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The Fellowship Of The Mystery: Who Is Yeshua HaMashiach? **An In Depth Study Of YHWH's Manifestation In The Flesh**

Part Three

The Witness Of The TaNaKh

How do we know that this understanding was truly a Hebraic idea? Where did Yochanon/John come up with this principle of being "*brought forth*" before being "*begotten*"? It comes from the prophetic writing of the TaNaKh (Torah the first five books of the Older Covenant- TaNaKh being the rest of the Older Covenant made up of poetry, the prophets and the historical writings). In particular it comes from the prophet Mikah/Micah. Let us look at what the prophet said,

"But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, {Too} little to be among the clans of Judah, from you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity." (Mikah/Micah 5:2 NASB)

Mikah/Micah says the Mashiach will "*go forth*" and THEN He will "*be ruler in Israel*". Mikah/Micah further states that the "*goings forth*" of the One is from long ago, FROM THE DAYS OF ETERNITY. So, Mikah/Micah points us back into the eternal of YHWH. Yochanon/John witnesses to this. YHWH brought forth a manifestation of Himself. This was not a creation event. He did not form another god. He transitioned a part of His own Being that was existent in an INWARD setting to an EXTERNAL one. He then took on the role of Father/Abba, and renamed the Word...The Son.

Mikah/Micah, by the Ruach HaKodesh, reveals to us the process of Mashiach's being "*brought forth*" in order to become ruler in Israel. Yochanon/John uses this same principle to explain the mystery of how YHWH and The Son are the same. Yochanon/John gives us a clearer picture of the activity of YHWH surrounding this transitional event. Thus the Older Covenant establishes what the ReNewed Covenant explains concerning how YHWH acted to set the stage for mankind's redemption.

Yochanon/John shows us clearly what Mikah/Micah hinted toward. The Father and The Son together...ONE! It is this same Yochanon/John who penned the following

words to warn all who would attempt to deny this foundational understanding of YHWH as the Father who brought forth Mashiach, The Son, and sent Him forth to be the ruler of Israel.

"Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies THE FATHER AND THE SON" (1 Yochanon/John 2:22 NASB emphasis mine)

Let us keep in mind that it is Yochanon/John who was given this revelation of YHWH as both Father and Son through the Ruach. The letter of 1 Yochanon/John is written at the twilight of the first century. Already many of the foundational truths of The Faith were being challenged and suffering damage by men impelled by the deceitful spirit of anti-mashiach. Yochanon/John boldly proclaims the revelation given him by his Mashiach. The Father and The Son are ONE. ***ANY ONE WHO DENIES THE UNIQUE ONENESS OF THE FATHER AND THE SON ARE UNDER THE DELUSION OF THE SPIRIT OF ANTI-MASHIACH AND THEY ARE OF THEIR FATHER...THE DEVIL. THEY, AS HE, ARE LIARS!***

Are these strong words? Absolutely! However, they are spoken by the one who was known as the apostle of love! Yochanon/John was allowed a deep intimate relationship with the Master while He was on earth. The love of Elohim filled Yochanon/John. He spoke of Father YHWH and Mashiach Yeshua, The Son, in strong terms. He encouraged this agape love to be the animating force of all who believe and follow the Master. It was to define the very existence of those who made up the *ekklesia*, assemblies of The Mashiach. However, this same love empowered Yochanon/John to stand firm against every spirit that sought to corrupt the Truth of YHWH. It was strong words meant to warn any and all who would attempt to undermine the Truth as to the very origin of their purpose. To deny YHWH's manifestation as both Father and Son was not to be tolerated by any who claim to be true followers of Mashiach. This action was not prompted by the Ruach HaKodesh. It was the hellish action of the spirit of anti-mashiach. This was the understood truth in Yochanon/John's day. It is to be the same for us today.

