Around 2000 B.C. Abraham knew the **name/nature** of God, **EL SHADDAI**.

About 500 years later, 1500 B.C., Moses met a **new name/nature** of God, **YAHWEH**. At the same time Israel became an organized nation and **YAHWEH** gave 613 TSAVA laws to Israel through his prophet Moses. From the time of Abraham (2000 B.C.) to the time of Moses (1500 B.C.) there were no laws of **God** (just commands) of **EL SHADDAI**.

The fact that the King James Version of the Bible does erroneously use the word **YAHWEH** on many occasions before the time of Moses is covered in succinct detail in the chapter of this book called **YAHWEH, CONFOUNDING**, Chapter 11.

Some authors say the word **YAHWEH** is the only name of **God**. Others say there are many **Names of God**. We agree there is only **one name** for the **God** of Israel. The consistent pattern is always **YAHWEH** for the **God** of Israel. When our **God** operates among the other nations (and with certain special people of Israel) then He often uses other **names**. Psalm 9:2 says,

*Psalm 9:2, I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy **name**, O thou **ELYON** (**Most High**). (KJV)*

YAHWEH is the **name** of the **God** of Israel and **EL ELYON** is the **name** of the **Most High God**. **YAHWEH** is the **God** of Israel. **YAHWEH** gave all the laws to Israel, no argument, no question. The gender of the word **YAHWEH** is masculine. **YAHWEH** is the

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God of war, hosts, victory, etc. So then, you would expect Israel to follow **YAHWEHISTIC** tendencies. The **YAHWEHISTIC** concept of **God** is leading the nation of Israel to be a warring, pushy, forceful, aggressive, overshadowing people. They are the only nation in the world to expand their natural borders since WW II. In addition to describing the acts of the nation of Israel, I am also describing most denominations.

The denominational concept of **God** is **YAHWEHISTIC** because the religion is descended from Judo-Christianity. Denominations are directly descended from that concept. Jewish, Catholic, and Protestant concepts of **God** are for the most part based on **YAHWEH**. Hence, they are a failure in the present society. It is just that simple. Our present society does not want to know **God** as a pushy forceful masculine personality. That was all right for Israel and the O.T. but **JESUS** taught us a different concept of our **God**. **EL ELYON** is the **God** of love, light, mercy, forgiveness and life. Whereas the **God nature** of **JUSTICE** is in **YAHWEH**; the **God nature** of **MERCY** is in **EL ELYON**.

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A serious study of **YAHWEH, CONFOUNDING, Chapter 11**, must also include a study of:

- **YAHWEH, GOD OF ISRAEL** Chapter 10, and
 - **YAHWEH, UNCONFOUNDED** Chapter 12, and
 - **YAHWEH MADE THE LAW** Chapter 13, and
 - **YAHWEH FAMILY** Chapter 14, and
 - **YAHWEH AND/OR EL ELYON** Chapter 15,
- because there is a lot to learn about **YAHWEH**.

Some subjects in those chapters have been reviewed and/or abbreviated for this chapter. Some have not. Some subjects in this chapter are new and unique. The index should be a big help.

SERIOUS TRANSLATION PROBLEMS

As reported earlier in this book, The Jewish scribes who hand copied the Bible were instructed to insert whatever **Name of God** their denominational leaders demanded. Several layers of corruption were placed upon each other.

YAHWEH CORRUPTION

Unfortunately, **YAHWEH** is represented in the KJV and some other modern translations by the **name** of JEHOVAH, which is a philological (relating to the study of words and languages) impossibility. That's a nice way of saying that the word JEHOVAH, is a made-up error.

It causes lots of confusion and I wish that we had never heard of it. Here's what happened. Believe it if you can. It's true. This truth is stranger than fiction.

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MASORITE SPOILERS

The Jews were afraid to say (pronounce) the word **YHWH** (**YAHWEH**) because they thought the act might take the **name** of the LORD in vain, and thus break the commandment. In the early Middle Ages, from about 700 to 900 A.D., when the consonantal text of the Hebrew Bible was supplied with vowel points to facilitate its correct traditional pronunciation (correct according to the **Masorite** Ashkanazan **not** the Sephardic Jews), the vowel points for **ADONAI** were used for **YHWH**, thus producing the form **Ye Ho WaH**. (There was one slight variation from the **ADONAI** vowel points; a sheva with the first **YOD** of **YHWH**, instead of the Hataf-patah under the **ALEPH** of **ADONAI** was used).

JEWS PRONOUNCE YHWH AS ADONAI??

The Jews were instructed to read (pronounce) the word **YHWH** (with **ADONAI** vowel points) as **ADONAI**. Here is an instance where a **Name of God** was pronounced differently than all the consonants would indicate, by all laws of language. Written **YHWH** (with **ADONAI** vowel points), it was pronounced (spoken) **ADONAI**.

When early Christian scholars of Europe first began to study Hebrew, they did not understand what all of this confounding really meant to the Jews. Consequently, the Christian translators pronounced **YHWH** (with **ADONAI** vowel points) as normally indicated, introducing the hybrid and erroneous **name**, "JEHOVAH" into the English Bible and language. Sad.

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MORE CONFOUNDED CORRUPTION

Here is yet another problem. In the original Hebrew text sometimes the words **ADONAI YAHWEH** appear together. It should read "LORD God" in English. But when the Masorites decided to change the **name YAHWEH (YHWH)** into **ADONAI** it presented them with a different problem. This second problem only appeared a very few times in relation to the first reason for their changes (they were afraid to pronounce **YAHWEH**). But it was a real problem.

It sounded kind of funny to say "**ADONAI ADONAI**." (LORD LORD) in the same place it used to read "**ADONAI YAHWEH**." (LORD God). So the Masorites concocted up a different formula for that special case. Then the different Masorite formula kept the word "**YHWH**" (the Tetragrammaton) in the text but they added the vowels from the word "**ELOHIM**," which is another Name of God (contradistinctive from the vowels of **ADONAI** which comprised their solution for the first case).

In the first case the Masorite Jews combined the consonants **YHWH** (a **Name of God**) with the vowels from **ADONAI** (another **Name of God**); in the second case they used the vowels from **ELOHIM** (still another **Name of God**) with the consonants of **YHWH**. Sad.

JEWS PRONOUNCE YHWH AS ELOHIM??

In the second case the Jews were instructed to read (pronounce) the word **ELOHIM** instead of **YHWH**. Here is another instance where a **Name of God** was

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pronounced entirely differently than all the consonants would indicate, by all the laws of language. Written **YHWH**, it was pronounced (spoken) **ELOHIM**. Sad.

It is still more complex. The word **YHWH** was also written a **third** way. It contained the vowel points as they should be written, producing the familiar **YAHWEH**.

Even more complications. The Sephardic Jews do not agree with the Ashkanazan Masorites, so they have their own different rules. Sephardic Jews even have separate Synagogues. Little is written about their rules, presumably because they represent such a small minority opinion. Sad.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

I find these facts difficult to believe. It seems to me that students would have questioned the practice. It just goes to show that a person with my present personality would **not** fit in that ancient society. We probably wouldn't get along too well.

Now you and I have to deal with a mistaken English corruption on top of a purposeful Jewish corruption when we say JEHOVAH. Sad.

A LITTLE RELIEF

But we (English speaking people) don't have to deal with the second problem because it only involves Hebrew pronunciation. The English translators rendered **YHWH** (pronounced **ELOHIM** by the Jews in this special case) into our word "LORD," just like it would have been without the erroneous vowel points. Glad for that, but sad that they changed from Hebrew to English.

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UNDERSTAND?

If you understood all this -- or if you didn't -- you probably agree: It is no wonder we don't know much about the **Names of God!!**

No wonder that informed Jews politely smile and look away when they hear us Christians say "JEHOVAH."

Some Jews may be offended at the thought of saying that their transmitted text of the Bible is erroneous. Technically they may be right. After all, it was their text, not ours. We borrowed it from them. They have the right to make up any new rules they want to make. It is their text and their rules. On the other hand, they could have helped our early English translators a lot more, if they really wanted to help. The pernicious act, as far as I am concerned, was to change the rules, and then keep the changes secret. That makes all the changes erroneous and pernicious as far as this English speaking Bible student is concerned.

JEWISH DENOMINATIONS

A long time ago the Jewish religion was divided into various groups that today we would call different denominations. One group was called **ELOHIST**. Another, **PRIESTLY**. Still another Jewish group (denomination) was called **YAHWIST**.

The formal study about those Jewish groups (denominations), and what they did to pervert the transmitted Hebrew text of the Bible, is sometimes called the **Documentary Hypothesis** in seminaries and the academic stream.

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According to the Documentary Hypothesis, the literary sources in the Pentateuch known as the **ELOHIST** and the **Priestly Document** never used the **name YAHWEH** for **God** until it was revealed to Moses (Ex. 3:13, 6:2-3). Thus, their transmitted Hebrew text of the Bible was correct because it never used the **Name of God, YAHWEH (YHWH)** in any portion of the book of Genesis. However, the **YAHWIST** source erroneously uses it from Genesis 2:4 and following.

This, we believe, demonstrates the redacting (degrading) of the text by the **YAHWIST** source in order to further the use of the **name YAHWEH**.

Those **YAHWEH** corrupters tripped themselves up when they failed to change Exodus 6:2-3. That left us with a clue to their wrongful deeds. The exact meaning of the text in Exodus 6:2-3 prevents the use of **YAHWEH** until the time of the revelation of the **name YAHWEH** to Moses.

*Exodus 6:2-3, And **ELOHIM (God)** spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am **YAHWEH (the LORD)**:*

*3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the **name** of **EL SHADDAI (God Almighty)**, but by my **name YAHWEH (JEHOVAH)** was I not known to them. (KJV)*

This confounded contamination should not be confused with the errors introduced by the Masorites. If you do get these stories confounded, try reading this portion again and again. It is very hard to keep the facts straight, but do try.

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WARNING ABOUT CHANGING THE BIBLE

It is appropriate at this point to call attention to the warning about changing the Bible.

*Deuteronomy 4:2, Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your **God** which I command you. (KJV)*

Deuteronomy 12:32, What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it. (KJV)

*Revelation 22:18-19, For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, **God** shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:*

*19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, **God** shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. (KJV)*

The people who made those changes to the Bible were skating on pretty thin ice. We can't help but wonder about whatever happened to those people who did damaging dastardly deeds, like changing what the Bible said.

Translations from Hebrew into our English language had to suffer because the translators had to work from ancient manuscripts that were admittedly changed (for the worse) and corrupted (from their pure state) and

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confounded (in regard to their original meaning) by some of the Jewish scribes.

STRONG'S CONCORDANCE has done much to right this pernicious wrong, but **STRONG** cannot repair all the damage.

In reference to the original text no one can say, with absolute authority, just exactly which **Name of God** was used in any certain chapter and verse. However, modern scholarship is helping by using chronology, etymology, context, and the new marvel -- the computer. It is now easier for the scholar to point to the **Name of God** that he thinks was originally used in any certain verse, but not with real positive and firm authority, yet.

Serious students should go to their library for a copy of the **JEWISH ENCYCLOPEDIA**, Vol. 9, pages 590 and 591, which sheds much light on the subject of **which Name of God** was probably originally used in any selected passage, and which **Name of God** was probably inserted and/or exchanged. If we tried to cover that subject, this book would be about twice as big as it is now.

OTHER THINGS WRONG?

As far as I can determine, there is no evidence to indicate that the transmitted Hebrew texts have been perverted in matters other than the **Names of God**. In other words, the transmitted Hebrew texts are dependable in all matters, except the **Names of God**.

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Humanistic scholars indicate they think Jewish religious movements were coupled with political reasons, and that explains why the **Names of God** were corrupted.

Spiritually inclined scholars point to the devil, and his demons as the force behind the destructive confounding.

Still others believe that our **God** gave permission for the confounded corruption to happen so that the truth could be first hidden and then revealed at the right time, citing Proverbs 25:2.

*Proverbs 25:2, It is the glory of **God** to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter. (KJV)*

Take your pick.

These explanations do **not** address the question of why does the confounding only involve the **Names of God**? I don't know, but I'll try to write another article when I find the answer.

Students should also be warned that some fundamental, evangelical, and Pentecostal writers do attack those scholarly works, due to fear of the unknown and fear of being misquoted as saying something is wrong with the Bible. It is very easy to misquote an author or lecturer on the subject of the **Names of God**. A misquote can do as much harm as an intentional slander. Consequently, only a very few scholars have entered the battle arena called **Names of God**.

I have met some Christians whose scholastic acumen and/or emotional stability is/are not strong enough to listen to, or study about, these uncontested facts.

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We are not saying that there is anything wrong with the original Bible. We are standing up for the original Bible. I am a Bible teacher and I love the word of **God**. I am convinced it is perfect in its original state. Now we are having to go through some very deep studies to find out exactly what our **God** really said.

We are standing against the corrupted and confounded translations and transmitted texts. Some people have **not** been able to see the difference. Their conduct indicates that they believe their own religious ideas can't be wrong. Sad.

Misunderstanding bred by ignorance becomes dangerous to a Bible student, especially when that student attempts to share what he/she has learned. But truth will prevail. Glad.

Scribes added words and removed words. Most Bible students have heard of the Masoretic texts and nearly all scholastically cultured Bible students fully admit that the texts were corrupted by the Masorites. Now you have discovered five more levels of corruption, some of which are a corruption of a corruption.

The transmitted text has been spoiled and debased -- and as a result, the translations do not tell us what **God** wanted us to know. The original Bible was right! What we have now was purposefully contaminated by many Jewish religious societies and it was confounded in error (honest mistake) by other religious groups.

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Many people have spent their whole lives in study, trying to find out what the Bible really said, at first. Strong and Young are examples. There must be multiplied hundreds more, such as, Rotherham, Fenton, Green, Wilson, Kittle, Wescott, Hort, etc. Hats off -- and a round of applause for those great stout-hearted scholars. After their studies were published, groups and committees also got together for the same purpose, producing such Bibles as **Amplified, St. Joseph, New American, Holy Name, Sacred Name, R.S.V.**, and numerous Diaglots and Interlinears.

These all prove the point that the transmitted Hebrew text, with which we have to work, is corrupted and confounded, and the translations are faulty. All Bible students believe that we can get back to the original truth through study, illumination, and revelation.

It is vital that we all know what our **God** really said. I think that the results of Bible study about the **Names of God** have been worth the time and the price, so far.

Here is a suggestion as to how I think the present translation could be written to eliminate or reduce some problems.

*Genesis 14:22, And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto <YAHWEH (LORD)>, **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**), the possessor of heaven and earth, (KJV)*

I believe that the word <YAHWEH (LORD)> was purposefully added to the Hebrew scrolls, thus corrupting the text. Other scholars agree.

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I have placed the words in carrots rather than parenthesis in this text because I believe it should be expunged (thrown out).

Here is why:

1. The plain meaning of Exodus 6:2-3 makes it impossible for Abram to have used the **name** YAHWEH.

a. *Exodus 6:2-3*

2 And **ELOHIM** (*God*) *spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am YAHWEH (the LORD):*

3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the **name** of **EL SHADDAI** (*God Almighty*), but by my **name** YAHWEH (JEHOVAH) was I not known to them. (KJV)

2. Within Judaism there are/were several divisions, similar to the denominational divisions in Protestantism. Those divisions inserted their ideas into (or removed offending ideas from) the scrolls as they were copied in scriptoriums and handed down from generation to generation.

a. English translators of the Bible had to work from those corrupted and confounded scrolls.

b. This instance of adding **YAHWEH** to the text is one of several hundred corruptions, I believe.

3. Great Bible scholars have devoted the better part of their own lives to try to identify the corrupted and confounded texts. Computer etymology is helping a lot, recently.

a. The scholarly works of Wellhausen and Kuenen, and also Dillman show that the word "**YAHWEH**" was both added to and deleted from different parts of the sacred text.

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b. The scholars Kuenen, Carpenter and Battersby confirmed the above in their work, "**THE HEXATEUCH**."

c. The earlier Documentary Hypothesis of Astruc also confirms the above.

4. The article titled "**PENTATEUCH**" in **THE JEWISH ENCYCLOPEDIA** confirms and explains in enough detail for any Bible student.

RIGHT OR WRONG?

I have never said, nor have I ever thought that the Bible is wrong. I believe that the Holy Bible is the word of **God**. What I said and what I believe is that the transmitted texts and also the translations were purposefully corrupted, causing our own Bible to be confounded.

The student who wants to spend the time to follow up on a study of the corruptions is well advised to study the word "**PENTATEUCH**" in the **JEWISH ENCYCLOPEDIA, KTAV PUBLISHING HOUSE, NEW YORK 2, NEW YORK**. In articles about the Bible, editors of the above state that the documents were "**redacted**." **Redact** means to lower in condition or quality, reduce.

I think that it is a shame for anyone to purposefully "**redact**" the Holy Scriptures when their purpose is to conceal truth. Shame! Shame!

Our students are smart enough, educated enough, and experienced enough to deal with the subject of corrupted and confounded texts of the Holy Scriptures.

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A serious study of **YAHWEH, UNCONFOUNDED, Chapter 12**, must also include a study of:

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RECENT HISTORY OF THE NAMES OF GOD

The first recorded written notice of the difference between **YAHWEH** and **ELOHIM** occurred in **1753** A.D., around the time the first rumblings of the American Revolution started to be heard. One hundred years later in **1853** A.D., an agreed upon systematic approach to the difference was used by scholars. Around the time of the start of the United States of America God **EL ELYON** started planting seeds of a **NEW RELIGION**.

200 YEARS AGO

Following is a quote from the **JEWISH ENCYCLOPEDIA, ELOHIST**, Volume 5, p.p. 142.

“JEAN ASTRUG (Conjectures Sur Les Memoires Originaux - Brussels 1753) was the first to call attention to the occurrence in Genesis and in Exodus 1 & 2, of the two names for the Deity, “**ELOHIM**” and “**YHWH**” (**YAHWEH**), and to base upon this fact a theory

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concerning the composite character of the first Mosaic book.”

100 YEARS AGO

Quote continued. “Theory was adapted by Hupfield (Die Quellen der Genesis, 1853) whose acceptance of “**ELOHIST**” as a recognized term was followed by almost all subsequent writers on the Hexateuch from the critical point of view, though cannnotation of the term was not definitely fixed at first.” End quote.

It is nearly impossible to accept the fact that for nearly **5000 years** of written Jewish history, no one - no one - noticed that there was a difference between “**ELOHIM**” and “**YAHWEH**.” Scholars have only had a little over **200 years** to develop the facts.

NEW LIGHT

In a mysterious move of the **Holy Spirit**, **TIME MAGAZINE** published a short article on December 7, 1981 about the corruptions of the Old Testament. While the **TIME** article is critical of some points of scholarship that appeared within the last 100 years, it does not attack the acknowledged corruption of the **Names of God**, rather, it supports the knowledge.

Also, **CHARISMA** magazine featured an article on the same subject the next month.

A lecture on the **Names of God**, including the corruptions of the **Names**, was presented by this author to the Bible Students of Baltimore Md., the second week of November 1981 (nearly the same time as the magazine articles).

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So we see that new light began to appear around November 1981 to January 1982.

TIME, DECEMBER 7, 1981,

BY ONE HAND?

COMPUTERS REREAD GENESIS

Quote and quotes within quotes, "Jewish tradition holds that Moses wrote the first five books of the Bible. Conservative Christians agree. But 19th century Protestant critics emphasized the Pentateuch's diversity rather than its unity. They deemed it a scissors-and-paste job on materials from different centuries by four anonymous authors: the Jahwist ("**J**"), **ELOHIST** ("**E**"), Priestly writer ("**P**") and Deuteronomist ("**D**"). {We call Jahwist ("J") by the **name** of, **YAHWEHIST** at our school. **D.P.E.**}.

Though traditionalists rejected it, this **J.E.P.D.** theory hardened into liberal orthodoxy.

Now the four-author thesis has come under a powerful new attack. The ancient view, it seems, is supported by the most modern deity of omniscience, the computer. Bible Scholar Yehuda Radday of Haifa's Israel Institute of Technology reports that a five year computer study of Genesis shows that it is the work of a single writer and that the J.E.P.D. theory must be "rejected or at least thoroughly revised."

Radday and three aides studied "the only unquestionable data," the words of the Hebrew text, and concentrated on 56 criteria of "language behavior," (such as use of conjunctions and word length) that are outside the conscious control of an author. The key finding: a remarkably high 82% probability that the same person

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wrote the supposed **J** and **E** passages. The **P** passages were as distinct as the critics have long maintained, but Radday contends that the difference can be explained totally by the formalistic content. Says he: "My love letters to my wife are completely different from my scholarly articles."

None of this proves that the single writer was Moses, but Radday is already hard at work on Exodus and will then search Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. Radday's challenge will be fiercely resisted by scholars who favor the entrenched **J.E.P.D.** theory, partly because he deals exclusively with linguistic criteria and ignores stylistic variations. Radday is no right-wing ideologue, however. Earlier he earned wide acclaim when his whirling computers supported the conventional theory that multiple authors produced the books of Judges, Zechariah, and Isaiah. Says Radday: "These scholars can't have it both ways, approving a method when it suits them, and repudiating it when it does not." End quote.

At our school we believe that Radday's error is in not recognizing that the **Names of God** were purposefully corrupted, by the **YAHWEHIST** ("J"). We believe his study of the phrases and sentences actually supports our contention.

CHARISMA, JANUARY 1982 DEBATE OVER GENESIS ISRAELIS DISPUTE 3-AUTHOR THEORY

Quote, and quotes within quotes, "The authors or author of the Book of Genesis has been a long-standing question over the years among theologians. Now a

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Technion research team in Israel, according to the **JERUSALEM POST**, claims that Genesis ‘almost certainly was written by one author’ and not by three as claimed by modern Bible criticism.”

The article points out that the question of the unity of Genesis was first raised at the start of the 19th century by the German Protestant theologian Johann Wellhausen who noted its numerous contradictions, duplications, and style differences.

These include the conflicting accounts of creation (chapters 1 and 2) and the linguistic difference between the narrative and genealogical parts of the book.

Bible critics have since attributed Genesis to three authors, defined as "Jahwist" (**J**) and "Elohist" (**E**), who used two different **names** for the deity, and a priestly writer (**P**), who is credited with the genealogical and treatises in the book.

This division of Genesis into **J. E. and P.** elements is widely accepted in Biblical scholarship and taught in many universities in the "documentary hypothesis" theory which holds that not Moses but an editor from David's time or later composed Genesis from oral tradition or documentary works.” [End quote from the **JERUSALEM POST**.] [Continue quotation from **CHARISMA**.]

DEBATE OVER GENESIS

The Technion team fed the over 20,000 words of Genesis into a computer which conducted a painstaking analysis of its linguistic make-up.

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The conclusion of the team, as reported in the **JERUSALEM POST**: "We found the **J** and **E** narratives to be linguistically indistinguishable. But the **P** sections differ widely from them. This is only to be expected since dramatic tales of legal documents must necessarily display different 'behavior.' If you compared love letters and telephone directory written by the same person, linguistic analysis would point to different authors." [End quote from the **JERUSALEM POST**.] [Continue quotation from **CHARISMA**.]

The scholars would not comment on the question of whether Genesis was written by Moses. They would only state that it was certainly written by a single author-82 percent statistically." End all quotes.

Hats off and a round of applause for modern day Jews who are fixing the mess that was made by their forefathers. We are very grateful to them, and happy that God used them and their computers to help us find the truth.

YES AND NO!

Here at the David Ebaugh Bible School we have decided to not take sides in the theological and technical arguments about who wrote what, when, because it is still too early, and not enough information is known.

We believe that the plain meaning of the words of the text in Exodus 6:2-3 indicates that the "documentary hypothesis" has merit in matters of corruption of the text.

The recent work of computer scholar Radday has merit in matters of who did what, when. We are sorry when we see the magazines mix up the subjects.

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The magazines have merit in the matter of bringing the questions to the attention of the general public.

We do **not** agree that the **ELOHIST** (“E”) used two different **names** for **God**.

Of course, we agree with Radday, (“J”) and (“E”) are linguistically indistinguishable in a computer program. We certainly agree with that finding. The reason they can’t be distinguished is that the change was to add and/or substitute **YAHWEH**, and that change is too small to be recognized by comparing computer ratios.

The best news is that people are still working on it and talking about it, and it is newsworthy for **TIME** and for **CHARISMA** magazines.

Praise **God** for modern scholarship and new tools like the computer that are being combined with fearless authors, in order to present us with the old original truth about the **Names of God**.

“Hang in there, men.” Don’t give up the ship just because you are being fired upon by torpedoes made of error and misunderstanding. The truth will win. “Damn the torpedoes -- full speed ahead.” We’re going to win this war.

If we believe that **God** is the Boss, then we have to conclude that the confusion must have been part of His will for a time. We must observe that it must be time for a **change**, now! I hope and wish that every one of our Bible students can and will read the Introduction to the **EMPHASIZED BIBLE, ROTHERHAM, KREGEL**

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PUB., Chapter 4, **THE INCOMMUNICABLE NAME**. It contains many documented facts concerning the purposeful **suppression**. Out of courtesy to Jews and the **Masorah**, Rotherham used the word **suppression**. Because of the consequence of the act, I have chosen the word **corruption**. Also, I suggest a reading of the whole introduction, especially on the **original texts**.

SCHOLASTIC HUMOR!

Rotherham's statement on page 20, "How should these Various Readings be treated by an ordinary intelligent reader? **They may very well lead to a suspense of judgment.**" is cautiously hilarious to a tired Bible student with a pile of reference books on his desk!! I don't know if Rotherham meant to crack a joke in the middle of an otherwise serious academic piece, but he did.

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YAHWEH LAW

The main action for which **YAHWEH** is best known is the giving of the **law** to Israel through Moses.

There are 613 **TSAVA** (means **laws** in Hebrew). Jews tie little knots, to represent the 613 laws, in the fringe of their prayer shawls. That interesting custom is a reminder of the Roman Catholic Rosary. They both are physical objects that are used to remind us about prayer subjects. I like the idea, even though I'm a Protestant.

TEN COMMANDMENTS

How about the 10 commandments? Are they in addition to the 613 **TSAVA**? No. The 10 commandments are included in the 613 **TSAVA**. But, the 10 commandments have a different word to describe them. They are the 10 **DABAR**. The Hebrew word **DABAR** is translated into the word "**word**" in our English. The 10 commandments are 10 words. Some writers go even farther, saying that the 2 tablets of stone Moses brought

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back contained only 10 words. We have amplifications of those 10 words.

MIXED CLOTH

Here is an example of one of the **TSAVA** laws.

Deuteronomy 22:11, Thou shalt not wear a garment of divers sorts, as of woollen and linen together. (KJV)

An orthodox Jew will not wear clothing of mixed fibers. Think about that the next time you put on your linen lined woolen suit coat.

COZY FAMILY

How about this **law**?

Deuteronomy 25:5, If brethren dwell together, and one of them die, and have no child, the wife of the dead shall not marry without unto a stranger: her husband's brother shall go in unto her, and take her to him to wife, and perform the duty of an husband's brother unto her. (KJV)

Think about that **law** the next time you think about your brother-in-law, or sister-in-law. Does that sound like a good idea or do you think, “Gag me with a spoon?”

OUR GOD'S FIRST CHOICE WAS TO TALK TO US INDIVIDUALLY. THE LAW WAS OUR GOD'S SECOND CHOICE.

Exodus 19:5, Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: (KJV)

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God's plan was for all of the people of Israel to hear His voice and obey. Our **God** wants to speak individually to every person, not a religious hierarchy. But, they didn't like **God's** idea. After **God's** command to listen to Him, observe what the Israelites did.

*Exodus 20:18-19, And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they **removed**, and stood afar off.*

*19 And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: **but let not God speak with us**, lest we die. (KJV)*

Our **God** said He wanted to talk to His people (Ex 19:15). Then He gave the 10 commandments. The people **removed** (ran away) and said "Don't let **God** talk to us any more. He scares us. Moses, you go up the mountain any time **God** has anything to say. Then you come back and tell us what He wants. We appoint you Moses to be the boss of our religion. We know that our **God** wants to talk to us individually, but we can't take it. We would rather have a structured religion with Priests, Bishops, Cardinals, and a Pope. Moses, you be our Father."

RETURN TO THE LAW??

Many groups in this country have erroneously concluded that our nation should return to **YAHWEH** and to His **law**. They conclude that a return to **YAHWEH** will bring about a return to the **law** of **YAHWEH** and that will restore righteousness to our nation. They blame all the ills of our nation on the fact that we do not keep the

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laws of **YAHWEH**. And they quote plenty of Old Testament scriptures that support their point.

The New Testament teaches that **JESUS** is our righteousness and that an offense in just one point of the **O.T. law** that **YAHWEH** gave to Moses makes one guilty of the whole **law**.

*James 2:10, For whosoever shall keep the whole **law**, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. (KJV)*

No one in the whole nation of Israel was ever able to keep the **law** of **YAHWEH** given to Moses. And we believe no one in this nation can keep the whole **law** of **YAHWEH** either.

*Galatians 3:24-25, Wherefore the **law** was our schoolmaster to bring us unto **CHRIST**, that we might be justified by faith.*

25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. (KJV)

Not very many people believe that.

Some erroneously teach that after a person becomes saved by receiving **JESUS CHRIST** in their heart, that person should be able to keep the **law** of **YAHWEH**. The experience of every Christian shows that is **not** so. The following description of Paul's pitiful try at keeping the **law** of **YAHWEH** is classic.

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*Romans 7:9-25, For I was alive without the **law** once: but when the commandment came, **sin** revived, and I died.*

*10 And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto **death**.*

*11 For **sin**, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me.*

*12 Wherefore the **law** is holy, and the commandment **holy**, and **just**, and **good**.*

*13 Was then that which is good made **death** unto me? **God** forbid. But **sin**, that it might **appear sin**, working **death** in me by that which is good; that **sin** by the commandment might become exceeding **sinful**.*

*14 For we know that the **law** is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under **sin**.*

*15 For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that **do I not**; but **what I hate, that do I**.*

*16 If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the **law** that it is good.*

*17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but **sin** that dwelleth in me.*

*18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good **I find not**.*

19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

*20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but **sin** that dwelleth in me.*

*21 I find then a **law**, that, when I would do good, **evil** is present with me.*

*22 For I delight in the **law** of **God** after the inward man:*

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*23 But I see **another law** in my members, warring against the **law** of my **mind**, and bringing me into captivity to the **law** of **sin** which is in my members.*

*24 **O wretched man that I am!** who shall deliver me from the body of this **death**?*

*25 I thank **God** through **JESUS CHRIST** our **LORD**. So then with the mind I myself serve the **law** of **God**; but with the flesh the **law** of **sin**. (KJV)*

The answer to our problem is not to go back to the **law** of **YAHWEH** given through Moses.

*John 1:17, For the **law** was given by Moses, but **grace** and **truth** came by **JESUS CHRIST**. (KJV)*

We will see later, as we study **EL ELYON**, that a **new law** was given by the Father of our **LORD JESUS CHRIST** whose **name/nature** is **EL ELYON**.

People who approach **God** through the **name/nature** of **YAHWEH** have always **died**, do always **die**, and will always **die**. Conversely, those who approach **God** through the **name/nature** of **EL ELYON**, have **never died**, do **not die**, and will **not** ever **die** (as we will see in our later study of **EL ELYON** and **Melchisedec**).

I believe that in this day and age it is a tragedy to have to go to a church where the elders place a person back under the **law** of **YAHWEH**.

Yes, most churches do believe that their conduct and reaction to problems at church and in the home should be patterned after **YAHWEH**. They bring **law** to the situation.

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They produce the following pattern:

LAW, JUDGMENT, CONDEMNATION, PUNISHMENT AND DEATH

This process describes nearly all denominations and religious movements. Do you have enough insight and courage to ask yourself if your own group belongs in this list?

Governments are also **YAHWEHISTIC**. Our Pentagon, especially, tells us the **YAHWEHISTIC** idea that, "Might makes right." They tell us that military preparedness is the way to a lasting peace, but world history shows that that has **never** been the truth.

Our churches and our governments only bring us a **half** truth by their **YAHWEHISTIC** teachings and actions. We believe that a new religion having a new **Name of God** is developing.

Church denominations and governments that ignore the developing changes that favor **EL ELYON** are signing their own **death** warrants. Churches and governments that apply balance to every situation will enter into the millennium (a thousand years of peace).

YAHWEH is the **God** of Israel. So when a Jew wanted to please **God** he patterned his own actions after the way he thought that **YAHWEH** would handle a problem. But **JESUS** acted the way that **EL ELYON** directed Him, and there was a big difference.

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The following chart demonstrates two different paths to follow.

YAHWEH gives one path.

EL ELYON gives the other.

5 STEPS

YAHWEH

LAW

JUDGMENT

CONDEMNATION

PUNISHMENT

DEATH

EL ELYON

LOVE

LIGHT

FORGIVENESS

MERCY

LIFE

For example, in the case of the adulterous woman, the **Jews** followed the pattern taught by **YAHWEH**. On the other hand, **JESUS** followed the pattern given to Him by his Father **EL ELYON**. There was great conflict because both the **Jews** and **JESUS** were really serving **God**. When you see that each **name/nature** of **God** always leads to a different conclusion, then you can see why there was such great conflict.

JESUS did not always choose the pattern of **EL ELYON**, though He usually did. In the case of the Temple money changers, **JESUS** chose the **YAHWEH** pattern.

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If your desire is to force everyone to practice the **law** of **YAHWEH**, you are wrong.

If your desire is to be led by the **Holy Spirit**, you are right.

Remember that you needed a mother (**EL SHADDAI**) when you were an infant. After you became a teenager you needed the **laws** of your father (**YAHWEH**). That's not your end. You are going to become a manifest Son of **God**. No one we know as yet has become a manifest Son of **God**. Remember, Romans 8:14 says,
Romans 8:14, For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. (KJV)

Those people who are **not** mature enough to be led by the Spirit of **God**, still need to be led by something. That something is the **law** of **YAHWEH**. John told us that, for the moment,
1 John 3:, Beloved, now are we the sons (teenagers -- Greek - Teknons) of God, (KJV)

Since we are still teenagers and are not yet manifest sons, we must still be led by the **law**. What is your reaction to the fact that, for the most part, teenagers (more than other groups) are having most of their trouble with the **law**?

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In other words, **God, EL ELYON**, has a plan for us to be:

- **First**, led by the **commands** of our Mother, **EL SHADDAI**;
- **Second**, led by the **laws** of our Father, **YAHWEH**;
- **Third**, led by the **Holy Spirit, ELOAH**.

If your desire is to quickly pass through or skip any of these steps -- you are wrong.

If your desire is to thoroughly learn every step and progress orderly from one to another -- you are right.

YAHWEH WILL KILL AND MAKE ALIVE, YAHWEH WILL WOUND AND HEAL

Deuteronomy 32:39 (YAHWEH said [v36]), See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand. (KJV)

There is a good answer to this paradox but I think we need a few more shockers, to establish the question. Please take note of the **Name of God** that created evil.

YAHWEH DID IT

Amos 3:6, Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and YAHWEH (the LORD) hath not done it? (KJV)

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ELOHIM SENT AN EVIL SPIRIT.

*Judges 9:23, Then **ELOHIM (God)** sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech: (KJV)*

AN EVIL SPIRIT FROM YAHWEH

*1 Samuel 16:14, But the Spirit of **YAHWEH** (the LORD) departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from **YAHWEH** (the LORD) troubled him. (KJV)*

AN EVIL SPIRIT FROM ELOHIM

*1 Samuel 18:10, And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from **ELOHIM (God)** came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and there was a javelin in Saul's hand. (KJV)*

A LYING SPIRIT FROM YAHWEH

*1 Kings 22:22 And **YAHWEH** (the LORD) said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so. (KJV)*

*2 Chronicles 18:20-22, Then there came out a spirit, and stood before **YAHWEH** (the LORD) , and said, I will entice him. And **YAHWEH** (the LORD) said unto him, Wherewith?*

*21 And he said, I will go out, and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And **YAHWEH** (the LORD) said, Thou shalt entice him, and thou shalt also prevail: go out, and do even so.*

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22 Now therefore, behold, **YAHWEH** (the LORD) **hath put a lying spirit** in the mouth of these thy prophets, and **YAHWEH** (the LORD) hath spoken **evil** against thee. (KJV)

YAHWEH MINGLED A PERVERSE SPIRIT

Isaiah 19:14, **YAHWEH** (the LORD) hath mingled a **perverse spirit** in the midst thereof: and they have caused Egypt to err in every work thereof, as a drunken man staggereth in his vomit. (KJV)

YAHWEH DECEIVES PROPHETS

Ezekiel 14:9, And if the prophet be **deceived** when he hath spoken a thing, I **YAHWEH** (the LORD) have **deceived that prophet**, and I will stretch out my hand upon him, and will destroy him from the midst of my people Israel. (KJV)

Did you notice that the scriptures say that both **YAHWEH** and **ELOHIM** created evil? How can that be? When the masculine **YAHWEH** is creating, He becomes half of the androgynous **ELOHIM**.

Those are enough scriptures to settle the question, “Who created **evil**?” **God** did. We will shortly try to explain why **God** created the **devil**.

WHO IS THE GOD OF HELL?

Is **God** the **God** of **hell** as well as the **God** of **heaven**? King David answered our question;

*Psalm 139:8, If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in **hell**, behold, thou art there. (KJV)*

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Our **God** is the **God** of everything, heaven, earth and hell. All things were **created** by Him and for Him, even hell.

OUR GOD CREATED ALL THINGS

We must all see that **God ELOHIM** is the **creator** of everything. **God** is love. And lovers **create**.

*John 1:3, All things were **made** by him; and without him was not any thing **made** that was **made**. (KJV)*

*Ephesians 3:9, And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in **ELOHIM (God)**, who **created** all things by **JESUS CHRIST**: (KJV)*

*Colossians 1:16, For by him were all things created, that are in **heaven**, and that are in **earth**, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: (KJV)*

Notice that all things are created by Him and for Him.

*Revelation 4:11, Thou art worthy, O LORD, to receive glory and honour and power: **for thou hast created** all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were **created**. (KJV)*

GOD CREATED THE DESTROYER

Our **God ELOHIM** is such a great lover that **God ELOHIM** can **never** destroy anything. Lovers **create**; they don't destroy. But here's the catch. Sometimes there are things in the way of **God's creative** plans. The

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work can not proceed while the obstructing thing is in the way. So **God ELOHIM created a destroyer** to use in order to remove or destroy things that have outlived their usefulness or are in the way of progress. Yes. Our **God did create** the devil; and Satan works for **God**.

*Isaiah 54:16, Behold, I have **created** the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have **created the waster to destroy**. (KJV)*

In other words, **God** has **created** a waster, a destroyer, a devil to work for Him.

Satan could not do anything to Job unless **God** gave the command to Satan. See Job 1:6-12 and Job 2:1-6.

YAHWEH TOLD SATAN TO DESTROY ALL THAT JOB HAD

*Job 1:6-12, Now there was a day when the **sons of God** came to present themselves before **YAHWEH** (the LORD), and **Satan** came also among them.*

*7 And **YAHWEH** (the LORD) said unto **Satan**, Whence comest thou? Then **Satan** answered **YAHWEH** (the LORD), and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.*

*8 And **YAHWEH** (the LORD) said unto **Satan**, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth **ELOHIM** (God), and escheweth evil?*

*9 Then **Satan** answered **YAHWEH** (the LORD), and said, Doth Job fear **ELOHIM** (God) for nought?*

10 Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every

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side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.

11 But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.

12 And YAHWEH (the LORD) said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of YAHWEH (the LORD). (KJV)

NEXT, YAHWEH TOLD SATAN TO DESTROY JOB'S BODY BUT NOT HIS LIFE
Job 2:1-6, Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before YAHWEH (the LORD), and Satan came also among them to present himself before YAHWEH (the LORD).

2 And YAHWEH (the LORD) said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered YAHWEH (the LORD), and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

*3 And YAHWEH (the LORD), said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth ELOHIM (God), and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to **destroy him without cause**.*

4 And Satan answered YAHWEH (the LORD), and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life.

5 But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face.

*6 And YAHWEH (the LORD) said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; **but save his life**. (KJV)*

Here is an allegory to explain if **God did** destroy or if De **did not** destroy.

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THE HOUSE THAT JACK BUILT

Jack said that he was building a house. But when I went to look, I found that he never cut a board or drove a nail. Other men were doing all the work for him. Now, was Jack building the house or wasn't he? The fact that Jack gave all the orders to have the house built really did qualify him to say that he was building a house even though other men did all the work. But, Jack didn't build it with his hands.

*Hebrews 3:4, For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is **ELOHIM (God)**. (KJV)*

So, in the sense that **God** did tell **Satan** to destroy, **God** did it. But, **God** didn't destroy anything.

It is nice to know that **God** is such a lover that He does not destroy anything. So, in a sense, **God** hired the devil (**created** the devil) to do His dirty work for him.

The scriptures tell us that **YAHWEH** and/or **ELOHIM** created everything. **YAHWEH** is involved when the creation of evil is involved. You know the secret that the masculine **YAHWEH** is the masculine half of the androgynous **ELOHIM**

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FAMILY IN HEAVEN

Does this say that there is a **family** of **God** in heaven? Yes! All the various translations confirm that there is a **family** of **God** in heaven.

*Ephesians 3:14-15, 14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our LORD JESUS CHRIST,
15 Of whom the whole family in **heaven** and earth is named, (KJV)*

Normally, we expect the term **family** to include a father, a mother and an offspring. When **family** is the subject of a study, then **procreation** is also a subject, and the study of **sex** is also necessary. Our Bible is full of information on them all.

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YAHWEH IS MASCULINE

We note that the word **YAHWEH** is masculine in gender in the Hebrew. We also notice that **YAHWEH** operates by giving laws. **YAHWEH** is aggressive, forceful, overpowering, the **God** of hosts (armies), the **God** of victory. In summary, **YAHWEH** acts in a very masculine way.

EL SHADDAI IS FEMININE

We also note that **EL SHADDAI** is the large breasted provider, nourisher, mother in the Old Testament.

ADAM AND EVE

Let's temporarily shift our interest from the Godhead to our first parents, **Adam** and **Eve**. Yes. **Adam** was the first father and **Eve** was the first mother in the realm of the natural body of mankind. In fact, my own lineage traces back to them. Yes. Your's does too. That makes us brothers and sisters through **Adam** and **Eve**. If our skin is red,, or yellow, or black, or white, we all trace back to **Adam** and **Eve**. That makes all mankind a great brotherhood of humans. Yes. Things did **not** start out that way. Before there was an **Eve**, there was an **Adam**. **Eve** was hidden in **Adam's** side. We don't know how many years **Adam** tended ground and the herds of cattle, lonely, the only human on the earth. I have read books that speculated that **Adam** could have been alone for a short time, a few years, or a few centuries, or even a few thousand years. The Bible doesn't say, and I have decided to leave that an open question with no firm answer, for now.

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At any rate, we know that **Adam** was lonely and he told **ELOHIM (God)** so. **Adam** said he had been watching how all the animals had a fit companion and he wanted to have a fit companion, too. **God** said, “O.K. **Adam**, you’re on.”

Where do you think our **God** found a suitable helpmate for **Adam**? Right. The woman was in the side of **Adam** all the time. You remember, **God** put **Adam** to sleep, operated on the side of the torso of **Adam**, and out came **Eve**. When **Adam** woke up he discovered **Eve** was gorgeous, beautiful, smart, vivacious, sensitive, willing to help, and **Eve** was everything **Adam** wanted. But stop. Think. Before there was an **Eve**, where was she? The woman was in the man. Yes. **Adam** contained **Eve**. So, at the very first, the man wasn’t just a man. The man **Adam** was a man and a woman in the same body.

Doctors have a word to describe the case when one single body contains both male and female organs in the same single body. The word used to describe the condition when a single body is both male and female is “**Androgynous**.”

You remember that they taught you in High School that if you put a fishing worm in a jar with everything it needs to stay healthy, eventually you will have two fishing worms. That is because the worm is **androgynous**; it contains both male and female forces and parts in **one** body. The worm creates another worm from itself, because it is androgynous. You remember studying that. That’s the way **Adam** was at first. The woman **Eve** was inside the man **Adam**, and that made **Adam androgynous**.

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Adam was not the only force, power and energy in the world that was **androgynous**. **The Names of God, EL ELYON** and **ELOHIM** are also **androgynous** Hebrew words. Hebrew is a fascinating language that attaches gender (male and female) to many of its words. That's **one** way we know **EL ELYON** and **ELOHIM** are **androgynous**. Another is to study their actions to see if they follow masculine or feminine patterns. **EL ELYON** and **ELOHIM** have both masculine and feminine actions in the stories of their manifestations. **YAHWEH** is definitely masculine in action. **EL SHADDAI** is definitely feminine in action. And **ELOAH** is more complex; having feminine actions in the O.T., and when **ELOAH** manifests as the **Holy Spirit** in the N.T., He becomes definitely masculine. Technically, the Greek word for **Holy Spirit** is neuter gender, but it always travels with a masculine article, making the **Holy Spirit** masculine. Remember some of that?

IN OUR IMAGE

We also remember that the book of Genesis contains a heretofore perplexing scripture.

*Genesis 1:26-27, And **ELOHIM (God)** said, Let us make man in **our image**, after **our** likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.*

*27 So **ELOHIM (God)** created man in his own **image**, in the **image** of **ELOHIM (God)** created he him; **male** and **female** created he them. (KJV)*

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There is a short section on the subject of the creative aspects of the Godhead in Chapter 6 titled GOD DEFINITION.

The word "**God**" in Genesis is the word "**ELOHIM**" in the Hebrew. That word "**ELOHIM**" is **plural**, and **androgynous** (having both **male** and **female** characteristics), and it means "the creator **God**". So we see that the "creator **God**" **ELOHIM** seems to speak to Himself, "Let **us** make man in **our** image, after **our** likeness." Most people have logically asked themselves the question, "To whom is the '**us**' and the '**our**' referring? Is **God** talking to Himself or to someone else?"

TOGETHER IN CONCERT

When the masculine **YAHWEH** and the feminine **EL SHADDAI** come together in concert, they become the "creator **God**" **ELOHIM**. When there is no concert between **YAHWEH** and **EL SHADDAI**, then there is no creation, no "creator **God**," no **ELOHIM**. So, it is right to say that **YAHWEH** and **EL SHADDAI** said to each other, "Let **Us** make man in **Our** image, after **Our** likeness." Now it starts to make sense.

ADAM WAS ANDROGYNOUS

Adam was both **male** and **female** at first. We do remember that at first, Adam was created as an **androgynous** creature. Adam's body contained both sexes. That makes sense, now, when we remember that the word "**ELOHIM**" is **androgynous** (contains both **male** and **female** forces).

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*Genesis 1:27, So **ELOHIM (God)** created man in his own **image**, in the **image** of **ELOHIM (God)** created he him; **male** and **female** created he them. (KJV)*

So **Adam** truly was created in the **image** of **ELOHIM** because both **ELOHIM** and **Adam** were **androgynous**. The first human person contained the masculine forces of **Adam** and the feminine forces of **Eve** within the same physical body. And in like fashion, the "creator **God**" **ELOHIM** contained the masculine forces of **YAHWEH** and the feminine forces of **EL SHADDAI**. That is why the verse ends this way, "In the **image** of **ELOHIM (God)** created he him, **male** and **female** created he them."

TWO OUT OF ONE

You remember, after the passage of some time, the two forces were separated from each other, and two physical bodies were created out of **one**.

*Genesis 2:21-24, And the LORD (erroneous Masoritic insert **YAHWEH**) **ELOHIM (God)** caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam (man), and he slept: and he took **one** of his ribs (in Hebrew rib means curved portion, **God** took Adams curves), and closed up the flesh instead thereof;*

*22 And the rib (the curves), which the LORD (erroneous Masoritic insert **YAHWEH**) **ELOHIM (God)** had taken from man (Adam), made he a woman (womb man), and brought her unto the man (Adam).*

23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman (Isha), because she was taken out of Man (Ish).

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*24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be (again) **one flesh**. (KJV)*

The fall of mankind from the grace of God did not occur until after the separation of Eve from Adam. God gave one curse to Adam and another curse to Eve, proving that the separation had already occurred.

ONE FLESH

We should note that many of the problems of this present society are due to the fact that the male is now **not** a complete unit and that a female is now **not** a complete unit. A complete unit is "**one flesh**". So presently we are incomplete or **half** of a complete unit. This scripture explains the sex drive of most of humanity, the drive to enter into relationships that bring completeness, oneness.

The Bible describes the meaning of the expression, "**one flesh**". It means **sexual union**, nothing else.

