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Introduction

We are a people who serve God because of our relationship with Yeshua and the covenant of Torah. We are proud heirs of the prophets and sages. We are members of a people in covenant with the Almighty. That covenant was not made only with Moses and Aaron, but with every one of us, past, present, and future. Each one of us is summoned to a unique relationship with the Holy One, one that can become as all-embracing as we allow it to be.

Numbers 7:89

89 And when Moses went into the tent of meeting to speak with the LORD, he heard the voice speaking to him from above the mercy seat that was on the ark of the testimony, from between the two cherubim; and it spoke to him. (ESV)

Moses went into the Tent of Meeting and heard God's voice speaking to him from above the mercy seat on the Ark of the Testimony, from between the two cherubim. We read Moses had entered the Tent of Meeting but not into the Holy of Holies, as far as we know. How does this line up with the fact that we are told that Moses had been instructed by the Almighty to set up a Tent of Meeting outside the camp because the Almighty said He would not dwell amid the people of Israel because they continually disobeyed the Creator? What is happening when we read contradicting scripture? Does this mean there are errors in the word to which we devote ourselves? We know the Bible is the Word of God and that it is inspired. God inspired men to write the Bible, but men being who they are changed the word because of their personal prejudices, whether good or bad. Are there better translations of the Bible than other ones? Yes, there are. When someone asks me what translation I use, I tell them I use several different ones, so I can compare the word, and what you will find is the better translations will be very close to one another.

I tend to recommend what are called "Direct Translations," which are literal translations from the original languages of Hebrew and Greek. We also need to remember that there are two main manuscripts that were used and over 15,000 parts of manuscripts of the Apostolic Scriptures. The Tanach of Hebrew Bible uses primarily two manuscripts with the Masorite manuscript as the foundational text.

Exodus 33:7 Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp, and he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the LORD would go out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp. ⁸ Whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people would rise up, and each would stand at his tent door, and watch Moses until he had gone into the tent. ⁹ When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent, and the LORD would speak with Moses. ¹⁰ And when all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise up and worship, each at his tent door. ¹¹ Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses turned again into the camp, his assistant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent. (ESV)

It appears that Moses would use both methods to speak to the Holy One. After Mount Horeb, the Almighty was angry with Israel because of what they had done. The Almighty's Ruach HaKodesh would come to Moses wherever he was when he needed to talk to the Almighty. The interesting thing is we are told the Almighty would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. It would appear the people knew how to behave in the presence of the Almighty because they stayed by their tent doors and worshipped while Moses and the Almighty spoke. Yet, they could not contain themselves from sinning against the Holy One of Israel.

If we learn anything from the story of Israel in the wilderness is how their relationship with the Almighty was tested because of what they did. One minute they could follow Torah and the next they would break it. Was this a surprise to the Creator? Of course not – He knew what man would do before he was created. Everything we read about is for us to learn what He expects from us. How to live a life pleasing to Him and to ourselves. We need to learn to be content with the blessings the Almighty has given to us and to look for what is to come through His Son the Messiah Yeshua.

Judges 13:17-18

17 And Manoah said to the angel of the LORD, "What is your name, so that, when your words come true, we may honor you?" ¹⁸ And the angel of the LORD said to him, "Why do you ask my name, seeing it is wonderful?" (ESV)

Isaiah 9:5 For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; dominion will rest on his shoulders, and he will be given the name Pele-Yo'etz El Gibbor Avi-'Ad Sar-Shalom [Wonder of a Counselor, Mighty God, Father of Eternity, Prince of Peace]. (CJB)

Isaiah 25:1 O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful, and sure. (ESV)

The child born over two thousand years ago bears the name Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Father of Eternity, and Prince of Peace. He is God – He is the Eternal Father, and the Prince of Peace. Would this describe the three in one Creator? Consider that an Eternal Creator brought forth His Word into a living Being, part of the Godhead, and yet able to represent mankind before the Father. It really blows your mind when you dwell on

it for even a moment, and it should because we have tried so hard to pigeon hole God into what we want Him to be, and He is so much greater than that. The angel who appeared to Manoah and his wife said why do you ask my name seeing that it is wonderful. Truly, this was not an ordinary angel but the Son of the Father appearing as a messenger because He is a messenger who carries a message of hope through redemption by His sacrifice on the tree to rise again on the third day to overcome sin and confound the Adversary, throwing Satan's plans into total disarray as he tries to make a comeback, but we all know how that one ends, don't we?

Luke 2:8-18

8 In the countryside nearby were some shepherds spending the night in the fields, guarding their flocks, ⁹ when an angel of *ADONAI* appeared to them, and the *Sh'khinah* of *ADONAI* shone around them. They were terrified; ¹⁰ but the angel said to them, "Don't be afraid, because I am here announcing to you Good News that will bring great joy to all the people. ¹¹ This very day, in the town of David, there was born for you a Deliverer who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² Here is how you will know: you will find a baby wrapped in cloth and lying in a feeding trough." ¹³ Suddenly, along with the angel was a vast army from heaven praising God: ¹⁴ "In the highest heaven, glory to God! And on earth, peace among people of good will!" ¹⁵ No sooner had the angels left them and gone back into heaven than the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go over to Beit-Lechem and see this thing that has happened, that *ADONAI* has told us about." ¹⁶ Hurrying off, they came and found Miryam and Yosef, and the baby lying in the feeding trough. ¹⁷ Upon seeing this, they made known what they had been told about this child; ¹⁸ and all who heard were amazed by what the shepherds said to them. (CJB)

This story of Messiah Yeshua's birth had been prophesied in the Torah, the Prophets, and the book of the Writings. We know it as the Tanach, and it leads the way to the story of Messiah's birth, death, and resurrection from the dead. How close are we to the end of all things only to begin our journey into eternity? Only the Father knows, and His Son is at His side waiting for when His Father will release Him to return, not as the suffering servant who Judah is looking for but as the King Messiah born into the line of David but to become the final King mankind will need before the final judgment. Many pass from this world into a place they will wish they never found. But then there will be that final place where His people will find their rest – an eternal rest in the presence of the Father and the Son in the New Jerusalem, the Living Temple. Amen!

Torah Man says: "The reason a dog has so many friends is because he wags his tail instead of his tongue."

Blessings in Messiah Yeshua,

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