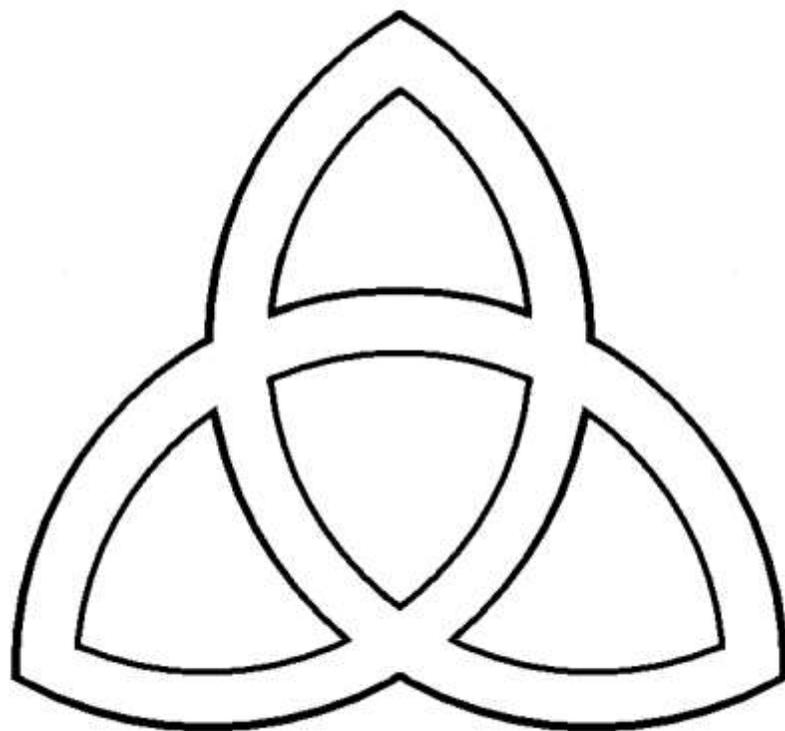


# The tri-unity of God in the Old Testament



# Defining trinity

- “There is one only and true God, but in the unity of the Godhead, there are three coeternal and coequal Persons, the same in substance but distinct in subsistence.” Warfield, *Trinity: The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia* James Orr Ed. Grand Rapids, Eerdmans, 1930, 5:3012:
- “There are three persons in the Godhead: The Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.” Westminster Shorter Catechism - question # 6:

# How important is the doctrine of the trinity?

- John 8:24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am *he*, ye shall die in your sins.

# One God - Mormonism

- Orson Pratt: “If we take a million worlds like this and number their particles, we should find **there are more Gods than there are particles of matter in those worlds.**” *Journal of Discourses*, Volume 2, page 345.
- Brigham Young: “**Gods exist**, and we better strive to be prepared to be one with them.” *Journal of Discourses*, page 238.

# One God - Mormonism

- ***Deuteronomy 4:35*** Unto thee it was showed, that thou mightest know that the LORD he *is* God; ***there is none else*** beside him.
- ***Psalms 86:10*** For thou *art* great, and doest wondrous things: ***thou art God alone.***
- ***Isaiah 45:18*** For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; ***and there is none else.***

# One God - Mormonism

- God is omniscient
- ***Psalms 147:5*** Great *is* our Lord, and of great power: **his understanding *is* infinite.**
- ***Hebrews 4:13*** Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: **but all things *are* naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.**
- ***Proverbs 15:3*** **The eyes of the LORD *are* in every place,** beholding the evil and the good.

# The omniscient God or the Mormon Church?

- ***Isaiah 44:8*** Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared *it*? ye *are* even my witnesses. **Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any.**

# The god of Mormonism did not create the heavens and the earth.

- “Now I ask all who hear me why the learned men who are preaching salvation say that God created the heavens and the earth out of nothing. **The reason is they are unlearned. God had materials to organize the world out of chaos, chaotic matter, which is element, and in which dwells all the glory. Element had an existence from the time He had.** The pure principles of element are principles that can never be destroyed, they may be organized and reorganized but not destroyed.” Joseph Smith King Follett discourse:

“If you could hie to Kolob in the twinkling of an eye,  
And then continue onward with the speed of light to fly,  
D’ye think that you could ever, through all eternity,  
Find out the generation **where Gods began to be?**”  
*If you could hie to Kolob* (Mormon hymn)

# But the Bible teaches

- ***Isaiah 42:5*** Thus saith God the LORD, **he that created the heavens**, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:
- ***Jeremiah 10:10-12*** <sup>10</sup>But the LORD *is* the true God, he *is* the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation. <sup>11</sup>Thus shall ye say unto them, **The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth**, and from under these heavens. <sup>12</sup>He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion.