*Genesis 2:24, Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be **one flesh**. (KJV)*

*Matthew 19:5-6, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be **one flesh**?*

*6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but **one flesh**. What therefore **God** hath joined together, let not man put asunder. (KJV)*

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The partners should become married in our society before becoming **one flesh** because becoming **one flesh** usually produces children and marriage fixes responsibility for the maintenance and the future of the children. Only the most selfish irresponsible male will procreate children without providing for them. And lately we have to add, that also goes for females, too.

*1 Corinthians 6:16, What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is **one** body? for two, saith he, shall be **one flesh**. (KJV)*

The only union that a man has with a harlot is **sexual union**, nothing else. "**One flesh**" means **sexual union**, nothing else. The Bible stories demonstrate that **one flesh sex** can be in the marriage bond or **one flesh sex** can be outside the marriage, but **one flesh** is **sexual union**, nothing else.

While we are looking at the creation scripture there is one more thought that we cannot pass over.

CREATED OR IS CREATING?

We receive the erroneous thought that our **God** completed the job when He created man, from reading, *Genesis 1:27, So **God** created man in his own image, in the image of **God** created he him; male and female created he them. (KJV)*

But that idea is not right. The job is **not** finished.

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The error is in the translation of the verb "created." There is **no verb tense** in the Hebrew language. The verb tense has been supplied by the English translators. The tense of the verb should be present progressive, not past tense. It should read,

*Genesis 1:27, So **God** (is creating) man in his own image, in the image of **God** (He is creating) him; male and female (He is creating) them. (KJV)*

Now there is harmony between the creation scripture and the one Paul wrote in,

Galatians 4:1-2, Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;

2 But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. (KJV)

In other words, our **God** is not finished with us yet. I'm reminded of a bumper sticker which reads "**CAUTION, HOLY SPIRIT AT WORK,**" and the lapel button which reads "Please be patient, God is not finished with me, yet."

ANDROGYNOUS GOD

The word "**EL ELYON**" (the **Most High God**) is **androgynous** like the word "**ELOHIM**" (Creator) is **androgynous**. This adds a little light to

*Psalms 91:1, He that dwelleth in the secret place of **ELYON** (the **Most High**) shall abide under the shadow of **SHADDAI** (the **Almighty**). (KJV)*

The "secret place" of **EL ELYON** is the "secret shadow" of **EL SHADDAI** (her womb). Remember,

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EL ELYON must have both masculine and also feminine parts in order to be androgynous.

Psalms 91 does not refer to the physical womb, it refers to the **spiritual womb**. Psalm 91 describes the protection of the womb of **EL SHADDAI** this way: "My refuge, my fortress, my **God**, my trust, my deliverer, my covering, my truth, my shield, my buckler, my deliverer from fear, my deliverer from arrows, my refuge, my habitation, my keeper, my savior."

EL ELYON -- EL SHADDAI

This probably is **not** the most famous verse in the Bible, but it is in the running for one of the familiar scriptures. Most people know it. But I don't believe most people know it like we just read it. That's the way **STRONG'S CONCORDANCE** says it should be translated as far as the Hebrew **Names of God** are concerned.

*Psalms 91:1, He that dwelleth in the secret place of **ELYON** (the **Most High**) shall abide under the shadow of **SHADDAI** (the **Almighty**). (KJV)*

REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS

When we remember that secret places have to do with our reproductive organs, then that translation may begin to make some sense. The secret place of the **androgynous ELYON** is the shadowy place of the feminine **SHADDAI**. Remember, the **name/nature "SHADDAI"** means the large breasted feminine form of **God**. The gender of the word **YAHWEH** is masculine. And the gender of the word **ELOHIM** is **androgynous**. Thus, when masculine **YAHWEH** and the feminine

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SHADDAI come together in concert, the new **name** is **ELOHIM**, the Creator.

THE MOST HIGH GOD

Since "**EL ELYON**" is the **name/nature** of the **Most High God**, it also follows that **all** of the attributes of the whole **GODHEAD** are in **EL ELYON**. He is the **Most High God**. That's so important, I think I should say it another way. Whereas all of the attributes of the whole **GODHEAD** are in **EL ELYON**, the **Most High God** may exhibit them any way He pleases. **EL ELYON** can operate as **YAHWEH**, **ELOHIM**, **EL SHADDAI**, or **ELOAH** because He is everything.

SPIRIT, SOUL, BODY

Students who have studied the difference between **spirit**, **soul**, and **body** all know that a person is a **spirit**, they have a **soul**, and they live in a **body**. They also know that all **spirits** are masculine, i.e., **all** men and women on the earth are masculine **spirits**. They also know that **all** men and women on the earth possess feminine **souls**. The Greek word for **soul** is "**PSYCHE**" which is feminine in gender.

SONS OF GOD

*Psalm 82:6, I have said, Ye are **ELOHIM** (gods); and all of you are children of **ELYON** (the **Most High**). (KJV)*

*Hebrews 12:9, Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the **Father of spirits**, and live? (KJV)*

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We see a distinction between **two** types of fathers:

1. a father of **flesh** and also

2. the Father of **spirits**.

You had better pay attention to your **two** fathers.

GOD GAVE THE SPIRIT OF MAN

The Bible says that the **spirit** came from **God**, **not** our natural father.

*Ecclesiastes 12:7, Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the **spirit** shall return unto **ELOHIM (God)** who gave it. (KJV)*

*Zechariah 12:1, The burden of the word of **YAHWEH** (the **LORD**) for Israel, saith **YAHWEH** (the **LORD**), which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the **spirit** of man within him. (KJV)*

TWICE BORN

Referring to **two** separate births, **JESUS** said, *John 3:5, **JESUS** answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of **water** (the **natural** birth) and of the **Spirit** (the **spiritual** birth), he cannot enter into the kingdom of **God**. (KJV)*

Some confusion may still exist as to who fathered what. Our **flesh** (not **spirit**) was fathered by our own natural physical father who produced us while he was in concert with our natural mother. The **Dunamis** of the Holy Spirit was brought to the **soul** of the blessed virgin Mary by the **Holy Spirit**, in preparation for the next step. The flesh of **JESUS** was fathered by **EL ELYON** as He

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spoke the word. The word then became flesh through His dunamis (miracle) power.

In the special case when a person was fathered by a bad man, it is far more important to reflect on the goodness of the heavenly Father than to dwell on the sins of the natural father.

BEFORE THE WORLD BEGAN

You were fathered in **spirit** before the world began.

*2 Timothy 1:9, Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in **CHRIST JESUS** before the world began, (KJV)*

Ephesians 1:4, According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: (KJV)

Your **soul** and **body** weren't around before the world began but you were there in **spirit**. You can't remember it because the memory part of your **soul/mind** was not there. Remember, you must be fathered **twice**. You must be **born again**. Once in the **body**, and once in the **spirit**.

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THE CONCEPTION OF JESUS

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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU, HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JESUS CHRIST.

This season is a great time to give your own personal testimony as a believer. That's because most people in our society follow the whole world in opening up to the birth of **JESUS** at Christmas. Is there anyone in our world who doesn't know **JESUS** was born at Christmas? (More on the exact date of His birth later.) A proper greeting is "Merry Christmas to you -- and Happy Birthday to **JESUS**."

THE CONCEPTION OF JESUS

Most writers concentrate on the birth of **JESUS**. No problem. Today we will study the conception, contradistinctive to the birth. A student doesn't have to be very mature to know **both** events are very important. "You can't have the one with out the other."

IS EL ELYON THE FATHER OF JESUS?

The Bible says the **name/nature** of the Father of **JESUS** is **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**).

*Luke 1:32, He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of **ELYON** (the **Highest**): (KJV)*

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*Luke 1:35, And the angel answered and said unto her, The **Holy Ghost** shall come upon thee, and the power (**Dunamis**) of **ELYON** (the **Highest**) shall overshadow thee:*

SPIRIT, SOUL, OR BODY?

EL ELYON, acting in the capacity of **YAHWEH**, in concert with **EL SHADDAI**, first procreated the **spirit** (not **body**) of **JESUS** before the world began (John 1:1-3, 2 Tim. 1:9, Eph. 1:4). Much later, about 2000 years ago, **EL ELYON** procreated the **body** (not **spirit**) of **JESUS** in the womb of the blessed virgin Mary (Luke 1:32, 35). The flesh of **JESUS** was fathered by **EL ELYON** as He spoke the word. The word then became flesh through His **dunamis** (miracle) power.

YOUR SPIRIT

The **Spirits** (not **bodies**) of the rest of us were first procreated by **EL ELYON** before the world began (2 Tim. 1:9, Eph. 1:4). Much later, your own **body** was procreated by your own natural father and mother.

The **spirits** of every **one** of our Bible students were also procreated by **EL ELYON**, the same **name/nature** of the **Godhead** who procreated **JESUS**. The Bible settles the question of the **name** of our own heavenly Father when it says,

*Psalms 82:6, I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of **ELYON** (the **Most High**). (KJV)*

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In other words, the Bible says **EL ELYON** is the Father of the **spirit** of everyone of our friends, readers and students. **EL ELYON** is also the Father of **JESUS' spirit**, too.

WHEN WERE YOU BORN?

The Bible settles the question, "**When** were our **spirits** born?"

*2 Timothy 1:9, Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in **CHRIST JESUS** before the world began, (KJV)*

Ephesians 1:4, According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: (KJV)

YOU ARE VERY OLD!

Those scriptures show that you are very old. Upon hearing those scriptures a middle aged lady in our Bible class said, "So that's why I'm feeling so tired!" That was a joke because she knew her **spirit** was ancient but her tired **body** wasn't, even though it sometimes felt like it was. And that applies to you, too! We are like **JESUS** one way, in the realm of the **spirit**. We, like **JESUS**, were all fathered by **EL ELYON** before the foundation of the world. (Psa. 82:6, 2 Tim. 1:9, Eph. 1:4).

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THE DIFFERENCE

JESUS differs from us, in that He is the **only** human who was begotten by **God** in the realm of the **body**.

*John 1:14, And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the **only begotten of the Father**,) full of grace and truth. (KJV)*

*John 1:18, No man hath seen **God** at any time; the **only begotten Son**, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him. (KJV)*

*John 3:16, For **God** so loved the world, that he gave his **only begotten Son**, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (KJV)*

*John 3:18, He that believeth on him is **not** condemned: but he that believeth **not** is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the **name** of the **only begotten Son of God**. (KJV)*

JESUS is the only begotten Son of **God** in the realm of the **body**. But in the realm of the **spirit**, our **God** has many Sons. For instance:

*John 1:12, But as many as received him, to them gave he power to **become the sons of God**, even to them that believe on his **name**: (KJV)*

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THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Was Mary a **virgin**? My Bible study convinces me Mary was a **virgin** before the conception and birth of **JESUS**.

*Luke 1:27, To a **virgin** espoused to a man whose **name** was Joseph, of the house of David; and the **virgin's** name was Mary. (KJV)*

Some critical students point to the translation of the Greek word **PARTHENOS** (Strong's 3933) for **virgin**, as not being consistent. They claim **PARTHENOS** should be translated maiden or unmarried daughter. I agree with the scholarship, but not with the conclusion. The Bible context clearly indicates to me Mary was a **virgin** even though the word **PARTHENOS** does not absolutely prove it. Other passages prove Mary was a **virgin**. I think it is dumb to apply that questionable translation to the question of Mary's **virginity**.

*Matthew 1:18, Now the birth of **JESUS CHRIST** was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the **Holy Ghost**. (KJV)*

How much more plain does the Bible have to be? I believe it is absurd to think that Mary "came together" with some other man. Our LORD and Saviour **JESUS CHRIST** is not a bastard. He is a miracle of **EL ELYON** and the **Holy Ghost** with Mary.

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WHO'S YOUR FATHER?

Since the time of the cross of **JESUS**, all bastards can have as much of the blessings of **EL ELYON** as legitimately born people. But under the law of **YAHWEH**, the **God** of **ISRAEL**, bastards have no rights or blessings. Sadly, some of our own students do not know the **name** of their own natural father. But, I am very glad to tell every person on this earth, "The **name** of the father of your **spirit** is **EL ELYON**, who is also the father of **JESUS CHRIST**." That makes **JESUS** your brother. Right? Yes! Right! Every person in the world is a legitimate son of **God EL ELYON**. You are not the product of a mistake (even if your mother said you were). You were procreated at least 6000 years before your parents got around to it. Our **God** wants you. Shape up and realize that you have a marvelous part to play in the Volume of the Book, the mysterious script of life, because our **God** made you. Don't ever forget it.

IS YAHWEH THE FATHER OF JESUS?

At this point, please note that my Bible study can **not** find any reference to the erroneous idea that the **name/nature YAHWEH**, (the **God** of Israel) was the father of **JESUS**. **No**. The scriptures point to the **name/nature EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**) as the father of **JESUS**. **YAHWEH** is the father of the Jewish religion. A long story can be told about the fact that the **Jews** saw the practice of religion very differently from **JESUS**. The reason is that the **name/nature** of the **God** of the **Jews** was **YAHWEH**, but the **name/nature** of the father of **JESUS** is **EL ELYON**.

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Compare these two thoughts:

YAHWEH brought (in the O.T.)

1. LAW, 2. JUDGMENT, 3. CONDEMNATION, 4. PUNISHMENT, AND 5. DEATH.

EL ELYON conversely brings (in the O.T. and the N.T.)

1. LOVE, 2. MERCY, 3. FORGIVENESS, 4. FREEDOM, AND 5. LIFE.

That's the reason for the trouble between the **Jews** and **JESUS**. The **Jews** applied the **name/nature** of **YAHWEH** to everyday problems. The conflicts came when **JESUS** applied the **name/nature** **EL ELYON** to the same problems. Even today we still have the same problems in the practice of religion. Most denominations, religious groups, and societies still look to **YAHWEH** for solutions to today's life problems. Sad. Presently, only the very advanced look to **EL ELYON**, the father of **JESUS**, for solutions to life's problems. Hopefully, this book will help hasten the change.

DID MARY HAVE OTHER CHILDREN?

It is a sad thing to reflect on the fact that Christianity is also divided on another question regarding the blessed virgin Mary.

Was Mary also a virgin all of her life after the birth of **JESUS**? The Pope at Rome said he received a vision that Mary was a virgin all her life. But I have never read anything in the scriptures to indicate that was true. I am a Protestant, so my authority in the matter is the Bible, not the Pope's vision.

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*Matthew 1:25, And **knew her not till** she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his **name JESUS**. (KJV)*

I believe that the word "**till**" indicates that Joseph knew Mary in a procreative way, after the birth of **JESUS**. We should note, when Bible language says a man **knew** a woman, it means they engaged in sexual intercourse.

*Genesis 4:1, And Adam **knew** Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD. (KJV)*

Another scripture that speaks to the question of Mary's continued motherhood is:

Mark 6:3, Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him. (KJV)

These scriptures indicate to me that the virgin Mary became the natural mother of several other children in addition to **JESUS**, the normal natural way, after the miraculous conception of **JESUS**.

Personally, I find it distasteful to consider the idea of depriving the blessed Mary of the natural pleasures, pains, and lessons of natural womanhood and motherhood. But I also admit I have met a few people who find the idea that **JESUS** had brothers and sisters to be distasteful to their own concept of the blessed virgin Mary.

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I have decided to not teach on the subjects of the Immaculate Conception of the blessed virgin Mary or the Immaculate Conception of Mary's mother, Ann, except to indicate that those ideas came from revelations of the Pope at Rome and not from the Bible.

TWO GENEALOGIES

Most Bible students have noticed there are **two** separate and very different genealogies given for **JESUS**. One is in Matt. 1:1-17. The other is Luke 3:23-38.

Luke traces the genealogy of **JESUS** back up through **Mary** (not **Joseph** -- explained later) to David and adds the progression through **Adam** to **God**.

MARY OR JOSEPH?

A casual reading of Luke 3:23 would cause a Christian to think the path was through Joseph. And that causes a lot of confusion because Matthew also traces the lineage through Joseph using different names.

*Luke 3:23-24, And **JESUS** himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of **Joseph**, which was the son of Heli,*

24 Which was the son of Matthat, which was the son of Levi, which was the son of Melchi, which was the son of Janna, which was the son of Joseph, (KJV)

Etc. all the way back, through David to **Adam**, and finally **God**.

Some scholars report that Luke 3:23 should read, "Joseph...was the **son in law** of Heli" (instead of **son of** Heli as the KJV has it). In other words, Mary's father

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was Heli -- not Joseph's. In that case, the Luke lineage really traces Mary's forefathers. That would explain the difference in the two different paths. The genealogy reported by Luke really traces through Mary, but male chauvinism of the day confused the issue by refusing to use her **name**. Why?

MALE CHAUVINIST SOCIETY?

We should note that females had almost no rights in that old society. For instance, remember that the Bible gives the **names** of the **brothers** of **JESUS** but it only mentions His **sisters** without naming them. (Mark 6:3) Some writers have suggested that when referring to a woman it was customary to use the **name** of her husband. That makes a little sense because even today that is the way some legal documents are written, i.e., Mrs. David Ebaugh instead of Betty. I can't find enough information to prove or disprove the claim that it was a male chauvinist society that switched Mary's **name** to Joseph's. But it is an interesting and believable point to ponder. And it answers the question, "Why are there two different genealogies for Joseph?" There aren't.

WHEN IS JESUS' BIRTHDAY?

The exact date of the birth of **JESUS** has been argued by expert theologians, and no one that I know of, still adamantly holds to Dec. 25. That is what I call the traditional date. But, that issue still splits some Christians. Christians should not "bad mouth" believers for selecting one date over another, for the celebration of the event of the birth of **JESUS**. At our house we celebrate Christmas at the same time as does every one else on our block.

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It may surprise you to know that each Christmas season I receive several letters of condemnation because I celebrate Christmas on Dec. 25. I do not turn my head away from these critical letters. I do read them carefully. I have decided they are right in determining Dec. 25 is not the right date for the birth of **JESUS**. But, we celebrate Christmas on Dec. 25 anyway, because we honor an event, not a date. Most modern Biblical analysts report the birth of **JESUS** to be at the time of the Feast of Tabernacles in the fall around harvest time. Roman Catholics report Dec. 25. Greek Catholics report Jan 6. What date do you pick?

MARY KNEW THE DIFFERENCE

Mary, the mother of **JESUS**, was the most blessed and highly favored woman in all history. I greatly honor her and I continually study every recorded word of Mary. Her famous division of **soul** from **spirit** is naturally one of my favorites.

*Luke 1:46-47, And Mary said, My **soul** doth magnify the LORD,*

*47 And my **spirit** hath rejoiced in **God** my Saviour. (KJV)*

I do think the blessed virgin Mary would agree with every word in my book, **SPIRIT, SOUL, and BODY, THE 3RD SALVATION**. Her testimony shows that she understood the long hidden and misunderstood difference between **soul** and **spirit**. I long for the day the same thing can be said about all preachers. I don't believe it is possible to effectively explain or understand the Bible without referring to the basic difference between **soul** and **spirit**.

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EL ELYON OR THE HOLY GHOST?

There is another big problem in relation to the blessed virgin Mary. I stumbled over it for a lot of years. Most all Christians erroneously teach that **JESUS** was conceived by the **Holy Ghost**. I used to be among those who taught that way. When I came upon the **SPIRIT, SOUL, and BODY** study, I noted the pattern of the **Holy Ghost (Spirit)** was to always make entry into the **soul** of mankind -- not the **body**. And I knew enough about procreation to know that if the **Holy Ghost** did conceive **JESUS**, then that would be in the **body** realm. That is a departure from the patterns set by all the other scriptures. Furthermore, I was even more confused because I was sure the Bible said someplace, "Conceived by the **Holy Ghost**." But I couldn't find it whenever I took the time to look it up.

APOSTLE'S CREED

Now I have discovered that "Conceived by the **Holy Ghost**" is part of the **Apostles Creed** (usually in the hymnal responsive reading section) and it is **not** in the Bible. Well, it helps to know where that idea came from!

I carefully analyzed Matt. 1:18.

*Matthew 1:18, Now the birth of **JESUS CHRIST** was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the **Holy Ghost**. (KJV)*

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That is a good (but erroneous) reason to think that **JESUS** was conceived by the **Holy Ghost**. But, that is in direct opposition to the scriptures that say;

*Luke 1:32, He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of **EL ELYON** (the **Highest**): (KJV)*

*Luke 1:35, and the power (**Dunamis**) of **EL ELYON** (the **Highest**) shall overshadow thee . (KJV)*

Those two scriptures indicate **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**) is the Father of **JESUS**.

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OVERSHADOWED BY TWO

That's not the whole story either. All scripture can be brought into harmony by reading it like this, "The **Holy Ghost** shall come upon thee (to your **soul**) and the power (**Dunamis**) of **EL ELYON** (the **Highest**) shall overshadow thee (your **body**).” Now, that is beginning to make sense. The **Holy Ghost** brought thoughts/ideas to the **soul** of Mary and that got her **mind** ready for what was soon to happen to her **body**.

Next the word of **EL ELYON** came forth with the **Dunamis** (power) of **EL ELYON**. They overshadowed the **body** of the blessed virgin Mary and produced the conception of the **BODY of JESUS**. Can you **conceive** of that? So, it was the **Holy Ghost** who prepared her mind. It was the word and the **Dunamis** (power) of **EL ELYON** that performed the physical miracle in the body. That makes all the patterns in all the other scriptures fit. But it doesn't support the **Apostles Creed** - so you'll have to deal with that. When there is conflict, which has priority? The **Apostles Creed** or the **Holy Bible**? I picked the Bible; what did you pick?

WITH CHILD OF THE HOLY GHOST

Now, we should re-examine,
Matthew 1:18, Now the birth of JESUS CHRIST was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. (KJV)

That does not agree with our conclusion and also it does not agree with the original Greek. As you might have

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guessed, we are headed for the study of a translation error. The Williams translation renders it this way, "She was found to be an expectant mother through the influence of the **Holy Spirit**." That translation is more in harmony with all of the Bible patterns, as we know them now. Mary was influenced in her **soul** (mind) by the **Holy Spirit**; she was not impregnated by the **Holy Spirit**. Mary's **body** was overshadowed by the **Dunamis** (power) of **EL ELYON** (the **Highest**).

These translations and these ideas now cause all of the Bible to agree with every other part of the Bible. I don't stumble over the question of who is the Father of **JESUS** anymore.

The father of **JESUS** is **EL ELYON**, the **Most High God**.

Is there a family of **God** in heaven? Yes. There is a family of **God** in heaven.

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A serious study of **YAHWEH AND/OR EL ELYON?**

Chapter 15, must also include a study of:

- YAHWEH, GOD OF ISRAEL Chapter 10, and
- YAHWEH, CONFOUNDING Chapter 11, and
- YAHWEH, UNCONFOUNDED Chapter 12, and
- YAHWEH MADE THE LAW Chapter 13, and
- YAHWEH FAMILY Chapter 14,

because there is a lot to learn about **YAHWEH**.

Some subjects in those chapters have been reviewed and/or abbreviated for this chapter. Some have not. Some subjects in this chapter are new and unique. The index should be a big help.

YAHWEH

YAHWEH is the distinctive personal **name** of the **God** of Israel (not the other nations). The scripture that makes the introduction of the new **Name of God YAHWEH** to Moses is Exodus 6:2-4.

*Exodus 6:2-3, And **ELOHIM (God)** spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am **YAHWEH (the LORD)**:*

*3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the **name** of **EL SHADDAI (God Almighty)**, but by my **name YAHWEH (JEHOVAH)** was I not known to them. (KJV)*

EL ELYON

EL ELYON is the **name/nature** of the **God** of **all** the other nations (sometimes including Israel). **EL ELYON** is the **name** of the **Most High God**. The scripture that

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makes the introduction of the new **name EL ELYON** is Genesis 14:18.

*Genesis 14:18, And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**). (KJV)*

INTERNAL INTERACTION

We find quite a lot of interaction in the Holy Scriptures between the two **name/natures** of **God**. **YAHWEH** and **EL ELYON** are still one **God**.

YAHWEH, HIS PEOPLE ISRAEL

YAHWEH is mainly interested in His own people, the nation of Israel. But **EL ELYON** is interested in **nations, boundaries, kingdoms and kings**. Deuteronomy 32:8-9 shows the contradistinction very clearly.

*Deuteronomy 32:8-9, When **ELYON** (the **Most High**) divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel.*

*9 For **YAHWEH'S** (the **LORD'S**) portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance. (KJV)*

Don't read this too fast. Master the contradistinction between the **names/natures** of **YAHWEH** and of **EL ELYON** to which this scripture calls attention.

EL ELYON (not **YAHWEH**): Divided the inheritance to the nations, He separated the sons of Adam (established the nations), He set the bounds (national

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boundaries) of the people according to the number of Israelites.

Some of the Bible references use

EL ELYON

and

others drop the first **EL**

and simply say

ELYON.

We treat those references equally;

because scholars tell

us that

THE MOST HIGH GOD

and

THE MOST HIGH

are the same thing.

YAHWEH (not **EL ELYON**): Received the people (of Israel) for His inheritance, He also received **Jacob** for His inheritance.

EL ELYON, NATIONS AND BOUNDARIES

That is the reason that the book of Daniel uses the **name EL ELYON** rather than **YAHWEH** (with a minor exception). In captivity at Babylon, which is the subject of Daniel, it was impossible for a religious Jew to keep the laws of **YAHWEH**. So people like Daniel exhibited a consciousness of **EL ELYON** while in captivity.

On return to the land in Jerusalem, the tribes of Judah and Benjamin left their interest in **EL ELYON** and reverted back to an interest in **YAHWEH**, and also

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returned back to His law. (See Nehemiah chapters 7 through 13.)

TWO IN ONE

We are not saying that there are two different **Gods**, **YAHWEH** and **EL ELYON**. We are saying that at certain times and for certain reasons, our **one God** acts more one way than another way. For instance, when David Ebaugh is Daddy, he acts quite a bit differently than when the same man is Rev. Ebaugh.

DAVID AND YAHWEH

For example, as the King of Israel, King David had to know **God** as **YAHWEH**. As a man of war, David needed **YAHWEH**, the masculine **God** of war, victory, hosts, law, etc. King David certainly depended a lot on the **name/nature** of **YAHWEH**.

DAVID AND EL ELYON

However, King David showed a good understanding of the **merciful** character of the **name/nature** of **EL ELYON**.

King David restored the **name EL ELYON** to Jewish literature after it was in disuse for about five centuries. **EL ELYON** was not used by the prophets from the time of Moses to David. That fact may be pretty important.

This may help us to see why the nation of Israel related to the concept of the **name/nature** of **YAHWEH** for the five centuries between Moses and King David, while they were at war. Then they related more and more to the **name/nature** of **EL ELYON** as King David sang of **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**) in the Psalms. The

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natural result of the change of **God** consciousness from the **name/nature** of **YAHWEH** to **EL ELYON** produced a peaceful reign for David's son, Solomon.

Do you suppose that nowadays our own nation could expect a similar result from a similar change of **God** consciousness from **YAHWEH** to **EL ELYON**? I do.

A PEACEFUL NATION

Our national singers will soon sing songs of love, light, forgiveness, freedom, and life. That will result in a peaceful nation, a peaceful government, and a peaceful world.

A VIOLENT NATION

Rappers who sing (?) of hate, murder, and rape will reap what they sow. Regrettably, some young people seem to choose hateful violent singers as their idols. We can assume that's what we'll get when it's their turn to run our government in a few years. It's hard to listen to modern radio and then think that things are going to get better. I'm glad that I read the last chapter of Revelation because it says we are going to win.

TO THUNDER OR TO UTTER?

There seems to be a difference between thundering and uttering.

*2 Samuel 22:14, **YAHWEH** (the LORD) thundered from heaven, and **EL ELYON** (the **Most High**) uttered his voice. (KJV)*

Your Bible probably says JEHOVAH, not **YAHWEH**, but remember JEHOVAH was inserted by the English translators and is a made-up word for **YAHWEH**. So

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here in the KJV we have a translation corruption of the transmitted text. Also see Psalm 18:13.

This section from II Samuel 22 is a Psalm of David. It is so very close to the 18th Psalm. Most scholars say that one of the passages is a copy of the other.

YAHWEH thundered! The word thundered means to be violently agitated, to roar! That sounds mighty masculine.

EL ELYON uttered His voice. The word uttered is from a primary root Hebrew word having a great latitude of applications, of which utter is one. But, none of the translations indicate a forceful masculine thunder. It has been translated with words like apply, bring forth, come, deliver, get, gave, etc. It is far more gentle, but still commanding.

We are trying to show the difference between the two **name/natures** of our **one God**. Sometimes He roars (**YAHWEH**) and sometimes He gently but firmly commands (**EL ELYON**).

SPEAKING OF YAHWEH SINGING OF EL ELYON

There is a difference between articulate words of **speech** and singing words in **songs**. You will see this more clearly when you notice the difference between the two **name/natures**, **YAHWEH** and **EL ELYON**.

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King David said,

*Psalm 7:17, I will praise **YAHWEH** (the LORD) according to his righteousness: and will **sing** praise to the **name** of the LORD **ELYON** (Most High). (KJV)*

Another place he said,

*Psalm 9:2, I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will **sing** praise to thy **name**, O **ELYON** (thou **Most High**). (KJV)*

I don't think that David was playing a word game. He meant that his **articulate** praise went to **YAHWEH** and his **singing** praise went to **EL ELYON**.

King David set a pattern of using articulate words of **speech** for praising **YAHWEH**, but he used the **singing** of **songs** for praising **EL ELYON**.

King David used articulate talking speech (like a testimony) when he gave praise to **YAHWEH**.

Also notice that when he wanted to praise **ELYON**, David used music and singing for that purpose. Another example of this pattern is in Psalm 92:1.

David repeated the idea when he said,

*Psalm 92:1, It is a good thing to **give thanks** unto **YAHWEH** (the LORD), and to **sing praises** unto thy **name**, O **ELYON** (Most High): (KJV)*

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DAVID KNEW BOTH

We can rightly conclude, I think, that as **the King of Israel**, King David had to know **God** as **YAHWEH**. As a man of war, King David certainly depended on the **name/nature** of **YAHWEH** a lot.

However as a man who also said, *“Have mercy upon me, O **God**, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender **mercies** blot out my transgressions.”* (Psalm 51:1) David showed a good understanding of the **merciful** character of the **name/nature** **EL ELYON**.

A THEORY

Perhaps the present resurgence of spontaneous singing of praise in many churches is because of a subconscious (or spiritual) leading. This may indicate that the feeling of many people today is to return to an awareness of **EL ELYON**. As long as this concern is manifest in an ever widening change of ideas, resulting in accepting the fullness of the **Godhead**, it will be healthy. If it leads some people to reject some part of the **Godhead** (like **YAHWEH**), it will be sick.

YES AND NO

There is nothing in these verses that tells us **not** to sing to **YAHWEH**. But there are patterns established which strongly favor **articulate** thanks to **YAHWEH** and also favor **singing** praise to **ELYON**.

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A CHANGE IS COMING

The point I want to make is that **verbal** thanks to **God YAHWEH** has been a part of the program of the church for centuries, but I believe that we all have noticed a spontaneous move, all over the world, of **singing** praise to **God ELYON** in the spirit.

Whole congregations **sing** in the Spirit, often without direction from the platform. They **sing** without selected songs and music. They sing with a spontaneous release of different words and different tones, but always in **perfect harmony**. I believe that this phenomenon is a return to a **Davidic** type worship. King David **sang** praise to **EL ELYON** and restored His **name/nature** to Israel.

Singing praise is the result of a supernatural leading. The beauty of it is that no man made it happen. It's a pleasant spine tingling sensation to observe and participate in. Don't knock it, if you haven't tried it.

Lately we have noticed that the churches that are still involved in a lot of articulate testimony are, for a large part, still involved in discerning and enforcing the **laws** of **YAHWEH**. Conversely, churches that are given to a lot of spontaneous music and singing don't seem to have their minds on the **law** any more. They seem to feature love, light, forgiveness, mercy and life. They are more oriented toward **EL ELYON** -- the **Most High God**. Have you noticed that the churches that are going into a lot of singing praise are tapering off their old testimony meetings!

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WHAT TO DO?

The **God** of Israel is **YAHWEH**. As a consequence, most Jews of today have developed a personal profile and a national profile that reflects their understanding of how their **God YAHWEH** would want them to handle a problem. We can't help but notice that Jews handle their problems quite a bit differently than some other people do.

But the Father of our **LORD JESUS CHRIST** was identified as **EL ELYON**, the **Most High God** (Luke 1:32, 35). Consequently, we should expect some Christians to solve their own problems differently than Jews whose **name/nature** of **God** is **YAHWEH** do. One subject of this book is to demonstrate how **YAHWEH** and **EL ELYON** can have widely differing characteristics -- **and yet be the same God**.

It is unwise to choose the **name/nature** of **God** that seems to suit your own personality or personal needs and then to exclusively embrace only that **name/nature**.

TURNED OFF CHURCHES

The overtly masculine actions of **YAHWEH** have "turned off" some people. They are tired of a punisher; they want a forgiver.

They are tired of **law**; they want **love**. They hate **death**; they want **life**. Consequently, some people erroneously want to leave **YAHWEH** and to live exclusively in the mercy of **EL ELYON**. I think that shows immaturity. That's like saying that you do not want any exclusive masculine influence in your life.

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WE STILL NEED YAHWEH

JESUS needed a knowledge of the **name/nature** of **YAHWEH** when He overturned the tables in the temple, and when He made a whip of cords.

The Christian life often demands a strong backbone that fights for the right. I think that some people have over reacted against a super **YAHWEHISTIC** type of overt masculine control with punishment, aggressiveness, boldness, loudness, forcefulness and a demand for your own way. Truthfully, I myself tend to react against an excessive display of that type of spirit. But I fully recognize that I have a need for a balanced display of those characteristics, at times.

You can always swing the pendulum **too far!**

OLD IDEAS

Speaking of a swinging pendulum, according to some recently written books about the recently uncovered **Nag Hammaddi** scrolls, the Gnostics of the first century claimed that **YAHWEH** was a demigod. They said that **YAHWEH** fell from the **Godhead** and that **YAHWEH** became the **God** of Israel. They explained the strong antagonism between Christians and Jews with that idea.

TOO MUCH -- TOO FAR

This is the best example I know, of swinging the pendulum too far! I think that they were **deadly** wrong. I agree that the **YAHWEHISTIC** spirit (consciousness) made the Jews cry, "Stone the woman." But to call **YAHWEH** a demigod is a **deadly** error. It could be the reason that the Gnostics **disappeared** and that the structured church became powerful and produced the

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voice of Christianity for the world to hear for two thousand years.

I would be in **deadly** fear to **minimize** the attributes of **YAHWEH** in any way.

YAHWEH is LORD.

YAHWEH is God.

But **YAHWEH** without **EL ELYON** is out of balance.

TRUST IN YAHWEH ASK EL ELYON FOR MERCY

King David continued to show us about his understanding of the complex **name/nature** of **God** when he said,

*Psalm 21:7, For the king **trusteth** in **YAHWEH** (the LORD), and through the **mercy** of **ELYON** (the **Most High**) he shall not be moved. (KJV)*

Notice that "**mercy**" is connected with **EL ELYON**. Some people have already shown that they misunderstand my teaching on the different **Names of God** by telling me that they don't want anything more to do with **YAHWEH**. They want to act like **EL ELYON**. And they want **EL ELYON**, not **YAHWEH**, to act in their own lives. Well, they are right when they want to act more like **EL ELYON**, but they are **deadly** wrong when they say that they don't want anything more to do with **YAHWEH**.

We all need to **trust** in **YAHWEH** for deliverance from forces that would oppress and enslave us. Without a masculine caring **name/nature** of **YAHWEH** to trust in, we would be fair game for every tyrant. We need a

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balanced appreciation of the **name/natures** of **God**. To reject **YAHWEH** is just as unbalanced as is the present church society that majors in **YAHWEH name/natures**. Don't allow yourself to swing the pendulum too far. David was clear to show that he expected **mercy** from **ELYON** and that he **trusted** in **YAHWEH** for **victory** in battle.

MERCY

Here is a pattern about **ELYON** that might not be immediately obvious without a little study.

Psalm 56:1-2, Be merciful unto me, O God: for man would swallow me up; he fighting daily oppresseth me.

2 Mine enemies would daily swallow me up: for they be many that fight against me, O ELYON (thou Most High). (KJV)

At first thought you would think that this plea would be addressed to **YAHWEH** for victory against enemies. But it was to **ELYON**. Why? Because King David did not ask for victory in this case. He did ask for **mercy**. "Be **merciful** unto me." A request for victory is addressed to **YAHWEH** the **God** of victory in battle. A request for **mercy** is addressed to **ELYON**, the **God** of **merciful** deliverance.

Let's try to bring this concept to a practical example.

Suppose that you are unfairly accused by the government about something. This would make the government your enemy. It is not logical to ask **YAHWEH** to fight your case against your own government. The first problem is that the result would be that the government

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would have to lose. Our government just cannot lose against its citizens. There is no way for a citizen to win against our government. Some might think that they have won, but after they have counted the cost -- they found they lost.

So, the logical prayer would be toward **ELYON** asking for **mercy** against an unfair tyrannical government agent. **EL ELYON** could show **mercy** by turning their attention somewhere else, by causing them to lose their files, by allowing a tyrannical regulatory government agent to change jobs, get transferred, etc. There are lots of ways to show **mercy** to you without causing your enemy to lose. When you get into a box like that you need the **mercy** of **ELYON**, not the victory of **YAHWEH**.

The same idea about the **mercy** of **ELYON** is in Psalm 77:9-10.

MERCY OR JUDGMENT?

The question is often asked, "When should we grant **mercy** and when should we bring **judgment**?" Perhaps our LORD and Savior **JESUS CHRIST** gave us a pattern for the answer.

JESUS CHRIST granted **mercy** to a woman by saying, "Neither do I condemn thee." But you can't do that under **YAHWEH**. You must bring condemnation if you have a **YAHWEHISTIC** concept of **God**. All of us have mistakenly been taught that whenever you meet sin, you must judge it. It is implied that if you don't condemn it, it means you do approve of it. **JESUS** did not teach that and He didn't act that way. He said,

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“Nether do I condemn you, now, go and sin no more.” He did not approve of sin. He refused to condemn it. Relate to that person who wants help and say, “I don’t condemn you, I love you and accept you. Let me give you power. Let me impart something to you. Now, go and sin no more.” If you bring condemnation, then usually the person will not hear your counsel. When you bring love, usually the person can hear your counsel. Unfortunately, the present structured society (many denominations) cannot relate to people where they are. They bring the stones of **YAHWEH**. They stone people as Moses said instead of bringing the **EL ELYON** concepts of **mercy** as David said. When a person meets **JESUS CHRIST**, then **JESUS** covers all their past sins by His blood. After that there is nothing left to judge.

EL ELYON says, “The sin is covered by the blood of my Son **JESUS CHRIST** so that I don’t know anything bad about that person.” **Judgment** cannot come through the **EL ELYON** concepts. But, just when you trip and fall, the structured society will judge you by saying that you are not a Christian. The truth of the matter is, you **are** a perfect Christian in your heart (spirit). You are **becoming** a better Christian in (soul) mind. Someday you are going to be perfect in your body.

The answer to the conflict between **judgment** and **mercy** rests in what you are trying to accomplish. If your goal is to help and to build individual people, then bring the **mercy** of **EL ELYON**, as **JESUS** did.

On the other hand, if your goal is to build a church, or strengthen a denomination, or build an army, or govern a group of people, then perhaps you will get more done

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toward achieving your objective if you bring judgment of **YAHWEH** to each person or situation.

Pastors seem to be constantly pulled between these two forces. Often a pastor can bring peace to his own life by asking himself the question, "Am I here to build the church structure or to help the individual people?" If his main goal is to increase the attendance then he should go soft on granting **mercy**. He should be an organizer with law.

If his main goal is to help individual people, then he should go soft on **judgment**. He should be a creative lover using **mercy**.

MERCY IS NOT APPROVAL

A sinful man and woman I know did pray to **EL ELYON** asking for forgiveness and **mercy**. Their following experience proved that they got **mercy** from **EL ELYON**. They erroneously mistook **mercy** for approval. They reasoned that since **EL ELYON** was obviously merciful to them, then He must have approved of their sinful actions.

They brought great disrepute upon the cause of **CHRIST** and upon the "grace" message by turning away from the laws that **YAHWEH** gave to us. They brought more disrepute by flaunting the freedom that **mercy** brings. They advertised their sin instead of keeping it quiet. They connected the **mercy** and blessing they obviously received from **God** in their business with an erroneous idea of approval. They even suggested to some in the church that perhaps, in the eyes of **God**, their sin wasn't so bad anymore.

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If you choose to **not** bring condemnation, you must also be prepared to pay the high price that misunderstanding can bring. Sometimes that can be a very dear price. The couple never showed any indication that they learned the lesson. Those who chose to not bring condemnation upon those sinners had to pay a social price for the sin of the couple.

Many professional preachers refuse to teach the "**grace**" message because of the resultant misunderstanding and the disrepute and harm it brings. They think the reason there is less scandal in their church is that they teach "**law**" rather than "**love**." The tragedy is that they are right. **JESUS** and Paul were in constant trouble with the religious leaders of their day because **JESUS** and Paul taught "**love**" not "**law**."

Experience shows that the sinful acts of immature Christians still result in their plea for "**mercy**." **EL ELYON** still grants "**mercy**" to them. Mistaking "**mercy**" for "**approval**" they ignorantly continue in their sin. They dismiss criticism of their wrongful ways by pointing to their obvious sensitivity to the ways of **EL ELYON**.

In my own experience I have had to deal with immature Christians who actually told a certain Church that I approved of their sin because I refused to bring condemnation. They pointed to the fact that I gave them love, forgiveness, and **mercy**. They erroneously concluded that meant that I approved of what they were doing.

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There is a big difference between "**no condemnation**" and "**approval**." I **didn't** condemn and I **don't** approve.

It's a tragedy that most **YAHWEHISTIC** church societies believe that disapproval should produce condemnation. However, there are those who believe that the **name/nature** of **EL ELYON** should guide their thought patterns. They find it easy to see that **LOVE, LIGHT, FORGIVENESS, MERCY, and LIFE** does **not** indicate approval. Churches that try to follow the **name/nature** of **EL ELYON** are sometimes criticized for being too free. The criticism is especially strong from people in **YAHWEHISTIC** type churches.

The result is that sometimes the Bible teacher or pastor gets a black eye for the sin that was committed by the student.

James summed it up this way,

James 3:1-2, My brethren, be not many masters (teachers), knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.

2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. (KJV)

YAHWEH -- EL ELYON

The **AMPLIFIED NEW TESTAMENT** says it a little better this way,

James 3:1-2, Not many of you should become teachers, my brethren, for you know that we teachers will be judged by a higher standard and with greater severity than other people. Thus we assume the greater accountability and the more condemnation.

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2. For we all often stumble and fall and offend in many things. And if any one does not offend in speech - never says the wrong things - he is a fully developed character and a perfect man." (ANT)

NOT THE SAME

When you notice someone who persists in sinful acts because they believe that they can move from the **law** of **YAHWEH** to the **mercy** of **EL ELYON**, then that person would probably benefit from a reminder that "no condemnation" is not the same as "approval."

THE PRODIGAL SON

I think that the story of the prodigal son shows the difference in the two attitudes. The father had the attitude of **EL ELYON**. When the younger son went to his dad and repented, then the father granted him **LOVE, LIGHT, FORGIVENESS, MERCY AND LIFE**.

On the other hand, the elder son acted in a **YAHWEHISTIC** manner. His statement was, "I have been good and kept all your **laws**, but you never gave those benefits to me" (paraphrased, Luke 15:19).

The father responded, "All that I have is thine." In other words, they had not yet learned to know his heart.

Neither son knew the heart of the father.

Luke 15:11-32, And he said, A certain man had two sons:

*12 And the younger of them said to his father,
Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me.
And he divided unto them his living.*

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13 *And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there **wasted** his substance with **riotous** living.*

14 *And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.*

15 *And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed **swine**.*

16 *And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.*

17 *And when **he came to himself**, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!*

18 *I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,*

19 *And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.*

20 *And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had **compassion**, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.*

21 *And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.*

22 *But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a **ring** on his hand, and **shoes** on his feet:*

23 *And bring hither the fatted **calf**, and kill it; and let us **eat**, and be **merry**:*

24 *For this my son was **dead**, and is **alive** again; he was **lost**, and is **found**. And they began to be merry.*

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25 Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard musick and dancing.

26 And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant.

27 And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound.

28 And **he was angry**, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and intreated him.

29 And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, **neither transgressed I** at any time thy **commandment**: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends:

30 But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf.

31 And he said unto him, Son, thou **art ever with me**, and **all that I have is thine**.

32 It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was **dead**, and is **alive** again; and was **lost**, and is **found**. (KJV)

We should say it again, with tears in our eyes. Neither son knew the heart of the father.

COMPLETE IN HIM

Remember that the Son of **EL ELYON** is **JESUS CHRIST** of whom it is said,

*Colossians 2:9-10, For in him (**CHRIST**) dwelleth all the fulness of the **Godhead** bodily. (KJV)*

10 And ye are **complete** in him, which is the head of all principality and power: (KJV)

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We conclude, then, that the Father, **EL ELYON**, has transferred all of His **Godhead** to His Son **JESUS CHRIST**, and that's not the end of the subject.

As we believers/receivers move and live in **JESUS CHRIST**, then the **FULLNESS of the GODHEAD** causes us to become **complete**, also. That means that we will embrace and operate in every attribute of the **names/natures of God** as it becomes appropriate or necessary for the time. Right now, our religious groups and societies have mainly taught us to exhibit the attributes of the **name/nature of YAHWEH**. As we mature, we will embrace more of the **whole Godhead**.

We will not embrace YAHWEH any less -- we will expand to be able to embrace the other name/natures even more.

WHO MADE EVIL?

Did YAHWEH create evil? A large section in Chapter 13, **YAHWEH MADE THE LAW** answers the question with scripture proof. Yes. **YAHWEH** created evil. Check it out.

DAVID NEEDS MERCY

The plea for **mercy** is directed toward **EL ELYON**, the **God of LOVE, MERCY, FORGIVENESS and LIFE**.

*Psalm 56:2, Mine enemies would daily swallow me up: for they be many that fight against me, O thou **ELYON (Most High)**. (KJV)*

In verse 1, just before this verse, we find King David asking for **mercy**. "Be **merciful** unto me." If David

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would have asked for victory in some battle or contest, then the request would have been directed to **YAHWEH**.

MERCY AND EL ELYON ARE TRAVEL MATES

We call your attention to the fact that the words "**mercy**" and "**ELYON**" travel together very often. King David often appealed for **mercy**. The appeal for **mercy** was always directed to **ELYON**, not **YAHWEH**.

*Psalm 77:9, Hath **ELYON** (God) forgotten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender **mercies**? Selah.*

*10 And I said, This is my infirmity: but I will remember the years of the right hand of **ELYON** (the **Most High**). (KJV)*

Remember, when David appealed for power, might or victory he asked **YAHWEH**. Since David was a man of war, at times, he went to the **God** of war, **YAHWEH**. But at other times David was a man of love and **mercy** and forgiveness so at those times he went to **EL ELYON**, the **Most High God**.

Remember, it is also noteworthy that King David restored the awareness of the nation of Israel to **EL ELYON**, through the Psalms. **EL ELYON** had been in disuse for about 1000 years before the time of David.

PROVOKED BY REJECTING

How did they provoke **ELYON**? Remember that **ELYON** set the bounds (boundaries) of the people (Deut. 32:8).

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*Psalm 78:17, And they sinned yet more against him by provoking **ELYON** (the **Most High**) in the wilderness. (KJV)*

Along the same line, Nebuchadnezzar said,
*Daniel 4:17, **ELYON** (the **Most High**) ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men. (KJV)*

In the wilderness, the people of Israel rejected the boundaries as set by **EL ELYON**, the **Most High God** by a vote of **600,000 to 2**. They agreed that they could not "take the country." They set their own boundaries. By rejecting **ELYON'S** boundaries they **provoked ELYON**. As a consequence, they spent 40 years in the wilderness while the **provokers** of **ELYON** died off and their children became strong enough to accomplish the plan of **ELYON**. We see then, that the plans of **ELYON** are discovered by a prophet and not by popular vote.

We have also seen that it is best to take, appropriate, and inhabit all that **EL ELYON** has provided for us. Another way of saying that is,
Hebrews 4:1, Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. (KJV)

It seems to be a wise thing -- to have a fear (a reverent awe) of not entering into everything that our **God EL ELYON** has provided for us.

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ASKING EL ELYON TO SATISFY LUST

Another way that they sinned against **ELYON** was,
Psalm 78:18, --- by asking meat for their lust. (KJV)

It looks like we should remember the pattern **JESUS** set for us. He performed many miracles in order to meet the needs of others -- but **JESUS** never turned the stones into bread in order to satisfy His own hunger.