It is interesting to note, that this foundational truth concerning Mashiach Yeshua's deity became hotly challenged toward the end of the first century. It was a time of perceived weakness. The other apostles had passed from the scene. Only Yochanon/John remained. It was then that hasatan attempted to destroy this central truth to our redemption by unleashing the spirit of anti-mashiach. It was done in hopes of destroying the realization of YHWH's eternal purpose by removing the redemptive cornerstone necessary for its progression to the next generation. Yochanon/John raised the standard against this hellish flood. Now, as Abba YHWH's end time restoration of Hebraic truth and the reunion of the Whole House of Israel is beginning to be revealed, hasatan (may his name be blotted out forever) again unleashes the spirit of anti-mashiach. Why? Because the realization of Abba YHWH's eternal purpose is again in a moment of

perceived weakness. The final push for the restoration of the Whole House of Israel, and the full manifestation of the kingdom of heaven on earth, is in the infancy of its last hours of revelation. Our enemy hopes to seize the moment. If not to completely destroy Father YHWH's purpose, then to disqualify as many of those whom He would raise up to bring His purpose to its final conclusion. May our eyes be opened to the true spirit behind this attack on Mashiach Yeshua's identity!

Master Yeshua: Our YHWH Brought To Light

Now let me make a few last important points. The Hebraic mind understands the difference between *distinction* and *division*. There is a false teaching that makes YHWH and Yeshua one in an erroneous way. It teaches that when YHWH took on fleshly existence that *all* of YHWH became flesh. Thus making YHWH reduced to a finite existence within a human/fleshly framework. This idea is completely wrong. It is error and not the idea which is being put forth in this article at all. To reiterate our points made above, we must keep in mind that we are dealing with the *manifestations* of YHWH. Yeshua HaMashiach is a *manifestation* in flesh of the unlimited and invisible Elohim. He is the exact representation or image of YHWH's nature. Thus, Master Yeshua is the one and only unique Chief Manifestation of YHWH that ever will be.

“And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature...”
(Ivrim/Hebrews 1:3a NASB)

Yet, while Abba and Son exist as an *echad*, a compound unity, their existence can be *distinguished* without being *divided*. In other words, they exist together as ONE but also in *distinct* modes of existence. YHWH as Creator and Abba continues to exist both in and outside of His unique and Chief Manifestation as The Son. Master Yeshua, as YHWH in the flesh, simply *manifests* YHWH in a manner which we as humans may encounter without the fear of being killed by the pure essence of His holiness. YHWH continues to exist in both modes of His existence at the same time. Again, let me remind you, we are dealing with a subject that is much larger than our finite brains as humans can fully fathom. What we have been provided through the Scriptures is a glimpse into what can only be described as a *mystery*. We understand what YHWH allows us to understand as the Ruach HaKodesh lifts the veil of revelation. Is what we know all we can know? No, but it is enough for where we are right now. We will spend an eternity fathoming His depths, and even then we will not reach His end. How great is our Elohim! He has also provided this revelation in such a manner as to give those with impure motives and devilish intentions enough rope to hang themselves. YHWH alone knows the heart. If we are able to see into His Truths under the light of His Ruach HaKodesh, then we should humbly thank Him for such a privilege. There are many rushing at this very hour toward destruction. They don't really want Him, they want what belongs to Him without ever surrendering their heart to His sovereign will.

So I will leave you with two last witnesses of the great unveiling of the mystery we are looking into. First, In Hebrew, the word for stone is *even* [pronounced eh-ben]. In Hebrew it looks like this **אבן** [read left to right- alef bet nun/soffit]. The first part of the word you will find *av* which is *father*. Picking up in the middle to the end you have *ben* which is *son*. So in Tehillim/Psalms 118 you have the prophetic description of the Mashiach as being the *stone* which is rejected, becoming the *head* or *Chief Corner-Stone!*

***“The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief corner {stone.}
This is the LORD'S doing; It is marvelous in our eyes.” (Tehillim/Psalms 118:22-23
NASB)***

How much clearer does it need to be? The *stone* which becomes the Chief Cornerstone is a combination of the *Father* and *Son*. This act is identified as the work of YHWH, and it is a marvelous thing in the eyes of those who will see it. Yeshua HaMashiach is the *Chief Manifestation* of YHWH, who is also the *Chief Cornerstone!* Also notice that *stone* is made up of three Hebrew letters showing the *echad* ONENESS of YHWH as the compound unity of divinity which He is! [Abba.Father- Yeshua/Word of YHWH/Son- Ruach HaKodesh/Holy Spirit]

Last, Rav Sha’ul in his letter to the Philippians makes a very clear intimation to who Yeshua HaMashiach was and is.

