Christ in the Old Testament

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Introduction to the Series

Christ in the Old Testament – The Visible God Before Bethlehem

Most people meet Jesus Christ in Matthew, standing in a manger, wrapped in swaddling clothes. That is where religion thinks He *began*. Bethlehem is treated like Christ's starting line — as if the Son of God came into existence the moment Mary gave birth. But the Bible will not bend to that shallow, sentimental nonsense. Long before the virgin ever sang her Magnificat, long before shepherds heard angels, long before Rome built roads or Herod built temples — **Christ was already here.**

Not hidden.
Not symbolic.
Not predicted merely in prophecy — but **present.**

You do not meet Christ first in a cradle.
You meet Him walking in Eden.
You meet Him wrestling Jacob.
You meet Him eating with Abraham.
You meet Him appearing in fire, storm, sword, cloud, and throne.
You meet Him as the **Angel of the LORD** — not a created angel, but the visible Jehovah.

This series is not fiction, not speculation, not "Jesus read back into the Old Testament," like the scholars whimper. This is **Scripture interpreting Scripture**. The New Testament does not *reinterpret* the Old. It *identifies* the Old. It lifts the veil and says: "That was Him the entire time."

Christ is not introduced in Matthew.
He is revealed in Genesis, Exodus, Joshua, Judges, Isaiah, Daniel, and every covenant in between.

- He is the **Walking Voice** in the Garden.
- He is the **Sacrifice that appeared before Isaac died.**

- He is the **Captain with a drawn sword outside Jericho.**
- He is the **Redeemer Jacob called 'the Angel who redeemed me from all evil.'**
- He is the **Man in the furnace with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.**
- He is the **Ancient Warrior and Eternal Son in Daniel's night vision.**

The New Testament simply gives Him the name history now knows:
Jesus Christ — the visible God of the Old Testament.

This series will prove five truths that modern Christianity has forgotten, seminaries have buried, and cults have denied:

1. **Christ did not begin in Bethlehem.** The incarnation is not origin — it is entrance.
2. **The Angel of the LORD is Christ in pre-incarnate form.** Not "a messenger," but Jehovah Himself appearing.
3. **Every major covenant, altar, and revelation in the Old Testament is Christ-centered.**
4. **The Old Testament was never "Christ hidden." It was Christ active, present, speaking, saving, judging, and walking among men.**
5. **There has only ever been one visible Person of the Godhead — and that Person is the Son.**

Once you see Him in the Old Testament, the Bible stops being two books with two Gods and becomes one Book with one LORD from beginning to end.

Genesis and Revelation do not reveal two stories.
They reveal the **same Christ in two different phases** of His eternal work:
before the cross and after the cross.

The Lamb who dies in the Gospels
is the same LORD who walked in Genesis.
The King who returns in Revelation
is the same Captain who fought for Israel.
The Judge before whom all nations kneel
is the same One who sat and ate with Abraham in a tent.

You are not tracing the history of a religion.
You are tracing the footsteps of **the Eternal Son**,

moving through every age in every form necessary —
invisible in essence, visible in revelation.

There has never been a time when Christ was not.
There has never been a covenant without Him.
There has never been a salvation outside Him.
There has never been a throne higher than His.
There has never been a universe that did not belong to Him.

He is the first Figure in Genesis,
the final Figure in Revelation,
and the central Figure of every verse in between.

This is not a study in shadows.
This is a study in footsteps.

The God who walked before Adam fell
will walk again when the kingdoms fall.
The One who spoke in a bush
will roar in a crown.
The One who stood above Jacob's ladder
will descend on the Mount of Olives.

And every Christophany in the Old Testament was God saying:
"I will not stay hidden — I am coming, and I will walk among you."

Welcome to the series.
Meet the Christ who never needed to begin —
because He always was.

1 of 20 – The Fourth Man in the Fire – Christ in Babylon

Daniel 3:25 – "and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God."

INTRODUCTION – WHEN THE FURNACE GETS HOT, THE FAITH GETS REAL

Nobody finds out what they really believe in Sunday School. You find out in the furnace. Not the classroom furnace of soft Christian clichés, not the cozy devotional furnace where

“God shows me things,” but the kind of furnace where the enemy is real, the threat is physical, the pressure is public, and bowing would be a lot easier than burning.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego didn’t get a coronation — they got a conspiracy. They didn’t get applause — they got accusations. They didn’t get accepted by the culture — they got arrested by it. And when they refused to kneel before Babylon’s god, the world did what the world always does: **it heated the fire higher.**

Then something happened the world never plans for — **Christ walked into a place He was never invited to, but always shows up in.**

Nebuchadnezzar looks into the furnace, expecting three charred skeletons — and instead he sees **FOUR men walking loose**, and the fourth isn’t like the others.

The fourth is **Divine. Visible. Present. Untouched. Eternal. Recognizable. Worship-worthy.**

And the pagan king — drunk with power, idol-obsessed, demon-inspired — is forced to say the one thing the modern church chokes on:

“the form of the fourth is like **the Son of God.**”

Not “a son of the gods.”
Not “a divine figure.”
Not “some supernatural being.”

The Son of God.

That’s not theology — that’s a furnace-level revelation.

And every believer today is going to need that same revelation — because Babylon is back, the furnace is heating, and the same Christ is still in the fire.

SECTION 1 – THIS IS NOT AN ANGEL. THIS IS CHRIST BEFORE BETHLEHEM.