It's a good idea to pray to the **name/nature EL ELYON** when you are in the process of selecting a set of tires from the dealer's rack. That's because **EL ELYON** owns all the tires in the world, and He knows which ones are the best, and which ones have hidden defects in them. If I needed money to pay for the tires I would pray to the **name/nature EL SHADDAI**, the **God** of provision, and ask for the money.

CAN GOD DO IT?

Still another way that they provoked **ELYON** was by saying,
*Psalm 78:19, --- Can **God** furnish a table in the wilderness?*

Their insolent question implied that they did not believe that **God** could (or would) supply them with their needs while they traversed the wilderness. Their haughty and contemptuous behavior actually provoked **EL ELYON** to do what they disrespectfully and untruthfully said that He would do.

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Many parents, have at one time or another, been provoked by their own children, to do exactly what the overbearing brat said. When a presumptuous kid says, "You never get me anything!" Or, "You never let me do what I want!" many adults tend to be provoked into fulfilling the child's prophecy. That's tempting the child's parent.

Are there any people in your city who say, "Does **God** heal, today?" That tempting question nearly provokes **God** to **not** heal.

Better never say, "Does **God** care about my problem?"

EL ELYON REDEEMER

We know that **JESUS CHRIST**, the son of **EL ELYON**, is our redeemer. Redemption comes through the **EL ELYON** line because redemption and mercy are so closely associated.

*Psalm 78:35, And they remembered that **ELOHIM (God)** was their rock, and **EL ELYON** (the **High God**) their redeemer. (KJV)*

Our perception of **ELOHIM** is rock like, in that we are never removed from our creator's love. Like a ship anchored to a giant rock in a storm, we are safe.

Like a ship, we often weigh anchor and make our own way through life's seas. We have all become lost at one time or another. That's when we need a redeemer like **EL ELYON**, to set us right again.

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- A serious study of **EL SHADDAI** must also include: **YAHWEH FAMILY, Chapter 14**, and
- **EL SHADDAI - NEW TESTAMENT, Chapter 17**.

because there is a lot to learn about **EL SHADDAI**.

Some subjects in those chapters have been reviewed and/or abbreviated for this chapter. Some have not. Some subjects in this chapter are new and unique. The index should be a big help.

We will now look at some of the **name/natures, actions** and **interactions** of **EL SHADDAI**.

EL SHADDAI is **God**.

EL SHADDAI is from the word "**SHAD**" meaning breast.

The gender of the Hebrew word **SHADDAI** is feminine.

EL SHADDAI means the large breasted one.

EL SHADDAI is a possessive word.

EL SHADDAI means, her breast is mine for me to use.

EL SHADDAI is the mother, nourisher, provider.

EL SHADDAI sustains life.

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EL SHADDAI is open eyed i.e. has knowledge of all truth.

EL SHADDAI provides balance, fairness.

EL SHADDAI provides because of need, and withholds when best.

EL SHADDAI responds with love.

EL SHADDAI was the **name/nature** of **God** known by Israel from the time of Abraham to Moses, from about 2000 to 1500 B.C., about 500 years.

EL SHADDAI operates in concert with the masculine **YAHWEH** to create all things, and becomes **ELOHIM** (the creator **God**).

EL SHADDAI is translated "**God Almighty**" in the Old Testament, K.J.V.

EL SHADDAI is occasionally erroneously theologically confused with the Greek word G3841 **PANTOKRATOR** because it was rendered **Almighty** in the book of Revelation. There are no similar attributes, consequently another word for **God** should be chosen for **PANTOKRATOR**. This subject is covered in Chapter 17, **EL SHADDAI, NEW TESTAMENT**.

SHADDAI also occurs as a **Name of God**, chiefly in the book of Job. It is rendered "the **Almighty**."

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EL SHADDAI is cognate with Hebrew **SHAD** meaning **breast** which comes from proto-Semitic **TAD** -- the semantic development from rounded "**breasts**" to "**hills**" and "**mountains**" would not be impossible.

EL SHADDAI is often explained as a cognate of the Akkadian word **SADU** meaning **mountain**.

EL SHADDAI etymology, Strong's 7706, 1237, 7703 Etymology is 7706, 7699, meaning provide with the breast.

A FEMININE NAME OF GOD

We have noticed that some people feel relieved to find that **one** of the **name/natures** of **God** is **feminine**. Some people express shock coupled with disbelief. We have discovered that there are some people who are fiercely opposed to the idea that God could have a feminine **name/nature**.

Many women in religious settings have been made to feel that they were deficient because they were female. I believe that is because religions have taught an unbalanced reliance on **YAHWEH** and have operated in relative ignorance of **EL SHADDAI**.

NO OFFENSE INTENDED

We have also noticed that some people feel very uncomfortable using words like "**breast**." Some are uncomfortable using words like "**male**" and "**female**." To those uncomfortable people, I apologize for offending. But I will use the words because I am a Bible

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teacher and they are good Bible words that are used universally to describe **natures**.

EL SHADDAI AND YAHWEH

The major contradistinction between the **name/nature** of **God**, **EL SHADDAI**, and the **name/nature** of the very same **God**, **YAHWEH**, is shown in Exodus 6:2-3.

*Exodus 6:2-3, And **ELOHIM (God)** spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am **YAHWEH (the LORD)**:*

*3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the **name** of **EL SHADDAI (God Almighty)**, but by my **name YAHWEH (JEHOVAH)** was I not known to them. (KJV)*

GOD APPEARED

At this point, let us notice that **God** said, "I appeared unto..." It is **God's** prerogative to appear anyway that He wants.

A few chapters earlier,

*Exodus 3:14, And **ELOHIM (God)** said unto Moses, **I AM THAT I AM**: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **I AM** hath sent me unto you. (KJV)*

EHYEH, ASHER, EHYEH is the Hebrew **Name of God** that was given to Moses in this passage. It was translated "**I AM THAT I AM**". Some authorities say that it is better translated, "**I AM WHATEVER I WANT TO BE**." That translation is more in harmony with the expression,

Exodus 6:3, And I appeared unto...

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When our **God** wants to be a provider, He appears as **EL SHADDAI**. When our **God** wants to be a **God** of victory, He appears as **YAHWEH**. When our **God** wants to be a creator, He appears as **ELOHIM**. When our **God** wants to be a life giving force, He appears as **ELOAH**. When our **God** wants to be the **Most High God**, the possessor of heaven and earth, He appears as **EL ELYON**. Our **God** is whatever He wants to be.

Abraham only knew **God** as **EL SHADDAI**. He did not know the **name/nature YAHWEH**, the masculine **God** of Israel, because God never appeared to him that way.

LAW OR COMMAND?

Abraham always did what **EL SHADDAI** commanded him to do. For instance,

*Hebrews 11:8, By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, **not** knowing whither he went. (KJV)*

There is a difference between **obeying a command** and **keeping a law**.

As an allegory, let us say that small children are expected to **obey** the **command** of their mother. As they grow up, they learn to **keep** the **law** of their father.

Here we are likening Abraham to a small child who obeyed the **commands** of his mother (**EL SHADDAI**). That's because Abraham started us on our religious journey. He was the first of the patriarchs, but Abraham was like a religious infant. In other words, Abraham didn't know much about what **God** wanted, but he did

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know enough to do what he was told to do, when he was told to do it. Abraham did **obey** the **commands** that he received from **EL SHADDAI**.

Continuing the allegory, Abraham did not receive **laws** to remember or memorize. We do not give **laws** to small children because they can not memorize or remember. Mothers of small children are often confused and confounded because they themselves do not know if they have given a **command** or a **law**. But, by the time the child is a teenager, there is no confusion when the father lays down the **law**. By then, the child is expected to know what to do when they are alone because they are carrying the **law** with them. As infants, the mother repeats the **command** over and over again as each situation demands, until she is blue in the face. “Telling you to do something is like talking to a brick wall. Can’t you remember to do anything?” she says in exasperation, as she tells him **again**.

As teenagers, the father sets down the **law once**, and the adolescent child is expected to **remember** and **obey forever**. That’s the way **YAHWEH** sets down the **law** forever. There is no conflict between **EL SHADDAI** and the **commands** She gives contradistinctive to **YAHWEH** and the **laws** He gives. In a well balanced home, there should **not** be any conflict between the **commands** given by the mother versus the **laws** given by the father.

Tragically, many homes are not balanced with feminine and masculine forces of authority. Equally tragic is the fact that most mothers and fathers do not understand these principles because they themselves were never

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exposed to them as they grew up. An understanding of these principles would help solve many of our present social ills.

MOM AND DAD

Watch a normal family in a restaurant and you will see mother telling everyone where to sit, what to order, how to behave. When someone has to tell the waitress or the cook what to do, it will usually be mother's voice.

More often than not, father sits quietly contemplating the facts and deciding if he should lay down some new **law**. If everyone always waited for the **laws** of the father, the meal would never be finished. As we grow up and learn to keep the **laws** of the father, we never stop obeying the **commands** of the mother.

The law of **YAHWEH** does not tell us to go here today, and avoid there tomorrow. But the **commands** of **EL SHADDAI** do. The law is more generalized than a command. A command is more specific than the law. It is **EL SHADDAI** who gives you an uncomfortable feeling. The feeling may say it is best to not eat in that restaurant today, or you should or should not schedule the airplane trip in the afternoon or morning. Or perhaps **EL SHADDAI** gives you a comfortable feeling (warm fuzzies) when you are trying to chose a newer car. You may have said, "It just feels right." If your own head was out of the way, then that feeling was probably from **EL SHADDAI**.

Continuing the allegory with a different story, Israel (the nation) was treated as an infant and child for 500 years from Abraham to Moses. Israel was expected to obey

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the **commands** of **EL SHADDAI** the large breasted nourisher, provider, mother.

Eventually Israel went through a Bar Mitzvah and became a teenager (not an infant). Then they received the **law** of **YAHWEH**, the father, given through Moses. They were then required to read and to remember the law.

You may recall that at a Bar Mitzvah the young boy leaves the mother's side of the synagogue, covers his head with his new yarmulke, reads the law of **God** in the synagogue, and then sits on the father's side. So, Israel left mother **EL SHADDAI** (after 500 years) and received the law from **YAHWEH**, read it, and then became apprenticed under father **YAHWEH**. (Ex. 6:2-6) This is a neat pattern that makes sense.

The truth is, that no one leaves the **commands**, love, tender care, and provision of their mother. Mother is mother. Her **commands** always accompany her personality. An 80 year old mother still tells her 60 year son what to do. And a 60 year old son respectfully mourns and cries when he reflects on her very last **command** when she died.

NOT MUCH ABOUT EL SHADDAI

There is not nearly as much in our Bible about **EL SHADDAI** as there is about **YAHWEH**. There are three main reasons.

The first is that **YAHWEH** is the **God** of Israel and the stories in the Bible are mostly about Israel. **EL SHADDAI** did play a part as Israel developed from an

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infant to a teenager. But most of the stories are about Israel after the time of Moses while they were learning the **laws** and while they were becoming apprenticed to the Father (**YAHWEH**).

The second reason is that it took a lot more time to develop under **YAHWEH**. Israel was under the commands of **EL SHADDAI** for only about 500 years, from 2000 B.C. to 1500 B.C. They were under **YAHWEH**, off and on, for about 1500 years until the time for JESUS CHRIST. That's three times as long.

The third reason there is more written about **YAHWEH** than **EL SHADDAI** is that all the books were written by men, with a masculine approach to each subject. The Holy Ghost chose men, not women.

2 Peter 1:21, For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. (KJV)

In the last days the Holy Ghost shall use both **men** and **women**. Things are changing.

*Acts 2:17-18 And it shall come to pass in the **last days**, saith God, I will pour out of my **Spirit upon all flesh**: and your **sons** and your **daughters** shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: 18 And on my **servants** and on my **handmaidens** I will pour out in those days of my **Spirit**; and they shall **prophesy**: (KJV)*

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That is an indication that our God will bring a balance of His/Her **names/natures**.

Men have always leaned more toward the masculine justice of **YAHWEH** than toward the feminine mercy of **EL SHADDAI**.

Most of the 500 years that they were under Mother **EL SHADDAI** were spent in Egypt and there aren't too many stories about that. We have a little of the history of how Joseph led them into Egypt, and some more stories of how Moses led them out. We don't know very much more about that 500 years, so we don't have much about **EL SHADDAI**. One book of the Bible, Genesis, gives the history from Adam to Joseph (including their years in Egypt, about 500 years), covering Israel's infancy, and childhood, and up to early teen age development.

Thirty-eight other books of the Bible, Exodus through Malachi, give the history of getting out of Egypt, into the New Testament, and **JESUS CHRIST** (1500 years). They cover the teen age years of the nation of Israel to adulthood. In those 1500 years there was very little reference to Mother **EL SHADDAI**.

EL SHADDAI MADE SARAH FERTILE

This passage has to do with Sarah's past **infertility** and the promise of a **fertile** future. This is the first time the **name/nature EL SHADDAI** was used in the Bible. The covenant had to do with Abram's duty to circumcise the foreskin of every male. Circumcision and sex seem to be interconnected thoughts.

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*Genesis 17:1-6, And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am **EL SHADDAI** (the **Almighty God**); walk before me, and be thou perfect.*

*2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will **multiply** thee exceedingly.*

*3 And Abram fell on his face: and **God** talked with him, saying,*

*4 As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a **father** of many nations.*

*5 Neither shall thy **name** any more be called Abram, but thy **name** shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.*

*6 And I will make thee exceeding **fruitful**, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall **come out** of thee. (KJV)*

ISAAC ASKED EL SHADDAI TO MAKE HIS SON JACOB FRUITFUL WITH CHILDREN

The second instance of the **name/nature EL SHADDAI** is in Genesis 28.

Genesis 28:1-4, And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan.

2 Arise, go to Padanaram, to the house of Bethuel thy mother's father; and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of Laban thy mother's brother.

*3 And **EL SHADDAI** (God **Almighty**) bless thee, and make thee **fruitful**, and **multiply** thee, that thou mayest be a **multitude** of people;*

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*4 And give thee the blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit the land wherein thou art a stranger, which **God** gave unto Abraham. (KJV)*

This use of the **name/nature EL SHADDAI** has to do with the selection of a proper mate with which to participate.

EL SHADDAI PROMISED FRUITFUL MULTIPLICATION TO JACOB/ISRAEL

The third time we find the **name/nature EL SHADDAI** is in Genesis 35.

*Genesis 35:10-11, And **God** said unto him, Thy **name** is Jacob: thy **name** shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy **name**: and he called his **name** Israel.*

*11 And **God** said unto him, I am **EL SHADDAI** (**God Almighty**): be **fruitful** and **multiply**; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins; (KJV)*

This promise is very similar to the one that **EL SHADDAI** made to Abram in Genesis 17:1-6. It may be a little striking to note that when **EL SHADDAI** changed Jacob's name to Israel, She reemphasized Her own name, **EL SHADDAI**.

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JACOB/ISRAEL ASKED EL SHADDAI TO PROTECT HIS SONS

The fourth reference to the **name/nature EL SHADDAI** says;

*Genesis 43:14, And **EL SHADDAI (God Almighty)** give you (Judah) mercy before the man (Joseph unknown), that he may send away your other brother (Simeon), and Benjamin. If I (Jacob) be bereaved of my children, I am bereaved. (KJV)*

This reference is to the blessings of the family of Jacob/Israel with mercy.

JACOB/ISRAEL TOLD HIS SON JOSEPH ABOUT THE FRUITFUL BLESSING OF EL SHADDAI.

The fifth reference in Genesis to the **name/nature EL SHADDAI** says;

*Genesis 48:3-4, And Jacob said unto Joseph, **EL SHADDAI (God Almighty)** appeared unto me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me, And said unto me, Behold, I will make thee **fruitful**, and **multiply** thee, and I will make of thee a **multitude** of people. (KJV)*

Here is a repeat to his son Joseph of the promise that Jacob/Israel had received from **EL SHADDAI**. The subject is fruitfulness and multiplication within the family.

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EL SHADDAI'S BLESSING WILL MAKE JOSEPH FRUITFUL. THE BREASTS AND WOMB SHALL BLESS JOSEPH.

The sixth and last reference in Genesis to **EL SHADDAI** contains a much stronger concept of the blessing of the family.

*Genesis 49:22-25, Joseph is a **fruitful** bough, even a **fruitful** bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall:*

23 The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him:

*24 But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty **God** of Jacob; (from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel:)*

*25 Even by the **God** of thy father, who shall help thee; and by **SHADDAI** (the **Almighty**), who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the **breasts**, and of the **womb**:*

The blessings of the **breasts** and of the **womb** come from **EL SHADDAI**. Remember that **SHADDAI** comes from the Hebrew word **SHAD**, meaning **breast**.

The first six references to **EL SHADDAI** were to the blessing and the security of the family.

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JOB DID NOT WANT TO THINK ABOUT A WOMAN

This promise to Joseph might have been in the mind of Job when he said;

Job 31:1-2, I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?

*2 For what portion of **ELOAH (God)** is there from above? and what inheritance of **SHADDAI (the Almighty)** from on high? (KJV)*

In his depression, Job felt like he would never inherit the joy of **breasts** or a **womb** of a **maid**. Job had lost his wife and all of his children. In a state of deep despair, Job renounced interest in women and a wife, and all hope of having children. Job correctly connected **EL SHADDAI** with the subject.

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EL SHADDAI - NEW TESTAMENT, Chapter 17

A serious study of **EL SHADDAI -- NEW TESTAMENT Chapter 17**, must also include,

- **EL SHADDAI Chapter 16, and**
- **YAHWEH FAMILY, Chapter 14.**

Many details in those chapters are not repeated here. Some are.

God Almighty does **not** always mean **God Almighty**. Did you read it in the O.T. or the New? It makes a big difference. In the **O.T.**, all references to the **Almighty** are from the Hebrew **Name of God, EL SHADDAI**. In the **N.T.**, all the references to the **Almighty** are from the Greek **Name of God, PANTOKRATOR**.

A big problem is that **O.T. EL SHADDAI** and **N.T. PANTOKRATOR**, don't have any common Godly attributes. They are **not** the same. **PANTOKRATOR** should not have been translated into **Almighty** in the **N.T.** Let's try to unravel this perplexity. You can get pretty mixed up about **EL SHADDAI**. A few following facts will help you to get it straight.

ENLIGHTENMENT

STRONG'S EXHAUSTIVE CONCORDANCE OF THE BIBLE tells us that "**Almighty**" appears in the book of Revelation eight times, Revelation 1:8, 4:8, 11:17, 15:3, 16:7, 16:14, 19:15 and 21:22. There is only one other place in the New Testament where the word "**Almighty**" appears. That is II Corinthians 6:18.

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ETYMOLOGY OF PANTOKRATOR

Etymology in the Greek is: 3841 Greek, **PANTOKRATOR**, from 3956 and 2904: the all-ruling, i.e. **God** as absolute and universal sovereign. **Almighty**, omnipotent. 3956. **PASS**, a prim. word, all, any, every, the whole. 2904, **KRAUTS**, perh. a prim. word, rigor, dominion, might, power, strength.

MOST ERROR IS IN REVELATION

It is possible to get the wrong idea about **EL SHADDAI** from reading the book of Revelation. Take Revelation 16:14 for instance.

*Revelation 16:14, -- to gather them to the battle of that great day of **God Almighty** (NOT EL SHADDAI). (KJV)*

In the O.T., when we saw the word **Almighty**, we knew it should be the **feminine EL SHADDAI**. But, it doesn't work that way in the N.T. Going to battle sounds more like the **masculine YAHWEH**, the **God** of war, and victory. Wars are traditionally for men, not women. Please try to follow the general plan of things. Of course, you can find exceptions. We are not studying the exceptions. War is for men.

Or look at Revelation 19:15.

*Revelation 19:15, -- he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of **Almighty God** (**NOT EL SHADDAI**). (KJV)*

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That can't be right. **EL SHADDAI** does not operate with fierceness and wrath. It sounds more like **YAHWEH**, the **Jealous God**. (Exodus 34:14)

Exodus 34:14, For thou shalt worship no other god: for YAHWEH (the LORD), whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God: (KJV)

And look at 2 Corinthians 6:18.

*2 Corinthians 6:18, And will be a **Father** unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the LORD Almighty (NOT EL SHADDAI). (KJV)*

That makes no sense. The **name/nature** of **God EL SHADDAI** has **never** been a **father**. The large breasted provider **EL SHADDAI** has always operated as a **Mother** not **Father**. That reference sounds more like **YAHWEH**, the **Father God**.

I think that the translation of the Greek word "**PANTOKRATOR**" into the Hebrew word **YAHWEH** is the best translation, because it keeps harmony with all the references to all the **Names of God** in the Old Testament. The selection of **YAHWEH** for "**PANTOKRATOR**" bridges the gap between the Old and New Testaments. But the K.J.V. selection of the word "**Almighty**" only confounds the subject.

We have learned to apply the **name/nature** of **EL SHADDAI** whenever we found the English word "**Almighty**" in the **Old** Testament. But, we cannot do that in the **New** Testament. The pattern will **not** hold. Throughout the **Old** Testament the word "**Almighty**"

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was reserved for **EL SHADDAI** alone. The other **Names of God**, **EL ELYON**, **ELOHIM**, **YAHWEH**, and **ELOAH** were **never** translated into the English word "**Almighty**" in the **Old Testament**.

The Greek word "**PANTOKRATOR**" includes many ideas that are foreign to **EL SHADDAI**. Maybe I should **not** say foreign, because **God** is **God** and **EL SHADDAI** can be anything. Let's say that the word **EL SHADDAI** does **not** include such ideas as all-ruling, absolute sovereign, universal sovereign, omnipotent, vigor, great, dominion, might, power and strength. Yes, these ideas could refer to **any name/nature of God**, but the language of the **Old Testament** does not apply these ideas to **EL SHADDAI**. These ideas are applied to several other **Names of God** in the **Old Testament** at various times. But **one Name of God** stands out as always fully containing all of these ideas. That **Name of God** is **YAHWEH**, the **God** of Israel.

MORE BIBLE TRANSLATIONS

Quite a few other Bible translations do agree with the fact that the Greek word "**PANTOKRATOR**" should **not** have been translated "**Almighty**" Here are 3 examples.

The **AMPLIFIED NEW TESTAMENT** has trouble consistently translating "**PANTOKRATOR**," substituting other ideas and often "**Omnipotent**" for **Almighty**.

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The **HOLY BIBLE IN MODERN ENGLISH** translated by Ferrar Fenton shows that Fenton was uncomfortable with "**Almighty**" because several times he translated "**PANTOKRATOR**" into "**All Ruling**."

If you must use an English word, I like Fenton's selection best (**All Ruling**). But I think the use of the equivalent Hebrew word for **God (YAHWEH)** is really the very best.

THE EMPHATIC DIAGLOTT of the NEW TESTAMENT by Benjamin Wilson changes the word "**Almighty**" to "**Omnipotent**" in all the references. That's a good choice, too.

Those are enough references to demonstrate that modern translators do not agree with the KJV as to the proper translation of the Greek word "**PANTOKRATOR**." Neither do they agree with each other.

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A serious study of **ELOHIM** must also include **YAHWEH FAMILY, Chapter 14.**

Many details in that chapter are not repeated here. Some are.

ELOHIM

Here are some of the **name/natures**, actions, and interactions of **ELOHIM**.

ELOHIM is **God**.

ELOHIM is the **creator**.

ELOHIM is the Hebrew word for **God** used in the **creation** chapters of Genesis.

ELOHIM is a **Spirit**.

ELOHIM is usually translated "**God**" in the K.J.V.

ELOHIM is plural in form.

ELOHIM is an **androgynous** word in gender and use.

ELOHIM is the result of the concert between **YAHWEH** and **EL SHADDAI**.

ELOHIM etymology is Strong's 430, 410, 352, 193, 17a.

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Etymologically, **ELOHIM** can also be traced 430, 424, 410, 413, 451 meaning to come forward with a strong oak tree and rump.

Sometimes **ELOHIM** is used for heathen deities. Ex. 9:1, 12:12, 20:3, Genesis 31:30, 32. In the great majority of cases it is used for the **one God** of Israel.

The later Bible writings use the **name ELOHIM** more often than they use the distinctively Hebrew **name YHWH (YAHWEH)**.

ELOHIM -- CREATOR

ELOHIM is used in the sense of the **creator**. The Hebrew word "**ELOHIM**" was translated into the English word "**God**" throughout the **creation** chapters in the book of Genesis.

Genesis 1:1

*1 In the beginning **ELOHIM (God)** created the heaven and the earth. (KJV)*

ANDROGYNOUS

ELOHIM is **androgynous** in gender (having characteristics of male and female). The construction of the Hebrew word "**ELOHIM**" makes it plural.

What is **androgynous**? Remember **androgynous** in **YAHWEH FAMILY Chapter 14**. **Androgynous** means possessing both sexes in the same body.

Exodus 6:2-3

*2 And **ELOHIM (God)** spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am **YAHWEH (the LORD)**:*

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*3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, **by the name** of **EL SHADDAI** (God Almighty), but by my **name** **YAHWEH** (JEHOVAH) was I not known to them. (KJV)*

ELOHIM had appeared as the feminine, large breasted **EL SHADDAI** for 500 years, from Abraham to Moses. Then **ELOHIM** changed from Her feminine characteristics to reveal His masculine side, **YAHWEH**.

When the **androgynous ELOHIM** appeared to Moses as **YAHWEH** in Exodus 6:2-3, the purpose was to show and use the masculine side of **ELOHIM**. That's because Israel needed a **God** of hosts, a **God** of victory, a **God** of lawful order, a **God** that would force His will by overshadowing others and projecting himself. In short, **YAHWEH** is the **name/nature** of the powerful masculine aspect of the **androgynous God ELOHIM**.

In contrast, **ELOHIM** reminded Moses that this new way of appearing as **YAHWEH** was a big change from the way She had appeared as **EL SHADDAI** from the time of Abraham through all his generations to Moses, 500 years later. As the sons of Abraham progenerated for 500 years in Egypt they needed a provider **God**, a nourisher **God**, a nursemaid **God** who would watch over them and protect them in their formative years. In short, **EL SHADDAI** is the **name/nature** of the loving feminine aspect of the **androgynous God ELOHIM**.

THANKSGIVING AND VOWS

King David wrote a Psalm to show the differences between the **name/natures** of the creator **ELOHIM** and the **Most High ELYON**.

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*Psalm 50:14, Offer unto **ELOHIM** (God) thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto **ELYON** (the **Most High**): (KJV)*

First, we will look at the idea of offering thanksgiving to **ELOHIM**. Next, we will look at the idea of paying vows to **EL ELYON**.

Why offer thanksgiving to **ELOHIM**? **ELOHIM** is the **name/nature** of the **creator God**. When we think of thanksgiving we think of harvest, plenty, abundance. None of that can come **without** the **creative name/nature** of the **androgynous God ELOHIM**.

When the masculine seed of the plant enters the womb of Mother Earth then **creation** takes place and the **name/nature** of the **God** of that **creation** is the **androgynous God ELOHIM**.

When we give thanksgiving to **ELOHIM** we are thanking the **Godhead** for bringing the masculine **name/nature** of **YAHWEH** into concert with the feminine **name/nature** of **EL SHADDAI** in order to bring forth the plentiful harvest. Without these **God** forces in concert there will be no harvest and no thanksgiving.

EL ELYON IS THE GOD OF EARTH

Next, we will look at the idea of paying vows to **EL ELYON**. David showed some contrast between **ELOHIM** and **EL ELYON**. He said that we should pay our **vows** to **ELYON**. That's a different subject from giving thanks to **ELOHIM**. Paying of **vows** is definitely in the **earthly temporal** realm. Our own

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earthly temporal blessings are items of interest to the **God** of heaven and **earth**, whose **name/nature** is **ELYON**. The concept of an **earthly** kingdom for **EL ELYON** was revealed in Genesis 14:18-19.

*Genesis 14:18-19, And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**).*

*19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**), possessor of heaven and earth: (KJV)*

Almost everyone has associated **God** with **heaven**. This revelation in scripture also associates **God** with **earth**.

Our physical effort and production are to be directed to the **Most High ELYON**. In a similar way, our spiritual praise and blessing are to be directed to the **creator ELOHIM**.

The idea of a physical God continues. The introductory verses to **EL ELYON** include words like, **bread and wine**, **possessor of earth**, and **tithes**. All of those remind us of the **temporal earth** realm, rather than the spiritual realm.

*Genesis 14:18-20, And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**).*

*19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**), possessor of heaven and earth:*

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*20 And blessed be **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**), which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all. (KJV)*

Yes, **EL ELYON** is also **God** of heaven. But the emphasis is on **earth**.

ELOHIM IS THE ROCK ELYON IS THE REDEEMER

Another distinction between the **name/natures** of **ELOHIM** and **ELYON** says,

*Psalms 78:35, And they remembered that **ELOHIM (God)** was their rock, and the **ELYON (High God)** their redeemer. (KJV)*

Now we will look at the difference between a rock and a redeemer.

We know that **JESUS CHRIST**, the son of **EL ELYON**, is the **redeemer**. Redemption comes through the **EL ELYON** line because redemption and mercy are so closely associated.

The rock-like characteristics of **ELOHIM** remind us that the masculine and feminine **creative** powers are consistent and universal in all the different kingdoms of nature. All **creative** forces in both the animal and the plant world depend on the **name/nature** of the **androgynous ELOHIM**. Using the metaphor of a rock to describe the unchanging characteristic of **procreation** is indicated.

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YE ARE GODS

The Holy Bible says that we are **ELOHIM**. We are "creators." Remember that the word **ELOHIM** means "creator."

JESUS CHRIST reemphasized the importance of Psalm 82:6 that says,

*Psalm 82:6, I have said, Ye are **ELOHIM** (gods, creators); and all of you are children of **ELYON** (the Most High).*

JESUS quoted from the above Psalm.

*John 10:34-36, **JESUS** answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are **ELOHIM** (gods)?*

*35 If he called them **ELOHIM** (gods), unto whom the word of **God** came, and the scripture cannot be broken;*

*36 Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of **God**? (KJV)*

If you followed that scripture in your own K.J.V. Bible you noticed that the translators did not render the Hebrew word **ELOHIM** with a capital "G" in **God**. They wrote the word "god." They broke consistency and translated **ELOHIM** according to their own understanding.

I'll bet that if **JESUS** would have translated Psalm 82, He would have been consistent and rendered it with a capital **G** for **God**, as it was rendered Son of **God** at the end of the verse. Are we "gods?" Or are we "**Gods**?"

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In the sense that we possess creative powers, we are **Gods**. But don't get the wrong idea. The creative power of **sex** is only one of the wonderful talents that our **God EL ELYON** gave to us. We can create houses and farms and dams and ships and autos and airplanes. We can create poems and essays and books and songs and instruments of music and telephones and radios. We can create happiness and joy and gladness.

We can bring together all the masculine and feminine creator forces to subdue the whole earth.

In that sense of the spirit, we are **Gods**, and children of "**God ELYON**."

We can create with our spirits and we can create with our **souls**. Christians are not limited to only procreating in the **body** realm.

I think that a careful study of all the scriptures on the subject would show that we are **Gods** (not gods) in spirit because the word **ELOHIM** means **creator**. The Psalms say we are **ELOHIM**. **JESUS** said that we are **ELOHIM**, and I think that means we are **creators**.

When you think about it, you are happy when you are creating (loving, painting, knitting, building, writing, reading, etc.) and you are sorrowful when you are destroying (fighting, hating, gossiping, etc.).

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YOU ARE CHILDREN OF GOD

The idea that we are all "**children of ELYON (God)**" makes sense to a lot of Christians -- and it makes no sense at all to others. I think that is because some people have not yet learned to see the difference between the **spirit**, **soul**, and **body**. If we think in the **body** realm, we will have to agree that the idea makes no sense at all when we observe sickness, the bondage of corruption, etc. So this scripture must be talking about something else besides the realm of the body.

Psalm 82:6, all of you are children of ELYON (the Most High). (KJV)

Also, when we observe the human **soul** (mind), then we must also conclude that the **soul** (mind) is not from **God** either because of the universal selfish acts motivated by self-centered **souls** (minds).

That leaves the **spirit** of man. I'm going to try to show you that the **spirit** of man is that part of man that is fathered by **EL ELYON**. Another way of saying it is that we are all children of **EL ELYON** in **spirit**, not **soul**, and not **body**.

That explanation was written in the sense of how we are today. But in the future we shall be changed. Sometime soon we shall have the "mind of **CHRIST**," not our own carnal minds.

The scriptures teach that eventually some people will have the glory of **EL ELYON** around their **bodies**. Then those people will be perfect in **spirit** (through the

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force of **JESUS CHRIST**) and perfect in **soul** (through the power of the **Holy Spirit**) and perfect in **body** (through the energy of **God**).

At that stage it will be a lot easier to see how we are **ELOHIM** and children of **EL ELYON**.

WHO IS YOUR FATHER?

JESUS CHRIST settled the question of who our spiritual Father is when He said,
John 4:24, God is a Spirit. (KJV)

And that thought is connected with,
John 3:5, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. (KJV)

Hebrews 12:9 also settled it when it says,
Hebrews 12:9, Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh (body) which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? (KJV)

Other scriptures which confirm the idea that **God** is the **Father of spirits** are:

Numbers 16:22, O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh. (KJV)

Another,
Numbers 27:16, Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh. (KJV)

Another,
Isaiah 42:5, Thus saith God the LORD, He that giveth spirit to them that walk therein. (KJV)

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Another,

Zechariah 12:1, saith the LORD, which -- formeth the spirit of man within him. (KJV)

Those are enough scriptures to show that our **spirit** was created, formed, fathered by **God**.

I KNEW YOU BEFORE I FORMED YOU

This is the only way we can understand **God** when He told Jeremiah,

Jeremiah 1:5, Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee. (KJV)

Obviously there was no Jeremiah in **body** or in **soul** before the procreation of the embryo.

Based on our present understanding of the scriptures just quoted, we can see that **God** knew the **spirit** of Jeremiah prior to procreation of the **body** of Jeremiah. To get a little more technical, there was a **spirit** of Jeremiah for **God** to know before the father and mother of Jeremiah came together in the physical realm.

YOU SHALL DIE

The Palmist told us that we are **ELOHIM (Gods)**, and also that we are **children** of **ELYON (God)**. Then he followed with the uncomfortable thought that "we shall die, like men".

Psalms 82:7, But ye shall die like men. (KJV)

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I believe that "die like men" refers to the **body** realm, because Ecclesiastes 12:7 says,

*Ecclesiastes 12:7, Then shall the dust (**body**) return to the earth as it was: and the **spirit** shall return unto **God** who gave it. (KJV)*

Also notice that **death** of the **body** does not mean **death** of the **spirit**. Since the **spirit** came from **God** and returns to **God** at the **death** of the **body**, that's a pretty good indicator that the **spirit** was fathered by **ELYON**.

WHAT'S THE TRUTH?

While it is true that,

*Romans 5:14, Nevertheless **death** reigned from Adam to Moses. (KJV)*

It is also true that **death** reigned from Moses to **JESUS CHRIST**.

It is also true that,

*1 Corinthians 15:26, The last enemy that shall be destroyed is **death**. (KJV)*

In other words the "past truth" was for people to expect to die. But there is a final generation of people who will not walk in that expectation. They will expect to overcome the last enemy -- **death**.

We are talking about **death** of the **body** (not **spirit** or **soul**).

*Hebrews 2:9-15, (Edited) But we see **JESUS**, --- that he -- should taste **death** for every man. -- that through **death** he might destroy him that had the power of **death**,*

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*that is, the devil. And deliver them who through fear of **death** were all their lifetime subject to bondage. (KJV)*

Some people have said, "But the scripture has said, *And as it is appointed unto men once to die.*" (Hebrews 9:27) and so I don't see how we can escape **death**!"

The answer waits in your ability to perceive the differences between "**PAST TRUTH**" and "**PRESENT TRUTH**".

There is no question about the fact that in the **PAST**, it was true that society was predestined to die.

The question really is, is it true for the **PRESENT** and/or future?

Our answer is, that there is a generation of people who will overcome the last enemy -- **death** (of the **body**). These people will be alive, and remain to the coming of the **LORD**.

These people will walk in the truth of the scripture which says,
*Romans 6:10, -- he (**CHRIST**) died unto sin **once**. KJV)*

They will admit, "It is appointed unto men once to die," but they will claim **CHRIST** kept that appointment for them.

It is true the scriptures promise that someday there will be a generation of people who will not die. We hope to be in that group.

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ELOAH is **God**.

ELOAH is translated "**God**" in the K.J.V.

ELOAH has a feminine ending (AH) but some Hebrew scholars call it a masculine word for a reason that has escaped our understanding, even after much study.

ELOAH is the anointing, life giving, creative force.

ELOAH is the Messiah of the Old Testament, the **CHRIST** of the New.

ELOAH appears mainly in Job.

ELOAH is comparatively rare, occurring 57 times only in poetry and late prose (in Job 41 times). It is the singular form of **ELOHIM**.

ELOAH is used for the **God** of ISRAEL in Deut. 32:15, Psa. 18:31, 50:22, 139:19, Prov. 30:5, Job 3:23 and 40 more times in Job.

ELOAH is also used for heathen deities in II Chron. 32:15, Daniel 11:37, 38, 39, Hab. 1:11.

ELOAH etymology is; 433, 432, 430, 43a, 410, 42a, 352, 17b, 193, 17b **God** singular, masculine, with a feminine ending, from **EL** 410, from **RAM** 352. From **MIGHTY STRENGTH** 193. From to **twist**, according to **YOUNG'S** and **THE NEW ENGLISHMAN'S HEBREW/ARAMAIC CONCORDANCE**.

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ELOAH alternate etymology is **STRONG'S** 433, 410, 352, 193, 17a.

I believe it is 433, 410, 451 meaning provide with the rump.

ELOAH etymology could be; 433, 43a, 451, 46b, 422,6b. **God** singular, feminine gender, from **RUMP** 451, from **oath**.

ELOAH

Here are a number of scriptures that demonstrate a few patterns regarding the use of the **name/nature ELOAH**. Most of them are from Job because the book of Job contains more references to **ELOAH** than the total of all the others. But, it is dangerous to use scriptures from Job to establish theological truth about the **Names of God**, because **YAHWEH** said the things reported by Job's three friends were **not right**. So, in the following analysis we only quote from what Job said, **not** from his three friends.

RIGHT AND WRONG

The answers that Job gave concerning the **name/natures** of **God** are **right**; and the statements made by his friends are **wrong**.

*Job 42:7, And it was so, that after YAHWEH (the LORD) had spoken these words unto Job, YAHWEH (the LORD) said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends: for ye have not spoken of me the thing that is **right**, as my servant Job hath. (KJV)*

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Warning! Do **not** study anything that Job's friends said unless you want to study incorrect religious thought.

DEAD OR ALIVE

ELOAH controls human life and death.

*Job 6:8-9, Oh that I might have my request; and that **ELOAH (God)** would grant me the thing that I long for!
9 Even that it would please **ELOAH (God)** to destroy me; that he would let loose his hand, and cut me off! (KJV)*

*Job 10:8, Thine **ELOAH'S (God's)** hands have made me and fashioned me together round about; yet thou dost destroy me. (KJV)*

*Job 27:8, For what is the hope of the hypocrite, though he hath gained, when **ELOAH (God)** taketh away his soul? (KJV)*

*Deuteronomy 32:15, But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered with fatness; then he forsook **ELOAH (God)** which made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation. (KJV)*

In Bible days, to become **fat** was **not** something wrong. **Fatness** was looked upon as a blessing from **God**. Only the most blessed people could become **fat**. Normal people were all skinny because there wasn't much food to go around. Jeshurun (a symbolic term for Israel) got **fat** on the blessings of **ELOAH**, but later, the Jews turned against the very **ELOAH** who made their life easy.

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THE GOOD AND BAD OF IT

We find another definite pattern about the **name/nature ELOAH** by studying Job. Sometimes **ELOAH** puts good things in the life of both good and bad people; and sometimes **ELOAH** removes good pleasant things from the life of good people but allows bad people to enjoy those things to the end of their life. Sometimes **ELOAH** gives temporal blessings to bad people and withholds them from good people.

*Job 12:6, The tabernacles of robbers prosper, and they that provoke **EL (God)** are secure; into whose hand **ELOAH (God)** bringeth abundantly. (KJV)*

*Job 21:9, Their (the wicked) houses are safe from fear, neither is the rod of **ELOAH (God)** upon them. (KJV)*

*Job 24:12, Men groan from out of the city, and the soul of the wounded crieth out: yet **ELOAH (God)** layeth **not** folly to them. (KJV)*

*Job 19:6, Know now that **ELOAH (God)** hath overthrown me, and hath compassed me with his net. (KJV)*

*Job 19:21, Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O ye my friends; for the hand of **ELOAH (God)** hath touched me. (KJV)*

*Job 21:19, **ELOAH (God)** layeth up his iniquity for his children: he rewardeth him, and he shall know it. (KJV)*

JESUS said,

John 16:33, In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. (KJV)

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ELOAH puts tribulation into the lives of Her children, to teach them lessons, but does **not** bring **wrath** to them. **Wrath** is reserved for the bad people.

YAHWEH (38:1) said,

*Job 39:17, Because **ELOAH (God)** hath deprived her (the ostrich) of wisdom, neither hath he imparted to her understanding. (KJV)*

The gifts of the **Holy Spirit** include wisdom, knowledge, discerning of spirits. Many times the acts of **ELOAH** in the O.T. are parallel and similar to many of the acts of the **Holy Spirit** in the N.T.

LIFE IS BREATH

Job connects the thought of "**breath**" with the spirit of **ELOAH** in his nostrils. We conclude that **ELOAH** produces physical life. Conversely when **ELOAH** withdraws Her spirit from our nostrils -- we die.

*Job 27:3-4, All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of **ELOAH (God)** is in my nostrils;*

4 My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit. (KJV)

Very early in the morning a nurse phoned me from a hospital in Indianapolis with the message, "Your mother expired 5 minutes ago." I looked up the word "**expired**" and found that it means to quit breathing. For centuries the medical community agreed with the community of theologians and defined human **life** as "**breath**." The lack of "**breath**" meant the lack of human life, even according to my own Boy Scout Handbook. Now today our courts argue. Does human life consist of brain

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activity? Or heart activity? Or lung activity? The Bible consistently uses "**breath**" (or the lack of it) as the **only** measure of the presence of **human life**.

*Genesis 2:7, And the LORD **ELOHIM (God)** formed man of the dust of the ground, and **breathed** into his nostrils the **breath of life**; and man became a **living soul**. (KJV)*

The clay was formed into a perfect man, but it had no life. **God** forced His holy **breath** into the lump of clay and it became a **living soul**. The difference between life and **death** was in the **breath**. There is a strange connection between **breath** and soul. Hospitals have discovered that often when a newborn is immediately started on oxygen, the resulting child develops into a highly intelligent adult. But, some doctors do **not** want to start a newborn on oxygen because there is some indication it may weaken the lungs of an otherwise healthy child.

PAST AND FUTURE

*Job 29:2, Oh that I were as in months past, as in the days when **ELOAH (God)** preserved me; (KJV)*

*Job 29:4, As I was in the days of my youth, when the secret of **ELOAH (God)** was upon my tabernacle; (KJV)*

*Job 31:6, Let me be weighed in an even balance, that **ELOAH (God)** may know mine integrity. (KJV)*

Eastern religions teach that a man's evil is weighed in a balance against his good. Salvation or damnation results at the tip of the scales. That could be why no one went

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to heaven in the O.T. Since **JESUS'** time, **God** can **not** remember the evil committed by a saved person.

SHUT UP!

*Job 40:1-5, Moreover **YAHWEH** (the LORD) answered Job, and said,*

*2 Shall he that contendeth with **SHADDAI** (the Almighty) instruct him? he that reproveth **ELOAH** (God), let him answer it.*

*3 Then Job answered **YAHWEH** (the LORD), and said,*

4 Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth.

5 Once have I spoken; but I will not answer: yea, twice; but I will proceed no further. (KJV)

Job set a pattern that would be a good one for us all to follow. After Job saw that **God** was **God**, he decided to shut up. No more complaints about **God** or what He does. No one can effectively analyze the acts of **God** in comparison with the acts of men.

The way I see it, when I try to figure out why **God** does the things He does, the best thing for me to do is shut up. **God** has great eternal plans that are too involved for any of us to figure out. I try to do what I'm told to do when I'm told to do it.

JESUS summed it up this way.

Luke 17:10, So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do. (KJV)

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MY PROBLEM WITH ELOAH

Unfortunately, **not** all authorities really do have authority, and **not** all authorities do agree as how to translate the Bible. We can get into lots of trouble by accepting only **one** authority as a source of information about an important fact. I did. For instance, the **HOLY NAME BIBLE**, revised by A. B. Traina, published by **THE SCRIPTURE RESEARCH FOUNDATION, INC.**, 1125 Stuyvesant Ave., Irvington, NJ, has been presented to me on many occasions, as the authority on the restoration of the sacred **Names of God** to the English scripture. I erroneously believed that for a great number of years. My purpose is **not** to take pot shots at the translation, its author, or its publisher. My purpose is to demonstrate the importance of thorough research in important matters.

The H.N.B. says,
Psalm 110:1, "**YAHWEH** said unto my **ELOAH**."

I believed that erroneous translation, and I developed ideas about it. In checking and proving references for my own work on this book, **NAMES OF GOD, EL ELYON, NOW**, I found that **STRONG'S CONCORDANCE** did **not** agree.

In English it reads, Psalm 110:1, "The LORD said unto my Lord. "

Note the difference between the capitalized letters in LORD, and the lower case letters in Lord. Strong's said that the second "Lord" was from the Hebrew word **ADON**," **not** the word **ELOAH**.

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Psalm 110:1, <<A Psalm of David.>> YAHWEH (The LORD) said unto my ADON (Lord), Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. (KJV)

To most observers that's **not** very important at all. To me, that is very important. But I erroneously dismissed it as a probable error of **STRONG'S**, because H.N.B. was touted as the authority on the restoration of the Sacred Names.

My emotions of chagrin and happy relief clashed together, leaving my poor brain numb when I found that other authorities do agree with **STRONG'S** and disagree with H.N.B., but don't fully agree on anything.

Following is my summary of the **ADON -- ADONAI -- ELOAH** confounding, from books by the experts. This is my understanding of what they have said.

The **INTERLINEAR HEBREW GREEK ENGLISH BIBLE**, by Jay Green, Associated Publishers and Authors, Inc., Evansville, Indiana 47713, 1978, did **not** agree at all with the H.N.B., and only partially agreed with Strong's. The disagreement with **STRONG'S** was that **STRONG'S** said the second "Lord" was from the Hebrew word "**ADON**" (Strong's 113). But the **INTERLINEAR** printed the Hebrew word "**ADONAI**," (which is Strong's 136). They are close, but **not** the same.

The **NEW ENGLISHMAN'S HEBREW/ARAMAIC CONCORDANCE**, Wigram, Christian Copyrights, Inc., by Jay P. Green, 1983, says that the second "Lord" is from the Hebrew word "**ADON**" (Strong's 113), thereby disagreeing with himself in his

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INTERLINEAR, but in this case, agreeing with **STRONG'S**.

The **NEW BROWN, DRIVER, BRIGGS, GESENIUS HEBREW AND ENGLISH LEXICON**, by **BROWN, ASSOCIATED PUBLISHERS and AUTHORS**, Inc. Lafayette, IN. 47903, 1980, states that the original reading of **ADON** (Strong's 113) was probably in all cases **ADONAI** (Strong's 136). He also points to vowel point variations in the Masora (called the Massorah by the **EMPHASIZED BIBLE**, by Rotherham). If their explanation is right, then the Masorites messed up an additional whole category of the names of **God**, that is **not** often reported in the literature. See Chapter 10, **TRANSLATION ERRORS** for more on the Masorites.

WHO KNOWS?

What is the conclusion of all of these conflicting references? What does all of this mean?

It means that when unlimited time (several thousands of hours) and unlimited money (many thousands of dollars) are spent on both modern and ancient books and scholarly works, and big computer programs, this engineer turned Bible student does **not** yet have enough material available to him, to be absolutely certain about which Hebrew word was used in many passages in the Bible.

It also means that all scholars do agree that they themselves can **not** be certain about the **Names of God**, either.

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It means that a thoughtful person can **not** demand that any doctrine, based on translation, be forcefully taught or believed. Only the Spirit can bear witness.

It means that context, flow, general Biblical usage and consistent patterns are as much authority for translation as is a succinct listing in a dictionary, concordance, interlinear or. lexicon.

It means that it is best to **not** argue too forcefully about what the Bible really says, but it is a good idea to ask a lot of questions.

It means that it is a good idea to get as many books as you can, and to pray for the leading of the **Holy Spirit**.

It means that a hard headed seminary professor can force his own denominational concepts upon his students, and present compelling evidence of the veracity. But, he can be entirely wrong.