***“For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:9-11 NASB)***

There exists within the Hebraic community of returning Yoseph/Ephraim/Yisrael a debate over the actual pronunciation of the Memorial Name revealed in the Tetragrammaton as Yod-He-Vav-He or YHWH. We don’t have the time here to wade into that discussion. However, Rav Sha’ul has done something for us that shows very clearly the relation of the Name of Yeshua, The Son, with the Name of YHWH as Abba/Father. He tells us that because of Master Yeshua’s faithfulness to follow through with the complete plan of redemption that Elohim has highly exalted Him, and given Him the Name which is above every name. Rav Sha’ul further exhorts that it is at the Name of Yeshua that *every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Yeshua HaMashiach is Lord.*

Rav Sha’ul chose an amazing use of words from the TaNaKh to highlight what he was inspired by the Ruach HaKodesh to say concerning Master Yeshua. Any one familiar

with the TaNaKh would immediately recognize that vs. 10 is a quote from the prophet/navi Yeshayahu/Isaiah.

"Declare and set forth {your case;} Indeed, let them consult together. Who has announced this from of old? Who has long since declared it? Is it not I, the LORD? And there is no other God besides Me, A righteous God and a Savior; There is none except Me.

"Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth; For I am God, and there is no other.

"I have sworn by Myself, The word has gone forth from My mouth in righteousness And will not turn back, That to Me every knee will bow, every tongue will swear {allegiance.}" (Yeshayahu/Isaiah 43:21-23 NASB)

The navi/prophet Yeshayahu/Isaiah identifies the One speaking to be none other than YHWH Himself! He is the righteous Elohim and Savior. Then he makes it abundantly clear that there is no Elohim or Savior besides YHWH Himself! Verse 22 is another affirmation of YHWH's deity. Then the next verse is the one Rav Sha'ul was inspired to quote from in relation to our blessed Master and Savior Yeshua HaMashiach. It is to YHWH that *every knee will bow, every tongue confess*. So, by joining his words together with the navi/prophet Yeshayahu/Isaiah, Rav Sha'ul clearly equates Yeshua to being YHWH's manifestation in the flesh. The name of *Yeshua* then carries with it the same authority and reverence as that of YHWH's Memorial Name! Those who bow the knee to Yeshua HaMashiach and confess His Name, are in reality bowing to YHWH as His Father, and the Originator of His manifestation!

If there is any further confusion as to who Yeshua is, Rav Sha'ul makes it perfectly clear by his wording in his last statement quoting Yeshayahu/Isaiah.

"and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2:11 NASB)

You see it is a fact that in over 7000 instances throughout most of the modern translations of the Scriptures, the Memorial Name of YHWH has been replaced. The enemy has undertaken quite an effort to conceal the Name. Why? Because he knows the power that that Name will have, especially during the time of the restoration of the Whole House of Yisrael. The Name YHWH is our Creator's Name of mercy. When we speak forth that Name in reverence and holiness, we are actually confessing that *He is with us* and *He will do all that He has promised!* The word used by Rav Sha'ul here as *Lord*, in the Greek is *kurios*. It is the sister word to the Hebrew word used as the Name of the Elohim of Yisrael...YHWH. In the Septuagint, the Greek transliteration of the Hebrew Torah, it is *Adonai*. However, *Adonai* is a title, not a name. It means *master, supreme authority*. *Adonai* was used by the Rabbis who were chosen to translate the Septuagint because the Memorial Name is deemed unpronounceable under rabbinic law. Thus in reality what Rav Sha'ul is clearly inferring by his words to the Philippians is: Yeshua

HaMashiach IS YHWH! Those who receive Him as Savior and Redeemer and bow their knee and confess Him with their mouth are also showing glory to YHWH His Abba! YHWH and Yeshua are echad. They are ONE! Yeshua HaMashiach isn't merely *a* Lord, He is THE LORD...YHWH! So when we use the name of Yeshua, we are in reality using the Name by inference of YHWH also.

May Abba YHWH give you power to overcome the spirit of anti-machiach that is so prevalent today. This is a time of testing when those who are being made approved are being revealed. May Abba YHWH use this to glorify His Son even more as the Whole House of Yisrael is brought to the fulfillment of His eternal purposes and the Tabernacle of David is raised up in its completeness. Amein.

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