Let’s settle the doctrinal foundation first:

The Fourth Man is **NOT an angel, not a heavenly helper, not a symbolic presence, not a theological metaphor, not “God appearing through a force field,”** and not “a son of the gods” like the NIV and ESV blasphemously rewrite it.

He is the **pre-incarnate Christ** — the eternal Word, the Second Person of the Godhead, visible before His birth in Bethlehem.

He is the same One who:

- Wrestled with Jacob in Genesis 32
- Ate with Abraham in Genesis 18
- Called to Moses from the burning bush
- Stood with Joshua as the Captain of the LORD's host
- Appeared to Manoah with the name **"Wonderful"**
- Walked in Eden as the Voice of the LORD God
- Sat on Isaiah's throne of glory (John 12:41)

He is not **an** angel — He is **THE** Angel of the LORD.
Not a created being — but the Creator manifest.
Not one among many — but the One before all.

And the furnace incident is one of the clearest Christophanies in the Bible — **the Son of God walking in human form centuries before the manger.**

That is why Nebuchadnezzar didn't say, "a divine figure" — he said "the Son of God," and the Holy Ghost locked it in the King James Bible forever.

SECTION 2 – MODERN VERSIONS HAVE A PROBLEM: THEY HATE THE DEITY OF CHRIST

Now the knives come out.

Every major modern translation **butchers** Daniel 3:25:

- NIV: "a son of the gods"
- ESV: "a son of the gods"
- NASB: "a son of the gods"
- CSB: "a son of the gods"
- NLT: "a god-like being"
- New World Translation (Jehovah's Witness Bible): "a son of the gods" — SAME EXACT WORDING

Let that sink in.

Every modern version lines up **word-for-word** with the Jehovah's Witness cult — the one group on earth determined to teach that Jesus is not God.

They didn't "update the text."

They **denied the Christ.**

Here's the trick: they pretend Nebuchadnezzar couldn't possibly know "the Son of God," so the "correct" rendering must be plural "gods."

Except they forgot something…

Nebuchadnezzar **didn't write the Bible.**
The Holy Ghost did.

The text doesn't record what Nebuchadnezzar understood — the text records what GOD meant.

And God said **"THE Son of God."**

He meant what He said.
He said what He meant.
And the King James Bible preserved it.

Every version that changes it changes the doctrine.

Every version that waters it down waters down the deity of Jesus Christ.

Every version that edits the furnace edits the faith.

SECTION 3 – BABYLON IS NOT ANCIENT. IT IS PROPHETIC.

Daniel 3 isn't just history — it's a preview.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego are a **picture of the Jewish remnant** in the Tribulation.

Nebuchadnezzar's image is a **picture of the Antichrist's idol** in Revelation 13.

The demand to worship or die is the **mark-of-the-beast enforcement**.

The furnace is the **wrath of the system against the faithful**.

And the Fourth Man is the **same Christ who will stand with the remnant in the 70th week.**

That's why no miracle delivered them **before** the furnace — the miracle was **IN** the furnace.

That's the pattern:

No rapture for the Jewish remnant.
No escape clause.
No comfort-based Christianity.

They go through the heat — and Christ meets them there.

That's why He's called the **Deliverer who "shall come out of Zion"** (Romans 11:26) — because He shows up **IN** the fire, not **before** it.

SECTION 4 – THE FURNACE IS WHERE COUNTERFEIT FAITH DIES AND REAL FAITH LIVES

There were **thousands** of Jews in Babylon.
Only **three** stood up.

That tells you everything about real faith in the last days.

The majority will bow.
The majority will conform.
The majority will "go along to survive."
The majority will save face — and lose their soul.

The furnace doesn't just reveal God — it exposes the crowd.

The remnant doesn't need a majority.
They don't need a vote.
They don't need acceptance.

They need **conviction that outlives consequence.**

Modern Christians panic when the thermostat hits "lukewarm."
These boys stood calm when it hit "seven times hotter."

Why?

Because they didn't serve God **for deliverance** — they served Him **if not.**

That is faith.

Not "God will save us."
But **"God can save us — and even if He doesn't, we still won't bow."**

That's the kind of Christianity hell can't break, Babylon can't buy, and the furnace can't burn.

SECTION 5 – CHRIST DOESN'T HELP FROM A DISTANCE. HE ENTERS THE FIRE.

Religion says: *"God will meet you when you stand back up."*
The Blood Covenant says: *"God stands with you when they knock you down."*

The world thinks the miracle was that the three men weren't burned.

Wrong.

The real miracle is **who showed up.**

The Fourth Man didn't stand outside the furnace shouting encouragement.

He didn't write a devotional and slide it under the door.

He didn't turn down the temperature.

He walked straight through the flames and **joined the condemned.**

That's the gospel before the gospel.

At Calvary, He did the same thing:

He didn't save from a distance.
He entered our judgment.
He stepped into the flames.
He walked the same path we earned — and burned in our place.

The fire didn't touch the three Hebrew men because Christ **took the flame from them.**

Same reason hell will never touch a believer — because Christ took that flame too.

SECTION 6 – THE FIRE BURNED THE BONDS, NOT THE BELIEVERS

One of the greatest lines in that chapter is also one of the greatest sermons:

"They 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."
(Daniel 3:27)

The only thing the fire burned was **their ropes.**

That's what God uses the furnace for — **not to destroy you, but to free you.**

Trials burn bondage.
Fire burns what flesh tied.
Pressure snaps chains that comfort never touches.