It means, to me, that presently we can **not** come into the unity of the faith, so the result must produce a lot of different denominations.

It means that we should all agree to pray for the fulfillment of the prophesy.

Zephaniah 3:9, For then will I turn to the people a pure language. (KJV)

OTHER GODS

Here is an example of the use of **ELOAH** for a heathen deity.

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*2 Chronicles 32:15, Now therefore let not Hezekiah deceive you, nor persuade you on this manner, neither yet believe him: for no **ELOAH** (god) of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of mine hand, and out of the hand of my fathers: how much less shall your **ELOHIM** (**God**) deliver you out of mine hand? (KJV)*

Here is another example of the use of **ELOAH** for a heathen deity.

*Daniel 11:37, Neither shall he regard the **ELOHIM** (**God**) of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any **ELOAH** (god): for he shall magnify himself above all. (KJV)*

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Israel (the nation) and Ishmael (the Arabs) both worshipped the same **name/nature** of **God**, **EL SHADDAI**.

Israel (the nation) changed from worship of the **name/nature EL SHADDAI** to the worship of the **name/nature YAHWEH** through the prophet Moses.

*Exodus 6:2-3, And **ELOHIM (God)** spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am **YAHWEH (the LORD)**:*

*3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the **name** of **EL SHADDAI (God Almighty)**, but by my **name YAHWEH (JEHOVAH)** was I not known to them. (KJV)*

Ishmael (Arabs) changed from worship of the **name/nature EL SHADDAI** to **ALLAH** through the prophet Mohammed.

We learn about the change of Israel (the nation) in the Bible.

We learn about the change of Ishmael from history books. That happened around 600-700 A.D. and the Bible had already been written, by then.

Remember that Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the sons of Israel knew **God** as **EL SHADDAI (God Almighty)**. For about 500 years while they were nomads in the fertile crescent, and while they were slaves in Egypt they worshipped **EL SHADDAI**. Later, their concept of **God** changed from **EL SHADDAI** to **YAHWEH** (Ex. 6:2-3)

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But that's not the whole story. **EL SHADDAI** was the **God** of another nation, too.

Abraham had two sons, Isaac and Ishmael. The Bible, and this book, trace the history of the nation of Israel (descendants of Isaac) all the way up to **JESUS CHRIST**. That's where the majority of our attention has always been.

But there was a fork in the road and now it is valuable to look down that other road for a while. That road is marked "**Ishmael**."

Now we will study Ishmael to follow the Arab nations. When Sarah (and **God**) forced Abraham to throw out Hagar and Ishmael, an interesting thing happened. They were sent into the wilderness to die. (Genesis 21:17-21)

At the time of this incident, **ELOHIM's name** was **EL SHADDAI**. See Exodus 6:2-3, printed above.

*Genesis 21:17-21, And **ELOHIM (God)** heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of **ELOHIM (God)** called to Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; for **ELOHIM (God)** hath heard the voice of the lad where he is.*

18 Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; for I will make him a great nation.

*19 And **ELOHIM (God)** opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink.*

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*20 And **ELOHIM (God)** was with the lad; and he grew, and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer.*

21 And he dwelt in the wilderness of Paran: and his mother took him a wife out of the land of Egypt. (KJV)

Their concept of the **name/nature** of **God** named **EL SHADDAI** kept watch over them, provided for them, and saved them.

A whole lot more people than Hagar and Ishmael were provided for and saved that day. Ishmael became the father of the 12 dukes (princes) who became the fathers of all the Arab nations. (Genesis 25:13-16)

Genesis 25:13, And these are the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their generations: the firstborn of Ishmael, Nebajoth; and Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam, 14 And Mishma, and Dumah, and Massa, 15 Hadar, and Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah: 16 These are the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names, by their towns, and by their castles; twelve princes according to their nations. (KJV)

So the loving mother, provider, life sustainer, **name/nature** of **God** named **EL SHADDAI** provided for the two sons of Abraham, Ishmael and Isaac.

Isaac and his descendants called **Israel** (also later called Jews and Hebrews) knew **God** by the **name/nature** **EL SHADDAI** for a relatively short period of the next 500 years. Isaac's brother Ishmael and his descendants, called **Arabs**, worshipped the same **EL SHADDAI** for a relatively longer period of time, the next 2500 years. The

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Arab concept of **God** never grew to include **YAHWEH**. Arabs only looked to **EL SHADDAI** as a provider.

Arabs were a nation of nomads, and tent dwellers, wandering from place to place. Their main concern was where to find their next meal or watering hole. They were absolutely and completely dependent on the nourisher, the provider **name/nature EL SHADDAI**.

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After 2500 years the descendants of the 12 dukes of Ishmael embraced a new religion with a new and different **name/nature** of **God**, **ALLAH**. **ALLAH** is the **name** of the Islamic **God**. **Allah** is not a Jewish **name/nature** of **God**. **Allah** is not a Christian **name/nature** of **God**. **Allah** is not in our Bible. The worshipers of **ALLAH** are called Islamic Moslems (Muslims). Moslems embrace a large section of the population, including Turks. Remember that the 12 tribes of Israel embraced the new **name/nature** of **God**, **YAHWEH** about 2000 years before.

ALLAH

The name of the Moslem **God**: **ALLAH** (not **YAHWEH**).

The prophet: Mohammed (not Moses).

The religion: Islam (not Judaism).

The people: Arabians, Turks, Libyans (North Africans), and Persians (not Israelites).

Their **name**: Muslims, Moslems.

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Their holy city: First Mecca, then Jerusalem then others.

Their message: Day of Judgment.

Their army: Jihad.

Their militant sect: The Shiites.

Their battle cry: There is no **God** but **ALLAH**; and Mohammed is his apostle (Prophet).

Their creed: I believe in **ALLAH**, in his angels, in his revealed scriptures, in his prophets, in the future life, in the divine decree in respect to the good as well as to the bad, and in the resurrection of the dead.

Their proclamation: The Koran.

Their treatment of unbelief: All people must be believers in **ALLAH**. Conversion to **ALLAH** using weapons, when necessary. Believe in Allah or die.

Their division of the world: Territory of Islam. The Territory of War. (All territory outside Islam is the territory of war.)

Their most hideous teaching. Muslims who die in battle against unbelievers are guaranteed entrance into heaven.

Results of their fanatical wars: Spread of **Islam** by the sword. Suicidal attacks by the Shiite Jihad, recently, against western culture, especially the U.S.A. Fundamental Moslems are not afraid to die, and they

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feel no guilt when killing others in battle or terrorist acts.

SUICIDAL TERRORISM

In WW II, our greatest losses came from Japanese **Shinto Kamikaze** pilots who flew their frightful human suicide bombs into our ships.

From 1982 and forward, our greatest losses have come from **IRANIAN, SYRIAN, and LIBYAN SHIITE JIHAD** (Holy Army) car and truck drivers who drive their abominable human suicide bombs into American establishments.

The hellish common denominator that binds the Shinto Kamikazes and the Shiite Jihads is the hideous teaching that Muslims (Shintos) who die in battle against unbelievers are guaranteed entrance into heaven. Both are groups of religious terrorists.

Religious systems that teach such suicidal terrorism are enemies of the gospel of **JESUS CHRIST**. I admit that these ugly ideas are **not** the only cause of war, but I believe that nations and religions that teach them are always warring people.

As a former enlisted sailor, I have developed an awesome regard and terrifying dread of the determination of the Shiite Jihad and their Holy War. Only our **God** can save us from their monomania. I think that many of the leaders of our own government have shown that they can offer our young men and women as a sacrifice to the godless U.N. in the coming Holy War, called Armageddon.

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RELIGIOUS KILLINGS

There is **another** religious teaching that is almost as bad as suicidal terrorism because it leads to a **Holy War**. That ugly idea is that it is proper and pleasing to **God** to kill a person who holds a religious belief foreign to your own. This religious fanaticism is the nature of the destroyer.

In the Turkish Holy Wars, Muslims killed Spanish and Egyptian people because the Muslims believed that the Spanish and Egyptians were infidels.

In the Christian Crusades, French and English Knights killed Turks and Arabs because they were Moslems.

In the inquisition, Roman Catholics killed Spaniards because they were Protestants or Jews.

Around the time of the Reformation (1553), Roman Catholics burned MICHAEL SERVETUS in effigy (likeness, puppet, dummy, straw mannequin, used because the person was in hiding, or not available) because SERVETUS wrote theological papers like a Protestant. Later, the infamous John Calvin (father of the Baptist and Presbyterian Denominations) literally and personally caused the same MICHAEL SERVETUS to be burned alive at the stake. Calvin violently disagreed with the religious writings of SERVETUS. So much for the way Roman Catholics and Protestants treat newly revealed religious ideas. Do you think they would do the same now-a-days if they could get away with it? I do.

In the 1800s, Anglo Saxon Americans and Native American Indians killed each other because they hated

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each other's history, and they wanted each others territory. Catholics and Protestants killed those Native Americans they could not convert.

In the 1860s, American brothers killed each other because they hated each other's stand on slavery, and on state's rights.

In WW II, Protestant Lutheran Germans killed Polish people because they were Jews.

From 1982 to the present, Arab SHIITE JIHAD Muslims kill any nationality, especially U.S.A. Anglo Saxons, and Jews, because they are JUDO-CHRISTIANS.

In the 1970s, 80s, and 90s, Irish Catholics and Irish Protestants killed each other because they hate each other's religion, and history of control.

In the 1990s, Bosnian Serbs, and Bosnian Moslems kill each other because they hate each other's religion and history.

In the 1900s, white men and black men kill each other in the streets of the U.S.A. because they hate each other's history.

This is the nature of the destroyer.

It is **not** a pretty history! Is it?

It is sad to think that almost everyone in the world is descended from someone who took part in that chain, either as aggressor or victim, and in some cases, both.

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Do you suppose that you may be called upon by our **God** to help break that chain?

RACIAL KILLINGS

And there is another idea that is just as bad. That idea is that a certain race of people has a divine right to rule the world because they believe they are superior to the rest of the races.

Someday people who think that their own race is superior to others will have to answer to this scripture.

*Revelation 5:9-10, And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of **every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation**; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall **reign on the earth**. (KJV)*

The blood of JESUS CHRIST has made **all nations equal** and consequently the kings and priests who will reign on the earth will be from **all nations**.

WHO'S THE BOSS?

Many Turkish Muslims believed that they were superior to others and that they had a divine right to rule. So they fought in the Islamic wars.

Many Anglo Saxons believed that about themselves. So they fought in the Christian Crusades.

Many Spanish Conquistadors believed that about themselves. So they fought in the South American, Mexican, and American Indian conquests.

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Many Nazi Aryan Germans believed that about themselves. So they fought in WW II.

Many Shinto Japanese believed that about themselves. So they fought in WW II.

Many whites believe that about themselves. So they fought in South Africa.

Many blacks believe that about themselves. So they fought in the African tribal wars.

Many SHIITE JIHAD Muslim Arabs believe that about themselves. So they fight in the present terrorist wars.

Will we ever learn?

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A serious study of **EL ELYON Chapter 21** must also include a study of:

- EL ELYON, MOST HIGH GOD Chapter 22, and
 - KNOWING FROM EL ELYON Chapter 23, and
 - EL ELYON, MOST HIGH GOD IN THE NEW TESTAMENT Chapter 24, and
 - EL ELYON, THEN AND NOW Chapter 25, and
 - MELCHISEDEC ORDER Chapter 26,
- because there is a lot to learn about **EL ELYON**.

Some subjects in those chapters have been reviewed and/or abbreviated for this chapter. Some have not. Some subjects in this chapter are new and unique. The index should be a big help.

EL ELYON, A DIVINE NAME

Since, in reference to **God**, **ELYON** is never preceded by the article HA (the), it must have been regarded as a proper noun, a **Name of God**. Thus, it can be used as a divine **name**, meaning "**The Most High**." In the preceding expression, the word "the" refers to the word "**Most**," not to "**High**." The word "**High**" is the English word for the Hebrew word "**ELYON**."

When we see "ha shem" (the name) it usually refers to **YAHWEH**.

The word **EL** also means **God**. **EL** has the widest range of usage of all the different words for **God**. Consequently, it does not follow specific patterns like the others do. In fact, some writers say it is an abbreviated form of **ELOHIM**. Others say it is an

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abbreviated form of **ELYON**. I say that all of the ideas expressed about **EL** make sense to me.

When **EL** is combined with **ELYON**, to make **EL ELYON**, it means "**The Most High God.**"

The **name ELYON** occurs with **EL**, with **YAHWEH**, with **ELOHIM**, and also alone, chiefly in poetic and late passages. See, **YAHWEH, COUNFOUNDING, Chapter 11** for possible explanations for the combinations. Some confounded corruptions were made on purpose.

The Phoenicians used what appears to be the same **name** for **God, ELYON**.

EL ELYON is God.

EL ELYON is the Most High God.

EL ELYON is androgynous.

EL ELYON is the possessor of heaven and earth.

EL ELYON is the Father of JESUS CHRIST.

EL ELYON is our father, too.

EL ELYON provides love, mercy and forgiveness.

EL ELYON is the God of MELCHISEDEC and the MELCHISEDEC order.

EL ELYON is the God of overcoming death.

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EL ELYON etymology is **STRONG'S** 5945, 5927. I believe it means, "to provide from the top head." 5945, 5920, 5921, 5942, 5946, 5956, 5957, 5958, 5959.

NAME NATURE OF JESUS' GOD

The Christian who wants to overcome the last enemy -- which is **death** -- desires to know **God** as **JESUS** knew Him. **JESUS** became a priest after the order of Melchisedec, who knew **God** as **EL ELYON**, the **Most High God**. **JESUS** and Melchisedec entered the **EL ELYON** priesthood through the power of endless life. Those who overcome the last enemy -- **death** -- will do it the same way. They will have a balanced knowledge of, and experience with, all of the **names/natures** and attributes of the **Godhead**, and be priests of **EL ELYON**, the **Most High God**.

EL ELYON -- JESUS' FATHER

The angel Gabriel told the virgin Mary,
*Luke 1:32, He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of **ELYON** (the **Highest**):... (KJV)*

And the angel Gabriel also said,
*Luke 1:35, And the angel answered and said unto her, The **Holy Ghost** shall come upon thee, and the **dunamis** (power) of **ELYON** (the **Highest**) shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of **God**. (KJV)*

That means that **EL ELYON** was the Father of **JESUS**.

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The same **dunamis** (power) of **ELYON** was promised to other people to change them also, as Mary was changed.

*Luke 24:49, And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with **dunamis** (power) from **ELYON** (on **High**). (KJV)*

That's something to stop and think about. There is some evidence to think that the same **dunamis** (power) of **ELYON**, that empowered Mary -- the same **dunamis** (power) that the disciples received when the **Holy Ghost** came upon them -- that same **dunamis** (power) will empower the last generation of this age, to overcome the last enemy, **death**.

We are talking about something more than the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

EL ELYON -- OUR FATHER, TOO

JESUS quoted Psalm 82:6.

*Psalm 82:6 I have said, Ye are **ELOHIM** (gods); and all of you are children of **ELYON** (the **Most High**). (KJV)*

When we look at today's society it is hard to believe that plain statement of King David and **JESUS**, but someday soon, we hope it will become obvious that we are Gods and children of **EL ELYON**.

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EL ELYON, NOT YAHWEH

Judaeo-Christian literature is resplendent with many references to the attributes of **YAHWEH**. After all, **YAHWEH** is the **name/nature** of the **God of Israel**, so there has been a lot written about **YAHWEH**.

Comparatively, very little has been done to study the concerns of **EL ELYON**. Perhaps that is because scholars are as human as people in other realms, so they tend to follow in each other's tracks.

INEFFECTIVE CHRISTIANITY

Another less noticed reason that **EL ELYON** receives less attention than **YAHWEH** is the one that bothers me a lot. Bible reading Christians tend to want to pattern their conduct after their own understanding of **God**. Naturally, the predominance of information about **God** is about **YAHWEH**, the **God of Israel**. Some Bible reading Christians tend to change, in their ideas and conduct, to think a lot like Jews think. **JESUS** warned us against that.

There's nothing wrong with being a Jew. The problem is the return of **YAHWEH** when applied out of harmony with **EL SHADDAI** to the thinking process of any race or nationality of people.

Paul wrote whole books to try to stop that. But we have persisted -- until now. The way out of this trap is to study the attributes of **EL ELYON** -- the father of JESUS.

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This study will show us why **JESUS** was often in trouble with the Jewish religious leaders of His day. The Jewish idea of **God** was **YAHWEH**. **JESUS'** idea of **God** was **EL ELYON**; and there is a big difference. We must become aware of the differences.

There is as much difference between "**YAHWEH**" and "**EL ELYON**" as there is between the "Reverend David Ebaugh" and "Daddy," but in both cases we are talking about the same person.

EL ELYON is interested in **nations, peoples, boundaries, kingdoms, and kings**. Contradistinctively, **YAHWEH**, the **God of Israel**, is interested mainly in the nation of Israel. Deuteronomy 32:8-9 shows the contradistinction very clearly.

*Deuteronomy 32:8-9, When **ELYON** (the **Most High**) divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel.*

*9 For **YAHWEH'S** (the **LORD'S**) portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance. (KJV)*

Notice that **ELYON** is connected with the **nations** of the world, and **YAHWEH** is connected with **Israel**.

The book of Daniel is full of the idea that **ELYON** is the **God** of the other **nations**. Daniel could not keep the laws of **YAHWEH** while he was in captivity in Babylon. So Daniel's references to God were to **EL ELYON** not **YAHWEH**.

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It seems obvious to me that **ELYON** is the **true name/nature** of the **God** of Biblical Christianity, because Christianity crosses national boundaries. **YAHWEH**, the **God** of the Jews, acts mainly in the interest in Israel, i.e., **YAHWEH** stays with Israel. The tragedy is, that traditional Christianity has rejected **EL ELYON**, as the **name/nature** of their concept of **God**. Christianity has embraced the concept of **God** as **YAHWEH**, the **God** of the Jews. I believe that this is the main reason for the ineffectiveness of Christianity in dealing with world problems. It is also the reason that we can **not** look to **Judaism**, **Roman Catholicism**, or **Protestantism** for the real answers to our present problems.

VERY IMPORTANT KEY

We believe that this scripture about Melchisedec is a very important key for those people who will overcome the last enemy -- **death**. Those people will live through the end of the present church age and enter victoriously into the millennium. We also believe and hope, that many people who are going to overcome death are reading this book right now!

*Genesis 14:18-20, And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**).*

*19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**), possessor of heaven and earth:*

*20 And blessed be **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**), which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all. (KJV)*

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We will study Genesis 14:18-20 to find things about **EL ELYON**. Later we will study the same scripture to find things about Melchisedec. Then we will try to connect it all together.

EL ELYON -- MOST HIGH GOD

The first thing that we should notice is that none of the various Bible translations help us to see the difference between **YAHWEH** and **EL ELYON**. So we have to go back to **STRONG'S EXHAUSTIVE CONCORDANCE OF THE BIBLE**, to find the information, so we can supply the correct **Name of God** in the right place.

EL ELYON is the possessor of heaven and **earth**. We are looking at the word “**earth**.” We have already seen from Deut. 32:8 that **EL ELYON** gives a lot of attention to **nations, peoples, boundaries, kingdoms, and kings**. That sure does sound like **EL ELYON** is interested in the **earth**. Not that **EL ELYON** ignores **heaven**. **EL ELYON** is the possessor of **heaven and earth**.

We might mention that **JESUS** said that **ELOHIM** (not **EL ELYON**) was a **spirit**. Since **ELOHIM** is a **spirit** and consequently is mainly (but not exclusively) interested in **spiritual, heavenly, and angelic** things, it may help to see why **EL ELYON** is referred to as the **Most High God**. His interest includes the heavenly spiritual areas of **ELOHIM**. **EL ELYON**’s interest also includes the areas of the **earth** where we live.

Let's be careful to not allow ourselves to think of **ELOHIM** as lesser than **EL ELYON**. We must think that **EL ELYON** is **Most High**.

EARTHLY INTEREST

As possessor of heaven and earth, **EL ELYON** is not only interested in our **spiritual heavenly** development and future -- He is also interested in our temporal **earthly** development and future. That makes **EL ELYON** the **name/nature** of a very practical side of our **God**. In other words, **EL ELYON** is not only interested in our **spirits**, **EL ELYON** is also interested in our **bodies**.

BREAD AND WINE

The priest of **EL ELYON**, **named** Melchisedec, followed up on the **body** idea, the practical and temporal side of **God**, by bringing **bread** and **wine** to Abram.

As priest of **EL ELYON**, Melchisedec could have brought **hope, faith, healings, miracles** or a whole list of more **spiritual** gifts to Abram. Instead, Melchisedec brought some very practical temporal **bread** and **wine** to Abram and his tired hungry soldiers after their return from the battle with the kings.

Over the years, I have come to identify more with the **name/nature** of **God** that takes care of us while we are alive, here on this earth. That may show why my interest is moving to **EL ELYON**, the **name/nature** of the **Most High God (of earth)**. By saying that I do **not** mean to indicate that I have any **less** interest in the other **names**. Yes, I do have respect for the **name/nature** of **God** that takes care of us after we die and go to heaven. You can have **more** interest in **one** attribute **without** having **less** interest in another.

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After Melchisedec gave **bread** and **wine** to Abram, then Abram responded by giving **tithes** of the battle to Melchisedec. He responded in the same temporal, physical, practical, and earthly realm. I don't think that was an accident or a coincidence.

PROVOKED BY REJECTING

The attention here in Psalm 78 is in the division of the temporal land for a natural inheritance. Psalm 78:17 has a lot to say about the way Israel provoked **ELYON** by rejecting the boundaries of the countries that **ELYON** set up.

Psalm 78:17, And they sinned yet more against him by provoking the most High in the wilderness. (KJV)

Psalm 78:55-57, He cast out the heathen also before them, and divided them an inheritance by line, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

*56 Yet they tempted and provoked **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**), and kept not his testimonies:*

57 But turned back, and dealt unfaithfully like their fathers: they were turned aside like a deceitful bow. (KJV)

Psalm 78:55-57 continues to amplify the story about the way Israel provoked **ELYON**. Also see Deut. 32:8.

*Deuteronomy 32:8, When **ELYON** (the **Most High**) divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel. (KJV)*

HIGHER NOT LOWER

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We have just seen that **EL ELYON** is the **Most High God**. That would indicate that **EL ELYON** is the **highest** of all the **name/natures** of **God**. We can conclude from the scriptures that there is a **hierarchy** in the **Godhead**.

As we think about the **hierarchy** of the **Godhead** we should remind ourselves that Paul said,

Colossians 2:9-10, For in him (JESUS CHRIST) dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

10 And ye are complete in him (JESUS CHRIST), which is the head of all principality and power: (KJV)

Since **EL ELYON** is the **Most High God**, and since **JESUS CHRIST** is the **head** of all principality and power, and since the fullness of the **Godhead** dwells bodily in **JESUS CHRIST**, we conclude that **JESUS CHRIST** is of equal rank with **EL ELYON**. After all, **JESUS CHRIST** is the **son** of **EL ELYON**, not **YAHWEH**. (Luke 1:32, 35)

I have learned to never think about, and I try to never refer to -- a **lower** order of the **Godhead**. We are to only think about a **higher** order.

Psalms 34:3, O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together. (KJV)

Magnify and **exalt** means to make bigger and **higher**.

In other words, make **God** bigger and make **God** **higher**. Never make **God** smaller or lower.

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That means we should never think of **ELOAH** as anything less than **YAHWEH**, **ELOHIM**, **EL SHADDAI** or **EL ELYON**. It is fine to think of **ELOAH** as **God** and to think of **EL ELYON** as the **Most High God**. That magnifies **God** and exalts the **Name of God**.

When presented with a fact that "A" is higher than "B," the normal Occidental mind rightly concludes that "B" is lower than "A." That's O.K. for most thinking processes, but it is dangerous and it is wrong to apply that Occidental type of thinking to the **Godhead**.

From our standpoint, we must see that no **name/nature** of the **Godhead** is **lower** than any other. But some **Names** are **higher** than others. Sure it is hard. But, you must try to master it. Here is an idea to help.

While I look at the **Godhead**,
I stand in awe of every splendored portion.
Within the intense glory,
Nothing can be distinguished.
Every section is equally brilliant.
Within the resplendent light I am oblivious.
A burst of increasing scintillation projects light on light.
Somehow, I notice and respond,
To the ever increasing illumination,
I am in love.

All the attributes of the **Godhead** are contained within the **highest** order. That means that everything that **ELOAH** is and does is contained within **YAHWEH**, **ELOHIM** and **EL SHADDAI**. Also it means that all the attributes of **YAHWEH**, **ELOHIM** and **EL**

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SHADDAI are contained within **EL ELYON**, the **Most High God**.

Here is another hard part. Remember that we do **not** say or think that **EL ELYON** contains the total of the combined attributes of **YAHWEH**, **ELOHIM**, **EL SHADDAI** or **ELOAH**.

We do **not** say or think that the whole is equal to the sum of its parts. We say and think that the sum of the parts equals the whole. That way we constantly **magnify** and **exalt** our **God**. We do **not** make our **God** smaller.

EL ELYON produced the **highest** order of creation, **JESUS CHRIST**. The masculine creative forces within the name/nature of **YAHWEH** and the feminine creative forces within the name/nature of **EL SHADDAI** are contained within the name/nature of **EL ELYON** the **Most High God** as well as within **ELOHIM** the creator God. The sum of the parts is equal to the whole.

JESUS' FATHER IS EL ELYON.

When we say that **EL ELYON**'s Son is **JESUS**, we are not lowering the **Godhead** by making **JESUS** less than **EL ELYON**. Sons are not necessarily less than their father. Many sons become equal to their father. And hopefully for the sake of our society, many sons become greater than their father.

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HEAVENLY AND EARTHLY

EL ELYON is the possessor of heaven and earth. The idea is presented in Gen. 14:19 and repeated in verse 22. Possessor of heaven and earth! That's everything.

Possessor of **heaven** means that **EL ELYON** owns all heavenly, spiritual powers, principalities, forces, angels, and entities.

Possessor of **earth** seems fairly obvious. **ELOHIM** creates everything in heaven and on earth, and **EL ELYON** possess it.

It would follow then, that the **bread** and **wine** that **Melchisedec** gave to Abram were the possession of **EL ELYON**. And those things are very **earthy**.

We think of **gifts** of God as being something **far** from earthy. Gifts of love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, patience, temperance, and faith are expected from **God**. **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**) did not send any of His **spiritual** possessions to Abram through His prophet Melchisedec. No. **EL ELYON'S** gifts were very **temporal**, and **earthy**. They were **bread** and **wine**.

In other words, **EL ELYON** the possessor of **heaven** and also of **earth**, can send **gifts** from either the **spiritual** or the **temporal** realm, i.e., what ever He thinks we need the most.

As we think of the return from battle of the small army of Abram, we see them hungry and thirsty. I suppose

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that at that moment, **bread** and **wine** were more important than love, joy, or peace. **EL ELYON'S** priority gave the **temporal** realm top place over the **spiritual** realm, in this case.

Bringing the Gospel of **JESUS CHRIST** to a starving East Indian with a bloated belly really won't accomplish much, because the person will **not** have presence of mind enough to respond. So there are special cases where ministry to the **physical** realm is more important or at least more **urgent** than is ministry to the **soul** or the **spirit**.

Notice also, that Abram gave **tithes** of the spoil of the battle to Melchisedec. Spoils of battle are definitely in the **temporal earthly** realm. **EL ELYON** is the **name/nature** of the **God** over **physical** things.

Asaph confirmed the **physical** idea when he said,
*Psalms 50:14, Offer unto **ELOHIM (God)** thanksgiving;
and pay thy **vows** unto **ELYON (the Most High)**: (KJV)*

Vows are usually **physical**, especially those **vows** that are paid.

Notice that on **earth**, Melchisedec manifested the attributes of **EL ELYON**, the **Most High God**, in the Old Testament. And in the New Testament, **JESUS CHRIST** was the manifestation of **EL ELYON**.

JESUS and Melchisedec met people in distress with:

1. Love, 2. Light, 3. Forgiveness, 4. Mercy, and 5. Life.

YAHWEH OR EL ELYON?

At the risk of oversimplifying, I divide all of our society into two camps, “**YAHWEH** type” and “**EL ELYON** type.” As I listen to people, I try to find if that person is more prone to **bend people**, and mold them, in order to force them to keep a set of rules or laws. I think of that person as a “**YAHWEH** type.” Policemen, judges, military people, tax collectors, priests, bishops, popes, bosses, overseers, and some government employees, must be more supportive of the **law** (regulations) than they can be supportive of the needs of an individual person. Personally, that type of thinking goes against my grain. But I really do recognize the need for **lawful** order.

As I listen to people, I try to find out if that person is more prone to **bend the law**, a little, in order to meet the needs of an individual person. If they do, I think of that person as an “**EL ELYON** type.”

If you have a pastor who is inclined to get out his denominational rule book in order to settle a problem, I would call him a “**YAHWEH** type.” For instance, when a young couple asks a preacher to perform the marriage ceremony, and the preacher asks a lot of personal questions to find out if the couple does qualify to be married in his church (or denomination), or not, then I think of him a “**YAHWEH** type.”

On the other hand, if the preacher seems to be more interested in the future of the couple, and in their desire to accomplish details of the wedding, then I tend to think of that preacher an “**EL ELYON** type.”

TRADITION

I suppose I will always remember parts of the stage play, **FIDDLER ON THE ROOF**. When the old Jewish father, Tevea, said, "If I bend any more I'll break," it was like a religious experience for me. As the old man yielded to change in order to meet the needs of his family you could see him being led into being an "**EL ELYON** type." But when he had enough, when he could bend no more, his "**YAHWEH** type" traditions overwhelmed him. My **soul** was saddened, like his, as I watched him trade **happiness** for **tradition (law)**.

We might conclude that **tradition (law)**, which is the manifestation of the **name/nature** of **YAHWEH**, brings **security**. **Love** (the willingness to accept others as they are), which is the manifestation of the **name/nature** of **EL ELYON**, brings **happiness**.

It is sad to learn that **security** and **happiness** are often in conflict.

YAHWEH OR EL ELYON?

CONFLICT IN THE GODHEAD?

A logical question develops. Is there **conflict** in the Godhead? We should ask ourselves, is there ever a time when there is **conflict** within ourselves?

My own answer is -- yes, of course. Reverend Ebaugh is often in conflict with the very same man whose name is Dad. The responsibilities of Rev. Ebaugh are not the responsibilities of Dad, and sad to say, my children have reported, that on occasion, they get the short end of the stick. And, I have noticed that, on occasion, people who

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need and request my ministry do sometimes become jealous of the time I devote to my family.

As a total man, I must weigh the desires of Reverend Ebaugh to perform ministry to the world, against the weight of the desire of Dad (Ebaugh) to spend time, money, effort with his children (and now grandchildren). Yes. There is internal conflict.

JESUS had similar conflicts, and **JESUS** is the fullness of the **Godhead** bodily. **JESUS** had problems, too. He said,

John 12:27, Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? (KJV)

Since God had SOUL trouble, it is no wonder that we have SOUL trouble, too.

There is a difference between the times that **JESUS** was troubled in His **soul** and the times when He was troubled in His **spirit**. We are back to the difference between **soul** and **spirit**, again.

*John 13:21, When **JESUS** had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. (KJV)*

That was **SPIRIT** trouble, not **SOUL** trouble.

*Matthew 26:38-39, Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto **death**: tarry ye here, and watch with me.*

39 And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. (KJV)

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That was **SOUL** trouble, not **SPIRIT** trouble.

Yes. There was a time when there was internal conflict within the **Godhead**, the same way that there are times in our own lives when we have conflict within ourselves.

To me, it is a comfort to know that **JESUS** also suffered internal conflict. That indicates to me that there is nothing wrong with having internal conflict.

After listening to some preachers, I got the erroneous idea that internal conflict was a sign of hidden sin or of unnatural desire. Now, I can see that it is a natural part of becoming perfect.

The solution to internal conflict lies in the determination of the highest order. Lack of peace is evident when we opt for a solution that meets the needs of a lower order. Happiness comes when we choose the will of the highest order, in spite of our own desire. Peace comes when our own desire is in perfect harmony with the will of the Highest order.

EL ELYON is the **Most High God**. Things go better with **EL ELYON**.

THE HIGHEST NAME

Now, we are ready for the most difficult lesson of all the NBible lessons that I teach. You must read it all to get the setting and the meaning.

First, note that **JESUS** is the son of the **Most High God EL ELYON**.

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Second, note that the demons, speaking through the Gadarine demoniac **adjured JESUS**.

Third, note that the demons **adjured JESUS** in the **Name of God, ELOHIM**.

Now, read the text, and afterward there will be more to say.

Mark 5:1-20, And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes.

2 And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,

3 Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains:

4 Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him.

5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.

*6 But when he saw **JESUS** afar off, he ran and worshipped him,*

*7 And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, **JESUS**, thou Son of **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**)? I **adjure** thee by **ELOHIM** (**God**), that thou torment me not.*

8 For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.

*9 And he asked him, What is thy **name**? And he answered, saying, My **name** is Legion: for we are many.*

10 And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country.

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11 Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding.

12 And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.

*13 And forthwith **JESUS** gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea.*

14 And they that fed the swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done.

*15 And they come to **JESUS**, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.*

16 And they that saw it told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and also concerning the swine.

17 And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts.

18 And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him.

*19 Howbeit **JESUS** suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the **LORD** hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.*

*20 And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things **JESUS** had done for him: and all men did marvel. (KJV)*

Remember, **God created all** things, even evil, the devil, Satan, and demons. Either the Bible said it, or it didn't. See **YAHWEH MADE THE LAW, Chapter 13.**

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What makes truth? What you have been taught and believe, or what the Bible says?

Remember, the demons **adjured** **JESUS** in the **name** of their creator God **ELOHIM**

What's **adjure**?

To **adjure** is to set a fence, a border, a limit upon. The demons told **JESUS** to shut up, keep quiet, keep out of their business. **God ELOHIM** had **created** them to do a job of destroying the man, and they were doing a good job of it.

Can you believe it? Those nervy demons told **JESUS** to shut up (adjure), in the **Name of God ELOHIM**. The demons knew they had been created by **ELOHIM**, and consequently, their **God** was **ELOHIM**.

Remember, **JESUS** came in the **name** and the energy of His Father **EL ELYON**, the **Most High God**.

JESUS ordered them to leave in the name of His Father, the **Most High God** **EL ELYON**. There is none higher.

Yes. There is a hierarchy among the **name/natures** of the Godhead. The **Most High God** is **EL ELYON**. The demons knew it.

So they left.

At the end of this age, believers/receivers will pray in the **name/nature** of **EL ELYON**, like **JESUS** did. Destructive forces and other things that were created by

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ELOHIM will respond to a higher **name/nature** of God, **EL ELYON**.

CREATION IS CHANGING

Yes. All things (constructive and destructive) have been **created** by **ELOHIM**, but all things will eventually respond to the commands of the **Most High God EL ELYON**. Stick around; a good change is coming.

The study of the **Names of God**, in the **Godhead**, has produced an indication of a hierarchy within the various **name/natures** of **God**. That idea is very complicated, and complex, and confounded in our occidental minds. It won't make any sense until a confused person reflects on the fact that each person has different personalities that come forth according to the situation, at the time. It works the same in the **Godhead**. Sometimes I am Reverend Ebaugh, sometimes I am Mister Ebaugh, sometimes David, and sometimes Daddy. My name changes, and my actions change. I'm only one man, but I surely do act differently at different times.

Yes. There is only one **God**, but He surely does act differently at different times. **God's name** changes and His actions change.

James 1:17, Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. (KJV)

That says God doesn't change. What's going on? Does He or doesn't He change?

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God doesn't change. But His method of dealing with us changes as we mature.

CITY OF GOD

Since **ELYON** is possessor of heaven and **earth**, and since **ELYON** establishes **nations**, it seems logical for **ELYON** to continue the pattern and establish Zion, the **City of God**.

*Psalm 87:3-5, Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of **God**. Selah.*

4 I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to them that know me: behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia; this man was born there.

*5 And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and **ELYON** (the **Highest**) himself shall establish her. (KJV)*

Whereas there is a Heavenly Jerusalem, it is possible we may also see a physical temporal **earthly New Jerusalem**, which is **Zion**, the **City of God**.

Some people believe that the **New Jerusalem** will be created in the U.S.A., not on the edge of the Mediterranean where the **Old Jerusalem** is located. Your choice.

If you are going to establish anything in the physical realm, like a city or a manufacturing plant, then it has to be through the power of **EL ELYON**. Because **EL ELYON** is interested in the physical earth.

Let's say it another way. Architects, Civil Engineers, Politicians, Farmers, etc., all need the **God**

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consciousness of **EL ELYON** in order to be successful in establishing temporal works.

SECRET MYSTERY

When we remember that our secret places have to do with our reproductive organs then this Psalm may begin to make sense. The secret place of **ELYON** is the shadowy place (the reproductive place) of **SHADDAI**.

*Psalm 91:1, He that dwelleth in the secret place of **ELYON** (the **Most High**) shall abide under the shadow of **SHADDAI** (the **Almighty**). (KJV)*

That's the way **STRONG** says it should be translated as far as the Hebrew **Names of God** are concerned. The **name/nature SHADDAI** is the large breasted, feminine form of **God**. Remember, the gender of the word **SHADDAI** is feminine. The gender of the word **YAHWEH** is masculine. And the gender of the word **ELOHIM** is androgynous.

Thus, when the masculine **YAHWEH** and the feminine **SHADDAI** come together in concert, the new **name** is **ELOHIM**, the androgynous creator. Since **EL ELYON** is the **name/nature** of the **Most High God** it also follows that all of the attributes of the Godhead are in **EL ELYON**.

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EL ELYON IS ANYTHING HE WANTS TO BE

That's so important I think that I should say it another way. Whereas all of the attributes of **YAHWEH** and **EL SHADDAI** are in **ELOHIM** when they operate in concert, it also follows that all of the attributes of the Godhead are in **EL ELYON**, the **Most High God** at any time that He wants to exhibit them. (Remember, the gender of the word **EL ELYON** is also androgynous.)

Remember that the Son of **EL ELYON** is **JESUS CHRIST** of whom it is said,

*Colossians 2:9-10, For in him (**CHRIST**) dwelleth all the **fulness** of the **Godhead** bodily.*

10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: (KJV)

We conclude then, that the Father, **EL ELYON**, has transferred all of the powers of His Godhead to His Son **JESUS CHRIST**. And that's not the end of the subject.

As we **believers/receivers** move and live in **JESUS CHRIST**, the fullness of the **Godhead** causes us to become complete, also. That means that we will embrace and operate in every attribute of the **names/natures** of **God**, as becomes appropriate or necessary at the time. Right now our religious groups and societies have mainly taught us to exhibit the attributes of the **name/nature** of **YAHWEH**. As we mature we will embrace more of the **natures** of the **whole Godhead**. And I should add, we will not embrace **YAHWEH** any less -- we will expand to be able to embrace the other **natures** more.

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A SECRET MYSTERY

A secret is a mystery. Paul wrote about a great mystery. He had just said, "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be **one** flesh. This is a great mystery."

*Ephesians 5:32, This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning **CHRIST** and the church. (KJV)*

In other words, the great mystery, the secret of **CHRIST** (the anointing) entering the church is similar to the secrets of love as a husband enters into his wife that they two become one.

This secret mystery is referred to in the 91st Psalm.

*Psalm 91:1, He that dwelleth in the secret place of **ELYON** (the **Most High**) shall abide under the shadow of **SHADDAI** (the **Almighty**). (the large breasted feminine form of **GOD**). (KJV)*

This same secret mystery was referred to by our LORD and Savior **JESUS CHRIST** when He said,
*John 17:22-23 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be **one**, even as we are **one**:*

*23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in **one**; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. (KJV)*

First the natural, then the spiritual, in understanding. This is a discussion of how to become perfect, or become **one**.

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As Adam knew Eve and they became **one** flesh, so the parallels of love and mating in the natural realm become a guide to the secret mystery of **CHRIST** in the church. This is referred to as a secret mystery because it is only for the very mature (**spiritually** mature) people who can keep their mind out of the gutter.

Paul referred to this secret mystery again.

*Colossians 1:26-27, Even the **mystery** which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:*

*27 To whom **God** would make known what is the riches of the glory of this **mystery** among the Gentiles; which is **CHRIST in you, the hope of glory**: (KJV)*

Thus, when the masculine anointing (which is the **CHRIST**) makes entry into the church then naturally there is a **hope** that some new life will be produced. In other words, the natural result of the love process is the **hope** of a pregnancy. The thing produced by the secret mystery is the **hope** of **glory**. The baby is the **glory**.

The last generation of Christians in this age will enter into **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**) through **SHADDAI** (the large breasted one) and produce the **glory**. As a result, they will enter into immortality. They will overcome the **last enemy** which is **death**.

A serious study of **EL ELYON, MOST HIGH GOD Chapter 22**, must also include a study of

- EL ELYON, Chapter 21, and
- KNOWING FROM EL ELYON Chapter 23, and
- EL ELYON, MOST HIGH GOD IN THE NEW TESTAMENT Chapter 24, and
- EL ELYON, THEN AND NOW Chapter 25, and
- MELCHISEDEC ORDER Chapter 26,

because there is a lot to learn about **EL ELYON**.

Some subjects in those chapters have been reviewed and/or abbreviated for this chapter. Some have not. Some subjects in this chapter are new and unique. The index should be a big help.

REFUGE OR HABITATION?

The word **habitation** has to do with a place for us to live; something to live in. Habitation ties in with **EL ELYON**, the possessor of heaven and earth. Our **God EL ELYON** possesses **all** **habitations**. When a person needs a house, then a **God** consciousness of **EL ELYON** is indicated. When that same person needs money to pay for the utilities, then a **God** consciousness of **EL SHADDAI** (the provider) is indicated. But if a legal fight develops over the ownership or possession of the house, then a **God** consciousness of **YAHWEH** is indicated.

*Psalms 91:9, Because thou hast made **YAHWEH** (the LORD), which is my **refuge**, even **ELYON** (the Most High), thy **habitation**; (KJV)*

The masculine, warring, fighting, winning **YAHWEH**, **God** of Israel is a wonderful **refuge** in which to be found. David knew that; and it is good for us to also ask **YAHWEH** to fight all of our battles for us.

We should note that there is a difference between a **refuge** and a **habitation**. A **refuge** indicates something temporary and a place to hide from trouble. A **habitation** indicates a permanent dwelling. Would you rather live in a **refuge** or a **habitation**? Now note that a **refuge** is connected with the **name/nature YAHWEH** and a **habitation** is connected with the **name/nature EL ELYON**. Take your pick.

NO PROBLEMS

The Psalmist continued with the thought that the angels of **EL ELYON** will protect the person from all types of danger when their **habitation** is in **ELYON**.

*Psalm 91:9-12, Because thou hast made **YAHWEH** (the LORD), which is my refuge, even **ELYON** (the **Most High**), thy habitation;*

10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. (KJV)

When **ELYON** is our **habitation**, then we can expect these benefits. This indicates that a family can expect to be free from any plague when they operate in the **God** consciousness of **EL ELYON**, which is **LOVE, LIGHT, MERCY, FORGIVENESS, AND LIFE**.

Conversely, when a family operates in the **God** consciousness of **YAHWEH**, which is **LAW, JUDGMENT, CONDEMNATION, PUNISHMENT, AND DEATH**, then the question arises as to whether they should or may claim that promise of deliverance from any plague. They may or may not be delivered.

We should also note that this is the scripture that was quoted by the devil on the occasion of the temptation of **JESUS**.

THE DEVIL TEMPTED JESUS

Since this scripture was used by the devil to tempt our **LORD** and **SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST**, then it follows that we should look at it carefully. Perhaps we might be tempted the same way, someday.

Matthew 4:5-7, Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

*6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of **ELYON (God)**, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.*

*7 **JESUS** said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the **LORD** thy **God**. (KJV)*

The question of our relationship to our **God EL ELYON** comes first. The insolent question starts, "If you be the **Son of ELYON**," as though there was some question about it.

*Psalm 82:6, I have said, Ye are **ELOHIM** (gods); and all of you are children of **ELYON** (the most High. (KJV)*

JESUS must have believed that because He quoted the preceding passage, "*Ye are **ELOHIM** (Gods).*" This whole concept must have been pretty important to both **JESUS** and to the devil.

Perhaps the people who are predestined to be a part of the last generation that will overcome the last enemy, **death**, will have to deal with that scripture and the idea that we are Gods.

Are you -- or are you not, a Son of **EL ELYON**?

If you say, "Yes, the scriptures say that I am, so that settles it, I believe that I am," then you will probably be tempted by a test of that relationship.

TEMPT GOD?

When **JESUS** said, "Thou shalt not tempt the LORD thy **God**," I believe He was saying that we should never think that our relationship with our **EL ELYON** is sufficient of itself, to deliver us from dumb situations we put ourselves into. In other words, we should expect our **God EL ELYON** to deliver us from natural calamity and/or ugly situations of life forced upon us by other members of our society. We can even expect our **EL ELYON** to relieve us from some of the dumb situations we get ourselves into, due to our own immaturity and/or stupidity.

But the pattern suggests to me that we must never test our relationship with **EL ELYON** by purposefully placing ourselves in a place of jeopardy. For instance, the man who mortgages his house to get enough money to buy his wife a mink coat, expecting **EL ELYON** to provide the way for him to make the payments -- is probably not much different from the man who shows his faith in **EL ELYON** by walking across a busy street, blindfolded.

There is a big question in my own mind about the wisdom of refusing help from someone in order to show your faith in **God**. That looks pretty close to tempting **God** to me.

It is one thing to trust our **God** for deliverance from the forces of evil that we must encounter as we pass through life -- but it is an entirely different matter to pray to our **God** to deliver us from something, and then to jump right into it.

FOREVER

The scriptures connect the idea of "**forever more**" with **EL ELYON**. For instance, MELCHISEDEC was the priest of **EL ELYON**. And it was said of him that he had no beginning or ending. (Heb. 7:3).

*Hebrews 7:3, Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither **beginning of days, nor end of life**; but made like unto the Son of God; **abideth a priest continually**. (KJV)*

*Psalm 92:8, But thou, YAHWEH (LORD), EL ELYON (art **Most High**) for evermore. (KJV)*

We also know that **JESUS'** father was **EL ELYON**.

*Luke 1:32, He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of **ELYON** (the Highest): and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: (KJV)*

*Luke 1:35, And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of **ELYON** (the Highest) shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. (KJV)*

ORDER OF MELCHISEDEC

JESUS became a high priest after the order of **MELCHISEDEC**.

*Hebrews 6:20, Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even **Jesus**, made an high priest for ever after the **order** of **MELCHISEDEC**. (KJV)*

FOREVER

Notice that another word was in the scripture. **JESUS** was made a high priest "**forever**" after the order of **MELCHISEDEC**. The idea of "**forever**" is connected with **EL ELYON**, through His priest **MELCHISEDEC**.

You might be pleased to discover how many times the idea of "**forever**" is connected to our **LORD** and **SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST** in the famous **MELCHISEDEC** passages of Hebrews 6:20, 7:3, 7:8, 7:16, 7:21, 7:23, 7:24, 7:25, and 7:28.

CONDEMN THE COUNSEL OF EL ELYON

Those in darkness and in the shadow of **death**, condemn the counsel or advice of **EL ELYON**. If you are in darkness or in shadow of **death** you are going to condemn **EL ELYON**. You are going to condemn His counsel, knowledge, and **nature** because you are ready to die.

*Psalm 107:11, Because they rebelled against the words of **EL (God)**, and contemned the counsel of **EL ELYON** (the **Most High**): (KJV)*

Conversely, every reference to those who overcome the last enemy which is **death** -- is always a reference to paying attention to the counsel of **EL ELYON**. Having knowledge of **EL ELYON** brings you into life and to refuse the counsel of **EL ELYON** will bring you **death**. I believe that those people who pattern their lives after the counsel of **EL ELYON** do have the potential of overcoming the last enemy which is **death**. I believe that those Christians who follow the counsel of **YAHWEH** will die a physical **death** here on this earth and will then go to heaven.

There will be people who hear this message and condemn the counsel of **EL ELYON**. Who are they? They are some Jews, some Roman Catholics, some Bible believing Protestants who are molding their own lives (and the lives of others) after the counsel of their idea or concept of their **God YAHWEH**. Naturally, there may be some agnostics or atheists also. But we're not interested in their opinion. By the way, we cannot promise immortality to those who follow **EL ELYON**.

But we can say that immortality is only for those who do follow the concepts of **EL ELYON**.

Those who follow the concepts of **YAHWEH** will go the way of all flesh. What is their destiny? A heavenly reward! They will have to die and go to heaven. To refuse **EL ELYON** brings **death**. To embrace **EL ELYON** brings life.

