

The Visible Yahweh: exploring the Godhead (Jesus)
in the Old Testament, as a witness to Jews and Muslims

Saturday, January 27 630pm to 830pm

Life Church main auditorium

for more information see Face-book event:

The Visible Yahweh - Fort Collins

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We will explore why so many “monotheistic” Jews converted to Christianity in Acts
Their understanding of the Two Powers in Heaven and the Visible Yahweh. We will
examine passages showing the Godhead in the Old Testament and Jesus’ claims to be
the embodied visible Yahweh from the Old Testament.

Lastly we will show how these scriptures can be used to help open Jews and Muslims
see Jesus as Christ, Lord and Messiah.

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**Why would 3 thousand + 5 thousand monotheistic Jews instantly convert to
Christianity and the Godhead accepting Jesus as Lord and Messiah?**

Peter’s sermons at Pentecost - Acts 2:14-36 The explosion of the Church

**Acts 2:41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three
thousand were added to their number that day.**

**Acts 4:4 But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men
who believed grew to about five thousand.**

- Resurrection
- Holy Spirit
- The Jews (Second Temple- pre Jesus) weren't strict Monotheists :
Binatarian
The Two Powers in Heaven by Alan Segal - Jew

<http://twopowersinheaven.com/>

http://digitalcommons.butler.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1111&context=facsch_papers

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Psalm 110:1 "The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.'" also quoted in Matt 22:44

22 "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.

23 This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men,^[b] put him to death by nailing him to the cross. **24** But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. **25** David said about him:

"I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

26 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope,

27 because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay.

28 You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.'^[c]

29 "Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. **30** But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. **31** Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. **32** God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. **33** Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. **34** For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

"The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand

35 until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."^[d]

36 "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."

The Two Powers in Heaven and the Visible Yahweh

The Names of the Visible Yahweh - Preincarnate Jesus -

“Christophany” - Visions and Embodiment

Embodiment language and context... walking, stood etc

Most of us know something about this , but have not explored the depth of the Godhead. We will explore the Red passages.

Voice /Word

Gen 3:8 John 1:1-4,14,18 Gen 15:1-6 Jer 1:4-9 1 Sam 3:6-21

Son of Man / Cloud Rider

Daniel 7:9-14 Deuteronomy 33:26 Psalm 68:32 Psalm 104:1-4 Isaiah 19:1
Matthew 26:57-65

The Name - of the Lord/Yahweh

Exodus 3:13-15 Exodus 33:12-34:6 Isaiah 30:27 Isaiah 69:9 Psalm 20:1,7
Psalm 44:5-6 Deuteronomy 12:4 1 Kings 8-9 Exodus 34:5-6 Exodus
23:20-24 2 Samuel 6:1-21 John 17:6-112,26

The Messenger (angel) of the Lord

Exodus 23:20-24 Genesis 22:11-12 Judges 2:1-5 Judges 13:19-23
Deuteronomy 4:35-37 Jude 5

The Arm, The Rock

Isaiah 51:9 Isaiah 53:1 John 12:38 Psalm 89:19-20, 26-27

The Holy One, of Israel

Isaiah 48:16-17

Wisdom / Co-Creator

Proverbs 8 Luke 11:46-50 Matthew 23:29-34 Colossians 1:13-17
I Corinthians 8:6

Captain of the Lord's Hosts

Joshua 5:13-15

Reclaimer / Inheritor / Judge of the Nations

Daniel 7:9-14 Deut 32 Luke 10:1-23 Matt 25:31-46 Gal 3:14
Psalm 82 John 10:22-34-39 Hebrews 1:1-3, 10-12

The Godhead in the OT

Isaiah 48:16-17 Gen 19:24 Amos 4:11 Isaiah 63:7-13 and Psalm 78:40

Draw near to me, hear this: from the beginning I have not spoken in secret, from the time it came to be I have been there.” And now the Lord God has sent me, and his Spirit.

17 Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: “I am the Lord your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go.

Who brought Israel up out of Egypt?

Jesus, the Holy Spirit, God-father?

Jude 5 Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.