Some believers never get free because they never get in deep enough to need the Fourth Man.

You don't grow in air-conditioning Christianity.

You grow in heat.
You grow when the world hates you.
You grow when you choose loyalty over survival.

Faith doesn't expand in chairs.
Faith expands in furnaces.

SECTION 7 – ENDING TRIPLE PUNCH: DOCTRINAL, PROPHETIC, DEVOTIONAL

Now we close with all three:

1. DOCTRINAL – Christ was in the fire because Christ is eternal, pre-incarnate, visible, and fully God. The KJV is right. The modern versions are blasphemous. Daniel 3:25 is a Christ-centered verse — and every Bible that changes it attacks the deity of Jesus.

2. PROPHETIC – Babylon will rise again. The image will rise again. Worship laws will return. The furnace will return. And the same Christ who stood with the three Hebrews will stand with the Tribulation remnant — and every Gentile who refuses the mark.

3. DEVOTIONAL – If you bow, you burn later.

If you stand, you burn now — but Christ stands with you.

Better to walk with the Fourth Man in the fire
than walk with the crowd into the flames of judgment.

CONCLUSION – THE FOURTH MAN IS STILL IN THE FURNACE

Christ does not show up in board meetings.
He doesn't walk in compromise.

He doesn't appear in comfort zones.
He doesn't manifest where everyone bows to survive.

He manifests **where someone stands to obey.**

The same Son of God who walked in Babylon before Bethlehem
walks today in the furnaces built by global Babylon.

- In Iran
- In North Korea
- In prison cells
- In canceled pulpits
- In fired employees
- In rejected street preachers
- In faithful saints who say "If not — we still won't bow."

The furnace is heating up one more time.

And the Fourth Man is already inside waiting.

Not to pull you out —
but to walk you through
until Babylon bows
and the remnant stands victorious.

He was God in the fire.
He is God in the fire.
He will be God in the fire.

And every demon in hell knows His name:

THE SON OF GOD.

2 of 20 – The Captain of the LORD's Host – Sword Drawn at Jericho

(Joshua 5:13–15 – Worship accepted, shoes removed, no angel ever does that)

INTRODUCTION – HE DOESN'T COME TO TAKE SIDES. HE COMES TO TAKE OVER.

The modern church has reduced Jesus Christ to a soft-spoken life coach with mousse in His hair and a Bible app in His hand.
But the Jesus of Scripture isn't a "helper," a "gentle influencer," or a "spiritual guide."

He is a **warrior with a drawn sword.**
He doesn't show up to advise.
He doesn't show up to negotiate.
He doesn't show up to empower *your* plan.

He shows up to **command armies.**

And long before Bethlehem, long before the manger, long before Mary held Him — He appeared on a battlefield with fire in His eyes, a sword in His hand, and **the title of Captain.**

Not "a captain."
Not "one of many captains."
Not "an angelic military aide."

THE Captain of the LORD's host.
The same One who leads Heaven's armies in Revelation 19.
The same One who fought for Israel in Exodus 15.
The same One who stood as a man before Joshua — and demanded worship.

The scholars can choke on their Greek lexicons.
The modern versions can butcher the text.
The commentators can call Him "an angelic representative."

But the King James Bible has already nailed Him:

"THE Captain of the host of the LORD am I now come."

When Joshua fell on his face and worshipped Him — **He accepted it.**
When Joshua was told to remove his shoes — **He demanded it.**
And when the sword was already drawn — **He meant war.**

No created angel takes worship.
No created angel issues holy-ground commands.
No created angel claims divine title.

This was not Michael, not Gabriel, not a cherub, not a prophet.

This was Christ — pre-incarnate, armed, and standing on enemy territory.

The battle wasn't Jericho.
The battle was ownership.

And the same Christ who led Israel into Canaan is the same Christ who will lead His army back to earth — **sword drawn again.**

SECTION 1 – THE TEXT DESTROYS THE "ANGEL THEORY"

Let the text preach:

"There stood a man… with his sword drawn in his hand."
(Joshua 5:13)

First, He appears as a **man** — because every pre-Bethlehem appearance of Christ has a visible, physical, masculine form. He does not show up as a beam of light, a floating orb, or a chakra-glow spiritual presence. He shows up as a **man.**

That already destroys the new-age, feminist, and progressive "non-masculine Jesus" cult.

Then:

"And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship…"

Joshua is not a rookie. He knows what an angel is. He has seen the pillar of cloud, heard the voice of God, and watched the Red Sea split.

And yet — he **worships** this man.

Worship is forbidden toward angels (Revelation 22:8–9).
Worship is forbidden toward men (Acts 10:25–26).
Worship is reserved **only for God.**

Now watch the clincher:

"And the Captain of the LORD's host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy."

Only ONE Person in Scripture ever spoke that way before:
The LORD at the burning bush.

Same command.
Same holiness.
Same identity.

No angel says that.
No prophet says that.
No messenger says that.

Only **YHWH Himself says that.**
And here He is — as a Man with a sword.

That means:

Christ existed before Bethlehem.
Christ was visible before incarnation.
Christ was worshipped before the manger.
Christ commanded armies before the cross.

He was God before Matthew 1:1 ever opened.

SECTION 2 – MODERN BIBLES REMOVE CHRIST FROM THE TEXT (AGAIN)

Of course, the modern apostate "Bibles" can't allow Christ to show up before the New Testament.