WHO IS LUCIFER?

Many people mistakenly think that the Bible says Lucifer is Satan or the devil. Not so! There is no scripture to support that idea.

First, we should address ourselves to the question: who is Lucifer?

*Isaiah 14:14, I (Lucifer) will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the **ELYON** (**Most High**). (KJV)*

Those people who hold to the erroneous idea that Lucifer is Satan should study the margin note in the **AMPLIFIED OLD TESTAMENT** concerning Isaiah 14:14. Quote, "Light bringer" or "Shining one" was originally translated Lucifer, but because of the association of that **name** with Satan it is now not used. Conscientious students agree that the application of the **name** Lucifer to Satan, in spite of the long and confident teaching to that effect is completely erroneous. Nowhere in the Bible is Satan called "Lucifer." (Amplified. Isaiah 14, page 503).

If this present challenge of tradition is too much for you now, just put this on the shelf for a while. If you are still convinced that Lucifer is Satan, then ask yourself why?

Our own study points to the belief that the "spirit of Lucifer" is the same as the "spirit of Adam." Several authors have written booklets on the subject of Lucifer, to show that it is impossible for Lucifer to be Satan or the devil. They all adequately show that it is very possible that Lucifer, meaning "Lightbringer" or "Daystar," or "Firststar," was really Adam.

*John 8:44, Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a **murderer** from the **beginning**, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a **lie**, he speaketh of his own: for he is a **liar**, and the **father** of it. (KJV)*

Lucifer was not a **liar** or a **murder** from the **beginning**. The devil was.

I WILL BE LIKE EL ELYON

Returning to *Isaiah 14:14*.

*Isaiah 14:14, I (Lucifer) will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the **ELYON (Most High)**. (KJV)*

Lucifer said, "I will be like **ELYON (the Most High)**." That does refer to Adam because Adam certainly did want to be like **God**

Genesis 3:5, For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. (KJV)

I cannot find any scripture that indicates that the devil wanted to be like **God**. That idea comes from tradition not the Bible.

Whenever our **God EL ELYON** Himself makes us like **Gods** (Psa. 82:6), then we are on firm ground.

Psalm 82:6, I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High. (KJV)

When we ourselves try to make ourselves like **Gods**, then we look like the fools that we presently are.

Remember this,

Galatians 4:1-2, Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;

2 But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. (KJV)

There is no need to try to manifest yourself. You can't. The Father **EL ELYON** will manifest you to the world as His child at the time that He selects, not your timing.

IT DOESN'T FIT

The King James Translators, along with a large number of other translators, have chosen to render these passages in Lamentations in a manner that is inconsistent with the very many other passages in the Bible. They gave an entirely different concept of our **God ELYON**.

Lamentations 3:31-38, For YAHWEH (the LORD) will not cast off for ever:

32 But though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies.

33 For he doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men.

34 To crush under his feet all the prisoners of the earth,

*35 To turn aside the right of a man before the face of **ELYON** (the **Most High**),*

*36 To subvert a man in his cause, **YAHWEH** (the **LORD**) approveth not.*

*37 Who is he that saith, and it cometh to pass, when **YAHWEH** (the **LORD**) commandeth it not?*

*38 Out of the mouth of **ELYON** (the **Most High**) proceedeth not evil and good? (KJV)*

First, notice that the two words for **God** are used, **YAHWEH** and **ELYON**. The passage was written in Hebrew to show a distinction between the two different **Names of God**. Remember that it was only very recently that translators began to notice the differences.

Secondly, please take note that modern scholars of Hebrew tell us (in the Five Megilloth, Five Scrolls, Song of Solomon, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, and Esther, edited by Rev. Dr. A. Cohen, published by SONCINO PRESS, Hebrew Text and English translation of the Bible with commentary, planned for needs of Jews, helpful to all who desire a fuller knowledge of the Bible) that verses 34-36 are not easy to interpret "in relation to the context." They say, "It would probably be better, following Rashi (a Rabbi), to treat these verses as a continuation of the argument in verse 33."

The meaning of the paragraph would be: ***“YAHWEH (the LORD) doth not see fit to crush men capriciously under foot, or to wrest their rights and treat them unjustly.”***

And to this I heartily agree. But that presents another problem to the translators and that may be the problem to which the Hebrew scholars refer. That is verse 35.

"To turn aside the right of a man before the face of the Most High ELYON."

Following their suggestion we would have to say, ***"YAHWEH (the LORD) does not see fit to crush men capriciously under foot, or to wrest their rights and treat them unjustly BEFORE THE FACE OF ELYON (THE MOST HIGH)."***

No wonder they said it is not easy to interpret in relation to (the) context! It would be impossible for a Jewish scribe to come to that obvious translation. That would indicate that the characteristics of **EL ELYON** will not allow men to be treated capriciously, but that the characteristics of **YAHWEH** would. But we have amply demonstrated that is exactly the case.

GOOD AND EVIL

The scriptures indicate that **YAHWEH** does produce both **good** and **evil**.

For instance,

*Isaiah 45:7, I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I **YAHWEH** (the LORD) do all these things. (KJV)*

And also Amos 3:6,

*Amos 3:6, shall there be evil in a city, and **YAHWEH** (the LORD) hath not done it? (KJV)*

And another place says,

*Deuteronomy 32:36-39, For **YAHWEH** (the LORD) shall judge his people.*

37 And he shall say,

*39 See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no **ELOHIM** (God) with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal. (KJV)*

We now return to the subject scripture.

*Lamentations 3:38, Out of the mouth of **ELYON** (the **Most High**) proceedeth not evil and good? (KJV)*

We have only found one translator who renders Lam. 3:38 in harmony with all the other scriptures. It should read,

*"Out of the mouth of **ELYON** (the **Most High**) proceedeth not **evil** and **good**."*

You may have noticed that K.J.V. (and others) used a question mark at the end of the sentence. We choose a period. What's the difference? The erroneous sense of the K.J.V. is that the mouth of **ELYON** produces both **evil** and **good**. They accomplished this sense by using a question mark. There are no question marks in Hebrew.

We believe that the sentence should end with a period. Thus, the sense is, that the mouth of **ELYON** does **not** produce both **evil** and **good**. The whole rest of the Bible provides us with scriptures that tell us that **EL ELYON** only produces **good** in every situation.

The translator who does agree with us is Robert Young. He is the compiler of **YOUNG'S ANALYTICAL CONCORDANCE**. A few people know that he also published his own translation of the Bible. It is called **YOUNG'S LITERAL TRANSLATION OF THE BIBLE** published by Baker Book House, Grand Rapids Michigan. We do not want to get into an argument as to which translator is best, but we sure do heartily agree with Young in Lamentations 3:38, and we do not agree with the others.

Young translated Lamentations 3:38 as follows.

*"From the mouth of the **MOST HIGH (ELYON)** go not forth the evils and the good,"* and we think that he did it right.

Our conclusion, based on the context and also upon all of the scriptures of the Bible that show a counter distinction between the characteristics of **YAHWEH** and of **EL ELYON**, is that indeed, **YAHWEH** is capable, and does produce **evil** and **good**. On the other hand, **EL ELYON** only produces **good**.

We cannot find any scripture in the whole Bible that attributes **evil** to **ELYON** except this one -- and we conclude the translators were wrong, the Hebrew was

right. We think that the translation of Robert Young is right.

This demonstrates why people with a consciousness of **God** as **YAHWEH** nearly always do believe that “**the end justifies the means.**” That adds light on the question of why the Roman Catholic Church produced the inquisition several hundred years ago. It appears that they thought that stretching people to **death** on the rack was O.K. because the end justified the means. They erroneously thought that, on occasion, evil comes from EL ELYON. But, it doesn’t.

SERVANTS OF EL ELYON

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego! Also, Daniel MELCHISEDEC and **JESUS**! What was the destiny of all six of them? To overcome **death**! These three servants of **EL ELYON** in the furnace could not die! The king said, “You servants of **EL ELYON**, come forth and come hither.” Then Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came forth out of the midst of the fire. Servants of **EL ELYON** are delivered from **death**! **JESUS**, the Son of **EL ELYON** was delivered from **death**. Daniel was delivered from **death** in the lion’s den. All were servants of **EL ELYON**.

*Daniel 3:26, Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, ye servants of **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**). (KJV)*

The Bible told you that you are **ELOHIMS** and the children of **EL ELYON** (Psalm 82:6).

*Psalm 82:6, I have said, Ye are **ELOHIM** (gods); and all of you are children of **ELYON** (the most High). (KJV)*

When you come into an **EL ELYON** consciousness, then the only thing the fire can touch is your binding ropes. The only thing that can hurt you is to refuse the counsel of **EL ELYON**. Every reference to those who are priests or servants of **EL ELYON**, throughout the Bible shows that they all overcome **death** while they maintained the consciousness of **EL ELYON**.

EL ELYON RULES THE KINGDOM OF MEN

The following story in Daniel shows that even Nebuchadnezzar, the King of Babylon (Meads and Persians) was aware that **EL ELYON** sets up the rulers of the nations. He wasn't Jewish, but he knew **EL ELYON** was boss of everything, even the kingdom of Babylon.

*Daniel 4:17, This matter, (Nebuchadnezzar speaking) is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that **EL ELYON** (the **Most High**) ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men. (KJV)*

Even the foreign King came to know that **EL ELYON**, the **Most High God** was the **one** who set him upon the throne.

At times after an election, I do admit that I have questioned if **EL ELYON** did allow the selection of the right man -- because my man lost. But hindsight has

always shown that for one reason or another, **EL ELYON** was in control and He sat His choice in the chair of authority. I conclude that since I don't know the whole script -- I can't be the casting director for the actors.

THE PROPHECY

If I were in politics, I would try to adapt and adjust my own consciousness so that I would always offer love, mercy, and forgiveness -- like **EL ELYON**.

*Daniel 4:24-25, This is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of **EL ELYON** (the **Most High**), which is come upon my lord the king:*

*25 That they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that **EL ELYON** (the **Most High**) ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will. (KJV)*

Verse 17 said **EL ELYON** gave the kingdom to Nebuchadnezzar and in verse 24-25 it said **EL ELYON** took it away.

EL ELYON is in charge of the ballot box. It was **EL ELYON** who took the **Kingdom** (U.S.A.) from peanuts and gave it to jelly beans (President Carter to President Reagan). We always knew it was **God** who selected our President, didn't we? Now you know that it was the **name/nature EL ELYON**. These **name/natures of God** are consistent.

THE FULFILLMENT OF THE PROPHECY

The scriptures in the book of Daniel reconfirm the idea that **EL ELYON** appoints the leaders of the nations.

*Daniel 5:21, And he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses: they fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; till he knew that **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**) ruled in the kingdom of men, and that he appointeth over it whomsoever he will. (KJV)*

*Daniel 4:34, And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine **understanding** returned unto me, and I blessed **EL ELYON** (the **Most High**), and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation: (KJV)*

He received his **understanding** back. When he knew the knowledge of **EL ELYON**, his kingdom was restored.

Also, when a person receives a knowing of **EL ELYON** then the concept of **forever** begins to be an issue. Remember that MELCHISEDEC had **no ending**. He was priest of **EL ELYON**, **forever**. Remember that **JESUS** became a priest **forever** (Hebrew 7:21).

Remember that when Balaam referred to the **knowledge** (and/or understanding) he received, he said it came from **EL ELYON** (Num. 24:16).

GLORY AND HONOUR

King Nebuchadnezzar received glory and honour. (Dan. 5:15 below) But, we are told to seek glory, and honour, and a third thing. (Rom. 2:7 below) We must also seek immortality.

*Daniel 5:18, (Daniel speaking) O thou king, **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**) gave Nebuchadnezzar thy father a kingdom, and majesty, and **glory**, and **honour**: (KJV)*

*Romans 2:7, To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for **glory** and **honour** and immortality, eternal life: (KJV)*

If you are going to seek those three -- 1.) **glory**, 2.) **honor**, and 3.) **immortality**, then remember that they will all come through **EL ELYON**. **Glory** is for the body. **Honor** is for the body. **Immortality** is for the body. They are all through **EL ELYON**.

Physical things are gifts from **EL ELYON**. That is because **EL ELYON** is **God** of heaven, and also **EL ELYON** is **God** of the physical temporal **earth**.

TAKE AND POSSESS FOREVER

Forever and **ever** is a long, long time. A person would have to become **immortal** to do that. Those immortal people will have a consciousness of **God** as **EL ELYON**. They are called **saints** of **EL ELYON**.

*Daniel 7:18 , But the saints of **EL ELYON** (the **Most High**) shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever. (KJV)*

This indicates that the kings and priests (Revelation 5:10) who will rule and reign **forever** are going to have a **God** consciousness of **EL ELYON**.

*Revelation 5:10, And hast made us unto our God **kings** and priests: and we shall **reign** on the **earth**. (KJV)*

Kings and priests of **EL ELYON** will grant love, mercy, and forgiveness. They will not make decisions based on law, judgment, condemnation, punishment, and **death**. They will bring love, light, forgiveness, freedom, and life. They will be Priests of **EL ELYON**, **forever**.

SAINTS POSSESSED THE KINGDOM

Who are the saints of **EL ELYON**? “Ye are **ELOHIM**, and the sons (children) of **EL ELYON**.” We believe that you have the chance to become a saint of **EL ELYON**. The book of Hebrews indicates that you have a chance to become a priest of **EL ELYON**, as **JESUS** did, by overcoming the **last** enemy, **death**. These promises in the book of Daniel are for that **last** generation of Christians that shall overcome the **last** enemy, **death**.

*Daniel 7:22, Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of **EL ELYON** (the **Most High**); and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom. (KJV)*

The judgment they shall offer in every situation is love, light, forgiveness, freedom, and life. With these qualities, they shall reign **forever**.

NOT WITHOUT A FIGHT

Saints of EL ELYON will be worn out for 3 1/2 periods of time. It should be mentioned that 3 1/2 periods of time appears very often in the books of prophecy in the Bible.

*Daniel 7:25, And he (the 11th horn that shall subdue 3 kings) shall speak great words against **EL ELYON** (the **Most High**), and shall wear out the saints of **EL ELYON** (the **Most High**), and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. (KJV)*

Bible students interpret the section to be 3 1/2 units of time (time and times and the dividing of time).

This indicates that it is the will of **EL ELYON**, the **Most High God**, that all of His own saints will be under the control of ungodly governments for 3 1/2 periods of time. We do wish that we knew what those periods of time represent. Some students think that those periods of time are years. Others think they are centuries. Others think that they are multiples of Bible numbers like 7, or 12, or 19, or 21, or the like. There are Bible patterns that would support each idea. Take your choice.

A NEW RELIGION

I believe that the next move of **God** is going to set up a new religion. The new religion will actually take over the kingdoms of this earth. All dominions will serve the MELCHISEDEC Priesthood Order under **EL ELYON**.

*Daniel 7:27, And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of **EL ELYON** (the*

***Most High**), whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him. (KJV)*

As you can readily see, this teaching is threatening to the **political** leaders of today's governments of the world. It is also threatening to the **religious** leaders. I don't expect either group to help spread this message. All dominions, all societies, all governments, all corporate and private industry will serve **EL ELYON**. We will stop wars. We will operate in love -- meeting peoples needs. Our concept of **God** is going to change and the whole world is going to come into this concept.

We will apply the spirit of the laws of **YAHWEH** only to ourselves. We will apply the spirit of the grace message of **JESUS** to everyone else.

The Bible prophesies that this new religion, made up of the saints of **EL ELYON**, shall be victorious over every obstacle.

That's the kind of prophecy I like.

DANIEL LIVED IN BABYLON, NOT ISRAEL

Now that we have come to the end of the book of Daniel I would like to make a general observation. Perhaps you noticed that the great Hebrew prophet Daniel, along with all the other **God** fearing Hebrews, did worship **EL ELYON**. Maybe you noticed that they did not worship **YAHWEH**. They broke **YAHWEH**'s laws. Some people ask, "How did they break the laws of **God**." By not keeping the sacrifices. By not keeping the feasts, etc. Why didn't they keep **YAHWEH**'s laws?

They were in captivity to another nation (Babylon) where they couldn't keep **YAHWEH's** laws.

Their consciousness of **God** changed from **YAHWEH**, because circumstances of life in slavery to a foreign government made it impossible to please **YAHWEH**. Their new **God** consciousness was **EL ELYON**. Even in captivity, they could please **EL ELYON**.

Many modern people have felt condemned because the circumstances in their life prevented them from doing the things that the church told them to do. It was probably like that back in Babylon.

We see here that the highest order of life, given by the **Most High God, EL ELYON**, takes the circumstances of life over which we have no control into account, and then gives us a higher order of law, based on **love**.

I don't think Daniel felt condemned for not obeying **YAHWEH**. Do you?

BIG GOOF UPS

Moving on from Daniel, we now observe **EL ELYON** in the prophetic book of Hosea. The prophecy says that Israel would trust in the strength of Egypt rather than return to the **Most High God EL ELYON**.

*Hosea 7:16, They return, but not to **EL ELYON** (the **Most High**): they are like a deceitful bow: their princes shall fall by the sword for the rage of their tongue: this shall be their derision in the land of Egypt. (KJV)*

They were a bunch of goof-ups. This refers to Ephraim (v 11). Sometimes the word Ephraim means the northern 10 tribes of Israel, not including the southern two tribes. This idea comes from the fact that Jereboam was an Ephraimite and he became the leader of the northern 10 tribes when they seceded from the union at the time of the **death** of Solomom.

That could contribute to the reason that very few people have ever heard about the nation of Ephraim. Now, Ephraim doesn't amount to a hill of beans, as far as being a nation. Ephraim was completely destroyed.

WALK THE WALK AND TALK THE TALK

We were called to a consciousness of **EL ELYON**, the **Most High God**, by the examples and teachings of love, light, forgiveness, freedom, and life that **JESUS** gave us.

*Hosea 11:7, And my people are bent to backsliding from me: though they called them to **EL ELYON** (the **Most High**), none at all would exalt him. (KJV)*

Perhaps our own religious community may still be feeling the effects of the prophecy of Hosea. We have erroneously elected to trust in governments of nations. We have erroneously elected to conduct our church lives by the consciousness of **YAHWEH** with law, judgment, condemnation, punishment, and **death**. We are a bunch of religious goof-ups. There are indications that the

believers/receivers will return to **EL ELYON**. And soon, we hope.

BALAAM KNEW THREE NAMES

Balaam was hired to curse Israel, not bless the nation of Israel. Israel was on the way out of Egypt headed toward the Promised Land. **YAHWEH** had only very recently appeared to Moses. No one had ever heard of **YAHWEH** before that. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, etc. had known **God** as **SHADDAI** all their lives, but they never heard of **YAHWEH**, and neither did Balaam.

*Numbers 24:16, He hath said, which heard the words of **EL (God)**, and knew the knowledge of **ELYON (the Most High)**, which saw the vision of **SHADDAI (the Almighty)**, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open: (KJV)*

Balaam used three different Hebrew words for our **one God**.

1. EL

2. ELYON

3. SHADDAI

One of the first logical questions we could ask is, "Where is **YAHWEH**?" When Balaam listed his knowledge of the **Names of God**, why did he **not** include **YAHWEH**?

The answer is poignant; sharp, piercing, keen, very moving, incisive, penetrating, and striking.

Balaam never knew **YAHWEH**!

YAHWEH MISSING

God introduced Himself with a new **name/nature** to Moses while He was leading the people of Israel out of Egypt. His new **name/nature** was **YAHWEH**. Before that, all of Israel had only known our **God** as **SHADDAI**, the **God** of provision (milk), having large breasts, loving, caring, feminine, and giving instructions for individual circumstances. **SHADDAI** did not issue **laws** for our future conduct, as did **YAHWEH**, later.

It was necessary to have a new consciousness of our **God**, so **God** introduced a new **name/nature**, **YAHWEH**. Moses' new consciousness of our **God** had to change to a **God** of might, power, victory, hosts, armies, organization, law, judgment, condemnation, punishment, **death**. We received a **new** consciousness of the masculine **name/nature** our **God YAHWEH**.

Remember that all of this occurred while the nation of Israel was leaving Egypt. Balaam never heard anything about it. **YAHWEH** became Israel's **God**. Balaam never knew anything about the new **name/nature** of the **God** of Israel, but Balaam did know a lot about the **God** of Abraham.

Lets review the scripture for a moment.

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Exodus 6:1-3, Then the LORD said unto Moses, Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh: for with a strong hand shall he let them go, and with a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land.

*2 And **ELOHIM (God)** spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am **YAHWEH** (the LORD):*

*3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the **name** of **EL SHADDAI (God Almighty)**, but by my **name YAHWEH (JEHOVAH)** was I not known to them. (KJV)*

The plain sense of the passage precludes the use of the word **YAHWEH** before that event. Unfortunately, the Jewish scribes did insert the word **YAHWEH** into Bible passages that do precede that event, but modern scholarship is identifying those corruptions.

Balaam never knew **YAHWEH!**

That's why I said the answer was poignant.

Now let's see if we can discover some different perceptions of the different **name/natures** of our **God**, that were held by Balaam.

Balaam said that you **hear** words from **EL**.

You know **knowledge** from **EL ELYON**.

You have **visions (dreams)** from **EL SHADDAI**.

In other words, Balaam was listing the methods of communication that were used by the various **name/natures** of our **God**. To an amazing extent, the

whole Bible follows this pattern. It is **not** that our **God** is limited to this pattern. He can do anything He wants, but He generally follows the pattern to a surprising degree.

DOCTOR WELLMAN, CALL SURGERY

If you need surgery, pray to **YAHWEH**. The surgeon's scalpel is the destroyer, the remover. A surgeon never cured anybody, never healed anybody. They always remove the offense, then **YAHWEH** brings the healing.

YAHWEH said,

Deuteronomy 32:39, I wound, and I heal. (KJV)

A student asked if it would be proper to pray to **EL ELYON** to keep a person from having to go through surgery. Given my present understanding, I would try every form of prayer I know. I would do anything I could to avoid surgery. Nonetheless, if I still hurt after doing all the things I knew to do, I would submit to surgery because I have studied enough about the two different forms of healing, i.e., *dunamis* and *therapeuo*. I know that *therapeuo* (surgery) is a **God** given gift. If I got into that shape I would first ask **YAHWEH** to please heal me.

PRONOUNCE RIGHT?

Some students seem to be afraid that they will have to pronounce these words. Let me tell you something. You don't have to pronounce these words. There is no magic in pronouncing. It is the **name/nature** that counts. I want you to know the **name/nature** of the **God** of heaven and earth. If you can say His **name EL ELYON**, that's good. If you can't, that's O.K. I don't

pronounce it exactly right. The reason for that is, I am pronouncing it the transliterated way with English letters.

I happen to believe that if I was in Brazil and if I called out to **EL SENOR**, then **JESUS** would answer. Senor is LORD in Portuguese. I've been to Brazil and discovered that I don't pronounce EL SENOR exactly right, but that's O.K. I don't think it has to do with pronunciation of words. I think it has to do with understanding of, and living out, the **name/natures**.

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THREE WAYS GOD COMMUNICATES WITH US

Balaam did not have knowledge of the **Most High (EL ELYON)**; he received knowledge from the **Most High (EL ELYON)**, like the **NIV** says.

Balaam did not receive visions of the **Almighty (EL SHADDAI)**; he received visions from the **Almighty (EL SHADDAI)**, as the **NIV** says.

KING JAMES VERSION

*Numbers 24:16, He hath said, which heard the words of **EL (God)**, and knew the knowledge of **EL ELYON (the Most High)**, which saw the vision of **EL SHADDAI (the Almighty)**, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open: (KJV)*

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NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

*Numbers 24:16, the oracle of one who hears the words of **EL (God)**,*

*who has knowledge from **EL ELYON** (the **Most High**),*

*who sees a vision from **EL SHADDAI** (the **Almighty**),*

*who falls prostrate, and whose eyes are opened:
(NIV)*

The NIV quoted above seems to reflect the meaning of the passage better than the KJV. Whereas the KJV uses the word “**of**” to connect the **name/nature** of **God** with an attribute, the NIV uses the word “**from**” to do the same. The NIV makes more sense.

Hear **EL(OHIM)**.

You **hear** the words of **EL**.

We must insert a fact here. Most scholars say that the word **EL** can stand alone as a **Name of God**. It is also used as an abbreviation for the various other **Names of God**. Most often it stands for **ELOHIM**, the creator **God**. We believe it.

1.) We hear the voice of **EL(OHIM)**.

2.) Knowing about spiritual and temporal things comes from **EL ELYON**.

3.) Visions and dreams come to us from **EL SHADDAI**.

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GOD SPEAKS THE WORD

Concerning the fact that we **hear** from **EL(OHIM)**, remember that **ELOHIM** **spoke** words to create things.

*Genesis 1:3, And **ELOHIM** (**God**) **said**, Let there be light: and there was light. (KJV)*

*John 1:1-3, In the beginning was the **Word**, and the **Word** was with **God**, and the **Word** was **God**.*

*2 The same was in the beginning with **God**.*

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. (KJV)

When you **study** the **Word of God** and/or when you **hear** an articulate **Word** from our **God** in your ear (like a prophet sometimes does) then you are moving in the consciousness of **ELOHIM**, the creator. The instructions that you receive are usually creative.

KNOWLEDGE IS FROM EL ELYON

Balaam indicated that he knew the difference between the ways the different **name/natures** of **God** communicate with us when he said he knew the **knowledge** from **EL ELYON**. Did you ever have a knowing? You knew that you knew, but you could not explain how you knew. When that knowing is genuinely from the **Holy Spirit** (and not just your own **soul** wishing) then that knowing is from **EL ELYON**, the possessor of heaven and earth, the **Most High God**.

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King Nebuchadnezzar seemed to understand that **knowing** comes from **EL ELYON**, the **Most High God**. He said,

*Daniel 4:34, mine understanding (**knowing**) returned unto me, and I blessed **ELYON** (the **Most High**). (KJV)*

Some people say that the **Most High** method of direction is an inner knowing.

Others say to follow your inner peace.

I believe that they are all saying very nearly the same thing.

Personally, I would rather be led by an inner **knowing** of right or wrong from **EL ELYON** by the **Holy Spirit**. A word from a preacher (prophet) or a dream or a vision, all have their place. I'm not saying that I reject them.

VISIONS AND DREAMS FROM EL SHADDAI

There are times when the pressures of life, cares of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches all crowd in to confuse our minds. Often, we just don't know.

DREAMS FOR JOSEPH

Can you imagine how confused Joseph, the husband of Mary must have been. I'll bet that he couldn't trust any of his thoughts. Talk about pressures of life and cares of the world -- he had them. So, look how good our **God** was to Joseph. Our **God** bypassed the mind of Joseph and communicated to him in a dream, several times. It's a good thing He did, because I don't believe that Joseph

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would have taken care of Mary and **JESUS** as he did, without the supernatural direction he received in dreams.

*Matthew 1:20, But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a **dream**, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the **Holy Ghost**. (KJV)*

*Matthew 2:13, And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the LORD appeareth to Joseph in a **dream**, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. (KJV)*

*Matthew 2:19-20, But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the LORD appeareth in a **dream** to Joseph in Egypt,*

20 Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life. (KJV)

NEED DIRECTION?

When you are so confused that you could scream -- you need a **vision** or a **dream** from **EL SHADDAI**. Our studies reveal that **visions** and **dreams** are very much the same, except as to when they occur. However, prophets are given to **visions** and most other people usually have **dreams** rather than **visions**.

VISIONS ARE FROM EL SHADDAI

Balaam said that he received **visions** (and **dreams**) from **EL SHADDAI**, the loving, caring **God** of provision.

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Visions/dreams come to us like a **mother's** voice of warning or direction. They often direct us to do things that we normally would not do.

YAHWEH MISSING

Balaam did not mention **YAHWEH** when he enumerated different ways **God** communicates with us and connected each method of communication with a specific **name/nature** of the **Godhead**. He never knew **YAHWEH**. Balaam couldn't talk about the Old Testament Bible, the word of **God**. He didn't know about the Pentateuch. He did not refer to the 613 **TSAVA** laws that **YAHWEH** gave to Moses. Balaam didn't even know the 10 commandments.

A prophet? Yes!

A prophet of Israel? No!

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Q. I have never noticed that Balaam did not pray to **YAHWEH**. How do you explain that?

A. Balaam was a prophet of **God** and had supernatural powers. But he was not a prophet of Israel. He was hired to curse Israel as they passed through the wilderness from Egypt to the Promised Land. Balaam said that he 1.) **Heard** from **EL(OHIM)** and 2.) secondly, that he **knew knowledge** from **EL ELYON** and also 3.) thirdly, that he had **visions** from **EL SHADDAI** (Num. 24:16). A very noticeable thing is that Balaam never mentioned **YAHWEH**. The best answer I have found to the question of why, is that only

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a few years before Moses would have not prayed to **YAHWEH** either.

Q. Wasn't Moses a prophet of **YAHWEH**? Why wouldn't Moses pray to **YAHWEH**?

A. Moses never heard of **YAHWEH** a few years before. **ELOHIM** did not appear to Moses as **YAHWEH** until about the time to lead Israel out of Egypt (Ex. 6:2-3).

*Exodus 6:2-3, And **ELOHIM** (God) spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am **YAHWEH** (the LORD):*

*3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the **name** of **EL SHADDAI** (God Almighty), but by my **name** **YAHWEH** (JEHOVAH) was I not known to them. (KJV)*

No one ever heard of **YAHWEH** before that time. Balaam never heard of **God** as **YAHWEH** either. Besides, **YAHWEH** was the **God** of Israel, not other nations, and Balaam wasn't from Israel.

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NEW TESTAMENT

Now we will study the references to **EL ELYON** that we can find in the **New** Testament.

It is **not** quite as easy to find **EL ELYON** in the **New** Testament as it was in the **Old** Testament. The change in language from Greek into English is one problem. **EL ELYON** is a Hebrew word that must transfer between three languages. That's another problem. It was a lot easier to trace **EL ELYON** in the O.T. because **EL ELYON** only transferred between two languages, and because most of the work was already completed by competent and trusted authors and editors.

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TWO OR THREE LANGUAGES?

One school of thought says that Aramaic was the original language of the **New** Testament. That school holds that the N.T. was first translated from Aramaic into Greek and then into English. We are **not** taking sides in that argument, but the thought and the possibility need to be presented here for completeness. If that is right, it helps us to see another reason that so very many difficulties have crept into the translations of our Bibles.

STRONG'S CONCORDANCE listed all of the **Old** Testament references to **EL ELYON**, one right after the other, under headings of **God**, **Most High** and **Most High God**.

When the **New** Testament uses the words “**Most High God**” it is obvious that the reference is to **EL ELYON**. That’s not the end of our problem. In the **New** Testament we must observe the context to see if the words “**Highest**” and “**Most High**” refer to **God** or if they refer to someone else.

In every case, I found it was easy to spot the instance where “**Highest**” and/or “**Most High**” do refer to **EL ELYON**. It was also easy to spot the instance where “**Highest**” and/or “**Most High**” do not refer to God.

EL ELYON OR ELYON?

You may have this question, “Why do you sometimes write ‘**EL ELYON**’ and other times write ‘**ELYON**’ leaving the prefix ‘**EL**’ off?” Because sometimes the quoted N.T. scripture refers to the **Highest God** or **Most**

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High God, both of which mean **EL ELYON**. Other times the N.T. just uses the words “**Highest**” or “**Most High**,” leaving the word “**God**” off. That’s when we use the word “**ELYON**,” leaving the prefix “**EL**” off.

The N.T. word “**God**” from the Greek word “**Theos**” associates mostly with the O.T. Hebrew word “**ELOHIM**,” (creator), not with “**EL ELYON**” (**Most High God**).

POET’S LICENSE

Many years ago I asked my English teacher why some poems contained words with changed, misspelled, and sometimes unfamiliar endings. She replied, "Poet’s License."

The idea was that poets can change things to make them fit. They are **not** bound by all the laws of English grammar. As I recall, I told her that she should grant me a “Special License” too, so I could also misspell words - - but it didn’t work.

I need to have something like "Author’s License" right now, because I have elected to present Luke first, before Matthew, Mark and John.

My reason is that Luke uses the words **Most High God**, (**EL ELYON**) in ways that show our point more directly, quickly, and easily than do the others. Matthew, Mark, and John do fit the pattern perfectly. The pattern is easier to see in Luke.

So, with your kind indulgence, I’ll present the most obvious parts first.

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SON OF EL ELYON (GOD)

*Luke 1:32, He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of **ELYON** (the **Highest**): and **YAHWEH ELOHIM** (the **LORD God**) shall give unto him the throne of his father David: (KJV)*

WHOSE SON?

Nowhere can we find that **JESUS** was the Son of **YAHWEH**, the **God** of Israel. The erroneous idea that **JESUS** was the son of **YAHWEH** has been embraced by a few writers in the past. They are writers who wrote mainly about **YAHWEH**. Now, this work takes all of the different **Names of God** into account and shows that **JESUS** was **not** the son of **YAHWEH**; **JESUS** is the son of **EL ELYON**.

Later we will make much of this distinction because it answers the question of why the religious Jews acted one way, and why **JESUS** acted in an opposite way.

Returning our attention to Luke 1:32 above. If **EL ELYON** the **Most High God** (rather than **ELOHIM** the **Creator God**) would have given the throne to **JESUS**, then the patterns would indicate that **JESUS** should have received a physical, temporal, earthly kingdom. He would have received a kingdom like **EL ELYON** gave to the Kings in Daniel, and like **EL ELYON** gave the temporal things to Abraham. We know that **JESUS** did **not** receive an **earthly** kingdom. Here we notice that the throne was **not** given to **JESUS** by **EL ELYON**; it was given by **ELOHIM**. **JESUS** told us that **ELOHIM** was a **spirit**.

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*John 4:24, **ELOHIM** (God) is a **Spirit**: and they that worship him must worship him in **spirit**. (KJV)*

So **JESUS**, at that time, received a **spiritual ELOHIM** type of kingdom, **not** a **physical EL ELYON** type of kingdom.

Our LORD and Savior **JESUS CHRIST** is the Son of **EL ELYON**, the **God** of all nations, **not** just Israel. The correct use of the **names/natures** of the **Godhead** in the N.T. demonstrates that **JESUS** is for every person in every nation, not just the Jews in Israel.

JESUS' Father is **EL ELYON**, the possessor of earth. **JESUS** is for every person in the earth. His message bridges from spirit to flesh (earth).

THE VIRGIN MARY RECEIVED DUNAMIS (DYNAMITE) POWER FROM EL ELYON

*Luke 1:35, And the angel answered and said unto her, The **Holy Ghost** shall come upon thee, and the power of **ELYON** (the **Highest**) shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of **ELOHIM** (God). (KJV)*

Procreation in the physical realm was through the (**dunamis**) power of **EL ELYON**.

Copious notes are in **Chapter 14, YAHWEH FAMILY** on the fact that **EL ELYON** is the Father of **JESUS**, not **YAHWEH**. Check it out.

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JOHN THE BAPTIST PROPHET OF BOTH

In Luke 1:76 John the Baptist was referred to as the prophet of **EL ELYON**.

*Luke 1:76, And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of **ELYON** (the **Highest**): for thou shalt go before the face of the LORD to prepare his ways; (KJV)*

John's relationship to his cousin **JESUS** was very confusing. At one time John said concerning **JESUS**, "Behold the lamb of **God**!" A testimony like that could only have come from the concept of **God** as **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**). **ELYON** gave that testimony to John the Baptist.

However, later on things changed. John must have overheard a lot of talk about **JESUS** breaking the laws of **YAHWEH**. Also, John knew that **JESUS** did eat with publicans and sinners. **JESUS** was known as a wine bibler and a friend of sinners. Those facts don't sit well with people who exclusively embrace only the law of **YAHWEH**.

After **JESUS** healed the servant of the Roman centurion (**not** even a Jew) it probably prompted John to ask about **JESUS**.

*Luke 7:19, And John calling unto him two of his disciples sent them to **JESUS**, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another? (KJV)*

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This question was asked because John's concept of **God** as **YAHWEH** was then leading John back to rules and laws. **JESUS** told us that John was the greatest of the O.T. prophets.

*Matthew 11:11, Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath **not** risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. (KJV)*

Most O.T. prophets were prophets of **YAHWEH**, and John was in that group of O.T. prophets who served **YAHWEH**.

Now we see how the life of John the Baptist fulfilled the prophecy of Zacharias when he said:

*Luke 1:76, And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of **ELYON** (the **Highest**): for thou shalt go before the face of the LORD to prepare his ways; (KJV)*

John served two **name/natures** of the **Godhead**, **YAHWEH** and **EL ELYON**. Because of that, John was mightily confused.

DAYSPRING FROM EL ELYON

*Luke 1:78, Through the tender mercy of **ELOHIM** (our **God**); whereby the dayspring from **ELYON** (on **High**) hath visited us, (KJV)*

JESUS is the dayspring (also translated **east**) from **EL ELYON**.

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CHILDREN OF EL ELYON

*Luke 6:35, But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of **ELYON** (the **Highest**): for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil. (KJV)*

This reminds us that **EL ELYON** is the **God** of love, mercy, and forgiveness. Is it possible for humans to be children of **EL ELYON**? Here is one answer.

*Psalm 82:6, I have said, Ye are **ELOHIM** (gods); and all of you are children of **ELYON** (the **Most High**). (KJV)*

Connecting the thought in Luke 1:78, about **JESUS** becoming the “**dayspring**” from **EL ELYON**, with the thought in Luke 6:35 about believers/receivers becoming the “children of **EL ELYON**,” it looks like the manifest sons of **God** shall be a part of the “**Dayspring Company**.”

THE DUNAMIS POWER FROM EL ELYON IS FOR US, TOO.

*Luke 24:49, And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with **power** from **ELYON** (on **High**). (KJV)*

The **Holy Ghost** came upon the **souls/minds** of the Apostles. Contradistinctively, the cloven tongues as of fire from **EL ELYON** came upon their **bodies**. The

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dunamis power of **EL ELYON** was manifest by the cloven tongues of fire.

Acts 2:3-4, And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. (KJV)

We had better repeat that the **Holy Ghost** always makes entry into the **soul/mind** of mankind. We should also note that **EL ELYON** mostly shows interest in the **body** of mankind -- even though **EL ELYON** is the **God** of heaven and also of earth.

Presently, Pentecostals show by their experiences that they know a lot about the **Holy Ghost** coming upon their **souls/minds**. Another group shall become manifest. Soon, we think. They will show by their experiences that they have moved into receiving the energy of **EL ELYON** in their physical bodies.

Now we shall look at a few scriptures from the other gospels that are definite N.T. references to **EL ELYON** of the O.T.

THE HIGHEST ORDER

A very complicated, but specifically different use of the various **Names of God** appears in the story of the Gaderine demoniac in Mark 5:1-19.

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Mark 5:7, And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, JESUS, thou Son of EL ELYON (the Most High God)? I adjure thee by ELOHIM (God), that thou torment me not. (KJV)

Here we should note the differences between the **name/natures** of **ELOHIM** and **EL ELYON**.

The demon had been created by **ELOHIM** the creator. The **God** consciousness of the demon was from **ELOHIM**. We must realize that the demon was doing what the demon was created to do. The demon was destroying things.

WHO CREATED THE DEVIL AND EVIL?

Did you know that **God** created the devil? And He created the demons!

God bosses the devil in Job 1:12 and 2:6.

Job 1:12, And YAHWEH (the LORD) said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of YAHWEH (the LORD). (KJV)

Job 2:6, And YAHWEH (the LORD) said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life. (KJV)

YAHWEH and Satan never engaged in a fight as I was erroneously taught in Sunday School. On the contrary, Satan always did everything that **YAHWEH** told him to do. **YAHWEH** is the only name/nature of the Godhead who speaks with Satan in the O.T.

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*Isaiah 45:7, I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I **YAHWEH** (the LORD) do all these things. (KJV)*

*Deuteronomy 32:39, See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no **ELOHIM** (god) with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand. (KJV)*

*Amos 3:6, Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and **YAHWEH** (the LORD) hath not done it? (KJV)*

Even though the concept that the **Godhead** did create evil is foreign from the thinking of many Christians, it is **not** foreign to the **Bible**. Children of **EL ELYON** must understand the reason for creation of all things, and especially the creation of demons, in this case.

SATAN IS THE DEVIL

The news about Satan isn't all bad. In the first place JESUS overcame him.

Luke 10:18, And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. (KJV)

But Satan has resumed his activities.

Satan's purpose is to bruise our heels. Our purpose is to bruise his head.

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*Genesis 3:15, And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy **head**, and thou shalt bruise his **heel**. (KJV)*

A head wound is more serious than a heel wound. But, why our heel? The heel is the location of your Achilles heel, Achilles tendon. That is your weak spot. Satan attacks you in your weak spot. Now that you realize that, you can put Satan's attacks to your own good use. Satan will not attack you where you are strong. Now you can identify your weak spot.

There is no need to exercise your arm if your leg is your problem. Satan attacks with fear, or destruction of something of value, like love, health, wealth, acceptance, etc. Strengthen up the spot of the last attack. You can use Satan's attacks as indicators of where you need to build better defenses. You will be stronger because of Satan's attacks.

Chances are that you would just let well enough alone without Satan's attacks. Now that you know, you're going to turn the tables on Satan and pretty soon you'll be like Superman (or Superwoman). Yes. Satan is your enemy. You will find that he is the enemy of your soul.

James 4:7, Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (KJV)

To resist is to apply pressure against. That's what we call exercise. So the attack of the devil will result in your exercise, resistance. Then you'll be stronger. After a couple more tries the devil will flee from you.

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There are copious notes about the fact that he demon was created by YAHWEH. See **YAHWEH MADE THE LAW, Chapter 13.**

DEMON CREATED BY ELOHIM

The demon was created by **ELOHIM**. When **YAHWEH** and **EL SHADDAI** are in concert they are **ELOHIM**. **JESUS** was the son of **EL ELYON** (created by **EL ELYON**). The demon implied that he was doing the business that he was created to do (destroying things) and he should be left alone because he was created by the **Godhead**. The nervy demon adjured **JESUS** in the **name/nature** of **ELOHIM** -- to leave him alone. Adjure means to set a limit upon. The insolent demon called upon a **name/nature** of the **Godhead** to place a limit upon **JESUS**. **JESUS** showed that the business of **EL ELYON** was a **higher order** than was the business of **ELOHIM**. When the command from the **Highest** order came from **EL ELYON** through **JESUS CHRIST**, the demons obeyed, jumped into the pigs, and drowned in the lake.

The story of the Gaderine was presented in Chapter 21, **EL ELYON**. Check it out.

A SAILOR'S ALLEGORY

When I was in the navy I noticed that when the Admiral of the fleet spoke, the Captain of the ship immediately responded. Looking at this as an allegory of the Gaderine story, the Admiral is symbolic of **EL ELYON** and His Son **JESUS CHRIST**. The ship Captain is a symbol for **ELOHIM**. The demons answered to the Captain of the ship, like we sailors used to work like demons on the ship. We never say the ship Captain is

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lower than the Admiral. The Admiral is the **Most High**. When the Admiral comes on board, every body “snaps to.”

We are always careful to say and to think that **EL ELYON** is the **Most High God** within the **name/natures** of the **Godhead**. We must never say or think that **ELOHIM** is a lesser **name/nature** in the **Godhead** than is **EL ELYON**. Our minds, which have been trained in Greek philosophy, have a hard time relating to the idea we should always make **God** bigger - - **not** smaller. You will eventually master that new spiritual way to think. You will learn to magnify, **not** to diminish.

We now move on to study the rest of the N.T.

EL ELYON IS NOT IN TEMPLES

*Acts 7:48, Howbeit **ELYON** (the **Most High**) dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet, (KJV)*

EL ELYON is just too big for any geographical locations.

SERVANTS OF EL ELYON

*Acts 16:17, The same (spirit possessed damsel) followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**), which shew unto us the way of salvation. (KJV)*

The woman who said that Paul was a servant of **EL ELYON** was possessed by a demon. Remember that the Gaderean Demoniac was also possessed by many

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demons. He testified that **JESUS** was the son of **EL ELYON**. Now, notice that in both stories, the person possessed by demons (either the man or the woman) acknowledged that the person they met was a servant/son of **EL ELYON**. What does this mean?

We can conclude that demons are quick to recognize a **higher** power in the **Godhead**. We can also interpolate that it is a lot better to have a good relationship with the **name/nature** of **EL ELYON** if you are going to try your hand at exorcism (casting out) of demons.

KEEP YOUR PANTS ON

Here is a story about some guys who tried exorcism without being a servant/son of **EL ELYON**. Better study this if you want to keep your pants on.

*Acts 19:13-16, Then certain of the vagabond Jews, **exorcists**, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the **name** of the LORD **JESUS**, saying, We adjure you by **JESUS** whom Paul preacheth.*

14 And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so.

*15 And the evil spirit answered and said, **JESUS** I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?*

*16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and **wounded**. (KJV)*

JESUS ASCENDED TO EL ELYON

*Ephesians 4:8, Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up (to) **ELYON** (on **High**). (KJV)*

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JESUS CHRIST did **not** ascend to **YAHWEH** the **God** of Israel. He did ascend to His father, **EL ELYON**, the **God** of the nations.

JESUS SITS AT THE RIGHT HAND OF EL ELYON.

*Hebrews 1:3, Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty **ELYON** (on **High**); (KJV)*

In Heb. 1:3 and Eph. 4:8 the Bible confirms that when **JESUS CHRIST** went back to heaven He sat down at the right hand of His father, **EL ELYON**, **not YAHWEH**.

What did **YAHWEH** father? **YAHWEH** is the Father of Judaism, Roman Catholicism, and Protestantism. **YAHWEH** is the Father of head/brain (soul) things, ideologies, fanatical movements of all kinds.

PRIEST OF EL ELYON

*Hebrews 7:1, For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**). (KJV)*

In Hebrews chapter 7, the Bible says that **JESUS CHRIST** is our priest after the order of Melchisedec who is the priest of **EL ELYON**. **JESUS** became the pattern Son overcoming the last enemy which is **death**. **JESUS CHRIST** died once for every man. Therefore, we now see a pattern established. In order to achieve this goal of endless life in the physical **body**, it must be through a new consciousness of the **name/nature** of **EL**

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ELYON. New consciousness means new additional knowledge. Remember Numbers 24:16 indicated receiving knowledge is from **EL ELYON**. See Chapter 23.

KNOWLEDGE FROM EL ELYON

To know knowledge **from** (of) **EL ELYON**, like **JESUS CHRIST** did, like Melchisedec did, like Shadrach, Meschak and Abednego did, produces endless life in the **body**. Each of these stories just quoted, gave examples of overcoming **death**.

*Numbers 24:16, He hath said, which heard the words **from** (of) **EL (God)**, and knew the knowledge **from** (of) **EL ELYON (the Most High)**, which saw the vision **from** (of) **EL SHADDAI (the Almighty)**, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open. (KJV)*

A NEW RELIGION

In order to establish **body** salvation, **God** is establishing a new religion. **God** started harvesting the products of this new religion in 1753 A.D. when people began to first notice there was a difference in the scriptures between the **Names of God**:

- 1.) **YAHWEH** and
- 2.) **EL ELYON (the Most High God)**.

See Chapter _____ .

The concept of the differences has expanded over the last two centuries. We now must address the question, "Is this the time for the manifestation of the sons of **God**?"

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Romans 8:19, For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. (KJV)

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EL ELYON OR YAHWEH?

According to Colossians 2:9-10, all the fullness of the **Godhead** is seen in **CHRIST**.

*Colossians 2:9-11, For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the **Godhead** bodily.*

10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

*11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of **CHRIST**: (KJV)*

In other words, **JESUS CHRIST** personified the attributes, consciousness, and concepts of all the **names/natures** of the **Godhead**, which must include **YAHWEH**.

We are admonished,

*Ephesians 4:13, Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of **God**, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of **CHRIST**: (KJV)*

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Our goal is to come into the same total awareness of the **Godhead** that **JESUS** had. But we won't have that experience if we delete the **name/nature** of the **Godhead** known as **YAHWEH** from our consciousness.

WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?

What then could be our problem in our understanding of **YAHWEH**? Could it be that this negative feeling stems from being exposed to an almost exclusively **YAHWEHISTIC** concept of **God** with 613 laws given to Moses? That idea produced the foundation of most present laws, order of conduct, and denominations.

In Hebrews 7:12 we are told that with the change of the priesthood there is of necessity a **change** also of the **law**.

*Hebrews 7:12, For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a **change** also of the **law**. (KJV)*

JESUS, in His total awareness of **God**, didn't move in the **letter** of the law, as the Aaronic priesthood did, but He conducted His dealings with others by the **spirit** of the law, which is grace. The scripture tells us that the **spirit** (of the law) gives **life** (II Cor. 3:6).