Exodus 23: 20 I am sending an angel (messenger) before you to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have made ready. 21 Pay heed to him and obey him. Do not defy him, for he will not pardon your offenses, since My Name is in him; 22 but if you obey him and do all that I say, I will be an enemy to your enemies and a foe to your foes. Deut 12:4-11

Deuteronomy 4:35 To you it was shown, that you might know that the LORD is God; there is no other besides him. 36 Out of heaven he let you hear his voice, that he might discipline you. And on earth he let you see his great fire, and you heard his words out of the midst of the fire. 37 And because he loved your fathers and chose their offspring after them and brought you out of Egypt with his own presence (panim) by his great power...

Judges 2:1 Now the angel of the Lord went up from Gilgal to Bochim. And he said, "I brought you up from Egypt and brought you into the land that I swore to give to your fathers.

Isaiah 63:9-11 9 In all their affliction He was afflicted, And the angel of His presence saved them; In His love and in His mercy He redeemed them, And He lifted them and carried them all the days of old. 10 But they rebelled And grieved His Holy Spirit; Therefore He turned Himself to become their enemy, He fought against them. 11 Then His people remembered the days of old, of Moses. Where is He who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of His flock? Where is He who put His Holy Spirit in the midst of them,

Acts 7:51 You stiff-necked people with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit, just as your fathers did.

Exodus 12:51 And on that same day the LORD brought the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their hosts.

Who is Responsible for Creation?

God, Jesus, Spirit

Psalm 104:30 You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; And You renew the face of the ground.

Job 34:14-15 "If He should determine to do so, If He should gather to Himself His spirit and His breath, All flesh would perish together, And man would return to dust.

Job 33:4 "The Spirit of God has made me, And the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

Genesis 1:2 The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.

<https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/topics/The-Holy-Spirit-In-Creation>

God With Us - Emmanuel

Visible Yahweh appears To... Visual and Physical Visitations

Adam & Eve Gen 3:8

Noah? Gen 5, 6

Abraham 3x Genesis 12:7-9 Gen 15:1-6 Genesis 18:1-33 Genesis 22:11-12

Hagar Gen 16:7

Jacob Gen 28:10-19, Gen 31:10-13 Gen 32:23 Hosea 12:3-5 Gen 48:14-16

Moses Exo 3:1-11

Elders of Israel, Aaron Exodus 24:1-18

Gideon Judges 6:11-23

Samson's Parents Judges 13:19-23

Samuel 1 Sam 3:6-21

David? 1Chron 21:26 2 Chron 7:1 1 Kings 8-9 2 Samuel 6:1-21

All of Israel Judges 2: 1-5 Deut 20:1- Lev 11:45 Jude 5 Isaiah 63:7-13 Exodus 23:20-24 Deuteronomy 4:35-37

Prophets... **Ezekiel** Ezekiel 8:2 Ez 1 Ezek 9:8;11:13

Jeremiah Jer 1:4-9

As a witness to Jews and Muslims

Judaism and Islam/ Muslims - professing monotheists, but scriptures they both hold as important hold whispers of the Godhead. These OT scriptures can lead them to Christ. And show them He is the central Figure in all of Scripture.

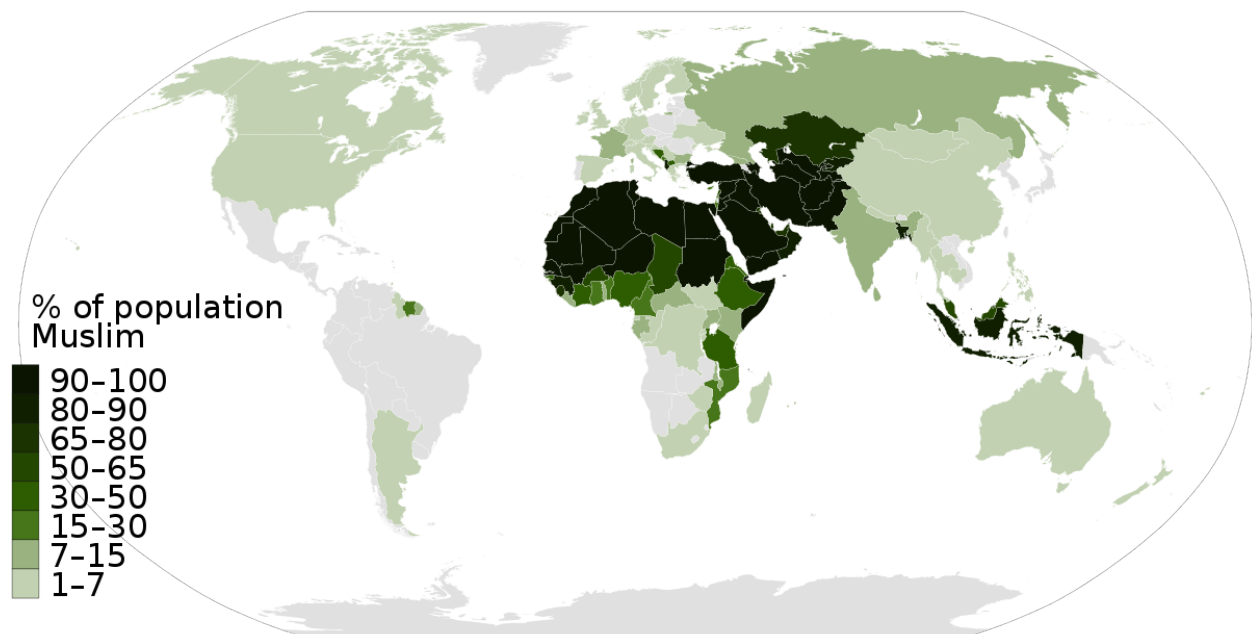
Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