So what do they do?
They weaken, water down, or retranslate the title.

KJV: "**THE Captain of the host of the LORD**"
NIV: "**commander of the army of the LORD**"
ESV: "**commander of the army of the LORD**"
NASB: "**captain of the host of the LORD**" (then footnotes Him into uncertainty)
CSB: "**commander of the LORD's army**"

Now you say, "That doesn't sound too different!"

Oh yes it does.

Because **captain vs. commander is not the issue.**
The issue is **identity.**

The modern versions turn this passage into:
"Some angelic commander is here to help Joshua fight."

But the KJV doesn't say **"a captain."**
It says **"THE Captain."**
Definite article. Absolute position. No equals. No second options.

That's not a helper — that's a sovereign.

The modern versions try to make Him a heavenly employee.
The King James reveals Him as the **Owner of the battlefield.**

That's the difference between apostasy and truth.

SECTION 3 – THIS IS THE SAME CHRIST WHO RETURNS IN REVELATION 19

You don't need a commentary. You need a cross-reference.

Joshua meets the Captain with a drawn sword.
John sees the same Being — except this time He's on a white horse.

"In righteousness he doth judge and make war."
"His eyes were as a flame of fire."
"Out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword."
"The armies which were in heaven followed him."
(Revelation 19:11–16)

Joshua = first conquest.
Revelation = final conquest.

Joshua = entering the land.
Revelation = reclaiming the earth.

Joshua = battle for Jericho.
Revelation = battle for the world.

Joshua meets the Captain standing with a sword.
John sees the Captain riding with a sword.

Same posture.
Same purpose.
Same Person.

There is no "different God in the Old Testament."
There is no "gentle Jesus, meek and mild, who replaced the war-God of Israel."

There is ONE LORD, ONE CHRIST, ONE CAPTAIN.

He fought for Israel.
He fights for the Church.
He will return to fight for His throne.

SECTION 4 – CHRIST DOES NOT ARRIVE TO SUPPORT YOU. HE ARRIVES TO TAKE COMMAND.

Joshua asks the fatal question:

"Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?"

And the Captain answers with the most offensive, divine, sovereign, reality-shattering reply in the Old Testament:

"Nay."

Not "yes."
Not "I'm here to help."
Not "Let's work together."
Not "I'm on your team."

Nay.
"Wrong question, Joshua."

Christ doesn't join anyone's side — Christ **is** the side.

He doesn't join men's agendas.
He crushes them and replaces them with His own.

He isn't Republican or Democrat.
He isn't Catholic or Protestant.
He doesn't join denominations — He judges them.
He doesn't "partner" with ministries — He stands over them as Captain.

You don't recruit Jesus.
You submit to Him.

SECTION 5 – DEVOTIONAL APPLICATION: YOU DON'T GET VICTORY UNTIL YOU MEET THE CAPTAIN

The Israelites already crossed the Jordan.
They already ate the old corn of the land.
They had already obeyed circumcision and Passover.

They were **in the promise**, but they were not yet **in the victory.**

And until they met the Captain with the sword — they weren't ready.

Jericho didn't fall because Israel was strong.
It fell because Christ was in command.

Most Christians want walls to fall — but they want to stay in charge.

They want spiritual victory — but they want Jesus as advisor, not Captain.
They want deliverance — but without surrender.
They want the sword — but in their hand.

You don't get the sword until you take the shoes off.

That's the order:

1. Worship first
2. Obedience next
3. War after

Joshua bowed before he marched.
Modern Christianity marches without ever bowing.

And that's why their walls never fall.

SECTION 6 – PROPHETIC APPLICATION: JOSHUA IS A TYPE OF JESUS (YESHUA)

Joshua's name is literally the Hebrew form of "Jesus" (Yehoshua → Yeshua → Jesus).

Moses could not bring Israel into the land — but Joshua could.

The Law cannot give inheritance — only Christ can.

Just as Hebrews 4 says:

"If Jesus (Joshua) had given them rest…"

The battle of Jericho is not just military history — it's Second Advent preview.

- Seven trumpets
- A world city doomed
- A harlot spared (Rahab = picture of Gentile believers)
- The city burned

- The inheritance given
- Christ present with a sword

Same pattern as Revelation.

This is not accidental typology — this is **divine design.**

SECTION 7 – CONCLUSION: THE CAPTAIN STILL HAS HIS SWORD DRAWN

The same Captain who stood in Joshua 5 is still standing today.

He doesn't need updated Bibles.
He doesn't need scholarly approval.
He doesn't need church votes.
He doesn't need cultural acceptance.

He needs only one thing:

A remnant that will bow before they march.

The Church doesn't need reinvented.
It needs re-commanded.

The problem today isn't that Christians don't believe in Jesus.
The problem is they don't believe in **this Jesus**:

The One with the sword.
The One who accepts worship.
The One who commands holiness.
The One who will return in blood.

The churches have hired a life coach.
The Bible reveals a Captain.

And the Captain isn't negotiating.

He's coming.

Sword still drawn.

Armies still behind Him.

Ground still holy.

And every knee will bow — whether in worship now, or in terror later.

3 of 20 – The God Who Wrestled Jacob All Night

(Genesis 32:24–30 – "I have seen God face to face")

INTRODUCTION – THE NIGHT GOD PUT A MAN IN A HEADLOCK

Before there was Moses at the burning bush…
Before there was Joshua meeting the Captain with the sword…
Before there was Shadrach walking with the Fourth Man in the furnace…

There was a **lonely riverbank, a desperate sinner, and God in a body.**

Not a dream.
Not a vision.
Not a metaphor.
Not "inner struggle."
A literal, physical wrestling match between a man and God.