*2 Corinthians 3:6, Who also hath made us able ministers of the **new** testament; not of the **letter**, but of the **spirit**: for the **letter** killeth, but the **spirit** giveth life. (KJV)*

JESUS was **not** after the order of Aaron who ministered with the **laws** of **YAHWEH**, but rather **JESUS** was made a priest in the order of Melchisedec whose consciousness of **God** was **EL ELYON**. (Gen. 14:18)

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*Genesis 14:18, And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**). (KJV)*

*Hebrews 6:20, **JESUS**, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. (KJV)*

JESUS' laws were born out of a higher level of understanding of **EL ELYON**. **JESUS'** understanding was higher than Aaron's understanding of **God**, through **YAHWEH**. The gospels show us that **JESUS** dealt with people who came to Him as individuals, meeting them at their point of need and expressing love through the offer of mercy, compassion, and another chance.

Yet, we also see **JESUS** often dealing very sternly with the Pharisees and Sadducees, laying all the cards on the table -- and sometimes overturning the table. So **JESUS** was led **not** by the **letter** of the law, but by the **spirit** of the law, in order to meet the person's individual need and get them back on track with **God**. That is grace and mercy.

In conclusion, we can see that **EL ELYON**, the **Most High God**, who encompasses all the attributes of the **Godhead** is still **YAHWEHISTIC** in that He has rules. But in the **EL ELYON** consciousness we see that the rules are suited to us as individuals and geared to our stage of growth and adapted to our personal problems and needs.

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For instance, all people have feet, but all people don't wear size 7 shoes. EL ELYON takes that into account and does not make general rules demanding that everyone wear the same size shoe. If the shoe fits wear it.

Is this **not** part of the fulfillment of the promise of the Covenant?

*Hebrews 8:10-11, For this is the **covenant** that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith **YAHWEH** (the LORD); I will put my laws into their **mind**, and write them in their **hearts**: and I will be to them a **ELOHIM** (God), and they shall be to me a people:*

*11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know **YAHWEH** (the LORD): for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. (KJV)*

From reading these verses we can clearly see that yes there are **laws**, and they are put within our hearts. We can safely say that **laws** will continue to be a part of our experience in **God**. But the one who puts them in our hearts is **not** a clergyman, a denominational rule book, or even our Sunday School teacher. Hebrews 8:10-11 clearly states that **God** will give the **laws**. II Corinthians 3:3 further supports this point by stating that the **Spirit** of the living **God** does the writing.

*2 Corinthians 3:3, Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of **CHRIST** (anointing) ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the **Spirit***

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*of the living **God**; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart. (KJV)*

Both verses imply that this is a **personal** relationship with a personal lawgiver. It is **not** a **corporate** relationship as was the case in the days of Moses, when **one** set of rules was imposed on **all** the people.

As we grow in our consciousness of **EL ELYON**, we shall encounter rules -- and those rules will change as we mature. But we shall see the **law** fulfilled, in that we shall love our neighbor. For we have been called unto liberty, but we shall **not** use that liberty for selfish desires; rather by love we shall serve one another. (Gal. 5:13-14).

*Galatians 5:13-14, For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use **not** liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.*

14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. (KJV)

SOMETHING NEW

I tried to turn my back on another fact I know because I wanted to continue with my line of thought. I did continue with the line of thought of this chapter. But the **Holy Spirit** compelled me to return to Hebrews 8 to point out to you another difficult translation error that has caused much confusion in Christianity. It is not in the line of thought of this chapter concerning **EL ELYON** in the N.T., but it must now be addressed. (This problem of deciding when and how to cover peripheral subjects occurs to nearly all speakers,

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preachers, and religious writers. Each of us have our own way to handle it. Here's mine.)

*Hebrews 8:10, For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the LORD; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a **God**, and they shall be to me a people: (KJV)*

Hebrews 10:16, This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the LORD, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; (KJV)

Those two verses in Hebrews don't tell the whole truth. This following verse in Jeremiah does.

*Jeremiah 31:33, But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their **God**, and they shall be my people. (KJV)*

What's the trouble? The two quotes from the N.T. book of Hebrews say that our **God** will write His laws in our minds and hearts. But that's an error.

The texts in Hebrews 8 and 10 are quoted from the O.T. book of Jeremiah, which says our **God** will write in our inward parts and our hearts. All three verses agree about writing in our hearts. We'll look at the part where they **don't** agree.

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Jeremiah said our **God** would write in our inward parts. But Hebrews said He would write in our minds. There is a big difference between those words.

Mind is connected with brain and most people know where that is. Inward parts is **STRONG'S** H7130, which is entrails, guts. There is a big difference. **God** said He would write on our guts. But the translators said He would write on our minds. The mind is where objective, inductive, rational, analytical, reckoning, thinking takes place. The gut is where subjective, deductive, spiritual, dividing thinking takes place.

Somehow the idea of **God** writing on our guts got changed to **God** writing on our minds. The N.T. Greek clearly says that **God** will write on our minds, not guts. So the translation error had to happen sometime before the book of Hebrews was written. Someday we'll know.

I don't think our **God** is pleased when He says gut and translators say mind. If **God** wanted to say mind, He would say mind. When He wants to say gut, He says gut. I don't think **God** likes the change, and I don't either. Why? Because spiritual people must learn to stop thinking with our minds and start thinking with our guts.

There is a lot more to the subject of how spiritual Christians should think. This may require a new book. We'll see.

A serious study of **EL ELYON, THEN AND NOW Chapter 25**, must also include a study of

- EL ELYON Chapter 21, and
 - EL ELYON, MOST HIGH GOD Chapter 22, and
 - KNOWING FROM EL ELYON Chapter 23, and
 - EL ELYON, MOST HIGH GOD IN THE NEW TESTAMENT Chapter 24, and
 - MELCHISEDEC ORDER Chapter 26,
- because there's a lot to learn about **EL ELYON**.

Some subjects in those chapters have been reviewed and/or abbreviated for this chapter. Some have not. Some subjects in this chapter are new and unique. The index should be a big help.

OUR CONCEPT OF GOD CHANGES

Presently much attention is given to our "roots," our beginnings, our heritage, and the part they played in making us what we are. Let's travel in time to the "roots" of our Judeo/Christian religion. We will have a better understanding of the whole character of Christendom today as we notice these three things:

1. When **EL ELYON** was manifested,
2. How the **name/nature** of **EL ELYON** affected His people,
3. Why His people vacillated between the **name/natures** of **EL ELYON** and **YAHWEH**.

YAHWEH OR EL ELYON NOW?

Many Christians who used to defend their position of theology by attacking other Christians with the **laws** of **YAHWEH** are now beginning to abandon the **law** and offer the **grace** and **mercy** of **EL ELYON**. **God** is saying in the present hour, "Choose you this day whom you will serve." We will attempt to show why we prefer the name/nature of EL ELYON for most situations.

TIME LINE

We have included a time line for your use in order to better appreciate the changes in the **name/nature** of God in relation to the time frame in which they occurred. The major events are given a code letter which will aid you to find and relate this text with the event on the time line. When it is practical, the code letter appears at the first of the text. The same code letter appears at the first of the appropriate entry on the time line.

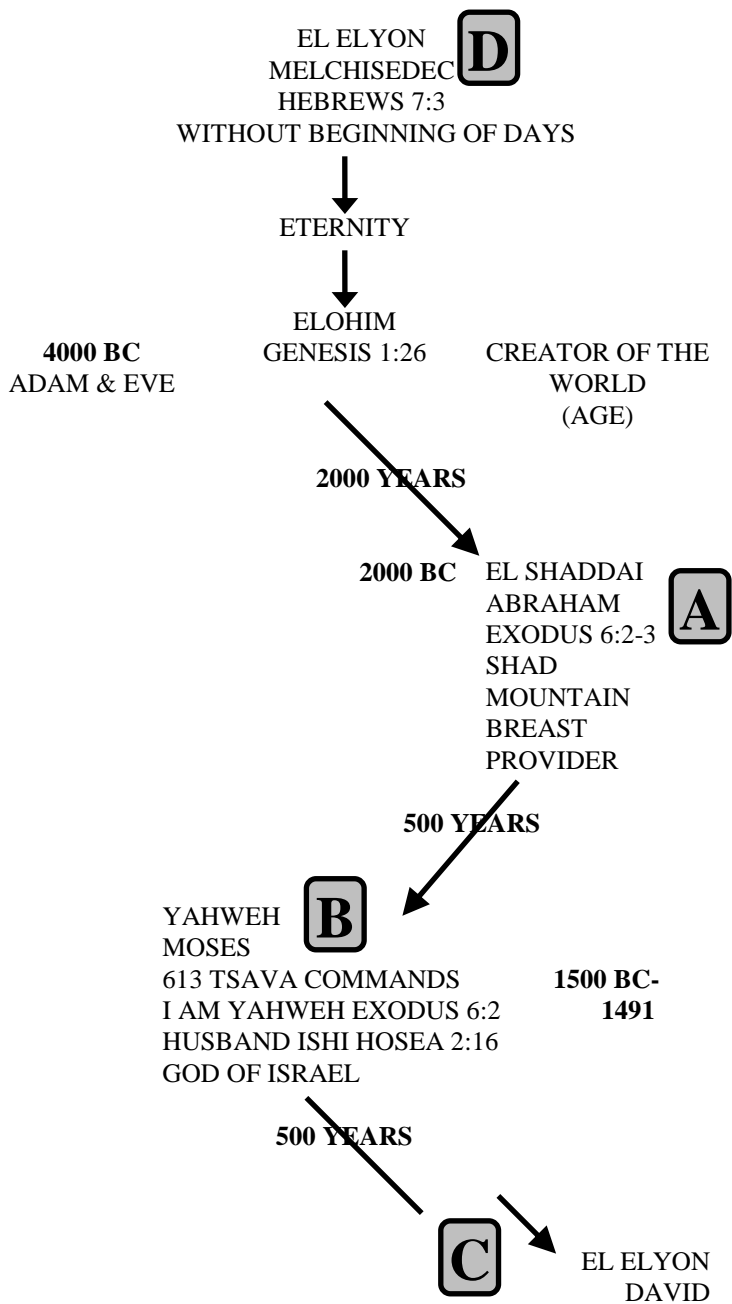
You may easily relate the timing of the event of your interest to the timing of the **name/nature** of God that occurred just before and just after.

If you are a visual learner, like I am, this may be a great help. If you are an audio word learner, this time line will help you, too.

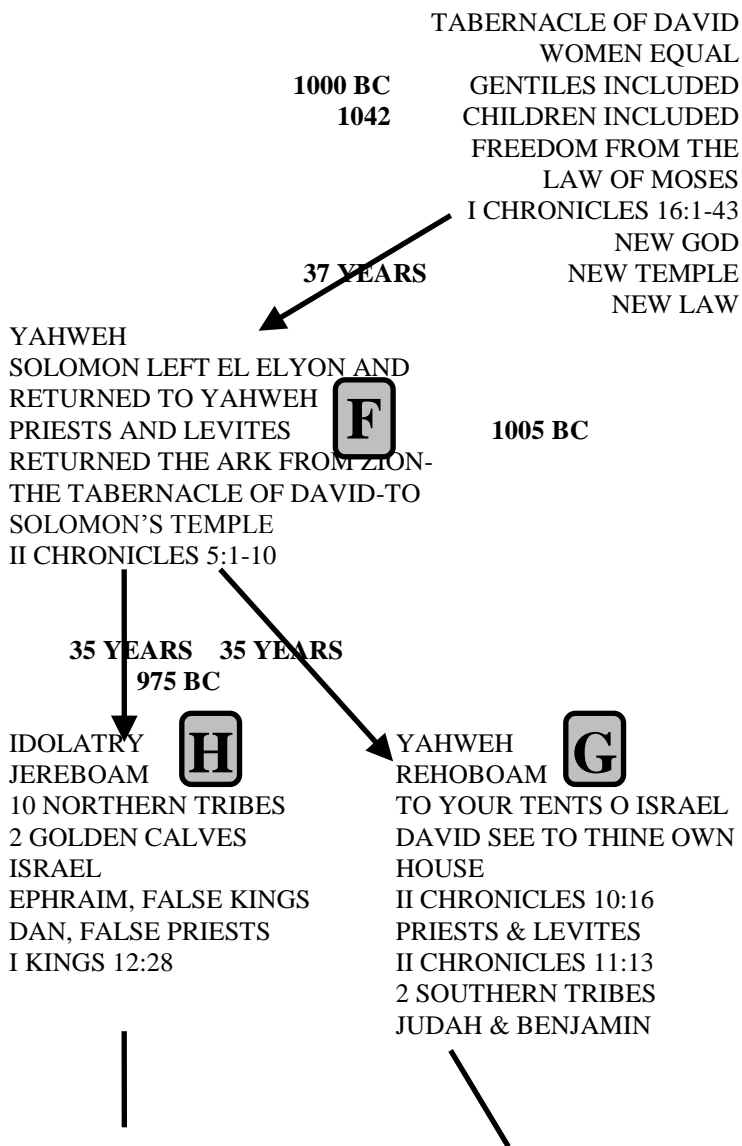
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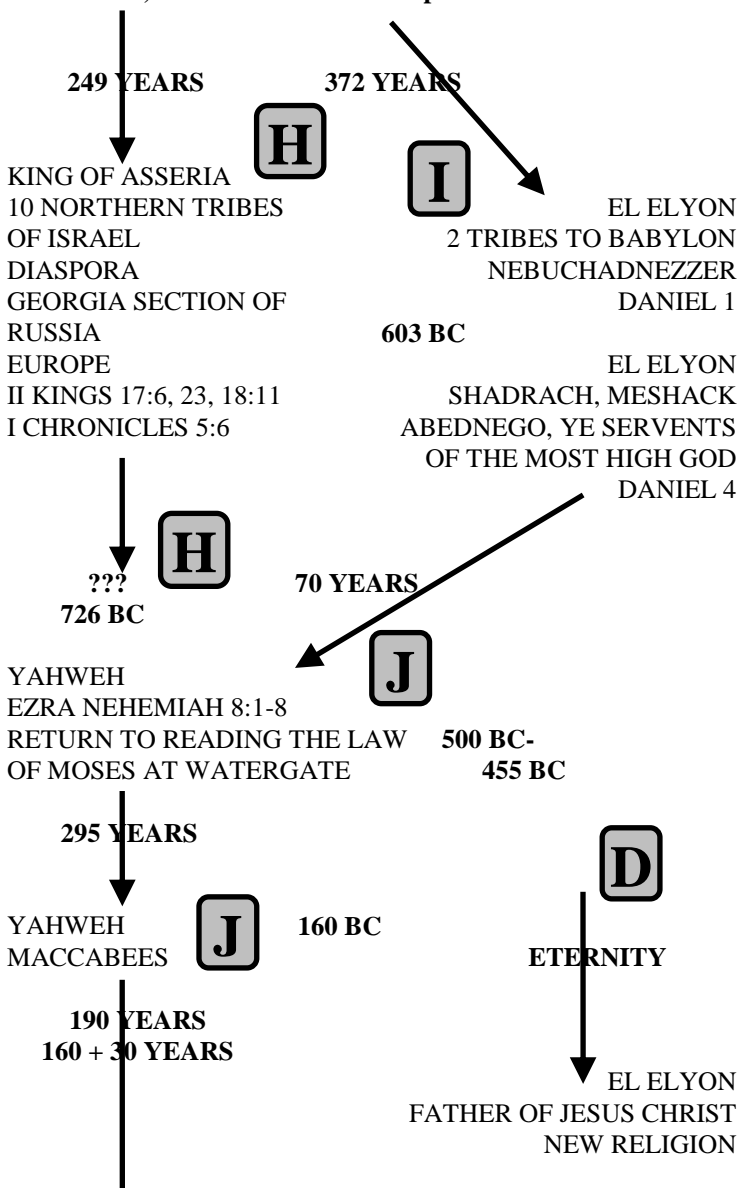
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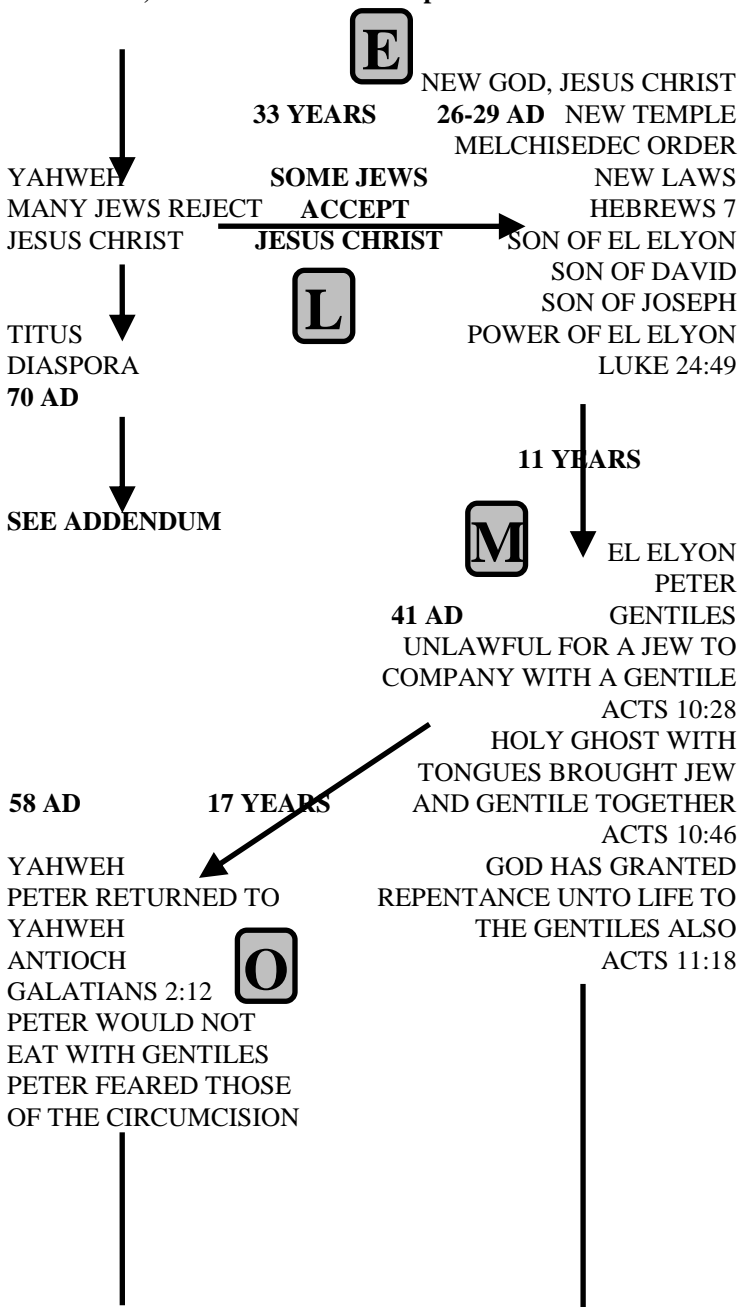
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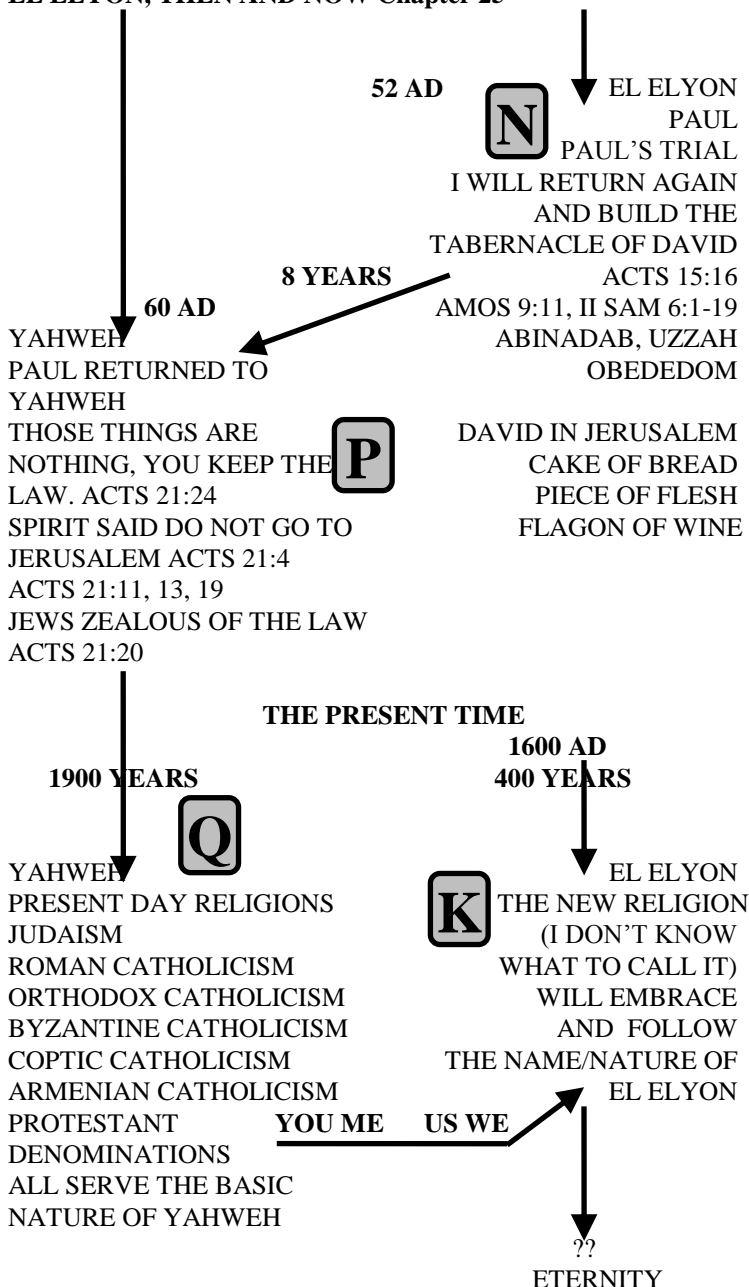
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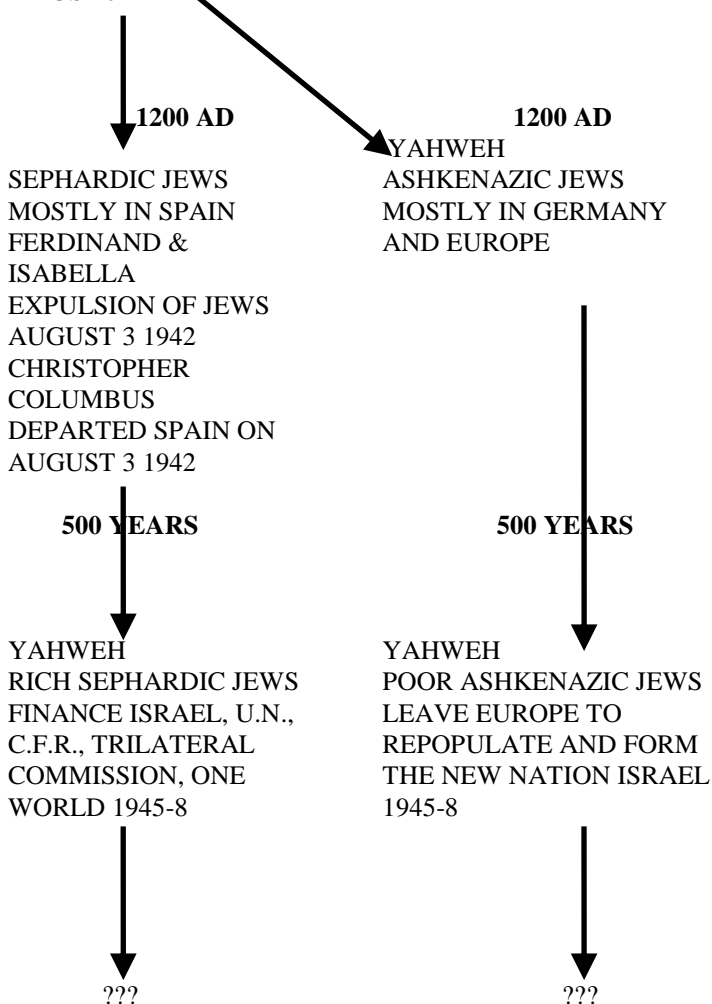
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EL SHADDAI

Abraham is generally considered to be the father of our Judeo/Christian heritage. See timeline Page 393, time **A**. We **A** already verified from Exodus 6:2-3 that **God** dealt with Abraham through the **name/nature** of **EL SHADDAI (God Almighty)**, the provider, large breasted nourisher, and supplier of his needs. As **EL SHADDAI** revealed Her **nature**, Abraham was responsive and moved forward with the feminine concept of the **name/nature** of **EL SHADDAI (God Almighty)**. That was around 2000 B.C. and that concept of **EL SHADDAI** was passed on from father to son for about 500 years.

From Abraham to Moses was about 500 years and, **God's name/nature** was **EL SHADDAI**. Page 393, time **B**. Isaac was the promised son of Abraham. He fathered Jacob from whom came the twelve sons who were the fountainhead of the Israel nation. A younger son, Joseph, was sold by his jealous brothers into slavery. He was taken into Egypt where he spent 15 years in jail on a trumped up false charge of attempted rape. Joseph interpreted dreams and fortuitously Pharaoh appointed Joseph to be Chief in the land of Egypt. When famine came upon the world he saved his Israelite family, and all the Egyptians, and all of the people in all the world.

JOSEPH AND THE INFANT NATION OF ISRAEL

Joseph provided food to others because of his supernatural gifts and because of the wisdom and knowledge he gained through his concept of the **God** he knew, **EL SHADDAI** the **provider/nourisher**. Page 393, time **A**. In other words, Joseph's concept of **God**

as a **provider/nourisher** caused him to follow the **EL SHADDAI** pattern and provide for, and nourish the whole world.

The small Hebrew family remained in Egypt for 450/500 years, multiplying and developing over successive generations into a strong people numbering about a million. They were nourished and provided for by their concept of **EL SHADDAI (Almighty God)**. Page 393, time **A** At no point during this time were any **laws** given. **EL SHADDAI'S** commands, directions, and promises were given to individuals through whom She was bringing Her purposes to pass for this budding nation. This is similar to the way a loving mother cares for her infant child.

MOSES AND THE TEEN AGE NATION OF ISRAEL

It wasn't until approximately 1500 B.C. (500 years later) that **God** spoke to Moses as recorded in Exodus 6:2-3. Page 393, time **B** . **B**en it was time for **God** to change Her **name/nature** from **EL SHADDAI** to **YAHWEH**, a masculine, warring lawgiver **God**. It was the masculine **name/nature YAHWEH** who would lead His people into a new land, overcoming all foes, and establishing an orderly nation. Israel had been brought into a completely new stage of development, moving from the care of a mothering **EL SHADDAI (Almighty God)** to the tutoring of a fathering **YAHWEH (LORD)**. At this stage of development Israel was like a teenager after his "barmitzvah."

KING DAVID AND THE COURTSHIP NATION OF ISRAEL

God revealed Himself as **YAHWEH** for another 500 year period to around 1000 B.C. when King David restored the concept of **EL ELYON** to the people by setting up the **Tabernacle of David**. Page 394, time **C** As we can establish from many of David's Psalms (Psalms 7, 9, 91, 92, etc.), the development of his concept of **God** progressed from the **name/nature** of **YAHWEH** to that of **EL ELYON (the Most High God)**, possessor of heaven and earth. In the Psalms King David often appealed to the **mercy** of **EL ELYON**, **not** the **law** of **YAHWEH**. In David's time Israel developed to the stage of being like a young swain ready for love and marriage.

EL ELYON WAS BACK

Before we proceed any further, the question arises: "Is the era of the reign of King David the first time the concept of **EL ELYON** was brought to Israel?" Page 394, time **C** The answer is "No." The first mention of **EL ELYON** was in Genesis 14:18. **EL ELYON** has always been here; but as the **Most High God**, He presents Himself with different **name/natures** according to **our** needs. Page 393, time **D**

WHO DO YOU NEED?


When a mother is needed, **EL SHADDAI** is there. When a father is needed for development, **YAHWEH** is there. There are several other stages and finally when full development approaches, there comes the understanding and implementation of the complete, multi-faceted manifestation of **EL ELYON**. For example, **EL ELYON** was introduced to Abraham (Genesis 14) in the story of his victory in battle and consequential reward from Melchisedec. Page 393, time **D**. Abraham was returning from the battle of the




kings where he had been victorious. In verses 18-20 we see Melchisedec introduced as priest of **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**). However, according to the purposes and plans of **God**, Abraham's personal concept of **God** continued to be that of **EL SHADDAI**.

*Genesis 14:18-20, And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**).*

*19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**), possessor of heaven and earth:*

*20 And blessed be **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**), which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all. (KJV) Page 393, time* 

We know that Melchisedec and **EL ELYON** are symbols of complete maturity. Hebrews 5 tells us that as a Son, **JESUS CHRIST** learned to become the author of eternal salvation as the high priest after the order of Melchisedec. Page 396, time .

*Hebrews 5:5-10, So also **CHRIST** glorified **not** himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee.*

6 As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

*7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from **death**, and was heard in that he feared;*

8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

*10 Called of **God** an high priest after the order of Melchisedec. (KJV)*

The concept of **God** as **EL ELYON** predates all others (Genesis 14:18). Page 393, time **D**. Bible stories relate how **God EL ELYON** revealed Himself to us in His various **names/natures** as we matured and could embrace the concept.

KING DAVID AND EL ELYON

As we return our thinking to approximately 1000 B.C. and the time of King David, in what way was the concept of **EL ELYON** introduced to the people? Page 394, time **C**. We can conclude from observing history that as **God** chooses to bring a further revelation of Himself to the people, He changed His methods of dealing with them. He changes His **laws**, and He even changes His temple. May we say He changes the "religion?"

TABERNACLE OF DAVID

Let's recall the occasion of King David bringing back the ark, the very center of their religious observance. David brought the ark back to Jerusalem with great joy and dancing. In I Chronicles we read the ark of the covenant was placed in a rectangular tent with one side fully opened. The people were bid to come, view and worship at the **Tabernacle Of David**. Page 394, time **C**

WHO WAS RIGHT?

If we remember back some 500 years to the **laws** of **YAHWEH**, we were told if anyone looked at the ark they would be killed. Page 393, time **B**. Only the high priest could enter and look, and then only once in a year

and with great preparation. David told the people to look and live, **not** die as they did 500 years before. David ordered the women to be included in worship too, and that was against the **law** of Moses. The equality of women in relation to worship was totally revolutionary. Much singing of praise and thanksgiving and use of musical instruments were brought into worship of **God** as David appointed some 288 singers to praise the LORD. Page 394, time .

IN THE NAME OF THE LAW

David commanded the Gentiles to participate with the Israelites because **EL ELYON** is the **God** of all nations, whereas **YAHWEH** is the **God** of Israel. Gentiles were **not** allowed to worship at Moses Tabernacle. All these changes were brought to the people and it seems all enjoyed and benefited from them. Page 394, time . But remember **C**, 500 years before, all those things were against the **law** that **God** gave to Moses. Page 393, time . In other words, **God** **B**anged His rules as Israel's concept of **God** changed.

BACK TO YAHWEH AT SOLOMON'S TEMPLE

However, some 40 years later, King Solomon, son of David, returned the nation of Israel back to the concept of **YAHWEH**. Page 394, time . **F** brought the Levites back to Jerusalem. The ark was placed in the temple constructed by Solomon. The **laws**, precepts, and order of religious worship was reinstituted under the **YAHWEHISTIC** concept of **God** (II Chronicles 5:5). Israel left the mercy David taught them through his concept of the **name/nature** of **EL ELYON**. Page 394, time . Our present day churches seem to follow

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the pattern of David and Solomon - **YAHWEH** replaces **EL ELYON**. There is probably a reason why.

BUILD AND MAINTAIN A STANDARD CHURCH

When our goal is to build a structured religious society, then we must use the **laws** of **YAHWEH**. It seems that all groups write their **law** book by going back to the concept of **YAHWEH**, where His **laws** were the outstanding characteristics. These external **laws** are used to maintain unity and conformity within the structure. However, **EL ELYON'S laws** originate within the heart of the individual. **God** said He would write His **laws** in our hearts and in our minds. If responded to, this will cause the mature individual to walk and live in the spirit of the **law**, resulting in a life of agape love that brings true harmony with **God** and the people. However, trying to live by externally imposed **laws**, or the letter of the **law** as given by **YAHWEH**, has **not**, and will **not**, bring people to the goal of genuine unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. It will only build or maintain the structure.

The summary of the matter is given by Paul in Romans 7:10 when he stated,
*Romans 7:10, And the commandment, which was ordained to **life**, I found to be unto **death**. (KJV)*

Also,
*Hebrews 8:7, For if that **first** covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the **second**. (KJV)*

Also,
*Hebrews 8:13, In that he saith, A **new** covenant, he hath made the first **old**. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away. (KJV)*

And finally,

*Hebrews 7:12, For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a **change** also of the law. (KJV)*

NORTHERN TEN TRIBES LOST TRIBES OF ISRAEL

Following Solomon's **death**, the nation divided into two kingdoms, the north and the south. Rehoboam, son of Solomon, became king over the two southern tribes of Judah and Benjamin (II Chronicles 10:16). Page 394, time . H **G** brought the Levites down from the north and back to Jerusalem to continue the concepts of the **YAHWEHISTIC** religion. At nearly the same time, Jereboam, son of Ephraim, became king over the ten northern tribes. He led the people into idolatry. Page 394, time **H** They were later taken into captivity by King Senacharib of Syria around 726 B.C. Because we are studying the **Names of God**, **not** idolatry, we will **not** bring these 10 lost northern tribes into our consideration any further. Page 394, t **H** . Later the two southern tribes that remained in Jerusalem under **YAHWEHISTIC** concepts were captured by Nebuchadnezzar and taken to Babylon as recorded in Daniel 1.

RETURN TO EL ELYON WHILE IN CAPTIVITY IN BABYLON

EL ELYON was once again brought to the mental concept of Israel by Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego while in Babylonian captivity. Page 395, time .

I n the occasion of refusing to worship Nebuchadnezzar's golden images, the three were thrown into the fiery furnace and found to be walking alive and untouched among the flames. The king, astonished by

the sight, called Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, the “servants of **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**).” He ordered them to come forth out of the furnace. This Gentile king continued to have revelation of the concept of **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**). His testimony was clearly stated several times in the book of Daniel. He knew, and declared to the world, that there is a **God named EL ELYON** who rules in the kingdom of men. **EL ELYON** gives dominion to whomsoever He will. There is none like unto Him. The story of Daniel in the lion’s den contains all of the very same elements we have just seen in the story of the three Hebrew children. Page 395, time .

The Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar did **not** have a **YAHWEHISTIC** concept of **God** because **YAHWEH** is the **God** of Israel. **EL ELYON** is the **God** concept of the other nations. But Daniel had a concept of **God** as **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**) as stated repeatedly in the book of Daniel. Page 395, time **I**.

While in Babylonian captivity the Jews could **not** keep the **laws** of **YAHWEH** because they related to the land and the temple. In captivity, the religious Jews had to change their concept of the **name/nature** of **God** from **YAHWEH** to **EL ELYON**. Page 395, time **I**.

However, some 70/150 years later many of the Jews returned to Jerusalem and rebuilt the wall, and eventually the temple. Page **J**, time . Ezra opened and read the book of the **law** of Moses before them. Subsequently the Jews again left the **name/nature** of **EL ELYON** and returned to the **name/nature** of **YAHWEH**.

JESUS CHRIST

As we continue to review history, we now come to the time when **God** no longer spoke to His people by the prophets, but He then revealed himself through His son, **JESUS CHRIST** (Heb. 1:1-2). Page 396, time .

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*Hebrews 1:1-2, **God**, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,*

2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; (KJV)

We are told that **JESUS CHRIST** is the exact expression of **God** that is to be seen, and the expression to which we are to be conformed (Heb. 1:3; Romans 8:29). **God** did show Himself in the way He now desires for us to see Him. There can never again be any doubts as to the **name/nature** of **God** by which we are to know Him and reflect that image to others. **JESUS** is the **One!**

JESUS is to be called the **Son Of EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**). Luke 1:32)

JESUS was a priest after the order of Melchisedec who was a priest of **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**. Hebrews 7). Page 396, time **E**.

EL ELYON is the concept of **God** known by the Melchisedec priesthood (Genesis 14:18).

After the resurrection of **JESUS**, we are told in several passages of the scriptures that **JESUS** ascended to the

right hand of **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**) (Heb. 1:3).

A new "religion" was again brought on the scene. The concept of **God** was **EL ELYON**, this time clothed in flesh for all the world to see. The new temple was **not** of brick and mortar, but the bodies of **God's** people. The new **law** is being written by the Spirit of **God** upon the hearts and minds (entrails) of the believers. **JESUS** brought mercy **not** sacrifice There was equality of women and inclusion of the Gentiles. Page 397, time **E**

*Galatians 3:28, There is neither Jew nor Greek (Gentile), there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all **one** in **CHRIST JESUS**. (KJV)*

Music, singing, and thanksgiving all became part of the vital expression of the **name/nature EL ELYON**.

Ephesians 5:18-20, And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the LORD;

*20 Giving thanks always for all things unto **God** and the Father in the **name** of our LORD **JESUS CHRIST**; (KJV)*

LOOSE YOUR JOB?

Will the people of **God** now presently receive this concept of **God** and live in that Light? Page 397, time

K The structured religious hierarchy of **JESUS'** day could **not**. In John chapter 11 it is recorded that they

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feared if **JESUS** continued they would lose their **place** (job)! Page 396, time .

*John 11:48, If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our **place (job)** and nation. (KJV)*

That's probably the real reason for the trouble **JESUS** had with the Jewish leaders. He was a threat to their **job** security and their structure. (The Romans will come and take away our **place**). The Jewish leaders seized upon the differences between the **name/natures** of **YAHWEH** and **EL ELYON** and used them to bring a wedge between **JESUS** and the other Jews. Page 396, time **E** .

Yet, many Jews did receive the concept of **EL ELYON**. On the day of Pentecost the power of **EL ELYON** came upon 120 people who were gathered in an upper room (Luke 24:49). Within days, the number had grown into the multiplied thousands. Page 396, time **L** .

PETER ACCEPTED THE GENTILES

In 41 A.D., moving into the concept of the **name/nature** of **EL ELYON**, Peter went down to the house of Cornelius where Gentiles were gathered wanting to hear the Word of **God**.

RACIAL PREJUDICE

This association of Jews with Gentiles was prohibited under the concept of Israel's **God YAHWEH**. . Page 396, time **M** Peter's visit to the home of the Italian resulted in the acceptance of the Gentiles, because they too received the **Holy Spirit**, as did Jews on the day of the Pentecost. They heard them speaking in tongues on

both occasions (Acts 10-11). Peter realized that **God** was doing a new thing in the earth! The old **YAHWEHISTIC** concepts would **not** allow Jews to keep company with Gentiles. A new concept of the **name/nature** of **EL ELYON (Most High God)** was necessary. Page 396, time .

PAUL WAS NOT A BIGOT

A few years later in 52 A.D., certain men from Judea began to erroneously teach the Gentiles that they, too, must live under the **YAHWEHISTIC laws** of Moses and be circumcised in order to have favor with **God** and the Christian church. Therefore, Paul went before the council in Jerusalem to dispute the matter. In Acts 15, (Page 397, time) Pe **N** and then Paul, began to relate all that **God** was doing in relation to the Gentiles. They told how the Spirit was being poured out through the gift of tongues upon all, Jew and Gentile, men and women. Then James stood up and declared that what was happening was the restoration of the **Tabernacle Of David**, as prophesied in Amos 9:11. Thus, the concept of **EL ELYON** which broke down racial barriers at the original **Tabernacle Of David** was once again in operation. **EL ELYON** was again breaking down racial barriers, this time in the lives of the apostles. Page 397, time **N** .

TOO HOT FOR PETER

But in 58 A.D., Peter returned to a concept of **YAHWEH**. Page 396, time **O** Paul stated in Galatians 2:12 that out of fear, Peter withdrew himself from eating with the Gentiles when certain men of the **YAHWEHISTIC** circumcision came to town. Because of Peter's influence, Barnabas and others were also led back to the **laws** of **YAHWEH**. Mixing **law** and grace

was referred to as the “gospel of the circumcision.” Page 396, time . . . The other “gospel of the uncircumcision” was given to Paul while his concept of **God** was **EL ELYON** (Gal. 2:7). Page 397, time .

*Galatians 2:4-13, And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in **CHRIST JESUS** (through **EL ELYON**), that they might bring us into bondage (of **YAHWEH**):*

*5 To whom we gave place by subjection, no, **not** for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you.*

*6 But of these who seemed to be somewhat, (whatsoever they were, it maketh no matter to me: **God** accepteth no man's person:) for they who seemed to be somewhat in conference added nothing to me:*

*7 But contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision (from **EL ELYON**) was committed unto me, as the gospel of the circumcision (from **YAHWEH**) was unto Peter;*

*8 (For **ELOHIM** [he] that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same [**ELOHIM**] was mighty in me toward the Gentiles:)*

9 And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.

10 Only they would that we should remember the poor; the same which I also was forward to do.

11 But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed.

12 For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision.

13 And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation. (KJV)

FIGHT, FIGHT

Because of Peter's **racial discrimination against Gentiles**, Paul gave a verbal uppercut to Peter's jaw. Are you disturbed to find that we have had denominational fights from the very beginning of Christianity?

PAUL GOOFED, TOO.

Paul wasn't so perfect either. Only two years later, Paul also returned to the concept of **YAHWEH** when he returned to Jerusalem. Page 397, time . . . **P** was warned twice by the **Holy Spirit** to **not** go up to Jerusalem (Acts 21:4, 11). The Christians pled with Paul **not** to go (Acts 21:12). In his determined self-will, Paul demanded that he would go to Jerusalem (Acts 21:13).

Upon his return to Jerusalem, James and the elders stated how many thousands of Jews believed (on **JESUS**) but they were all zealous of the **law** of **YAHWEH** (Acts 21:20) **P** Page 397, time . . . The church at Jerusalem had a big attendance by then. The offerings were big. The apostles of **JESUS CHRIST** told Paul to do what **they** said unto him (Acts 21:23). The **Holy Spirit** had said, "don't go." Paul chose to obey the apostles rather than the **Holy Spirit**. The apostles told Paul to **not** rock the boat. Were church

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elders always led by the **Holy Spirit**? No. Even the apostles goofed.

Paul was told by the apostles to pretend he kept all of the **YAHWEHISTIC laws** of Moses by taking a Nazarite vow (Numbers 6:2-7). Along with four other men who had really taken vows, Paul entered the temple and signified the accomplishment of the days of purification by **offering a blood sacrifice** (Acts 21:26). Paul didn't really take a Nazarite vow. There wasn't time to accomplish it. Paul, the apostle who eloquently warned us to **not** return to the **law**, fraudulently did just what he preached against. He even applied the **blood of animals** to his rebellion. Hey Paul. How about the **blood** of **JESUS**? Page 396, time **P**

Next, Paul was **bound** by his enemies, and never, ever, released.

Right there it looks like Paul may have made an irreversible mistake. Let's pray that we do **not** do that.

Peter and Paul returned to **YAHWEH** and the **law**. Page 396, time **O** and page 397, time **P**ur trusted leaders took us first to the **mercy** of **EL ELYON**, and then later abandoned us on the church steps of the justice of the **law** of **YAHWEH**.

THE WHOLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH RETURNED TO THE LAW OF YAHWEH

We are all products of the actions and concepts of our "roots" (those who have gone before us). The structures of present day Protestantism, Roman Catholicism, and Judaism have all been built and framed by the concepts embraced and personified by the religious pillars of

the first century. Page 397, time . The people of that day could **not** remain in the light, life, love, and mercy of **EL ELYON**. They were too heavily influenced by their past religious structure which once again returned them to the **laws** of **YAHWEH**. The result was a mixture of **law** and **grace** in their lives. They left us with a mixture of **law** and **grace** that still controls the present day church. The Bible calls that mixture of **law** and **grace** the “gospel of the circumcision” (Gal. 2:7).

Over the centuries, the church has maintained that same "mind set" for the most part and continued with a **YAHWEHISTIC** concept of **God**. Judaism, Roman Catholicism, and Protestantism have embraced the **YAHWEHISTIC** concept of **God**, with precious few exceptions. Page 397, time **Q**.

THE CHURCH IS NOW RETURNING BACK TO EL ELYON

However, the day has dawned when **EL ELYON** is once again inviting us to be participants in the restoration of the. **Tabernacle Of David**. Page 397, time **K**. **EL ELYON** is reintroducing Himself to the concept of many of His people. We are being given the opportunity to come to the same concept, knowledge, and awareness of **EL ELYON** that **JESUS** had. Following in His footsteps we shall also become priests after the order of Melchisedec, priests of **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**).

Whenever our **God** starts a new religion on the earth, He changes His **name**. Page 397, time **K**.

DIFFERENCES

Q. That reminds me - your tape lesson entitled **EL ELYON THEN AND NOW** probably cleared up more things for me than anything else in my whole religious experience, up to now. I would say that the teaching of the **Names of God** has been a religious experience within itself. Page 39 **K**me .

A. I surely don't want to start up a new denomination, or a new religion. I'll admit that I've received more letters expressing that basic idea than I have received concerning anything in my 30 years of full time public ministry. It looks like something is up. Page 397, time **K**.

MELCHISEDEC ORDER, Chapter 26

A serious study of the **MELCHISEDEC ORDER Chapter 26**, must also include a study of:

- EL ELYON Chapter 21, and
 - EL ELYON, MOST HIGH GOD Chapter 22, and
 - KNOWING FROM EL ELYON Chapter 23, and
 - EL ELYON, MOST HIGH GOD IN THE NEW TESTAMENT Chapter 24, and
 - EL ELYON, THEN AND NOW Chapter 25,
- because there's a lot to learn about **EL ELYON** and **MELCHISEDEC**.

Some subjects in those chapters have been reviewed and/or abbreviated for this chapter. Some have not. Some subjects in this chapter are new and unique. The index should be a big help.

MELCHISEDEC ORDER

Have you joined the **MELCHISEDEC ORDER**? You should look into it. They say it's great. **JESUS** joined, you know. I've heard that you get to meet some real famous and important people if you join. The only trouble is that the membership fees will cost you everything you have. Some people have paid with their whole lives. That's pretty costly, so we had better look at it very carefully.

There must be a lot of great benefits because **JESUS** joined. But if it costs that much, can it be worth it?

Let's study the **Melchisedec Order** to see.

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There is a spelling problem:

- Old Testament -- **MELCHIZEDEK**
- New Testament -- **MELCHISEDEC**

MELCHISEDEC

The study of **Melchisedec** is both very simple and very complex.

Melchisedec is complex because he was so extraordinary in his life, purpose and results. Very few Christians believe that the story is real. That means that the promises to us are often completely ignored by modern Christendom. That is a Christian tragedy.

A SIMPLE STORY

The story is simple because of the fact that there are only three (3) scripture passages that tell us anything about **Melchisedec**, they are:

1. Genesis 14:17-24
2. Psalm 110:4
3. Hebrews 5:6, 10; 6:20; 7:1, 10, 11, 15, 17, 21

SIMPLE GODLY ORDER

*Hebrews 7:21, The LORD swore and will **not** repent, Thou **art a priest** for ever after the **Order of Melchisedec**:) (KJV)*

JESUS became a priest (was made a high priest) after the **Order of Melchisedec**.

*Hebrews 6:20, **made an high priest for ever after the Order of Melchisedec**. (KJV)*

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There is an **Order** in the priesthood. The **Order** of **Melchisedec** is higher than the **Order** of **Levi/Aaron**.

*Hebrews 7:11, If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the **Order** of **Melchisedec**, and **not** be called after the **Order** of **Aaron**? (KJV)*

PRIESTLY ORDER OF AARON

Aaron received his **law** and **Order** from his knowledge of the **name/nature** of **YAHWEH**, but **JESUS** received his **law** and **Order** from His knowledge of the **name/nature** of His Father **EL ELYON** (**Most High God**). There is a big difference between the two **Orders** and between the two **name/natures** of the **one God**.

Almost every Bible student has tried to reconcile the **God** of love, mercy, and peace with the **God** who hardens hearts, wounds, and kills whole nations of people. You don't even have to be a Bible student in order to think about that question. Almost everyone has. Perhaps this will help because it all depends upon which **Order** you are in.

WHY US?

Long ago, before the foundation of the earth, our **God** chose a group of **Spirits** to go from heaven to earth, and do His will at the end of this present age. His will is for them to help people adapt to the changes at the beginning of the new age. He gave them His grace, and purpose, and script. Now they are here to do His will, not their own will. The conflict between His will and our their own will accounts for most of their present

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problems. A group will overcome the last enemy -- **death**.

This is very important to us because the people who do overcome the last enemy, **death**, will become priests after the **Order of Melchisedec** who was priest of **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**). **JESUS** did it and He encouraged us to stand as candidates to do it, too.