# The god of Mormonism was born on a planet near the mythical planet called kolob

- **T.A. McMahon: (Cult researcher)** “Mormonism teaches that God has a physical body and **lives on a planet near a star called Kolob**. He is but one of an infinite number of gods, each ruling over his own world located somewhere in the universe.” *Mormon Fiction*, The Berean Call, August 2003
- Joseph Smith: “We have imagined and supposed that **God was God from all eternity. I will refute that idea**, and take away the veil, so that you may see.” *History of the Church, Volume 6*
- Orson Pratt: “The person of **our Father** in heaven **was begotten** on a previous world **by His Father**; and again He was begotten by a still more ancient Father and so on” *The Seer*, page 132.
- **Psalm 90:2** Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even **from everlasting to everlasting**, thou *art* God.

# The false god of United Pentecostals (William Braham, Truth Tabernacle, Oneness Pentecostals)

- “It is not that there are three Gods, but one God with three titles, Father, Son and Holy Ghost...How can three persons be in one God? **Not only is there no Bible for it, but it shows even a lack of intelligent reasoning...Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are just titles.** They are not names. That is why we baptize in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, for that is a name not a title.” *Understanding the Godhead*, By William M. Branham. Pages 18, 20

# Biblical response

- Revelation 5:6-7 6And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood **a Lamb** as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.7And **he** came and took the book out of the right hand **of him** that sat upon the throne.
- Daniel 7:13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, *one* like **the Son of man** came with the clouds of heaven, and **came to the Ancient of days**, and they brought him near before him.

# Biblical response

- Matthew 3:16-17 **16**And **Jesus**, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the **Spirit of God descending** like a dove, and lighting upon him: **17**And **lo a voice from heaven**, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

# How to respond to Jews, Moslems, Jehovah Witnesses who deny the Son of God - Let us

- ***Genesis 1:26-27*** <sup>26</sup>And 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. <sup>27</sup>So God created man in **his own** image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

# How to respond to Jews, Moslems, Jehovah Witnesses who deny the Son of God - Let us

- **Genesis 3:22** And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of **us**, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:
- **Genesis 11:6-7** And the LORD said, Behold, the people *is* one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, **let us** go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.
- **Isaiah 6:8** Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for **us**? Then said I, Here *am* I; send me.

# How to respond to Jews, Moslems, Jehovah Witnesses who deny the Son of God.

- **His name is One (Echod)**
- ***Zechariah 14:9*** And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name **one**.
- ***Deuteronomy 6:4*** Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is one* {Echod} LORD:

# God is a unity, not one.

- I believe with perfect faith that the Creator, blessed be His name, is a **Unity**, and there is no **Unity** in any manner like unto His, and that He alone is our God, who was, is and is to come.” *Daily Prayer Book*, Dr. A. Th. Philips, Hebrew Publishing Company. 77-79 Delancey Street New York, (no date of Publication given) Page 165.
- “He is **one**, and there is no **Unity** like unto His **Unity**; Inconceivable is He, and unending in His **Unity**.” *Daily Prayer Book*, Dr. A. Th. Philips, Hebrew Publishing Company. 77-79 Delancey Street New York, (no date of Publication given) page 17.

# His name is Elohim:

- ***Exodus 20:2-3*** <sup>2</sup>I am the LORD thy **God**, (*Elohim*) which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. <sup>3</sup>Thou shalt have no other **gods** (*elohim*) before me.
- “Although Elohim is technically a **plural** form, it is generally used as a singular.” *The Jewish Almanac*: Compiled and edited by Richard Siegel and Carl Rheins, Bantaam books, New York, 1980. Page 499.
- “Elohim: This word for God is used more frequently than either of the others in the Old Testament. It is a **plural** form.” *Expository Dictionary of Bible Words*: Lawrence O. Richards, the Zondervan Corporation, Grande Rapids, Michigan, 1985, page 313.