And for one long, dark night – the God of the universe **grabbed Jacob by the flesh and refused to let go until the flesh lost.**

Nobody in Sunday School paints that picture.
Christians love "gentle Jesus, meek and mild," but this is **God in a chokehold with a lying, scheming, self-willed patriarch — and God doesn't tap out.**

Modern theologians hate this passage because it does three things they can't stand:

1. It proves **God can appear as a Man before Bethlehem.**
2. It proves **Jacob did NOT "find God" — God tackled HIM.**
3. It proves **God doesn't bless the flesh — He breaks it.**

You will never understand Israel…
You will never understand salvation by grace…
You will never understand the war between the old man and the new man…

…until you understand the night God wrestled Jacob into surrender.

And you don't get that from hymns, devotionals, commentaries, or Greek grammars.
You get it from a King James Bible — the only Bible that still says:

“I have seen **GOD** face to face, and my life is preserved.”
(Genesis 32:30)

Not “a being,”
Not “a messenger,”
Not “a heavenly representative,”
Not “a spiritual encounter,”
But **GOD.**

If that’s not Christ — then you’ve got two visible Gods, and you just became a Mormon.

SECTION 1 – JACOB WASN’T PRAYING. GOD STARTED THE FIGHT.

The pious sermons say, “Jacob wrestled with God for a blessing.”
Wrong.

The text says:

“And **there wrestled a man WITH HIM** until the breaking of the day.”
(Genesis 32:24)

Jacob didn’t grab God.
God grabbed Jacob.

Jacob had already prayed earlier in the chapter.
This wasn’t prayer.
This was **combat.**

Jacob didn’t want a spiritual experience.
He just wanted to stay alive long enough to face Esau.

And right when Jacob thought he was finally alone… **God jumped him.**

Because you don’t find God.
God finds you — and **He never starts with your spirit. He starts with your flesh.**

Every modern preacher teaches “seek God, pursue God, chase God, go after God.”

The Bible shows the opposite:

Adam ran — God sought.
Moses fled — God called.
Saul persecuted — Christ knocked him flat.
Jacob schemed — God tackled.

You didn't grab God.
God tackled your pride, pinned your flesh, and forced a confession out of you.

That's salvation.
That's sanctification.
That's discipleship.

The flesh never quits — so God breaks it.

SECTION 2 – THIS WAS NOT AN ANGEL. THIS WAS GOD IN A BODY.

Look at the liberal, apostate, commentary-educated nonsense:

✕ "Jacob wrestled with an angel."
✕ "This is symbolic, not literal."
✕ "This was a dream sequence."
✕ "This was an inner battle of conscience."

You'd have to be educated far beyond sanity to believe that.

The King James Bible clears it:

"I have seen **GOD** face to face."
(Genesis 32:30)

He didn't say "I saw **an angel**."
He didn't say "I felt **God's presence**."
He didn't say "I had **a spiritual struggle**."

He said **GOD.**

If it was an angel, Jacob committed blasphemy.
If it was a metaphor, the Holy Ghost is a liar.
If it was a dream, the limp wouldn't be real.

That's why the modern versions gut the verse:

• NIV: "I saw **God face to face**" — but footnotes "or angel."
• ESV: replaces the divine name with ambiguity.
• NASB: calls the man "a divine being," but not God.
• NWT (Jehovah's Witness Bible): completely denies deity.

Why?
Because they can't allow Christ to show up before Matthew.

But the King James never backed down.

The God who wrestled Jacob is the same God who ate dinner with Abraham in Genesis 18, walked in the furnace in Daniel 3, and stands with a sword in Joshua 5.

Christ before Bethlehem.
Jehovah in a body.
The eternal Word made visible — again and again.

SECTION 3 – GOD WON BY BLOWING OUT JACOB'S HIP SOCKET

The match wasn't decided by endurance or strength.
It was decided by **a touch.**

"And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh…"
(Genesis 32:25)

God didn't need force.
He needed one finger.

Why the thigh?
Why not the arm, the ribs, or the neck?

Because the thigh represents **strength, identity, and posterity.**

It is the place where kings wore swords
It is the place where oaths were sworn
It is the place associated with **seed and lineage**

So God didn't just weaken Jacob —
He crippled Jacob's confidence in Jacob.

Jacob walked into that night a manipulator, planner, self-made survivor.
He walked out unable to stand without support.

God didn't reward him for wrestling.
God **broke** him so he couldn't wrestle anymore.

Every true believer has a "broken thigh" moment:

✓ Salvation destroys confidence in works
✓ Trials destroy confidence in self
✓ Chastening destroys confidence in the flesh
✓ Calling destroys confidence in ability

If your Christianity never left you limping — you never met God.
You met religion.

SECTION 4 – THE NAME CHANGE: FROM SCHEMER TO PRINCE

God breaks before He blesses.
But once Jacob is crippled, God changes his name.

"Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel…"
(Genesis 32:28)

Jacob = "supplanter, heel-grabber, con-artist"
Israel = "a prince with God"

Notice — the name change **did not erase the limp.**

He was Israel in name…
But Jacob in walk.

That's your Christian life.

God gave you a new nature — but He left the old nature limping beside it.