Most of the present religious systems in this world have understandings of the **name/nature** of **God** as **YAHWEH** (the **God** of Israel). **YAHWEH** brings **law**, judgment, condemnation, punishment, and **death**, through the **Order** of the Aaronic priesthood. That means the Old Testament. Most of us who have been involved in religious denominations know that those systems of religious thinking bring war, **not** peace. It is no wonder that the world is in the present mess.

The **New Religion** that our **God** is establishing at this time will have a consciousness of the **name/nature** of **God** as **EL ELYON** (**Most High God**). They will be led by the **Spirit** of **EL ELYON** (**Most High God**), **not** exclusively by the **law** of **YAHWEH**, the **God** of Israel, and they will lead the world into peace.

The whole book of Hebrews relates to the changes of the **law** that take place as **God** changes His **name/nature**.

THE LAST ENEMY -- DEATH OF THE BODY

The Christian who wants to overcome the last enemy which is **death** desires to know **God** as **JESUS** knew Him. **JESUS** became a priest after the **Order** of **Melchisedec**, who knew **God** as **EL ELYON**, the **Most**

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High God. JESUS and Melchisedec entered the EL ELYON priesthood through the power of an **endless life**. Those who overcome the last enemy -- **death** -- will do it the same way. They will enter an endless life here on this earth. They won't wait to go to heaven. They will bring heaven to earth. They will have a balanced knowledge of all of the **names/natures** and attributes of **God**. They will walk in that knowledge, and they will be priests of **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**). They will live, and love, and bring heaven to earth.

THE POWER OF AN ENDLESS LIFE

The subtitle to our lesson is **THE POWER OF AN ENDLESS LIFE**. We are **not** talking about dying and going to heaven. Many churches teach you that eternal life is to live in heaven after you die. That Church teaching is true for the **Spirit** but it is **not** true for the **Soul** and the **Body**.

YOUR SPIRIT WAS SAVED

Your **Spirit** has already come into eternal life because of what our LORD JESUS CHRIST did. The **Spirit** is that part of man that returns to heaven if a man dies.

Ecclesiastes 12:7, Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the Spirit shall return unto God who gave it. (KJV)

YOUR SOUL IS BEING SAVED

How many said "yes," to JESUS, but how many still get stupid thoughts? Yes! We all do. We were saved! Even after we give our hearts to JESUS, we still get some pretty dumb, stupid, ignorant thoughts. Christians

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still get dumb thoughts because the **Holy Spirit** is still working on the **Souls** of Christians who are already saved in their **Spirit**.

The Bible says your **Spirit** is already perfected by the blood of **JESUS CHRIST**. All of your past sins are forgiven. Then the Bible tells us after that, we are to receive with meekness the engrafted word which is able to save our **Souls (not Spirit)**.

*James 1:21, Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your **Souls**.*

(written to people who were **already** saved) (KJV)

Some churches teach that the **Soul** is already saved, but that is **not** what the Bible says. James 1:21 was written to people who are already saved in **Spirit**. It says to get your **Soul** saved through the engrafted word.

A NEW AND DIFFERENT ORDER

The Old Testament states that all priests had to come from then tribe of Levi but we know that **JESUS** came from the tribe of Judah, **not** Levi. We can find nothing in the Old Testament to indicate that any priest would ever come from Judah.

JESUS became a priest after a different **Order** than the Levitical **Order** (the usual **Order**). That opens the door of possibility for us who may **not** be from the tribe of Levi and the family of Aaron. It is possible for us to become a priest of **EL ELYON** after a different **Order** from Levi.

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*Hebrews 7:15-17, And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of **Melchisedec** there ariseth **another** priest,*

*16 Who is made, **not** after the **law** of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an **endless life**.*

*17 For he testifieth, Thou art a priest **for ever** after the **Order of Melchisedec**. (KJV)*

So this other priest is going to be like **Melchisedec**, the **EL ELYON** priest, rather than like the Levitic/Aaronic priests of **YAHWEH**.

OVERCOME DEATH

Next, the Bible tells us how we know when a priest is of the **Order of Melchisedec**. It is the **power of an endless life** that makes a priest of the **Order of Melchisedec**.

TRY TO NOT DIE

Some people who are reading this book have the power and potential to overcome the last enemy -- **death**!

*1 Corinthians 15:26, The last enemy that shall be destroyed is **death**. (KJV)*

You could be one who destroys **death**. When you do overcome **death** you will enter the **Melchisedec Order** through the power of an **endless life**.

There will be a generation that does overcome **death**. Why **not** you!

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OVERCOME DEATH -- LIVE

JESUS said, “to him that **overcometh** will I grant to sit with me in my throne.”

*Revelation 3:21, To him that **overcometh** will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also **overcame**, and am set down with my Father in his **throne**. (KJV)*

Can you imagine any **body** sitting with **JESUS** in the **throne** of **God** and then dying? It doesn't fit our understanding of theology. I pray that each one of our students will go through the changes that are necessary, so that they can stay around to the end of this age. I pray you will live through the next new age (the millennium) also.

INTRODUCING MELCHISEDEC

We will study the first story in the Bible about **Melchisedec** the priest of **EL ELYON**.

Genesis 14:17-24, And the king of Sodom went out to meet him (Abram/Abraham) after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer, and of the kings that were with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which is the king's dale.

*18 And **Melchizedek king of Salem** brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**).*

*19 And he blessed him (Abram/Abraham), and said, Blessed be Abram of **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**), possessor of heaven and earth:*

*20 And blessed be **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**), which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.*

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21 And the king of Sodom said unto Abram, Give me the persons, and take the goods to thyself.

*22 And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the LORD, **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**), the possessor of heaven and earth,*

23 That I will not take from a thread even to a shoelatchet, and that I will not take any thing that is thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich:

24 Save only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men which went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.
(KJV)

Melchisedec was King of Salem. (Salem means peace.) Most Bible students believe he was King of JERUSALEM. You can see that the word Jerusalem is a composite of the word Salem with the section Jeru added to the front of Salem. Years later Jerusalem became a Jebusite city and even later, the Capitol city for King David and Solomon.

TWICE KING

Melchi (from **Melchi**-sedec) means king. Sedec (from Melchi-**sedec**) also means righteousness. So that's why it says in Hebrews that **Melchisedec** was the king of **righteousness**, and the king of **peace**. He's the king of two realms. **Melchisedec** was priest of **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**), who is the possessor of heaven and earth. **Melchisedec** was **not** a priest of **YAHWEH**, the **God** of Israel. The **name/nature** of the **God** of Israel, **YAHWEH**, did **not** appear until a long time after the day that Abraham met **Melchisedec**.

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*Exodus 6:2-3, And **ELOHIM (God)** spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am **YAHWEH (the LORD)**:*

*3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the **name** of **EL SHADDAI (God Almighty)**, but by my **name YAHWEH (JEHOVAH)** was I not known to them. (KJV)*

Our God changed His name.

The **Names of God, EL ELYON, YAHWEH, ELOHIM, EL SHADDAI, and ELOAH** describe the various **name/natures** of the **one** and only same true **God**. See earlier chapters of this book for a massive description of the various **Names of God**.

If you are thinking of the **God** of the obedient temporal world, the best representation would be **JESUS CHRIST**, because He is **God** manifest in flesh.

For example, **JESUS** performed all of the natural acts of a human being, like drinking a cup of water.

JESUS told us that **ELOHIM** is **Spirit**.

*John 4:24, **God** is a **Spirit**: and they that worship him must worship him in **Spirit**. (KJV)*

Spirits don't drink a cup of water. So when **God** put on a physical **BODY** His **name/nature** became **JESUS CHRIST**.

TWICE POSSESSOR

EL ELYON (Most High God) is possessor of heaven and earth. He possesses both the **Spiritual** (heavenly)

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and **temporal** (earthly) realms. So what did **Melchisedec**, the priest of **EL ELYON** (the **God** of earthly possessions), give to Abraham? Something in the **physical** (not **Spiritual**) realm!

If you had been in a battle as Abraham was, fighting a war against five kings (or generals) and then came back dirty, thirsty and tired, what would you like to have? Something to eat and drink in the **physical** realm! At that time you would **not** be very interested in receiving some great **Spiritual** truth or revelation. **Melchisedec** ministered to Abram, met his present personal need, and nourished him out of his own **possession** for he was the **possessor** of heaven and earth.

The study of earthly **possessions** is important because the destiny of those who overcome the last enemy -- **death** -- is to **possess** and rule the world. This will be done in mercy.

RICH KING -- POOR KING

Our destiny is to grant mercy but we cannot give a bowl of soup, in mercy, until we **possess** an extra bowl of soup. You'll **not** be able to give bread and wine until you **possess** extra bread and wine. In times past, we were mistakenly taught the idea that in order to be a good Christian you would have to be poor. I've heard it said, "**JESUS** had no pillow on which to place his head." The implication was, we don't need a pillow either. These thoughts are often introduced just before the offering. After all, **JESUS** said it is harder for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven than for a camel to go through the eye of a needle (Matt. 9:14).

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Abraham was very rich. So were Jacob and Job. When you read the blessings of Job you find he was one of the richest men in the world and he had twice as much after his troubles were over. If you are going to be a king, you have to have **affluency** in the **physical** realm.

*Revelation 5:10, And hast made us unto our **God kings** and **priests**: and we shall reign on the earth. (KJV)*

You are going to become a **king** and **priest** so you will have to have something extra beyond what you need, so you can give things away, with mercy.

All Israel shall obtain **mercy** through **your mercy**.

*Romans 11:31, Even so have these also now not believed, that through **your mercy** they also may obtain **mercy**. (KJV)*

How shall Israel obtain **mercy**? By your **mercy**!

*Romans 11:26, And so all **Israel shall be saved**: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away un**Godliness** from Jacob: (KJV)*

So all Israel shall be saved. What shall bring about the salvation of all Israel? Your **mercy**!

How can I be merciful if I don't have an extra loaf of bread, or an extra bowl of soup? I hesitate to mention an extra bottle of wine (like **Melchisedec** gave to Abraham) because I wouldn't want to offend anybody.

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You have to have an over abundance to be affluent and be a king.

Abram gave **Melchisedec** tithes of all the battle.

There may be a little **Spiritual** clue here concerning the next time you or I may need some more **possessions**. **EL ELYON (Most High God)** gave **physical possessions** to Abraham and what did Abraham give back? He gave **tithes** to **Melchizedek**, the priest of **EL ELYON**.

Abraham returned **possessions** for **possessions**. This transaction was purely **physical**. I don't object to spiritualizing many things in the Bible, but I don't think that this section is especially **Spiritual**. It seems very **physical** to me. It is a reminder that tithing from the physical realm is quite proper. Experience proves that tithing is good money management.

Melchisedec said that **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**) was the **one** who provided the victory, **not** Abraham.

MELCHISEDEC IN THE PSALM

After the Genesis story there is one other mention of **Melchisedec** in the Old Testament. He is mentioned the second time in Psalm 110:4. It is rather interesting that the Old Testament only mentions **Melchisedec** twice. The New Testament makes mention of him a lot more often.

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*Psalm 110:4, The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the **Order of Melchizedek**. (KJV)*

Christian literature universally agrees that this prophecy refers to **JESUS CHRIST**.

In reference to **JESUS CHRIST**, Psalm 110:4 was quoted four different times in the book of Hebrews; i.e., 5:6, 6:20, 7:17 and 7:21.

Here is the whole Psalm which shows the context of the subject quote.

*Psalm 110:1-7, <<A Psalm of David.>> **YAHWEH** (the LORD) said unto my ADON (LORD), Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.*

*2 **YAHWEH** (the LORD) shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.*

3 Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.

*4 **YAHWEH** (the LORD) hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the **Order of Melchizedek**.*

*5 **YAHWEH** (the LORD) at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.*

6 He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries.

7 He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head. (KJV)

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Very few writers expand the thought and continue with the idea that the **Body of CHRIST** also is prophesied to enter the same **Melchisedec** priesthood, through the same power of an **endless life**. Perhaps the reason is that the thought of an **endless life** was **not** timely as far as the past writers were concerned. There is a generation that **will** overcome the **last** enemy -- **death** -- and it's time to look into it, now.

SO WHO'S PERFECT?

*Hebrews 7:11, If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the **Order of Melchisedec**, and not be called after the **Order** of Aaron? (KJV)*

How many of you have wondered why **JESUS** was **not** after the **Order** of Levi? If you were **God**, wouldn't you make the Messiah come out of Levi? Most people would answer, "yes." So we see a conflict in natural versus **Spiritual** thinking.

Now we shall read the subject quotes in the N.T.

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*Hebrews 5:6, As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest **for ever after the Order of Melchisedec**. (KJV)*

*Hebrews 5:10, Called of **God** an high priest **after the Order of Melchisedec**. (KJV)*

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*Hebrews 6:20, Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even **JESUS**, made an high priest for ever **after the Order of Melchisedec**. (KJV)*

*Hebrews 7:17, For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever **after the Order of Melchisedec**. (KJV)*

*Hebrews 7:21, (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The **LORD** sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever **after the Order of Melchisedec**:.) (KJV)*

MELCHIZEDEK AND ABRAHAM

We shall now review some of the things we have learned about **Melchizedek** by means of this outline.

Concerning **Melchizedek**, Genesis 14 teaches us that:

- **Melchizedek** was alive at the time of Abraham around 1913 B.C.
- **Melchizedek** was the priest of **EL ELYON** the **Most High God**.
- **Melchizedek** is a king and a priest.
- **Melchizedek** gave physical gifts:
 - a. Bread and wine,
 - b. Provided **life** for the **Body**.
- **Melchizedek** received tithes.
- **Melchizedek** is king of **Peace** (Salem).

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- The Hebrew word “**Melech**” means “king.”
- The word “**tsedek**” means “righteousness.”

ETYMOLOGY

Etymology teaches us that:

- **Melchizedek** means “king of righteousness.”
- **Melchizedek** is both:
 - a. King of **righteousness**, and
 - b. King of **peace**.
 - c. **Melchizedek** is King of Jerusalem.

The word “**Salem**” means **peace**. The city of Jerusalem means city of **peace**.

MELCHISEDEC FOR EVER

Now we will look at more detail concerning the word “**for ever**,” as it applies to **Melchisedec**.

*Psalm 110:4, The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the **Order of Melchizedek**. (KJV)*

This says that **Melchizedek** is the head of an **Order** of priests who will live **for ever**. **For ever** is **eternal** existence.

*Hebrews 7:3, (Referring to **Melchisedec**) Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of **God**; abideth a priest **continually**. (KJV)*

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In Hebrew there are three main words that have been translated into our English word, "**FOR EVER.**"

FIRST FOREVER

FOR EVER - 05769 `owlam {o-**lawm**'} or `olam {o-**lawm**'}

from 05956; TWOT -- 1631a; n m

concealed, vanishing point, time out of mind.

AV - ever 272, everlasting 63, old 22, perpetual 22, evermore 15, never 13, time 6, ancient 5, world 4, always 3, alway 2, long 2, more 2, never + 0408 2, misc 6; 439

- 1) long duration, antiquity, futurity, **for ever**, ever, everlasting,
evermore, perpetual, old, ancient, world
 - 1a) ancient time, long time (of past)
 - 1b) (of future)
 - 1b1) **for ever**, always
 - 1b2) continuous existence, perpetual
 - 1b3) everlasting, indefinite or unending future, eternity

SECOND FOREVER

FOR EVER - 05703 `ad {ad}

a peremptory (peremptory -- putting an end to) terminus, a duration.

from 05710; TWOT -- 1565a; n m, a prim. root, to advance

AV - ever 41, everlasting 2, end 1, eternity 1, ever + 05769 1, evermore 1, old 1, perpetually 1; 49

- 1) perpetuity, **for ever**, continuing future
 - 1a) ancient (of past time)
 - 1b) **for ever** (of future time)
 - 1b1) of continuous existence
 - 1c) **for ever** (of **God**'s existence)

THIRD FOREVER

FOR EVER -- 05331 netsach {neh'-tsakh} or netsach {nay'-tsakh} a goal, that is the bright object at a distance traveled toward.

from 05329; TWOT -- 1402a; n m, to glitter from afar.

AV -- ever 24, never 4, perpetual 3, always 2, end 2, victory 2, strength 2, alway 1, constantly 1, evermore 1, never + 03808 1; 43

1) eminence, perpetuity, strength, victory, enduring, everlastingness

1a) eminence

1b) enduring of **life**

1c) endurance in time, perpetual, continual, unto the end

1d) everlastingness, ever

STRONG'S says, **FOR EVER - 5769**, OLAM, concealed, vanishing point, time out of mind, (infinity). From this definition of **FOR EVER** we can conclude that **Melchisedec** existed from **before infinity** and will exist **after infinity**. Since there are many ages spoken of in the Bible, I conclude that **Melchisedec** predates **all** former ages and will exist even after **all** future ages.

It should be mentioned that if the Hebrew writer would have selected **AD** rather than **OLAM** then that would have indicated an existence for a very long duration, even for an age or several ages. That would infer that an end would eventually come, though for all intents and purposes the end would **not** come within the **framework** of any presently known institution. But **AD** was **not** used. **OLAM** was. That indicates an **eternal** existence - timeless. That is a concept apart from human understanding.

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The report in Genesis causes us to think that **Melchisedec** did exist in a physical **Body**. The body could bring bread and wine. The body would receive benefit from tithes of the temporal spoil of the battle.

Just as **JESUS CHRIST** is a manifestation of **EL ELYON** in the flesh in the New Testament, I believe that **Melchisedec** was a manifestation of **EL ELYON** in the flesh in the Old Testament. Some writers even go so far as to conclude that **JESUS** pre-existed as **Melchizedek** of the O.T. They say **JESUS** was **Melchizedek**. That idea is too stretched for me because of the description of their relationship in Hebrews.

ALIVE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

There is a scripture that indicates that the **Body** of **Melchisedec** was also alive during the time of the New Testament. That was at the time that the book of Hebrews was written.

Hebrews 7:8, And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth. (KJV)

Note that “**liveth**” is a present progressive tense verb.

That indicates that the writer of the book of Hebrews believed some witness who testified that the **Body** of **Melchisedec** was alive, though the writer had probably **not** seen **Melchisedec** himself. I think the context indicates that he would have said so if he personally knew it as a fact. He just quoted another source that he believed. In a court of **law**, that would be labeled

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“hearsay” evidence. It would **not** be admissible as a fact. But, in theological terms we must look at it as a possibility because the Bible offers it as a possibility and makes no attempt at anything else. It is witnessed that **Melchisedec** continues to **live**.

It is nearly impossible to comprehend the meaning of those words. Here is the case of a human being who is documented by witnesses to have been alive for well over 2000 years. We know that **Melchisedec** was alive at the time of Abram. We believe also that the same **Melchisedec** has been alive during and after the time of **JESUS CHRIST**.

That must bring a hundred unanswered questions.

How could **Melchisedec** be a human being without having a human father and mother? Remember that **JESUS** did have a human mother but He did **not** have a human Father.

Is **Melchisedec** still alive in the 20th century? We believe that the scriptures do say that **Melchisedec** is still alive today, really.

Where does he live? What does he look like? Is he married? What does he eat? What is his craft? Does he pay taxes? Is **Melchisedec** a part of the **Godhead**?

Whoa! Stop! We don't know.

We can speculate though, that if **Melchisedec** would ever reveal himself, then probably the whole world would worship him rather than **JESUS CHRIST**. That

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is, assuming that he successfully did convince the world of who he really was. That indicates that leading an incognito humble simple **life** will help him to stay alive. Conversely, if self pride ever caused **Melchisedec** to reveal who he really is -- he would probably **die**. That would prevent worship of him, rather than **JESUS**. **Melchisedec** knows we are to worship **JESUS**, not him.

Adam and Methuselah (and others) lived into their ninth century (nearly a thousand years). Since they had the physical power to live nearly a thousand years, what is another thousand? Give or take a little!

Oliver Wendell Holmes tells us that some ideas are so great that when they once find entrance into a human mind they permanently stretch it, leaving it forever afterward bigger.

If **Melchisedec** is a part of the **Godhead**, that presents a rather mind expanding idea. There was a relatively short period of time (33 ½ years) when **EL ELYON** manifested Himself in two separate **Bodies**, **JESUS** and **Melchisedec**.

The scriptures teach that the group of people referred to as the **Body Of CHRIST** will actually overcome the last enemy which is **death**.

THE LAST ENEMY -- DEATH

That presents a glorious mind expanding thought. The glorious idea is that a group of people like you and me have the potential and possibility of overcoming the last enemy -- **death**. They will become priests of **EL ELYON**.

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*1 Corinthians 15:26, The last enemy that shall be destroyed is **death**. (KJV)*

The **overcomers** of the last enemy, **death**, will find themselves manifest to the world, as **Manifest Sons Of God**. That's because they will enter the **Melchisedec** priesthood through the power of an **endless life**, just as **JESUS** did.

Only a **God** can overcome **death**. Are you a **God**? You probably don't feel like it. You don't even look like it. But, this is what **JESUS** said about it.

*John 10:34-35, **JESUS** answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, **Ye are Gods**?*

*35 If he called them **Gods**, unto whom the word of **God** came, and the scripture cannot be broken; (KJV)*

Here above, **JESUS** quotes an O.T. scripture.

*Psalms 82:6, I have said, **Ye are Gods**; and all of you are children of **ELYON** (the **Most High**). (KJV)*

You will understand those verses when you understand the next short section.

At the present time it is proper to say:

- I am a **Spirit**.
- I have a **Soul/Mind**.
- I live in this **Body**.

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When **JESUS** called us **ELOHIMS (Gods)**, it should be rather obvious to **everybody** that we are **not ELOHIMS (Gods)** in the realm of the **Body**. Visit any hospital to verify that we are not **Gods** in the realm of our **bodies**.

Read one edition of any national newspaper to verify that members of our society do **not** act as if we are **ELOHIMS (Gods)** in the realm of our **Soul/Minds**.

When we realize that our own **Body** is controlled by our **Soul/mind** then we draw the same conclusion; we are **not ELOHIMS (Gods)** in the **Soul/Mind** realm, either. Most Christians are willing to admit that they often have stupid thoughts. So it is easy to conclude that we are **not ELOHIMS (Gods)** in the realm of **Soul/Mind**.

But a study of the word “**Spirit**” reveals that **not** only is **God** a **Spirit**, we are also **Spirits**. It is in the realm of the **Spirit (not Soul and not Body)** that **JESUS** called us **Gods**.

Psalms 82:6-7, I have said, Ye are Gods; and all of you are children of ELYON (the Most High).

That also explains the next part of the same 82nd Psalm: “But ye shall **die** (in the **Body**) like men.”

Psalms 82:7, But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes. (KJV)

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In the physical **Body** realm the Old Testament says that the **Body** is destined to **die**. But, the Old Testament does **not** have the same message for the **Spirit**. For instance:

The **Spirit** shall **return unto God** who gave it.

*Ecclesiastes 12:7, Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the **Spirit** shall **return unto God** who gave it. (KJV)*

The deacon Stephen, had to have understood the separation of **Spirit** from **Body**.

*Acts 7:59, And they stoned Stephen, calling upon **God**, and saying, **LORD JESUS**, receive my **Spirit**. (KJV)*

Stephen consigned his **Spirit** to **JESUS** in heaven, **not** his **Soul**, and **not** his **Body**.

The **Spirit** is the **Godly** part of man, **not** the **Soul**, and **not** the **Body**.

But that is **not** the end of the story.

The last generation, the generation that overcomes the last enemy - **death**,
the people who shall be the **overcomers**,
the same ones who shall become kings and priests,
the **Manifest Sons Of God**,
shall **all** be absolutely perfect in **Spirit**,
because the blood of **JESUS CHRIST** has covered **all** their sins.

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But presently they still need to have their hearts circumcised. That is the title of my last book, **CIRCUMCISION OF THE HEART**.

The same Christians shall become perfect in **Soul** by receiving with meekness the engrafted word which is able to save your **Soul**.

*James 1:21, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is **able** to **save** your **Souls**. (KJV)*

The church of **JESUS CHRIST** is on the step of **Soul** salvation (perfection) right now.

IS THE SOUL ETERNAL?

*Psalm 6:5, For in **death** there is no **remembrance** of thee: in the grave who shall give thee **thanks**? (KJV)*
(Attributes of the **Soul**).

*Psalm 30:9, What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to the pit? Shall the **dust** **praise** thee? shall it **declare** thy truth? (KJV)*
(Attributes of the **Soul**).

*Psalm 88:10-12, Wilt thou shew wonders to the **dead**? shall the **dead** arise and **praise** thee? Selah.*

*11 Shall thy lovingkindness be declared in the **grave**? or thy faithfulness in destruction?*

*12 Shall thy wonders be known in the **dark**? and thy righteousness in the land of **forgetfulness**? (KJV)*

*Psalm 115:17, The **dead** praise not the LORD, neither any that go down into **silence**. (KJV)*

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*Ecclesiastes 9:10, Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no **work**, nor **device**, nor **knowledge**, nor **wisdom**, in the **grave**, whither thou goest. (KJV)*

All attributes of the **Soul**.

Yes. There are some songs that talk about the eternal **Soul** in heaven. Just remember those are songs, not the Bible. The Bible does not agree. The existence of the **Soul** ends at **death**. The **Spirit** came from **God** and returns to **God** at **death** of the **Body**.

MORE ON PERFECT

*Hebrews 11:40, **God** having provided some better thing for us, that **they** without **us** should not be made **perfect**. (KJV)*

Here's the trouble. The word **perfect** isn't the **perfect** translation. It doesn't mean **perfect** as we use the word. Keep your finger there on Hebrews 11:40 and come with me to Romans 12:1-2.

*Romans 12:1-2, I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of **God**, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto **God**, which is your reasonable service.*

*2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that **good**, and **acceptable**, and **perfect**, will of **God**. (KJV)*

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Here we find three wills of **God**;

1. **good**,
2. **acceptable**, and
3. **perfect**.

GOOD

The word “**good**” is **good**, as far as the translation. There is a “**good**” will of **God**.

ACCEPTABLE

The word “**acceptable**” is **not acceptable**. “**Acceptable**” should be translated “**well pleasing**.” **Acceptable** in English, doesn’t mean the same thing as **well pleasing**. This strawberry pie is **acceptable**. This strawberry pie is **well pleasing**. I am talking about **two** different grades of pie. **Acceptable** means “so, so, it could be better.” **Well pleasing** means “it is very satisfactory.”

PERFECT

The next word “**perfect**” is **not perfect**. It should be translated “**fully complete**.” **Perfect** denotes -- no imperfection. It has nothing wrong. But that’s **not** what the passage means. **Perfect** means instead, “**fully completed**.” He learned **perfection (full completion)** through the things He suffered. He was **perfect** and had no imperfection when He wasn’t **perfect (fully completed)**. **JESUS** was never imperfect (less than perfect). He learned to be “**fully completed**” through the things He suffered.

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A PERFECT FIVE

For example, I am observing a five year old girl. This is a **perfect** five year old child. Would you agree that we are going to expect more out of this child when she's six? And then more at ten? Even though this child is a **perfect** five, I would **not** expect much performance from this child in the realm of driving a car. **Perfect** means to be **fully completed** and for a five year old, this child is **perfect (fully completed)**! She is **perfect**. But we certainly hope this child is more "**fully completed**" when she is ten.

AN INHERITANCE

We are now returning to our general subject of **overcoming** the last enemy - **death**.

*Hebrews 9:15, And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of **death**, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the **first** testament, they which are called might receive the promise of **eternal inheritance**. (KJV)*

Those people who were already saved received a further promise of something else. What were they promised? An **eternal inheritance**.

INHERITANCE WHEN?

When do you receive your **inheritance**?

*1 Peter 1:4-5, To an **inheritance** incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,*

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*5 Who are kept by the power of **God** through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. (KJV)*

The inheritance that is reserved in heaven for us is a further salvation that will **not** be **revealed** until the **last time**. That means former generations didn't know anything about that particular salvation. We are talking about the salvation of the **Body**.

A further salvation will be revealed in the **last time**. Even though the **inheritance** is in heaven, and even though it is yours, you cannot enjoy it (by having and/or spending it) yet.

For instance, suppose that you have an **inheritance** trust fund reserved for you in the bank. Your father said that you may receive it when you become 20 years old. You cannot spend it when you are 18, no matter how much you want it, even though it is yours. You have **hope** for it. You cannot exercise **faith** for it. (**Faith** is for the present and **hope** is for the future.) If you spend it before the right time they'll throw you in jail; because, although it is going to become yours to use someday, it is **not** yours to use, yet. Even though the salvation is reserved in heaven we can **hope** for it now, and someday we will walk into it by **faith** at the time that was reserved by the Father.

THE END OF AN OLD AGE

We believe these are the last days and this inheritance is the salvation of the **Body**. The church has **not** entered into **Body** salvation yet. It isn't time yet. The church is

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still coming out of the Old Testament and into the New Testament. It is leaving the old age wherein dwelleth **death**, and entering the new age wherein dwelleth righteousness. We believe there are people reading this book who are going to overcome the last enemy which is **death**. We believe those people are going to enter behind the veil, **not** just in **Spirit**, but also in **Soul**, and **Body**.

Angel messengers are working on our heads (minds) removing tares and throwing them out. The tares were placed there by well meaning religious practitioners. They cause us to think we could find favor with **God** by this or that rule or law. But the truth is that our favor has already been found through **JESUS CHRIST** our LORD.

Can you labor to enter into that rest? Must we always labor to find favor by this or that rule or law and miss so great a salvation? How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? Let us therefore labor to enter into that rest! Presenting yourself to the angel messenger to tear out those tares is one way to labor. Believe that **God** can actually write on your heart. And **God** can write different messages, for the time, on each person's heart.

PERFECT BODIES

Melchisedec and **JESUS** had perfect **Bodies**, don't you think? Christians shall finally become perfect in **Body** when they enter the **Melchisedec** priesthood.

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*1 Corinthians 15:51-53, Behold, I shew you a mystery;
We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be **changed**,*

*52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the
last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the **dead**
shall be raised **incorruptible**, and we shall be **changed**.*

*53 For this **corruptible** must put on
incorruption, and this **mortal** must put on **immortality**.
(KJV)*

We who are **mortal** must put on **immortality**. Very few preachers teach on the Bible subject of **immortality**. But things are changing. Shortly it shouldn't be as hard to find a church that helps you to develop your **faith** in the realm of salvation of the **Body**.

*Romans 10:17, So then **faith** cometh by **hearing**, and
hearing by the **word of God**. (KJV)*

*Romans 10:14, how shall they **hear** without a
preacher? (KJV)*

Overcomers will seek **immortality**.

*Romans 2:7, them who by patient continuance in well
doing **seek** for glory and honour and **immortality**,
eternal life: (KJV)*

The scripture says that those who **seek immortality** will receive **eternal life**. That indicates that **seeking eternal life** is a condition of **receiving eternal life**.

God will give **eternal life** to those who **seek** glory, honor, and immortality. We are told to **seek** **immortality**.

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I have never been quite sure if the **Melchisedec** priesthood produces the power to overcome the last enemy -- **death**, or if overcoming **death** is the qualification that opens the door of entry into the **Melchisedec** priesthood. It may be that it doesn't matter, since they seem to go along hand-in-hand. What do you think?

PERFECT

JESUS and **Melchisedec** were perfect, don't you think?

*Hebrews 6:1, Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of **CHRIST**, let us go on unto **perfection**; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward **God**, (KJV)*

I don't know how many times Christian workers have told me that **perfection** is impossible. My friend, don't bother me with those facts. My mind is made up! The facts of our lives indicate **perfection** is impossible, but the scriptures say it **is possible**. I have opted in favor of the scripture! As far as I am concerned, **perfection** is **possible** because He told us it was. He told us to do it. The fact that we haven't done it, does **not** keep someone from doing it.

ALL THE WAY PERFECT

When anyone becomes all the way perfect in **Spirit**, **Soul**, and in **Body**, they will have to travel incognito. A person who was that perfect would have light glory emanating from their **Body**. If they revealed their own perfection to the rest of society, they would bring

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worship to themselves. Consequently, they would die. That's why they would have to travel incognito.

Your purpose is **not** to have glory. Your purpose is **not** to look like a flashlight. If you presently had the glory around your **Body** you would call attention to yourself, and the people in your society would make you their Pope.

THE FOUNDATION STONES OF PERFECTION

*Hebrews 6:1-3, Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of **CHRIST**, let us go on unto **perfection**; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward **God**,*

2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

*3 And this will we do, if **God** permit. (KJV)
permit. (KJV)*

Go onto perfection, **not** laying again the foundation. There are six foundation stones here:

1. repentance from dead works,
2. faith toward **God**,
3. doctrine of baptisms,
4. laying on of hands,
5. resurrection of the dead,
6. eternal judgment.

This we'll do if **God** permits. We need all these things at certain times in our development. You have noticed that certain denominations do major in certain selected foundation stones of truth. We need more than one or two stones. We need them all. We must build a strong building with them all. But there comes a time to stop

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reinforcing what has already been reinforced, and move into perfection (full completion).

*Hebrews 11:40, **God** having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made **perfect**. (KJV)*

God having provided some better thing for us, that **they** (the ones who have died and gone on to heaven) without **us** (the ones who are alive and remain) should **not** be made **perfect**. Wait a minute. Are they **perfect** or **not**? Hebrews Chapter 10:14 said, “He hath **perfected forever**,” now in 11:40 we find they are “**waiting** to be made **perfect**.”

They are in heaven. Is your Grandma perfect in heaven? Her **Body** isn't. It went back to dust. Her **Soul** does **not** exist (Psalm 6:5, 30:9, 88:11, 115:17, Ecc. 9:10). Her **Spirit** in heaven is waiting to be made **perfect** (fully complete, Heb. 11:39-40).

What's the answer?

*Hebrews 12:1, Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a **cloud of witnesses** (those who have died and gone to heaven), let **us** (those that are still alive) lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, (that sin is our own death) and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, (KJV)*

When we win, they win. When we win, they will be **perfect** (fully complete).

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What must we win? The race. What are we racing for?
We are racing to overcome the last enemy -- **death**.
When we win, they win

OVERCOME DEATH

We know that **JESUS CHRIST** overcame **death**, and his Father is **EL ELYON**.

We also know that **Melchisedec** also overcame **death**, and he was priest of **EL ELYON**.

There are three other famous Bible characters who overcame **death**. King Nebuchadnezzar said those three Hebrew children were servants of **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**). We conclude the energy to overcome **death** was theirs because they were servants of **EL ELYON**.

*Daniel 3:24-30 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast **three** men bound into the **midst** of the **fire**? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king.*

*25 He answered and said, Lo, I see **four** men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the **Son of God**.*

*26 Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, ye servants of **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**), come forth, and come hither. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, came forth of the midst of the fire.*

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27 And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them.

*28 Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the **God** of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any **God**, except their own **God**.*

*29 Therefore I make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, which speak any thing amiss against the **God** of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill: because there is no other **God** that can deliver after this sort.*

30 Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, in the province of Babylon. (KJV)

Every reference I can find about someone who served **EL ELYON** also includes the idea that they overcame **death** in the **Body**.

It is exciting to think about the last generation on earth that shall be alive and remain to the coming of the **LORD**.

*1 Corinthians 15:26, The last enemy that shall be destroyed is **death**. (KJV)*

They shall become kings and priests like **Melchisedec**, the same way **JESUS CHRIST** did it, through the power of an **endless life**.

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Peter did say that the revelation of the truth of the salvation of the **Body** would be “**reserved in heaven**” and would **not** be revealed until the “**last time**” because it was concealed in heaven.

*1 Peter 1:5, Who are kept by the power of **God** through faith unto **salvation** ready to be **revealed in the last time**. (KJV)*

The salvation was **not** known about in earlier generations. Only the **last** generation would know about a salvation that would be revealed in the **last** time.

Very few preachers teach about a “**Salvation** (that is) **ready to be revealed in the last time**.” They have not been able to come to grips with the differences between **Spirit**, and **Soul**, and **Body**. They are not able to come to grips with the idea that there are **three** salvations.

We believe that this present work (and this present book **EL ELYON NOW**) is a part of that last time (end time) revelation.

OVERCOME DEATH

The following partial quotes from the book of Hebrews establish the concept that the general subject is **endless life, eternal life in the physical Body**, for Melchisedec, for **JESUS**, and for us.

- 1:8 Thy throne O **God**, is **forever** and **ever**
- 1:11 They shall perish: But thou **remainest**
- 1:12 Thy years shall **not fail**
- 5:7 able to save him from **death**
- 5:9 author of **eternal salvation**

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- 6:1 go on to **perfection**
6:18 **hope** set before us
6:20 high priest **forever**
7:3 abideth a priest **continually**
7:16 power of an **endless life**
7:21 priest **forever**
7:24 He continueth **forever**
7:25 Seeing He **ever liveth**
7:28 consecrated **for evermore**
9:12 obtained **eternal** redemption for us
9:15 promise of **eternal** inheritance
10:14 perfected **forever** them that are sanctified
13:20 blood of the **everlasting** covenant

HIS BODY DIED

When **JESUS** died on the cross, was the **Body** of the man **JESUS** dead? The Bible is clear, the **Body** was dead -- dead. After that, His **Body** became alive again.

*Romans 8:11, But if the **Spirit** of him that raised up **JESUS** from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up **CHRIST** from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his **Spirit** that dwelleth in you. (KJV)*

The **Holy Spirit** has enough power to quicken our **mortal Bodies** as He quickened the **Body** of **JESUS**. The word “quicken” means to make you run fast, shake, quiver, move, locomote, make your **Body** wiggle, animate your **mortal Body**. The **Holy Spirit** is going to quicken the **mortal Bodies** of those who are alive and remain to the coming of **CHRIST**. They will receive power over **death** of the **Body**.

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Notice that the scripture said **mortal (natural) Body** and **not Spiritual**. There is a **natural Body**, and there is a **Spiritual Body**. (I Cor. 15:44). There's a difference between them.

*1 Corinthians 15:44, It is sown a **natural Body**; it is raised a **Spiritual Body**. There is a **natural Body**, and there is a **Spiritual Body**. (KJV)*

There is a big difference.

Some preachers apply that verse, and others like it, to the teaching about the resurrection. I don't think you can say much about **mortal** bodies when the subject is the resurrection. There is a big difference.

Paul made it plain that the **Body** in the **grave** is not the **Body** that shall be resurrected.

*1 Corinthians 15:35, But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with **what Body** do they come? (KJV)*

That's our question. With **what Body** do they return to earth?

*1 Corinthians 15:44, It is sown a **natural Body**; it is raised a **Spiritual Body**. There is a **natural Body**, and there is a **Spiritual Body**. (KJV)*

There is a **natural Body**, and there is a **spiritual Body**, and there is a **difference**. The **natural Body** is planted in the earth (grave) at the time of the funeral. The **Spiritual Body** returns from heaven at the time of the general resurrection.

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Many people want the **natural Body** to be the **Body** that returns at the resurrection. But, that's not what the Bible says.

Hundreds of Christian songs do **not** agree with the Bible about which **Body** returns. Many denominations and preachers do **not** agree with the Bible either. Make up your own mind.

Paul is **not** talking about quickening **Spiritual Bodies** in heaven. He is talking about quickening the **natural, mortal, temporal, Body** on earth. Those who are quickened will overcome the last enemy which is **death** in the **natural Body**. After they are quickened they can rule and reign with **CHRIST** on His throne. They will have glory of the Father in their **physical Bodies**.

We don't have the glory yet because we haven't gone through all of the necessary changes to our **Soul/Mind** attitudes. We have **not** yet received the circumcision of our hearts. We have **not** yet received the **energy of God** to accomplish the changes in our **Bodies**. Those subjects are covered in Bible prophecy.

THREE VAILS

Another spelling problem.

1. **O.T. VAIL**, but Song of Solomon has it **VEIL**.
2. **N.T. VEIL**, but 2 Corinthians has it **VAIL**.

I picked **VAIL**, because it looks better to me.

Melchisedec and **JESUS** symbolically entered beyond the third vail into the prescience of His

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Father **EL ELYON (Most High God)**. (V 19, 20) There are three curtains or vails in the Tabernacle of Moses. They are given as types and shadows for us to observe, so let's study the veil.

First is the outer veil (door). Behind it is the brazen altar and the laver.

Next is the second veil (or curtain) which separates the Outer Court from the Holy Place. Behind it is the candlestick, table of shewbread, and the incense altar.

The third curtain or veil separates the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies. Behind the third veil was the Ark of the Testament, the Mercy Seat and the Cherubim. The Ark of the Testament was the symbolic location of the presence of **God**. This is where you can speak to **God** man to man, face to face, mouth to mouth. This is where we can get answers.

WHO COULD ENTER BEHIND THE VAIL?

All Israel had access to the Outer Court. Only the Levites could enter the Holy Place beyond the second veil. Only the High Priest (selected from the Levites and from the family of Aaron) could enter the Holy of Holies. Only once a year could he enter into that within the veil.

*Hebrews 6:19, Which **hope** we have as an anchor of the Soul, both sure and steadfast, and which **entereth into that within the veil**; (KJV)*

When you enter the Holy of Holies you have to be a member of the priestly **Order**. Furthermore, like the High Priest, you have to be perfect. That was a type,

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shadow, and symbol of that which is to come. Those who overcome the last enemy (**death**) will enter into that within the veil, the Holy of Holies, as **JESUS** did. They will speak to **EL ELYON (Most High God)** man to man, mouth to mouth, and face to face.

Entry in to the Outer Court was a type and shadow of the salvation of our **Spirit**. All Israel had that.

The second step, entry into the Holy Place, is a type and shadow of the salvation of our **Souls**. The people who receive the engrafted word are having that.

Entry beyond the third veil into the Holy of Holies is a type and shadow of the salvation of our **Bodies**. We are waiting for that.

Hebrews 6:19 told us that **hope** enables us to enter into that within the veil. We have learned that our **Bodies** are saved by **hope**.

WAITING FOR THE REDEMPTION OF OUR BODIES

Romans 8:23-24, *And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the **Spirit**, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, **waiting** for the adoption, to wit, the **redemption of our Body**.*

*24 For we are saved by **hope**: but **hope** that is seen is not **hope**: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet **hope** for? (KJV)*

No denominations, and very few churches or preachers, teach about the redemption of our **Bodies**. We believe that will soon change.

DID JOHN DIE?

There was a rumor that went out among the believers that John would not die. **JESUS** had the chance to check or stop that rumor but He didn't. I believe **JESUS** gave more power to it. There is no historical evidence that John ever died. Would you disfellowship me if you thought that I believed that John did overcome **death** in the physical realm, and that John is still alive here on the earth, now? That means that John has probably entered the **Melchisedec Order** here on this earth, without first dying and going to heaven. John lived, and loved, and brought heaven to earth.

THE RUMOR

The personal pronouns have been cleared up in this section of the translation because it is very hard to make sense in the KJV.

*John 21:20-23, Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom **JESUS** loved (John) following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, LORD, which is he that betrayeth thee?*

*21 Peter seeing him (John) saith to **JESUS**, LORD and what shall this man (John) do?*

*22 **JESUS** saith unto him, If I will that he (John) tarry till I come, what is that to thee (Peter)? follow thou me.*

*23 Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that disciple (John) should not die: yet **JESUS** said not unto him, He (John) shall not die; but, If I will that he (John) tarry till I come, what is that to thee (Peter)? (KJV adjusted))*

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JESUS did **not** say that John would live or die. But He didn't do anything to stop the rumor that John would **not** die. Every person to your own opinion.

KINGS AND PRIESTS

Concerning kings and priests like **Melchisedec**:
Revelation 20:4, And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of JESUS, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with CHRIST a thousand years. (KJV)

Who will sit on the **thrones** like **Melchisedec**, like **JESUS**?

OVERCOMERS

The **overcomer** will sit in the **throne** of **JESUS**.

Revelation 3:21, To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. (KJV)

What great enemy did **JESUS CHRIST** overcome?

Death!

What last great enemy must we also overcome?

Death!

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*1 Corinthians 15:26, The last enemy that shall be destroyed is **death**. (KJV)*

*1 Corinthians 15:55-57, O **death**, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?*

*56 The sting of **death** is sin; and the strength of sin is the **law**.*

*57 But thanks be to **God**, which giveth us the victory through our **LORD JESUS CHRIST**. (KJV)*

We see again, that the **law** (of Moses) serves to kill us (our **bodies**) -- but the **Spirit**, and the **love** of **God** through **JESUS CHRIST**, serves to make us **live** (in the **Body**).

*2 Corinthians 3:6, for the **letter killeth**, but the **Spirit giveth life**. (KJV)*

LAW ORDER OF MELCHISEDEC

Here is an interesting side light on the **Order of Melchisedec**.

The English word “**order**” is “**DIBRAH**” in the Hebrew (**STRONG’S** 1700).

“**DIBRAH**” is derived from “**DABAR**” (**STRONG’S** 1697 and 1696). The word “**DABAR**” is used to describe the 10 commandments that **YAHWEH** gave to us through Moses.

In other words the word “**order**” has much to do with the word “**law**.” Much attention is given in the book of Hebrews concerning a change of **law**.

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*Hebrews 7:12, For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a **change also of the law.** (KJV)*

The expression “**Order of Melchisedec**” could mean “**Law of Melchisedec.**”

Remember that the **law** of **EL ELYON**, and **Melchisedec**, and of **JESUS CHRIST** is best described by the way **all** three met situations of **life** here on earth. They lived by their **law**. They granted

- **LOVE**
- **LIGHT (TRUTH)**
- **FORGIVENESS**
- **MERCY** and
- **LIFE.**

That’s **not** the end of our interest in the word “**order**” as used in the **Order of Melchisedec**.

In the Greek language the English word “**order**” is “**TAXIS**” (**STRONG’S** 5010) (Hebrews 5:6, 10; 6:20; 7:11, 17, 21) It means “regular arrangement, fixed succession in **time**.”

I believe that that is exactly what did happen. Our consciousness of the **names/natures** of the **Godhead** did change in a regular, fixed arrangement in a succession of **time**. Now is the **time** to recognize the **Order of Melchisedec** as being the highest **Order**.

Melchisedec is the king of **peace**. The word used in the KJV for “**peace**” is “**salem**.”

STRONG’S CONCORDANCE says:

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SALEM -- 08004 Shalem {shaw-lame'}

the same as 08003; n pr loc, peaceful, early **name** of Jerusalem, full, just, made ready, peaceable, perfect, quiet.

AV -- Salem 2, Shalem 1; 3

Salem = "peace"

1) the place of which **Melchizedek** was king

1a) most Jewish commentators affirm that it is the same as **Jerusalem**

It is interesting to connect the idea of **peace** with **Melchisedec**, and with **EL ELYON**. And it is also interesting to note that **Melchisedec** is the king of **peace** as a priest of **EL ELYON**. **JESUS CHRIST** is the **prince** of **peace** as a Son (and later a priest) of **EL ELYON**.

Searching the scriptures, I can **not** find any indication that **YAHWEH** or Moses were ever noted for bringing **peace**.

WHO'S THE BOSS?

By my own election, I have decided to **not** show

1. **Melchisedec**, or

2. **JESUS CHRIST**, or

3. the **Overcomers**

as being on the same theological level as **ELOAH** in the illustration of the clouds. See page _____. The reason is that **all** three were earthly temporal people. I had enough trouble showing that the heavenly **Godhead** is made up at least **5 name/natures**. There is no need for me to "cloud" the issue by raising 3 more earthly **names** up into the heaven in our study.

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I suppose that I could have gotten away with putting the **name JESUS CHRIST** up there in the clouds. But in the order of events it wouldn't really be consistent, because I've been using scriptures from the **Old Testament**, **not** the **New**. Get yourself ready for the idea that the **Godhead** includes **Melchisedec**, and **JESUS CHRIST**, and the **overcomers**. Get ready for the idea that the **Godhead** is going to come to **earth** rather the idea that the **overcomers** are going to **heaven**. **JESUS** confirmed that idea.

*John 14:23, JESUS answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will **come unto him**, and make our abode with him. (KJV)*

As long as we are on the subject of placing **JESUS CHRIST** on the level of **ELOAH**, we should also place **JESUS CHRIST** on the level of **YAHWEH**, **ELOHIM**, **EL SHADDAI**, and **EL ELYON**. Remember that **EL ELYON** is the **Most High God**, and that **JESUS CHRIST** is the **head of all principalities and powers**.

*Colossians 2:9-10, For in him (JESUS CHRIST) dwelleth all the fulness of the **Godhead** bodily.*

*10 And ye are complete in him, which is the **head of all principality and power**: (KJV)*

In other words, it would **not** be wrong to write the **name JESUS CHRIST** along side of every **Name of God**.

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I believe that John confirmed that it is proper to think of **JESUS CHRIST** every time that a person thinks of any other **Name Of God**.