# His name is Adonai

- “Adonai - Derived from the Hebrew Adon (lord, as of a country or over a slave) Adonai originally meant **“My Lords”** (the **plural** form being parallel to the construction of Elohim, but has come to mean simply “the Lord.” *The Jewish Almanac*: Compiled and edited by Richard Siegel and Carl Rheins: Bantaam Books, New York, 1980, page 501.
- “Adonai - In Hebrew, the singular is Adoni, the plural is Adonim, and the plural plus possessive “I” is **“My Lords” or “My Masters.”** *Hurray for Yiddish*: Leo Rosten, Simon and Schuster, New York, 1982, page 23.
- “A special intensified form, Adonai, is found over three hundred times in the Old Testament, and this **plural** form refers only to God.” “A special intensified form, Adonai, is found over three hundred times in the Old Testament, and this **plural** form refers only to God.” *Expository Dictionary of Bible Words*: Lawrence O. Richards, The Zondervan Corporation, Grande Rapids, Michigan, 1985, page 417.

# The name creator: bō·wr·'e·ḵā

- ***Ecclesiastes 12:1*** Remember now thy **Creator** in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;
- “The word is most certainly in the **plural number** in all our common Hebrew Bibles; but it is in the singular number.” *Clarke's Commentary on the Bible* <http://biblecommenter.com/ecclesiastes/12-1.htm>
- “Remember thy Creators; the word is **plural**.” Henry, Matthew, *Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Bible*, (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers) 1997.

# God's name maker - 'ō·śa·yīq̄

- **Isaiah 54:5** For thy **Maker** is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.
- “Here maker should be translated **makers**.” *Willington's Guide to the Bible*, H.L. Willington, Tyndale House Publishers, Inc. Wheaton, Illinois, 1984, page 596.
- “It is, in the Hebrew text (k) "**thy Makers, thy Husbands**” *Gill's Exposition of the Entire Bible*  
<http://gill.biblecommenter.com/isaiah/54.htm>

# God's name Yahweh or Jehovah

- ***Isaiah 12:2*** Behold, God *is* my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the **LORD JEHOVAH** *is* my strength and *my* song; he also is become my **salvation**. (Yeshua)
- When God speaks of Himself, He says I AM. When others use His name it is in the third person, **HE IS**, which in the Hebrew is **YAHWEH.**” *The Seven Great I Am's*, Archibald Campbell, Christian Literature Crusade, Fort Washington, Pennsylvania, 1968, page 13.

# Jesus claimed to be I AM.

- **John 8:24** I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that **I am he**, *{Notice he is in italics – it is not in the original Greek}* ye shall die in your sins.
- **John 8:28** Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that **I am he**, *{Notice he is in italics – it is not in the original Greek}* and *that* I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

# Jesus claimed to be I AM

- **John 8:56-58** 56Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw *it*, and was glad. 57Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? 58Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Before Abraham was, I am.**
- **John 18:4-8** <sup>4</sup>Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye? <sup>5</sup>They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, **I am he**. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them. <sup>6</sup>As soon then as he had said unto them, **I am he** they went backward, and fell to the ground. <sup>7</sup>Then asked he them again, Whom seek ye? And they said, Jesus of Nazareth. <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered, I have told you that **I am he**: if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way:

# His name is Jesus

- ***Psalms 118:14*** The LORD *is* my strength and song, and is become **my salvation**. (Yeshua)
- ***Exodus 15:2*** The LORD *is* my strength and song, and he is become **my salvation**: (Yeshua) he *is* my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.
- ***Luke 1:31*** And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name **JESUS**. (Yeshua)

# The angel of the Lord – theophany

- **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*.
- **Exodus 3:2** And the **angel of the LORD** appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush *was* not consumed.
- **Exodus 3:4** And when the **LORD** {YHVH – *Jehovah*} saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here *am* I.
- **Exodus 3:14** And **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.
- **Exodus 33:11** And the **LORD** {YHVH - *Jehovah*} spake unto Moses **face to face**, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.

# Theophany

- Genesis 18:1 And the **LORD** appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;
- Genesis 18:22 And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the **LORD**.

# Theophany

- **Genesis 32:24** And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled **a man** with him until the breaking of the day.
- **Genesis 32:30** And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for **I have seen God face to face**, and my life is preserved.
- **Hosea 12:3-5** **3**He took his brother by the heel in the womb, and by his strength he had power with God: **4**Yea, he had power over the angel, and prevailed: he wept, and made supplication unto him: he found him *in* Bethel, and there he spake with us; **5**Even **the LORD God of hosts**; the LORD *is* his memorial.