You are **a saint with a sinful body.**
You are **a prince with a crooked spine.**
You are **born again — but still dragging flesh behind you.**

Every time Jacob took a step, he remembered two things:

1. **I lost to God.**
2. **Losing is what saved me.**

Modern Christianity wants **victory without breaking, crowns without crosses, blessing without limps.**

God never works that way.

He wounded the man
To save the nation
To bring the Messiah
To redeem the world

No Jacob wrestle — no Israel
No Israel — no Judah
No Judah — no David
No David — no Christ

Sometimes God breaks your hip because He's building something bigger than your comfort.

SECTION 5 – WHY JACOB NAMED THE PLACE "PENIEL"

The critical scholars say Jacob saw a "manifestation of God."
Jacob said **he saw God.**

"I have seen GOD face to face, and my life is preserved."

That means ONE of two things is true:

✅ Either Jacob saw the Father — which contradicts John 1:18
❌ Or Jacob saw the pre-incarnate Son — which fits Scripture perfectly

"No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son… hath declared him." *(John 1:18)*

Nobody has ever seen the Father.
They always see **the Son.**

That means:

✓ The God who ate with Abraham = Christ
✓ The God who wrestled Jacob = Christ
✓ The God in the furnace = Christ
✓ The Captain in Joshua = Christ
✓ The Lamb on the throne = Christ

Same Person.
Same God.
Same visible presence.

Christ didn't **begin** at Bethlehem.
He just **became flesh** at Bethlehem.

SECTION 6 – THE LIMP THAT NEVER GOES AWAY

The Bible says:

"He halted upon his thigh." *(Genesis 32:31)*

The blessing was instant.
The limp was permanent.

God doesn't remove every wound He gives — some He keeps on purpose.

Paul had a thorn.
Jacob had a limp.
You've got your own version.

If you ever meet a Christian with no struggle, no scars, no old-man weakness, no spiritual limp —
you met a liar, not a saint.

A man with a limp doesn't brag about winning.
He brags about surviving.

That's why broken believers make the best worshippers — they can't stand without God.

SECTION 7 – CONCLUSION: GOD STILL WRESTLES MEN TODAY

God still tackles the self-reliant.
God still breaks the proud.
God still cripples the flesh.
God still renames sinners into sons.

And He still gives the same order:

"What is thy name?"

Not because He doesn't know —
But because He forces confession.

Jacob had to admit, "I am Jacob."
A liar.

A cheater.
A manipulator.

Before God ever blesses a man, God **makes him name himself honestly.**

The man who lies about who he is never gets a new name.

And in the end…

Jacob lost the fight
He won the blessing
He walked away wounded
He walked away changed

Because nobody wins wrestling with God —
But everyone who **loses** to Him walks away a prince.

4 of 20 – The Burning Bush Voice – I AM That I AM

(Exodus 3:2–6 – Angel of the LORD speaks as God, receives worship)

INTRODUCTION – THE BUSH BURNED, BUT THE TEXT BURNS HOTTER

There are two kinds of people who read Exodus 3:

1. The kind who see a shrub on fire and think, "What a beautiful metaphor."
2. The kind who see the **pre-incarnate Christ revealing His eternal name in open flame** and answering to no one.

You can always tell which group a man belongs to by his Bible version, his theology, and the tone of his preaching.

The liberals read this passage and see "a symbol of divine energy."
The apostate seminaries see "a theophany of Yahweh's presence."
The charismatics see "a prophetic moment of personal calling."
The atheists see "a hallucination from heat and dehydration."

But **the King James Bible shows the living God standing in a bush, speaking with a voice, calling a man by name, commanding him to remove his shoes, and identifying Himself as the eternal self-existent I AM.**

Not a metaphor.
Not a symbol.
Not a dream.
Not a flickering poetic image for Sunday School murals.

A Person.
A Voice.
A Command.
A Name.

And just like in Genesis 32, just like in Joshua 5, just like in Daniel 3 — the One speaking is called:

"the angel of the LORD" — but speaks as **GOD.**

That is the mystery every Bible-denying seminary dies trying to explain away:

How can the "angel of the LORD" speak **as God**, call Himself **God**, demand **worship**, and identify Himself as the **I AM** — if He's not God?

Because He **is** God.
Because He is **the Son before the manger.**
Because the "angel of the LORD" is not a created angel —
He is the visible manifestation of the invisible Jehovah.

And if that truth offends your theology, your education, your denomination, or your Study Bible notes — then throw them all into the fire and let God speak for Himself.

SECTION 1 – THE TEXT DOES NOT SAY "GOD WAS IN THE FIRE" – IT SAYS THE ANGEL OF THE LORD APPEARED

"And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush." *(Exodus 3:2)*

Not "an angel."
Not "a heavenly messenger."
The angel of the LORD.

The definite article is the wrecking ball that demolishes 200 years of liberal commentary.

There is **a** Gabriel.
There is **a** Michael.
There are **angels of God.**

But there is only **one** "angel of the LORD" — and when He speaks, He doesn't say "the LORD said," He says **"I AM the LORD."**

That is not a job title.
That is not a rank.
That is **identity.**

And before Moses can even respond to the sight, the voice calls out:

"Moses, Moses… Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." *(v. 4–5)*

Created angels **reject worship** (Revelation 22:8–9).
This One **demands it.**

Created angels never say **"I AM THAT I AM."**
This One does.

Which means either:

✅ Jehovah is appearing as a Person
❌ or a creature is impersonating Jehovah

Pick one — and deal with the consequences.