We win the "war" with love and the power of God's spirit.

The Growth of Islam

As of 2011, it is predicted that the world's Muslim population will grow twice as fast as non-Muslims over the next 20 years. ... **Islam** is the fastest growing religion all over the world, due primarily to the young age and high fertility rate of Muslims.

<http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2017/04/06/why-muslims-are-the-worlds-fastest-growing-religious-group/>



Winning the hearts of "enemies" with love, relationship and truth
Find the "good" soil / receptive heart
Have no fear

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Stories of the Visible Yahweh

book four of the Immortals Series

Jesus claims to be the Visible Yahweh

- The one before and with Abraham
- The cloud rider - Son of Man
- The one who inherits the nations
- The Lord of the Council/ Judge over supernatural beings*

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The one before and with Abraham

Abraham 3x Genesis 12:7-9 Gen 15:1-6 Genesis 18:1-33 Genesis 22:11-12

John 8:48-59 English Standard Version (ESV)

Before Abraham Was, I Am

...**51** Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” **52** The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’” **53** Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” **54** Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’”^[a] **55** But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. **56** Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” **57** So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?”^[b] **58** Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” **59** So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

The cloud rider - Son of Man

The Ancient of Days Reigns

Daniel 7: 9-14

9 “As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire.

10 A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened...

The Son of Man Is Given Dominion

13 “I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.

14 And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

Mark 14:61-63

61 But Jesus remained silent and made no reply. Again the high priest questioned Him, “Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?” **62** “I am, said Jesus, “and you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power and coming with the clouds of heaven.” **63** At this, the high priest tore his clothes and declared, “Why do we need any more witnesses?...”

Luke 21:26-28

...**26** Men will faint from fear and anxiety over what is coming upon the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. **27** At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. **28** When these things begin to happen, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”...

Matthew 24:30

"Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory.

The one who inherits / judges the nations

Deuteronomy 31-32 Moses Addresses Israel Genesis 10-11 70 nations are given from the Tower of Babel Dispersion

Deuteronomy 32:8 When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, when he divided mankind, he fixed the borders[a] of the peoples according to the number of the sons of God.

Daniel 7 - see previous

Psalms 82

[8](#)Rise up, O God, judge the earth, for all the nations are your inheritance.

Luke 10:1 Jesus sends out the 70 (72) to preach to and begin the reclaiming of the nations After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go.

Jesus Will Judge the World / Nations

Matthew 25: 31-32 Also Acts 17:31

31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all his angels are with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. **32** The people of every nation will be gathered in front of him.

<http://www.ldolphin.org/ntable.html>

I will not be doing this in my talk. Too complex

The Lord of the Council/ Judge over supernatural beings

I and the Father are one

You have “gods” supernatural beings in your OT theology

I am not just an angel, SOG, Elohim, I am the judge and lord of the council

Psalm 82 English Standard Version

(ESV)

<http://www.thedivinecouncil.com/>

A Psalm of Asaph. Rescue the Weak and Needy

82 God (elohim) has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods (elohim) he holds judgment: 2 “How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Selah 3 Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. 4 Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.” 5 They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

John 10:22-39 focus on vs 34

I and the Father Are One vs 31 -- Is he also Claiming to be the God/judge of the divine Council? -- The Father is in me and I in him vs 38

22 At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, 23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. 24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” 25 Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, 26 but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. 27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. 30 I and the Father are one.”