# More than one person in the Godhead

- **Genesis 19:24** Then the **LORD** {YHVH - Jehovah} **rained** upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire **from the LORD**{YHVH - Jehovah} **out of heaven**;
- **Isaiah 48:12-16** <sup>12</sup>Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I *am* he; I *am* the first, I also *am* the last. <sup>13</sup>Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens: *when* I call unto them, they stand up together. <sup>14</sup>All ye, assemble yourselves, and hear; which among them hath declared these *things*? The LORD hath loved him: he will do his pleasure on Babylon, and his arm *shall be on* the Chaldeans. <sup>15</sup>I, *even* I, have spoken; yea, I have called him: I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous. <sup>16</sup>Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there *am* I: and now the **Lord GOD, and his Spirit, hath sent me.**

# More than one person in the Godhead

- **Isaiah 44:6** Thus saith the **LORD** {YHVH – Jehovah} the King of Israel, **and his redeemer the LORD** {YHVH – Jehovah} **of hosts**; I *am* the first, and I *am* the last; and beside me *there is* no God.
- **Isaiah 42:1** Behold **my servant**, whom I uphold; mine elect, *in whom* **my soul** delighteth; I have put **my spirit** upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.
- **Zechariah 2:8-9** <sup>8</sup>For thus saith **the LORD** {YHVH – Jehovah} **of hosts**; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye. <sup>9</sup>For, behold, I will shake mine hand upon them, and they shall be a spoil to their servants: and ye shall know that **the LORD** {YHVH – Jehovah} **of hosts hath sent me.**

# More than one person in the Godhead

- ***Zechariah 2:10-11*** <sup>10</sup>Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, **saith the LORD**. (*YHVH – Jehovah*) <sup>11</sup>And many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that **the LORD** {*YHVH – Jehovah*} **of hosts hath sent me** unto thee.
- ***Psalms 45:6-7*** <sup>6</sup>Thy throne, **O God**, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre. <sup>7</sup>Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore **God, thy God, hath anointed thee** with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

# The messiah is God

- ***Micah 5:2*** But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, *though* thou be little among the thousands of Judah, *yet* out of thee shall he come forth unto me *that is* to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth *have been* from of old, **from everlasting**.
- ***Isaiah 7:14*** Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name **Immanuel**.
- ***Isaiah 9:6*** For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, **The mighty God**, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.
- ***Jeremiah 32:18*** Thou shewest lovingkindness unto thousands, and recompensest the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them: the Great, the **Mighty God**, {*El Gibbor*} the **LORD** {*YHVH - Jehovah*} of hosts, *is* his name,

# The messiah is God

- ***Zechariah 12:4*** In that day, **saith the LORD** {YHVH – *Jehovah*}, I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness:
- ***Zechariah 12:10*** And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they **shall look upon me whom they have pierced**, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for *his* only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for *his* firstborn.

# The messiah is God

- **Isaiah 40:3-5** <sup>3</sup>The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, **Prepare ye the way of the LORD** {YHVH – Jehovah}, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: **<sup>5</sup>And the glory of the LORD** {YHVH – Jehovah} **shall be revealed**, and all flesh shall see *it* together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it*.
- **Isaiah 40:9-11** <sup>9</sup>O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift *it* up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, **Behold your God!** <sup>10</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong *hand*, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward *is* with him, and his work before him. **<sup>11</sup>He shall feed his flock like a shepherd:** he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry *them* in his bosom, *and* shall gently lead those that are with young.

# We are commanded to worship the messiah

- ***Psalms 2:12*** **Kiss the Son**, lest he be angry, and ye perish *from* the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all they that put their trust in him.
- New American Standard Bible “**Do homage to the Son.**”
- Isaac Leeser Holy Scriptures: (First Jewish translation in English) “**Do homage to the son.**”
- ***Psalms 45:11*** So shall the **king** greatly desire thy beauty: for he *is* thy Lord; and **worship thou him.**
- ***Psalms 45:6-7*** <sup>6</sup>Thy throne, O God, *is* for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom *is* a right sceptre. <sup>7</sup>Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.