SECTION 2 – THE MODERN BIBLES STRIKE OUT AGAIN

The modern apostates can't stand the idea that Christ shows up before Matthew, so they alter the text to hide Him.

Example:

KJV: "**the angel of the LORD** appeared unto him…"
NIV: "**the angel of the LORD** appeared…" (then footnotes it as "a messenger")
ESV: "**the angel of the LORD** appeared…" (but removes the deity in the cross-references)
NASB: "**the angel of the LORD**" (then calls Him "a manifestation" in the notes)

They **leave the phrase in**, but deny the identity behind it — the oldest trick in the serpent's playbook.

Because if the "angel of the LORD" is God…
And yet visible…
And yet distinct from the Father speaking from Heaven in later passages…

Then you just destroyed:

❌ Unitarianism
❌ Islam
❌ Jehovah's Witness theology
❌ Rabbinic Judaism
❌ Liberal Protestantism
❌ Oneness heresy
❌ The "Jesus started in Bethlehem" lie

And suddenly you have **a pre-incarnate Christ, eternal, visible, receiving worship, accepting the divine name, and speaking with authority.**

Nothing threatens apostate Christianity more than a Christ who didn't **begin** in Matthew, who didn't **wait** for Mary, and who doesn't **need** man to define Him.

SECTION 3 – THE VOICE IDENTIFIES HIMSELF AS THE GOD OF ABRAHAM

"I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." *(v. 6)*

Not "I represent the God of Abraham."
Not "I speak for the God of Abraham."
I am the God Abraham bowed to.

You cannot be a creature and claim the worship of Abraham.
You cannot be a messenger and call yourself the **I AM THAT I AM.**

Either the "angel of the LORD" is lying…
Or He **is** the LORD.

And Moses **falls on his face** — just like Joshua, just like John, just like every other man who ever got near this Being.

You don't "worship" angels.
You don't "worship" metaphors.
You don't "worship" visions.

You worship **God — in a form you can see.**

And here He is.
Not yet born, but already eternal.
Not yet in flesh, but already visible.

The same One who stood in the furnace.
The same One who wrestled Jacob.
The same One who will sit on the throne of David.

The Second Person of the Godhead — pre-Bethlehem, pre-incarnation, pre-Gospels — already functioning as **the visible Jehovah.**

SECTION 4 – "I AM THAT I AM" IS THE MOST FEARED SENTENCE IN THE BIBLE

Every religion in the world lets you define God.

Hindus define Him by imagination.
Buddhists define Him by negation.
Catholics define Him by tradition.
Muslims define Him by dictation.
Atheists define Him by absence.
Evangelicals define Him by feelings.
Calvinists define Him by philosophy.
Scholars define Him by lexicon.

But in Exodus 3, **God defines Himself — and shuts every mouth.**

"I AM THAT I AM."
"I AM hath sent me unto you."

Not "I was."
Not "I will be."
Not "I am becoming."

I AM.
Self-existing.
Self-defining.
Self-sufficient.
Answerable to nobody.

That means there is:

✓ No evolution of God
✓ No development of deity
✓ No growth, no change, no learning
✓ No outside source giving Him identity
✓ No religion that can modify Him
✓ No system that can absorb Him

Every false religion needs a God that **can be explained.**

The Bible presents a God who **cannot be redefined.**

SECTION 5 – THE SAME I AM APPEARS AGAIN IN JOHN 8

The Jews asked Jesus a question:

"Who art thou?"

He didn't say "a prophet."
He didn't say "a rabbi."
He didn't say "a moral teacher."

He said:

"Before Abraham was, I AM." *(John 8:58)*

Not "I existed."
Not "I was created."
Not "I began."
I AM.

Same name.
Same Person.
Same God.

And the Jews **did not misunderstand Him.**
They picked up stones — because He claimed to be the same Being Moses met in the bush.

When Jesus said "I AM," He was not being poetic.
He was signing His identity in the same fire Moses saw.

SECTION 6 – YOU DON'T MEET THE I AM AND STAY THE SAME

God did not call Moses to bless him.
God called Moses to **burn him into obedience.**

Moses wanted to shepherd sheep.
God wanted a nation freed.
Moses wanted a quiet life.
God wanted a showdown with Pharaoh.
Moses wanted excuses.
God wanted surrender.

Every Christian who has ever been called of God has stood barefoot at the bush — stripped of excuses, silenced by the voice of the eternal I AM.

There is no discipleship until **you're done talking.**

There is no power of God until **you're done explaining.**

The I AM doesn't negotiate with insecurity, inferiority, pride, fear, trauma, or fatigue.

He says **"I AM."**
That settles everything after it.

SECTION 7 – CONCLUSION: WHERE IS THE BURNING BUSH TODAY?

The bush is gone.
The fire is not.

The I AM still calls men by name.
He still confronts pride.
He still rejects self-confidence.
He still demands shoe-removal humility.
He still destroys excuses.
He still commissions the broken.
He still sends the unwilling.
He still arms the stutterer with miracles.
He still turns cowards into prophets.
He still answers only to **Himself.**

And the modern church — with its stage lights, podcasts, counseling centers, social justice seminars, and worship fog machines — wouldn't recognize the I AM if He set the platform on fire and called the pastor by name.

The I AM doesn't show up for programs.
He shows up for **surrender.**

The God in the bush is still the God on the throne.
The God who speaks is still the God who burns.
And the God who says "I AM" is still the God who **will not change — ever.**

If the fire doesn't burn your pride,
It won't light your calling.