*John 1:1-10, In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with **God**, and the Word was **God**.*

*2 The same was in the beginning with **God**.*

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

*6 There was a man sent from **God**, whose name was John.*

7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. (KJV)

AARONIC OR MELCHISEDEC PRIESTHOOD?

The context of Hebrews 5:6-10 sets the stage for the facts following in Chapter 7. We start to see that there is a difference between the Aaronic priesthood and the **Melchisedec** priesthood. We are reminded that **JESUS** was made perfect through His experience at Gethsemane.

*Hebrews 5:1-10, For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to **God**, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins:*

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2 *Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity.*

3 *And by reason hereof he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins.*

4 *And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of **God**, as was Aaron.*

5 *So also **CHRIST** glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee.*

6 *As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the **Order of Melchisedec**.*

7 *Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications **with strong crying and tears** unto him that was able to save him from **death**, and was heard in that he feared;*

8 *Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;*

9 *And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;*

10 *Called of **God** an high priest after the **Order of Melchisedec**. (KJV)*

Everyone now-a-days who is standing as a candidate to go through **all** the changes necessary in order to overcome the last enemy, **death**, will enter the **Order of Melchisedec with strong crying and with tears**. (v7) They will find the idea of suffering to be quite uncomfortable. The passage shows that the hearer and student of the lesson will find it necessary to make major changes within themselves.

MILK OR MEAT?

Continuing,

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Hebrews 5:11-13, Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing.

*12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of **God**; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.*

13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. (KJV)

We must put off the need for **milk** and develop a taste for strong **meat**. If a person does **not**, it is implied that the person will **not** enter the **Melchisedec Order** or **Priesthood**. That means that the person on the **milk** of the Word will have to **die**; and the person on the **meat** of the Word does have a chance to **live**.

The only other chapter in the Bible that tells anything about **Melchisedec** is chapter 7 of Hebrews.

In chapter 7 **Melchisedec** is mentioned by **name** six (6) times in verses 1, 10, 11, 15, 17 and 21.

LAW LEADS TO DEATH

*Hebrews 7:1-10, For this **Melchisedec**, king of Salem, priest of **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**), who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him;*

2 To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;

3 Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of

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*life; but made like unto the Son of **God**; abideth a priest continually.*

4 Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils.

5 And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham:

6 But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises.

7 And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better.

8 And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth.

9 And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham.

*10 For he was yet in the loins of his father, when **Melchisedec** met him. (KJV)*

LEVI PAID TITHES TO MELCHISEDEC

It sounds impossible. Levi wasn't born yet. How could he pay tithes to **Melchisedec**? Levi received tithes from his brothers, but paid tithes in Abraham to **one** greater than Abraham. For he was yet in the loins of his father Abraham when **Melchisedec** met him. We don't normally consider an unborn child performing a function while it is yet in the father's loins, but that is what this is saying.

Using the example of the tithe, the passage (Hebrews 7:1-10) shows that Abraham, Levi, and the Levitical priesthood were of a lower **Order** than **Melchisedec**

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(v7). Conversely, the passage shows that **Melchisedec** was of a greater **Order** than the others (V4).

Using the example of the fact that the Levitical priesthood did **not** learn perfection and/or bring perfection (V 11) as **JESUS** did (v 5:9), the verses 11-28 show that it is necessary to have a change of **two** things:

1. The Levitical priesthood must change to the **Melchisedec** priesthood,
2. The **law** of **YAHWEH** given to Moses (then Levi then Aaron) must change to the **mercy** of **EL ELYON** given to and through **JESUS CHRIST**.

The whole context of Hebrews chapter 7 shows that the **law** of **YAHWEH** led every **one** of the priests of **YAHWEH** (Levites) into **death** (V 8, 23).

MERCY OF EL ELYON

It also shows that the **mercy** of **EL ELYON** has led every **one** of the priests of **EL ELYON** (**Melchisedec** and **JESUS**) into **eternal life**.

For instance:

- having neither end of **life** (V 3)
- abideth a priest continually (V 3)
- of whom it is witnessed that he **liveth** (V 8)
- the power of an **endless life** (V 10)
- Thou art a priest **for ever** (V 17)
- Thou art a priest **for ever** (V 21)
- He continueth ever (V 24)
- seeing he ever **liveth** (V 25)
- who is consecrated **for evermore** (V 28)

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THINGS CHANGE

*Hebrews 7:11-28, If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that **another** priest should rise after the **Order of Melchisedec**, and **not** be called after the **order of Aaron**?*

*12 For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the **law**.*

*13 For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to **another** tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar.*

14 For it is evident that our LORD sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood.

*15 And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of **Melchisedec** there ariseth another priest,*

*16 Who is made, not after the **law** of a carnal commandment, but after the **power of an endless life**.*

*17 For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the **Order of Melchisedec**.*

*18 For there is verily a **disannulling** of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof.*

*19 For the **law** made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto **God**.*

20 And inasmuch as not without an oath he was made priest:

*21 (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest **for ever** after the **Order of Melchisedec**:)*

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22 By so much was **JESUS** made a surety of a better testament.

23 And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of **death**:

24 But this man, because he **continueth ever**, hath an **unchangeable** priesthood.

25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto **God** by him, seeing he **ever liveth** to make intercession for them.

26 For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

27 Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself.

28 For the **law** maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the **law**, maketh the Son, who is consecrated **for evermore**. (KJV)

The whole chapter 7 of Hebrews pleads for an understanding of the idea that:

- The priesthood has changed,
- Consequently the **law** has changed,
- And the **Hope** of man has changed.

OUR HOPE HAS BEEN CHANGED

The **Hope** of mankind has changed.

For instance:

BETTER HOPE

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*Hebrews 7:19, For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a **better hope** did; by the which we draw nigh unto **God**. (KJV)*

ANCHOR HOPE

*Hebrews 6:19, Which **hope** we have as an **anchor** of the **Soul**, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; (KJV)*

REST IN HOPE

*Acts 2:26, Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall **rest** in **hope**: (KJV)*

*Acts 23:6, But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: of the **hope** and resurrection of the **dead** I am called in question. (KJV)*

*Romans 8:23-25, And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the **Spirit**, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, **waiting** for the **adoption**, to wit, the **redemption of our body**.*

*24 For we are **saved by hope**: but **hope** that is **seen** is not **hope**: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet **hope** for?*

*25 But if we **hope** for that we **see not**, then do we with patience wait for it. (KJV)*

*Hebrews 11:1, Now faith is the substance of things **hoped** for, the evidence of things **not seen**. (KJV)*

BLESSED HOPE

Just what is this blessed **HOPE**? It is twofold:

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- **Hope** for the resurrection of the dead **Spirits**,
- **Hope** for the change of the mortal **Body** into the **glorified Body**.

Stop. Here is another type of body. A third type body:

1. Spiritual body
2. Natural body,
3. Glorified body.

A glorified body is a natural body that has put on the glory of the Father. It is not a spiritual body.

In summary: “**Hope**” is the future tense of the present tense verb “**Faith**.” Conversely, “**Faith**” is the present tense of the future tense verb “**Hope**.”

A believer can presently walk in every Bible promise that is connected with the word “**Faith**.”

WAIT FOR HOPE

But a believer must **wait** for our **God**’s timing in matters that are described by the word “**Hope**.”

Paul described the “**waiting**” this way:

Galatians 4:1-2, Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;

*2 But is **under** tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. (KJV)*

Paul also described that for which he was **waiting**, what he was **Hoping** for.

*Romans 8:23-24, And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the **Spirit**, even we ourselves*

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*groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the **redemption of our body**.*

*24 For we are saved by **hope**: but **hope** that is seen is not **hope**: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet **hope** for? (KJV)*

Paul waited for the **redemption** of his **Body**. Have you heard preaching that encouraged you to wait for the **redemption** of your **Body**? Most preachers encourage **waiting** to **die** and then going to **heaven**. Paul said he was **hoping** and **waiting** for the **redemption** of his **Body**.

SPIRIT, SOUL, BODY

Just as man is composed of three (3) parts (**Spirit**, **Soul** and **Body**), the Bible gives us three verbs which always describe the salvation of each part of man. The verbs are **FAITH**, **WORKS**, and **HOPE**.

SPIRIT -- GRACE AND FAITH

Your **Spirit** is saved by **Grace** through **Faith**.

*Ephesians 2:8-9, For by **grace** are ye **saved** through **faith**; and that **not of yourselves**: it is the gift of **God**:*

9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. (KJV)

Your **Soul** is being saved by **Works**.

*Philippians 2:12, Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation** with fear and trembling. (KJV)*

BODY -- HOPE

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Your **Body** is going to be saved by **Hope**.

IS SALVATION BY FAITH OR BY WORKS?

The apparent conflict between, “salvation is **not** of **works**” in Ephesians 2 and, “**work** out your own salvation” in Philippians 2, disappears when we see that **one** scripture is for the **salvation** of the **Spirit**. The other describes the process of the **salvation** of the **Soul**.

In the realm of your **Spirit**, there is nothing you can do to improve what **JESUS** has already done. So, you exercise your faith for what **JESUS** already did. However, in the realm of your **Soul**, you still need improvement as you continue to receive the engrafted word which is able to save your **Soul**.

*James 1:21, Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to **save your souls**. (KJV)*

That was written to people who were **already saved** in their **Spirit**, but who also needed to make improvements in the realm of their **Souls**. So for **Soul salvation**, you exercise your works in Bible reading, study, etc., which saves your **Soul** (changes your mind about things).

MANY CHANGES

You may have noticed that the following things changed:

- The priesthood changed from Levi to **Melchisedec**,
- The **Name of God** changed from **YAHWEH** to **EL ELYON**,

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- The **law** of **God** changed from 613 “TSAVAH” **laws** of Moses to only 4 “ENTELLOMAI” **laws** of **JESUS**.

These things changed when **JESUS CHRIST** overcame the last enemy, **death**. The power of the resurrection brought about major changes in religion.

CHANGE OF THE LAW OF GOD

In the Old Testament, **YAHWEH** gave us 613 **laws** through His prophet Moses.

No person ever kept the **laws** and so consequently, everyone was held guilty of breaking the whole group of 613. James said it this way

*James 2:10, For whosoever shall keep the whole **law**, and yet **offend in one point**, he is **guilty of all**. (KJV)*

Moses had warned us **all**:

*Deuteronomy 27:26, Cursed be he that confirmeth not all the words of this **law** to do them. And all the people shall say, Amen. (KJV)*

Concerning that O.T. curse, Paul told the Galatians that: *Galatians 3:13, **CHRIST** hath redeemed us from the **curse of the law**, being made a **curse** for us: for it is written, **Cursed** is every **one** that hangeth on a tree: (KJV)*

Concerning the way that **CHRIST JESUS** treated the **law**, Paul told the Colossians:

*Colossians 2:14, Blotting out the handwriting of **ordinances** that was against us, which was contrary to*

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*us, and took it out of the way, **nailing it to his cross**;
(KJV)*

The Jewish priests talked the Italian government into crucifying **JESUS**. Then **JESUS crucified the law** by nailing **it** to His cross.

TOUCH NOT, TASTE NOT, HANDLE NOT

Too many modern day churches are still like the Colossians were.

*Colossians 2:20-23, Wherefore if ye be dead with **CHRIST** from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,*

21 (Touch not; taste not; handle not;

22 Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men?

*23 Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the **Body**; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.
(KJV)*

The AMPLIFIED NEW TESTAMENT, LOCKMAN FOUNDATION, ZONDERVAN, 1958, translates that section so powerfully that we need to read a quote from it now.

“If then you have died with **CHRIST** to material ways of looking at things and have escaped from the world’s crude and elemental notions and teachings of externalism, why do you live as if you still belong to the world? Why do you submit to rules and regulations? (Such as), Do **not** handle (this), Do **not** taste (that), Do **not** even touch (them). Referring to things all of which perish with being used. To do this is to follow human

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precepts and doctrines (Isaiah 29:13). Such (practices) have indeed the outward appearance (that popularly passes) for wisdom, in promoting self imposed rigor of devotion and delight in self-humiliation and severity of discipline of the **Body**, but they are of no value in checking the indulgence of the flesh -- the lower **nature**. (Instead, they do **not** honor **God**) but serve only to indulge the flesh.”

The **Melchisedec** priesthood will follow the mercy that was given by **EL ELYON** (the **Most High God**). When there is a conflict they will set aside the letter of the **laws** that were given to the Levite priesthood, from **YAHWEH** to Moses.

Here is the way **JESUS** handled such conflicts, and eventually you will be able to follow this pattern.

In His own life, **JESUS** kept every jot and tittle of the law. He crossed the “t” and dotted the “i.” He walked the chalk. He did everything right. But, when **JESUS** encountered people who were caught in the web of sin, He did **not** put them under condemnation of the **law**. He gave them the grace and mercy of **EL ELYON**.

When you become a priest after the **Order of Melchisedec** you will order your own life aright. You will keep the **Spirit** of the **laws**. But, when you meet other people who have not walked rightly, you will grant them love, mercy, and another chance. Actually, you will practice a new religion. You will become a priest of **EL ELYON** in the **Melchisedec Order**.

Hebrews 7:18-19 amplifies on the idea of a new **law**:

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Hebrews 7:18-19, For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof.

*19 For the **law** made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a **better hope** did; by the which we draw nigh unto **God**. (KJV)*

HOW MANY?

How many sons does **God** have? It tells you in the Bible that **JESUS** was the forerunner to bring **many sons** into perfection, into glory.

*Hebrews 2:10-11, For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing **many sons** unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.*

*11 For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of **one**: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, (KJV)*

What's this saying? **JESUS** overcame **death** and became the captain of a group of people who will do the same thing. There's going to be a group that enters behind the veil! They will speak with the Father man to man, mouth to mouth, face to face! They are going to be called "manifest Sons of **God**!" They won't be manifest in their physical bodies until they are perfect, firstly in the **Spirit**, and secondly in the **Soul** realm. Are we presently working and living in the **Soul** realm? Yes! Then believe James 1:21:

*James 1:21, receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to **save your souls**. (KJV)*

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This scripture was written to people who were **already saved**, but it says that they can be saved even further.

This indicates that we're **not** perfect in the **Soul** realm yet even though we're already perfect (and saved) in the **Spirit** realm.

We may be perfect, but we're **not** perfect. Someday we shall become priests in the **Order of Melchisedec**.

JESUS ONLY

The tension between the **law** and **grace** is referred to in Matthew 17. **JESUS** took Peter, James, and John to a high mountain apart. There He was transfigured. Moses and Elias (Elijah, OT spelling) were with **JESUS**. But the more excellent glory said, "listen to **JESUS**" (**not** Moses and Elias). Moses is a symbol for the **law** of **YAHWEH** (the **God** of Israel). Elijah is a symbol for the prophets of **YAHWEH** (the **God** of Israel). This passage tells you that it is the **law** of Moses (and the prophets) that keeps you from immortality.

*Matthew 17:1-8, And after six days **JESUS** taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,*

2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

3 And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.

*4 Then answered Peter, and said unto **JESUS**, LORD, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here **three** tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.*

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5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, *This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; **hear ye him.***

6 And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid.

7 And **JESUS** came and touched them, and said, *Arise, and be not afraid.*

8 And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save **JESUS only.** (KJV)

JESUS ONLY

Someday soon Christians will pay their attention to **JESUS only.** They will recognize that the **law** of Moses has produced nothing but **death** for thousands of years, but that the words of **JESUS** always produce life.

THE STRENGTH OF SIN IS THE LAW

For instance, I Corinthians 15:56 says:

*1 Corinthians 15:56, The sting of **death** is **sin**; and the **strength** of **sin** is the **law.** (KJV)*

KILLED BY SIN AND THE LAW

*Romans 7:9-11, For I was alive **without the law** once: but when the **commandment** came, **sin** revived, and I **died.***

*10 And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto **death.***

*11 For **sin**, taking occasion by the **commandment**, deceived me, and by it **slew** me. (KJV)*

TO LIVE OR TO DIE?

Some church denominations find it very difficult to walk in the truth that **JESUS** became the new priest of a new commandment. It is time for a disannulment

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of the old commandments. Everywhere I travel through Christendom, I find church after church erroneously putting us under **law**. The message of the church has been, "Get ready to die." But many people are saying, "Don't teach me to die, teach me to live. The life message means more to me now than the **death** message. Teach me how to live!"

The Bible tells you how to live. Listen to the words of **JESUS**, and when there is a conflict, set aside the words of Moses. For 2000 years our preachers have been taught to teach people how to **die**. I am **not** finding fault with preachers. They are only doing what comes naturally, and what they were trained to do. A lot of preachers are changing lately. More literature is being written on how to live, **not** die.

ELEMENTS SHALL MELT

We are going to have to change our minds about a lot of things that we have been taught -- the "**Elements** shall melt," for instance. How can we rule and reign on the earth if the world is going to burn up? An unfortunate and difficult translation problem caused us to mistakenly believe that the world could be burned up and the **elements** in it would melt. That's **not** really what the Greek says.

It says the "**STOICHEIONS**" (translated **elements**) shall melt. Every time the word **stoicheions** is used in the New Testament it refers to the **elemental laws of God** given through Moses. Check it out in your own Bible. Read Gal 4:3, 9; Col. 2:8; 20; and Heb. 5:12. There is no reason to change the meaning in II Peter 3:10, 12.

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4747 stoicheion {stoy-khi'-on}

AV - element 4, rudiment 2, principle 1; 7

*Galatians 4:3, Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the **elements** of the world: (KJV)*

The word **elements** does not mean iron, tin, or lead. It means rules we were under.

*Galatians 4:9, But now, after that ye have known **God**, or rather are known of **God**, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly **elements**, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage? (KJV)*

Again, the word **elements** means rules we were under.

*2 Peter 3:10-12, But the day of the LORD will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the **elements** shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.*

11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

*12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of **God**, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the **elements** shall melt with fervent heat? (KJV)*

BURN UP THE WORLD?

A casual observation indicates erroneously that the world shall **burn up**. But careful study shows that the **elemental laws** of Moses shall eventually be destroyed and replaced with the laws of **JESUS**. There

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is another translation problem that has shaped prophecy into a twisted mess.

While we are children we need **elemental laws**; we need someone to tell us **not** to touch the hot stove. We need someone to give us home rules, church rules, social rules, and holiness rules **until** we grow up and become led by the **Spirit**.

*Romans 8:14, For as many as are led by the **Spirit** of **God**, they are the sons of **God**. (KJV)*

*John 1:12, But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of **God**, even to them that believe on his **name**: (KJV)*

Since the start of the atomic age in 1944, Christian bookstores have carried many prophetic books **erroneously** warning about a day, soon coming, when the whole earth will be **burned** to a cinder. They all base the theory on 2 Peter 3:10, quoting “the **elements** shall melt with a fervent heat,” and attaching that idea to an atomic war. It is somewhat embarrassing to read such books because the authors didn’t look up the word “**elements**” and study the meaning of the word and the context of its usage. **STRONG’S CONCORDANCE** shows us conclusively that the **elements** that shall melt are the elemental, primary, basic, **laws** that **YAHWEH** gave to Moses and Moses gave to us.

Q. Are you saying that there is something wrong with the **laws** of **God**?

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A. No. I'll try again. The Bible has taught us that we needed the **laws** of Moses when we were children in order to learn how to grow up. After we grow up we need **laws** that are more adapted to an adult life.

Q. What do you mean? I don't think the **law** changes. Does it?

A. Our LORD **JESUS CHRIST** has taught us that we must apply the Spirit of the **laws** of Moses to our own lives, and keep our noses out of the business of other people. We must **not** apply the same **laws** that we are under to the lives of others. We must grant them grace and mercy if we are to enter the **Melchisedec Order** ourselves. At the same time, we ourselves must apply the **Spirit** of the O.T. **law** to our own lives. That's the only way we can become clean, upright Christians.

We will place ourselves under the **Spirit** of the **law**. At the same time we will place our family, our neighbors, our friends, (and our enemies), etc., under the **grace** and **mercy** of **EL ELYON**. Then we will be priests of the **Melchisedec Order**. Two laws will continue to operate on the earth. We Christians will know how to do right, and we will do right because we will know the **law** that **YAHWEH** gave to Moses, and Moses gave to us. But we will apply a completely different **law** upon those people who have **not** received the **law** of **YAHWEH**. We will apply the **grace** and **mercy** that **EL ELYON** gave to His son **JESUS CHRIST**, and that **JESUS** gave to us. We will treat other people as **JESUS** treated us. The law is a schoolmaster to bring us to **CHRIST**. You have not forgotten your schoolmaster, nor have you

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forgotten the **laws** you had to keep. But you don't keep them all now. Do you?

Q. No. But that's not what bothers me. Can church boards use the **law** of Moses to discipline their wayward members? I guess I'm still worried about other people getting away with too much.

A. Yes. They can use the law of Moses if they are **YAHWEHISTIC** churches.

No. They can't if they pattern their church after **EL ELYON** and **JESUS CHRIST**.

Q. That sounds like a real mess. Two kinds of churches. I don't think that will ever work. But, come to think of it, that's what we have got right now, isn't it?

A. As time continues, churches patterned after **EL ELYON** and His son **JESUS CHRIST** will continue to grow in numbers. Sometime in the future the split will be 50/50. About 50% of the people will want to put everyone under the religious **laws** of the church that have been patterned after the laws of **YAHWEH**. But another 50% of the people will want to place everyone else under **grace** and **mercy** following the patterns given by **EL ELYON** and His son **JESUS CHRIST**. That group will not turn their back on the laws of **YAHWEH**. They will apply the **Spirit** of the laws of **YAHWEH** to themselves, not others.

Q. Will the presence of two systems of **law** make life more complicated?

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A. No. Less. Life will not be any more complicated then than it is now. You place your mature teen age children under a **law** which says they must be in by midnight. At the very same time, you place your younger children under a **law** that says they must be in the house when the street lights turn on. That's two sets of **law** in the same family. Life can't work with **only one** set of laws. That's why government courts, judges, attorneys, etc., are anathema in many Christian circles. Our government only recognizes **one** law, and it can't grant **mercy**. The government and the church can't see eye to eye on very many things.

Q. I think I see. What will happen to me at my church if I want to start the process of becoming a priest in the **Order of Melchisedec**?

A. The voice of experience says keep it quiet until you discover others like you who share the same vision.

*Romans 8:14, For as many as are led by the **Spirit of God**, they are the **sons of God**. (KJV)*

In the coming age it will be better to be led by the **Spirit** of **EL ELYON** than to be led by the **law** of **YAHWEH**.

GROW UP

The Greek language divides our growing up into four words often translated "children." They are "paidion" (infant), "pais" (child), "teknon" (teenager) and "huios" (manifest son).

Unfortunately, the word "huios" also is used for every other class of a child, i.e., infant, child, teenager, and

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manifest son. So that has caused some confusion. It is better, I believe, if we use the word “huios” only for a manifest son, in order to prevent confusion.

No. We are not talking about “situation ethics.” “Situation ethics” is a recently advanced teaching that tells us that it is O.K. to change **God’s** laws and adapt them to the situation in which we find ourselves. That teaching is unfortunately used to justify selfish **Soulish** impulses. We are not allowed to apply “situation ethics” to ourselves. We must apply it to the lives of others. When you apply “situation ethics” to your own life it only becomes a tool to use to justify your own weakness, willfulness, and inability to do right. When you apply the same “situation ethics” to the lives of others, it becomes a guide concerning when and how to grant them **grace** and **mercy**. “Situation ethics” is dangerous unless you apply it right.

However, presently more Christians have a **YAHWEHISTIC** mentality. They will never be able to see a time in the lives of other people when they should grant them **grace** and **mercy**. They want things to be black black and white white, with no shades of gray. The laws of **YAHWEH** seem perfect to them. But things are changing.

I have seen many Christians get caught in that web of getting back deeper and deeper into the **law** of Moses. This is going to lead them right to their **death**. Yes! Looking for life, they find **death**!

THE FLESH AND THE BLOOD AND THE VAIL

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*Hebrews 10:19-20, Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the **blood** of JESUS, 20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the **veil**, that is to say, his **flesh**; (KJV)*

How do you get past the veil and into the Holy of Holies? By the **flesh** and **blood** of **JESUS**!

The only ticket that **EL ELYON** recognizes for entry into His presence is the ticket purchased by the **flesh** and **blood** of **JESUS CHRIST**. It's a good idea to ask **JESUS** for your ticket.

GOD'S LAW IN OUR HEARTS AND MINDS

*Hebrews 10:16-18, This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the LORD, I will put my laws into their **hearts**, and in their **minds** will I write them;*

17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

18 Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin. (KJV)

JESUS CHRIST purchased the “**New Testament**” with His flesh and blood. Far too many Christian churches teach that we should return to the “**Old Testament**” for our **laws** of conduct.

Every other month or so I receive a special pamphlet in the mail. It is from one of several preachers who have re-discovered some obscure **law** from the **Old Testament** that they claim will return us closer to **God**. They encourage us to follow the re-discovered Old

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Testament **law**. I personally believe that those misguided preachers and their pamphlets are doing more harm than good.

HEARTS AND MINDS?

There is another translation problem that we should fix, before it gets too far away. Remember the scripture we just quoted?

*Hebrews 10:16, This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the LORD, I will put my laws into their **hearts**, and in their **minds** will I write them; (KJV)*

That isn't exactly the truth. Our **God** didn't exactly say He would write His law in our **hearts** and **minds**. Yes, there are several places in the N.T. where it says He would write in our **hearts** and **minds** -- but they're wrong.

Here is another place the same mistake occurs.

*Hebrews 8:10, For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the LORD; I will put my laws into their **mind**, and write them in their **hearts**: and I will be to them a **God**, and they shall be to me a people: (KJV)*

Here is what **God** really said.

*Jeremiah 31:33, But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their **inward parts**, and write it in their **hearts**; and will be their **God**, and they shall be my people. (KJV)*

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The problem is with the translation of the Hebrew expression “**inward parts**.” **Inward parts** are not the **mind**.

What are the inward parts? Inward parts are from **STRONG’S H7130**.

07130 qereb {keh'-reb}

from 07126; TWOT - 2066a; n m

AV - among 76, midst 73, within 24, inwards 22, in 6, misc 26; 227

1) midst, among, inner part, middle

1a) inward part

1a1) physical sense

1a2) as seat of thought and emotion

1a3) as faculty of thought and emotion

1b) in the midst, among, from among (of a number of persons)

1c) entrails (of sacrificial animals)

The word H7130 means **inwards**. “**Inwards**” means “**guts**.” “**Inwards**” means “**entrails**.” It was never translated into “**mind**” until the N.T. translators got ahold of it.

And that’s not the end of the problem. Look at the erroneous way the **NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION OF THE BIBLE** twisted up the truth.

*Revelation 2:23, I am he who searches **hearts** and **minds**, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds. (NIV)*

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Look at that. Look how they messed it up.

Q. What's wrong with that?

A. Another translation error, not quite the same, but it is associated. It's so complicated that few people want to bother with it. Here is how the King James rightly translates it.

*Revelation 2:23, I am he which searcheth the **reins** and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works. (KJV)*

The **reins** are not the **minds**. Never have been. The **reins** are **kidneys**. Always have been. Look it up in the **STRONG'S CONCORDANCE**.

So the translators goofed up your **inwards**. They twisted them into your **mind** as they moved from Hebrew to Greek. The NIV translators goofed up your **kidneys** (**reins**). They turned your **kidneys** into your **mind** as they moved from Greek into English. I think the devil wants to mess up the Bible truths about the differences between the centers of our different thinking processes.

Q. No wonder you said it's complicated. But what difference does it make? And why did you say, "Your inwards, and your mind, and your kidneys?"

A. Scriptures teach us we think with our **minds** and we think with our **guts**. And we think with our **kidneys**. You had better learn this difference yourself.

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Mind thinking is conscious, and rational, and objective, and inductive.

Gut thinking is subconscious, and intuitive, and subjective, and deductive.

Kidney thinking is based on the script you were given for the orderly operation of your present life and for God's purposes, not your purposes, before the world began. Here's the scripture for that:

*Ephesians 1:4, According as he hath chosen us in him **before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: (KJV)*

*2 Timothy 1:9, Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in **CHRIST JESUS before the world began**, (KJV)*

College Philosophy classes get into those subjects. They study processes such as inductive and deductive reasoning. We don't have the time or space for those studies, but we eventually must learn **how** to think right, and **where** to think right. The translation goof ups caused about a year delay in my studied conclusions, and they continue to goof up new students.

VANISH AWAY

*Hebrews 8:13, In that he saith, A **new** covenant, he hath made the first **old**. Now that which decayeth and waxeth **old** is ready to **vanish away**. (KJV)*

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The Bible says that it is time for the **Old** Testament (**Old** Covenant) to vanish away! But most Christians don't believe it. And that is the reason that much of the church is **dead**. Many are still getting their rules out of the **Old** Testament rather than the **New** Testament

God said He will individually write His **laws** on the head (inwards, guts) and heart of every man. For the most part, the church doesn't follow that **Godly** pattern. The preacher and/or the church board write their **laws** in the rule book of every man.

Many rules and **laws** have been placed into our minds by men (sometimes religious men) and **not** by **God**. We suffer self condemnation as a consequence because we do **not** keep them. When we keep those rules, we mistakenly think that we are pleasing **God**, and then we wonder why it is hard to enter the Holy of Holies to be in His presence. We do **not** have the boldness to enter beyond the veil because we are still trying to keep rules and we carry self condemnation because we don't.

God (**not** men) will write our **laws** for us. Neither mother, father, sister or brother, preacher, aunt should write their **laws** on us. **God** will write His **law** in our minds/heads (inwards, guts) and hearts. The reason you are in trouble is because you have **laws** placed in your mind that are **not** from **God**, but you think they are. You need an angel (messenger) to help you get rid of those **laws**. You should pray to the LORD to send an angel to get rid of the rules and **laws** that were placed in your mind by well meaning but mistaken people. Those **laws** are binding you from entering into the Holy of

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Holies. They keep you from entering the **Melchisedec Order**.

PULL OUT THE TARES

When we see that the old **laws** of Moses (the Old Testament) are the “**Tares**” spoken of by **JESUS**, then this parable makes more sense.

*Matthew 13:37-43, He answered and said unto them,
He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;*

*38 The field is the world; the good seed are the
children of the kingdom; but the **tares** are the children of
the wicked one;*

*39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the
harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the
angels.*

*40 As therefore the **tares** are gathered and
burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.*

*41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels,
and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that
offend, and them which do iniquity;*

*42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire:
there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.*

*43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun
in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear,
let him hear. (KJV)*

The devil uses the **law** given through Moses to accuse every Christian. The devil used the word of God against Adam and Eve. The devil also used the word of God against **JESUS**.

We cannot enter with boldness through the vail (that is His flesh), to be in the presence of **God** while we carry

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those wrong ideas that are still in our **Soul** (mind) realm.

Remember,

*Hebrews 10:19-20, Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of **JESUS**,*

20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; (KJV)

GODLY ORDER

Hebrews 7:21, Thou art a priest for ever after the Order of Melchisedec. (KJV)

There is an **Order** in the priesthood, and the **Order of Melchisedec** is higher than the **Order** of Aaron (Heb. 7:11). Aaron received his laws and **Order** from his knowledge of the **name/nature** of **YAHWEH**. There is a big difference between the two orders and between the two **natures** of the **one God**.

The **new religion** will have a consciousness of the **name/nature** of **God** as **EL ELYON**, they will not be led by the law of **YAHWEH**, and they will lead this world into peace.

Q. Whenever I now think about any denomination, I catch myself thinking that they have a lot of **YAHWEHISTIC** characteristics. Why do I do that? Is it wrong?

A. Most large Christian structures (denominations do seem to fit that pattern) do have a lot of **YAHWEHISTIC** ideas. When they deal with problems

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in their organization they usually apply the **law**. Next they bring **judgment**. **Condemnation** naturally follows. That brings **punishment**, and the result is **death**. They cannot break loose very far from that pattern. I don't think that you are wrong in coming to that conclusion -- but you would be wrong to bring your own **condemnation** upon them because of it.

I believe that **God** wanted churches to act that way for a while, or else He would not have given the gospel of the circumcision to Peter. In **God's** mercy He provided a gospel mixture of law and grace for a while. I think it is wrong to condemn the groups or people who think that way. They are just what **God** wants them to be.

But I prefer the gospel of the uncircumcision based on a more complete concept of **God EL ELYON**.

*Galatians 2:7, But contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel of the **uncircumcision** was committed unto me, as the gospel of the **circumcision** was unto Peter; (KJV)*

Not too many people have noticed that there are **two** gospels.

Q. I'm beginning to see the connection between the **Order of Melchisedec** and the study of the **Names of God**. Does that connect with **EL ELYON**?

A. I believe that the only people who enter the **Order of Melchisedec** will be those who have a concept and knowledge of **God** as **EL ELYON**. It seems imperative to me, that those people who do overcome the last enemy, which is **death**, will have to know **God** as **EL**

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ELYON. They will enter immortality through the **Order of Melchisedec.**

Q. Speaking about **order**, I think I finally see the answer to my own question about the meaning of I Cor 15:27.

1 Corinthians 15:27, For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. (KJV)

Does that refer to **EL ELYON** and **JESUS**?

A. Yes. **EL ELYON** has put all things under **JESUS**. Speaking of **order**, remember **JESUS** became a priest after the **Order Of Melchisedec**. This indicates that the **Melchisedec** priesthood is a higher **Order** than the Aaronic **Order**. Pick your **Order**, pal.

In the **name/nature** of **JESUS CHRIST**, I pray that every student will have the boldness to enter in to the Holy of Holies, the presence of the Father **EL ELYON (Most High God)** to speak with Him man to man, mouth to mouth, face to face, through the flesh and blood of **JESUS CHRIST**.

You are now perfect in **Spirit**, but you need to have further changes to perfect your **Soul**. It is the **law** that has bound our **Souls**. That's where the tares are placed.

You are going to have to remember that in your **Spirit** you are perfect, in your **Soul** you are becoming perfect, and in your **Body** you are going to become perfect. In **Spirit** you can enter in beyond the veil right now. And

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in **Soul** you will enter in when you get rid of your tares. In your **Body** you will enter in after your **Soul** salvation is completed, and after you have received the **energy** of **EL ELYON** to assist you with the circumcision of your heart. You will then be perfect in **Spirit, Soul** and **Body**. **JESUS** entered the presence of the Father **EL ELYON** (**Most High God**) with His **Spirit, Soul** and **Body**. He is the captain of salvation, the firstborn among many brethren.

The New Covenant is: **I, EL ELYON, WILL WRITE MY LAWS IN YOUR MIND (INWARDS) AND IN YOUR HEART (SPIRIT).**

DIFFERENT LAWS

God will **not** write the same **law** on you that He writes on me. And **God** does **not** put you through the same temptations that He puts me through.

Remember,

*1 Corinthians 10:13, There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but **God** is faithful, who will **not** suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. (KJV)*

The temptations for which I need **laws** are **not** the same temptations for which you need **laws**. But most of our Christian society cannot comprehend the idea of having different **laws** tailored to the individual because our Christian society treats us all as being the same. But we are **not** all the same.

SELF CONDEMNATION

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Some people say that they believe in **JESUS**. But they still carry guilt and self condemnation. That keeps them from going through the vail into the presence of **EL ELYON (Most High God)** the Father. They won't be able to enter the **Melchisedec Order**. They don't really believe that the blood of **JESUS CHRIST** did really cover our past sins. When a fender bender of life comes along they go back to the idea that, "**God** brought this bad thing to my life to punish me for my past." As a result of that guilt and self condemnation, they revert back to the primary type of Christian society that is teaching sinners to come to **JESUS**. They go back to the altar for another rebirth of the **Spirit**, little realizing that they really need to receive the engrafted word which is able to save the **Soul**.

*James 1:21, receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your **Souls**. (KJV) (Written to people who were already saved in **Spirit**.)*

Some evangelists are especially guilty of feeding on the **self condemnation** of many Christians. They know that most Christians still have a deeply hidden guilt feeling. They work it up by saying, "Are you sure that you are saved? Are you really sure you're right with **God**? Remember what you did? A genuine Christian wouldn't act the way that you did!"

Then the evangelist gives the altar call. Often the Christians who are under self condemnation heads right back to the altar. Churches foster that kind of action by measuring the effect of the visiting evangelist by numbering the people who come to the altar. The more the people, the better the evangelist is supposed to be.

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He is then rewarded with bigger churches (and more money). This ought not to be.

THE LAWS OF GOD HAVE BEEN CHANGED

- *Hebrews 7:12, For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the **law**. (KJV)*
- *Jeremiah 31:31, Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a **new covenant** with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: (KJV)*
- *Hebrews 8:8, For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, when I will make a **new covenant** with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: (KJV)*
- *Hebrews 10:9, Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He **taketh away the first**, that he may **establish the second**. (KJV)*

FOUR COMMANDMENTS OF JESUS

s far as I can find, there are only four (4)

A **commands** that **JESUS** gave to us. They are:

1. Watch for the return of the Son of Man (Mark 13:34),
2. Love each other (John 15:17),
3. When we minister, we are to preach and teach that:
 - A. **JESUS** was ordained of **God**,
 - B. **JESUS** brings remission of sins to believers (Acts 10:41-43),
4. Be a light to the Gentiles (Acts 13:47).

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In a 135 page book titled “**FREE TO LIVE**” the author compares the Greek word “**ENTELLOMAI**” with the Hebrew word “**TSAVAH.**” Both words are translated into our word “**COMMAND.**” The conclusion is that Moses gave us 613 things to do in order to keep **all** the **law** of **YAHWEH.** **JESUS** only gave us the above four (4) things to do to keep the **mercy** of **EL ELYON.**

People in the **Melchisedec Order** will keep the 4 commandments of **JESUS.** They will guide their decision making by the **Spirit** of the **law** of Moses. They will place all other people under the **grace** and **mercy** of **JESUS.**

You will have to see the difference between:

- What Moses said,
- What **JESUS** said Moses said,
- What **JESUS** said,
- What Peter and Paul and others said.

Then the 613 **TSAVA laws** of the O.T. will reduce to this simple group of four (4) commands of **JESUS.**

MELCHISEDEC DISTORTED

As always, the worldly systems do tend to distort Bible truth. For example, in Chattanooga Tennessee, an article appeared in the newspaper that said, “Rid yourself of wrath (referring to the April 15 income tax deadline). Hanging **Melchizedek** in effigy. He ruled Salem in 1900 B.C. before it became Jerusalem. And he charged everybody in his domain a flat 10 percent of their money for just being there. In other words, it was he who invented taxes.” Copyright 1984 Crown Syndicate, Inc.

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I am very sorry to see that kind of misrepresentation of historical facts in the newspaper, but I am **not** surprised. But I'm glad for the fact that the newspapers are starting to publish stories about **Melchisedec**. Eventually everyone will know!

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JOB KNEW

THE DIFFERENT NAMES OF GOD

The book of **Job** is about the **Names Of God**. **Job** tells us about the **natures** of each of the different **Names Of God**.

The main theme is **not** about the sufferings of **Job**, as is commonly reported; it is about the attributes of the different **names** and **natures** of **God**. In the past, there was good reason to think that the book was about **Job's** sufferings, but not any more.

The sufferings of **Job** are the carrier of the story that tells about the different **name/natures** of **God**. That is a little like a parable that tells one story to illustrate the principles of a separate different thought.

NAMES OF GOD IN JOB

These are the different **Names Of God** that are used in the book of **Job**.

1. ELOHIM
2. ELOAH
3. SHADDAI
4. EL
5. YAHWEH

EL ELYON MISSING

EL ELYON, the **Most High God**, is missing from the book of **Job**.

THE QUESTION

When I was writing this new book on the **Names Of God** I checked each and every scripture in the Bible to confirm that the patterns that were revealed about the **names** and **natures** of **God** were consistent with every scripture in the Bible.

Everything worked out perfectly until I came to the book of **Job**. In **Job**, I found a description of **EL SHADDAI** as a **God** of **wounding** and making **sore**.

*Job 5:17-18, Behold, happy is the man whom **God** correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of **EL SHADDAI** (the Almighty):*

*18 For he maketh **sore**, and bindeth up: he **woundeth**, and his hands make whole. (KJV)*

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That action of **wounding** and making **sore** sounds more like something to expect from **YAHWEH** than from **EL SHADDAI**.

Those descriptions did **not** fit the pattern that described **EL SHADDAI** in the other books of the Bible. A **God** of **wounding** was out of character for a female large breasted **God** of provision. Other descriptions of other **Names of God** did **not** fit, either. MY questions: “Why is **Job** different from all of the rest of the Bible? Why are the **natures** of the **names** of **God** described differently in the book of **Job**?”

RIGHT AND WRONG

Here is something about the Bible book of **Job** that I think is a revelation from our **God** for us who live in this day and age.

Part of the book of **Job** is **right**, but part of the book of **Job** is **wrong**. Part of **Job** should be believed and part of the book of **Job** should **not** be believed.

WHY IGNORE PARTS OF JOB?

Job 42:7-8, And it was so, that after YAHWEH (the LORD) had spoken these words unto Job, YAHWEH (the LORD) said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against thee (Eliphaz), and against thy two friends (Bildad and Zophar): for ye have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my servant Job hath.

8 Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you: for him will I accept: lest I deal with you after your folly, in that ye have not spoken of me the thing which is right, like my servant Job. (KJV)

That's the answer!

THE ANSWER!!

JOB IS RIGHT; ELIPHAZ, BILDAD AND ZOPHAR ARE WRONG.

Now we know that what **Job** said about **God** is **right**. It wasn't that clear before the revelation.

We also now know that what Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar said about **God** was **wrong**. Their testimony seems to indicate that they

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desperately wanted to be right about **God**. Perhaps they were great theologians. Perhaps they studied at the greatest seminaries. They certainly were religious leaders with copious religious advice for **Job**; but they were **wrong** about what to expect from **God**.

That was the answer that I was looking for.

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THE PATTERNS FIT

When I read the Bible, I assumed that it was **all** true. I did **not** recognize that **God** said that a large part of the book of **Job** wasn't true. The action of the **Holy Spirit** revealed that fact to me as I read the book of **Job** over and over again looking for a clue as to what was wrong. At the right time, as I was reading chapter 42, the section of verses 7 and 8 opened up and wisdom, and knowledge, and understanding returned to me as the **Holy Spirit** revealed the answer.

I think that the whole Christian community needs to share in this revelation. After I saw the truth, I tested the patterns about the **Names of God** as described by **Job** and found that they are in perfect harmony with the rest of the Bible. The patterns fit. **Job** had spoken about **God**, the things that are right.

I also tested the patterns about the **Names of God** that Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar erroneously described. I found that they are **not** in agreement with the patterns about the **Names of God** that appear in the rest of the Bible. The patterns did **not** fit. They had **not** spoken about **God**, the things that are right. They were three goofy counselors.

CHAPTER DIVISIONS

The chapter divisions of the book of **Job** are convenient divisions of the speeches of the four characters, Job, Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar. Each one has his whole chapter (or chapters). Neat. Here is our new outline of the book of **Job**.

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TRUE AND FALSE CHAPTERS IN THE BOOK OF JOB

CHAPTER	TRUE/FALSE	WHY?
1.	True	Text
2.	True	Text
3.	True	Job
4.	False	Eliphaz
5.	False	Eliphaz
6.	True	Job
7.	True	Job
8.	False	Bildad
9.	True	Job
10.	True	Job
11.	False	Zophar
12.	True	Job
13.	True	Job
14.	True	Job
15.	False	Eliphaz
16.	True	Job
17.	True	Job
18.	False	Bildad
19.	True	Job
20.	False	Zophar
21.	True	Job
22.	False	Eliphaz
23.	True	Job
24.	True	Job
25.	False	Bildad
26.	True	Job
27.	True	Job
28.	True	Job
29.	True	Job
30.	True	Job
31.	True	Job
32.	?	Elihu
33.	?	Elihu
34.	?	Elihu
35.	?	Elihu
36.	?	Elihu
37.	?	Elihu
38.	True	YAHWEH
39.	True	YAHWEH

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40.	True	YAHWEH
41.	True	YAHWEH
42.	True	Job & text & YAHWEH

In my Bible, I have written the word "**true**" or the word "**false**" at the top of each chapter of the book of **Job** (with a reference to **Job** 42:7-8). You may receive a benefit in the future if you also write these notes in your own Bible.

Now, in my analysis of truth, I only use the chapters that quote **Job**; and I do **not** use the chapters that quote Eliphaz, Bildad, and/or Zophar to analyze the truth. **YAHWEH** said that they didn't speak what was right.

NEW OBSERVATIONS

Here are three very interesting new observations:

1. **YAHWEH** speaks with Satan. **Job** 1:6-12, 2:1-6.
2. None of the other **Names of God** speak with Satan until we come to the story of the temptation of **JESUS** in the N.T. Eventually you will be able to connect the thoughts of the 613 laws of **YAHWEH** with the temptation of **JESUS** and see that He overcame the devil through the **name/nature** of **YAHWEH**. **YAHWEH** in **JESUS** spoke with the devil that day because **JESUS CHRIST** kept all 613 laws of **YAHWEH**. Your answers to the devil will be of no use and will be empty stupid answers unless you also keep all 613 laws of **YAHWEH**. For most of us that means, "mum's the word around" the devil.
3. **YAHWEH** called the attention of Satan to **Job**. Satan did **not** ask for permission to torment **Job** until after **YAHWEH** brought up the subject of the goodness of **Job**.

YAHWEH said unto Satan,
Job 1:8, And **YAHWEH** (the **LORD**) said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant **Job**? (KJV)

As a result of that observation I decided to offer the following prayer, that you may want to consider offering for yourself.

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"Father **YAHWEH**, I come to you in the **name/nature** of my LORD **JESUS CHRIST**, which is love, mercy and forgiveness. If, in the future, Satan should ever ring your bell and you should decide to answer him, then please don't ever mention my **name** to him. Please don't ever say, 'Have you considered my servant, David?' Just leave me out of it please; in **JESUS** name. Amen."

That reminds me of a famous prayer I heard.

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*Matthew 6:9-13, After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy **name**.*

10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

*13 **And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from***

***evil:** For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. (KJV)*

ELIHU?

Why is Elihu's advice listed as "?" The young impetuous Elihu could not tolerate the erroneous advice of his elders, Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar. So he burst forth with his own ideas that were born from youthful zeal, **not** mature wisdom. It is **not** clear if Elihu was led by the **Holy Spirit** or if he was led by his own spirit. It is clear however, that his speech was for his own refreshment and he was constrained by the spirit.

YAHWEH did **not** indicate if Elihu was right or wrong, so a good case could be made that he should be treated with suspicion. So he is listed -- "?"

There are some authors who think that there are indications that Elihu was the author/writer of the book of **Job**, because of the following passage.

Job 32:16-22 (Elihu speaking), When I had waited, (for they spake not, but stood still, and answered no more;)

17 I said, I will answer also my part, I also will shew mine opinion.

18 For I am full of matter, the spirit within me constraineth me.

19 Behold, my belly is as wine which hath no vent; it is ready to burst like new bottles.

20 I will speak, that I may be refreshed: I will open my lips and answer.

21 Let me not, I pray you, accept any man's person, neither let me give flattering titles unto man.

22 For I know not to give flattering titles; in so doing my maker would soon take me away. (KJV)

MORE COMING?

Some of our students have noticed that the false descriptions of **God** by Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar in the book of **Job** have a very close resemblance to the way that certain religious groups of today do describe their concepts of **God**. In other words, Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar may have fathered the thought patterns for some of the present denominations.

LORD willing, I plan to look into that idea some more. Presently I am studying what is right, **not** what is wrong.

COSTLY INFORMATION

The price that I personally paid for this information about the chapters in **Job** was out of this world.

The problem set me back over 6 months in my study of the **Names of God** and in writing this book.

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MY STORY

After much study and prayer, the Spirit of revelation returned to me.

I now know that there was no error in the outline for the **Names of God** book, and now I can praise the LORD for what happened.

Everything about the patterns of the **Names of God** was right and consistent in all the books of the Bible except the book of **Job**.

Before I had the answer, I felt terrible for many reasons, and one of them was that it looked like several years of work on the **Names of God** was going down the drain. I knew that I would throw it away before I would knowingly teach a subject after I discovered that it contained a discrepancy or was only partially right. Now we have the answer. Praise **God**!

*Proverbs 25:2, It is the glory of **God** to conceal a thing: but the **honour** of kings is to search out a matter. (KJV)*

Let's look at that word "**honour**" for a minute. **Honour** is from Strong's H3519, which is very closely associated with "glory and **heavy**." **Heavy** is associated with having a lot of things, such as; he is **heavily** endowed with **financial resources**.

Kings must have vast and **heavy** resources in order to search out a matter, especially a matter that has been concealed by **God**. Apparently our **God** hides things so that they can eventually be revealed at the right time. Perhaps life is just a big and long Easter egg hunt. **God** bless you and give you the **financial resources (honour)** and the ability to find all your Easter eggs.