31 The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. 32 Jesus answered them, “I have shown

you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?” 33 The Jews answered him, “It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God.” 34 Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your Law (Torah), ‘I said, you are gods’? 35 If he called them

gods to whom the word of God came(Ps82)—and Scripture cannot be broken— 36 do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’? 37 If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me;38 but if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.” 39 Again they sought to arrest him, but he escaped from their hands.

[PDF] Jesus’ Quotation of Psalm 82:6 in John 10:34 - The Divine Council

www.thedivinecouncil.com/Psa82John10.pdf

The Plural Elohim of Psalm 82: Gods or Men? - Michael S Heiser.com

<http://drms.h.com/the-plural-elohim-of-psalm-82-gods-or-men/>

Briefly, the context of Jesus’ quotation is crucial. In John 10:30 he has just told his audience that he and the Father were one. Jesus isn’t going to follow that statement by essentially saying, “I get to call myself God because you mere mortals do it too by virtue of Psalm 82.” That approach undermines John’s presentation in this chapter of the deity of Jesus, yet this is precisely the trajectory one finds of all the published material on John 10:34 and its use of Psalm 82.

John 10:34 Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your law: ‘I said, you are gods?’ 35

If he [God] called them gods, to whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken; 36 do you say of him whom the Father has sanctified and sent into the world,

‘You blaspheme!’

because I said, I am the Son of God?

37 If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. 38 But if I do, though you don’t believe me, believe the works: that you may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.”

Here is what we can glean without interpretive disagreement:

1. Jesus’ prefaced his quotation by asserting that he and the Father were one (10:30).
2. This claim was regarded as blasphemy in that Jesus was making himself out to be God (10:33).
3. In defense of his assertion, Jesus quoted Psalm 82:6. That is, to establish his claim to be God, Jesus went to Psalm 82:6.
4. He follows the quotation with the statement that the Father was in him, and he was in the Father.

The consensus view of this quotation is that Jesus was endorsing the human מִיְהוָה view and thereby arguing, “I have every right to call myself divine—you guys can do it as well on the basis of Psalm 82:6.”

The problem, of course, is that this amounts to Jesus saying “you mere mortals can call yourself gods, so I can, too.” If this is what John intends to communicate to go along with verse 30 to put forth the idea of Jesus’ deity, it’s an inept strategy.

Psalms 82 and Deut 32 have a council of divine beings in the clouds and set over the disinherited nations by Yahweh—authority that no text in the Old Testament assigns to human Israelite judges;

- The speaker (“I”) in the passage is the God of Israel, the God who is standing in the council in 82:1 among the . מִיְהוָה
- These gods / sons of God are judged with the loss of their immortality.
- Jesus was referring to this utterance itself when he quoted the psalm, not the Jewish nation receiving the law at Sinai.

Jewish Trinity 4: John 10 and Psalms 82 and “ye are gods” - YouTube

www.youtube.com/watch?v=RavGM8l2Kbl

Problem (for the Jews): Jesus makes himself God (“I and my Father are one”)

- Jesus needs to defend idea that he is God:
 - (1) Other non-humans are elohim
 - (2) By justifying my claim I’m quoting Psa 82:6 “I’m more than human”
 - (3) But I also claimed in 10:30 to be one with the Father; we are co-identified.
 - (4) this is provable by my works, which are more than human
 - (5) If my claims are not true, how could I do these works?
 - (6) So I have biblical precedent and work miracles ... OK?

- The NT writers re-purpose OT theology for the idea of Yahweh embodied or in visible human form.

- By identifying Jesus with the Second Yahweh of the OT, the NT writers expressed their theology that Jesus was Yahweh incarnate.

- Jesus was therefore not an angel in the sense of a lesser heavenly being (Heb 2).

The Forgotten God of Judaism! Did Jews Believe in a Godhead? + Nicea, Gnostics, Da Vinci Code <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tx6iRYDNtS4>

The Council / Assembly

Are you the first man who was born? Or were you brought forth before the hills?

8 Have you listened in the council of God? And do you limit wisdom to yourself? Job 15:7-9

For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened? Jeremiah 23:18 word = visible

Yahweh

the Shining One speaking

I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north (in the remote parts of Zaphon) Isaiah 14:13b