Take off your shoes.
The ground is still holy.
And the Voice still says:

I AM.

5 of 20 – Melchizedek – King, Priest, and Timeless Christ-Type

(Genesis 14 / Hebrews 7 – No beginning, no end, no genealogy)

INTRODUCTION – THE MYSTERY MAN WHO WON'T GO AWAY

There are two men in the Bible who show up with **no record of birth, no record of death, no genealogy, no father, no mother, and no explanation.**

One is **Melchizedek.**
The other is **Jesus Christ.**

And that's not an accident.
That's not "biblical poetry."
That's not "literary symbolism."
That's **doctrine.**

Melchizedek is the **only man in the Old Testament who is both king AND priest at the same time** — something the Law said was impossible.
He blesses Abraham — the father of the Jewish race — and Abraham tithes to him, showing

the Levitical priesthood (which doesn't even exist yet) is already **inferior** to the priesthood of this mysterious King-Priest from Salem.

He appears suddenly.
He disappears suddenly.
He speaks once.
He blesses once.
He receives tithes once.
Then he walks off the page like a shadow slipping back into eternity.

The Jews don't know what to do with him.
The scholars don't know what to do with him.
The commentators invent entire doctrines to avoid him.
But the Holy Ghost knew exactly what He was doing.

Because hidden in Genesis 14 is **a living prophecy of the eternal Son of God** — the One who would come BEFORE Levi, OUTSIDE the Law, ABOVE the covenant with Moses, and AFTER every earthly religion collapses.

The Law ends.
The prophets end.
The temple ends.
Human priesthood ends.
Dead religion ends.

But the priesthood of Melchizedek?
Never ends.

SECTION 1 – MELCHIZEDEK APPEARS FROM NOWHERE – AND THAT'S ON PURPOSE

"And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God."
(Genesis 14:18)

The liberals choke instantly.

"Where did he come from?"
"Why don't we know his lineage?"
"Why did he bless Abraham?"
"Why is he called a priest before the Law ever existed?"

“Why does he look like a supernatural being in human form?”
“Why does he bring bread and wine — not animal sacrifice?”

Because you’re not supposed to trace him.
You’re supposed to **recognize him.**

He is not in the line of Adam.
He is not in the line of Noah.
He is not in the line of Shem.
He is not in the line of Abraham.

He stands **outside the genealogical structure of mankind** — because the One he pictures was not made by man.

No beginning recorded.
No ending recorded.
No earthly father.
No earthly priesthood.
No tribe.
No birth certificate.
No death record.

The Bible introduces him like a lightning bolt — then seals the record and moves on.

That is not a gap.
That is a message.

SECTION 2 – HEBREWS 7 TELLS YOU EXACTLY WHO HE FORESHADOWS

“Without father, without mother, without descent,
having neither beginning of days, nor end of life;
but made like unto the Son of God…”
(Hebrews 7:3)

There it is.
Spelled out.
Written in blood and iron.

Melchizedek is **not** Christ Himself —
but he is **“made like unto the Son of God.”**

Meaning:

✓ He is a placeholder
✓ He is a preview
✓ He is a divine silhouette
✓ He is a prophetic mold only Christ can fill

Abraham — the father of the chosen nation — **bows to him.**
Abraham — the man through whom Levi will come — **tithes to him.**
Abraham — the first Hebrew — **receives a blessing from him.**

That means:

The covenant people submit to someone **greater than Abraham.**
The Aaronic priesthood submits to someone **greater than Aaron.**
The Levitical order submits to someone **greater than Moses.**

And that someone is **not a Jew, not a Levite, not a son of Aaron — but a Priest-King forever.**

That wipes out:

❌ Catholic priesthood
❌ Mormon priesthood
❌ Orthodox priesthood
❌ Episcopal priesthood
❌ Rabbinic priesthood
❌ Human religious priesthoods of every kind

There is **one priest left** —
the One Melchizedek pictured.

SECTION 3 – THE BREAD AND WINE ARE NOT RANDOM SYMBOLS

“He brought forth bread and wine…”

Not grain offering.
Not blood sacrifice.
Not water.
Not incense.

Bread and wine.

Two thousand years before the upper room,
before Jesus ever broke a loaf or lifted a cup,
before the apostles ever heard the words “This is my body… this is my blood,”
Melchizedek was holding the gospel in his hands.

Bread — body.
Wine — blood.
Priest — mediator.
Blessing — salvation.
King — authority.

The Passover lamb isn’t here yet.
The Law isn’t here yet.
The tabernacle isn’t here yet.
The temple isn’t here yet.
The Levitical offerings aren’t here yet.

But the cross is already being preached in type — in the hands of a timeless priest.

And Abraham — the father of the faithful —
takes communion from the shadow of Christ.

SECTION 4 – THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK CANNOT BE REPLACED OR UPDATED

Psalm 110:4 (the most quoted Old Testament verse in the New Testament) says:

“Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.”

Notice:

✓ Not “the order of Levi”
✓ Not “the order of Aaron”
✓ Not “the order of the Church”
✓ Not “the order of religion”

Christ is not a successor to Aaron.
Christ is not a continuation of Moses.
Christ is not a reformer of the Law.
Christ **bypasses the entire Jewish priesthood and replaces it with His own eternal order.**

And the priesthood of Melchizedek has:

1. No beginning
2. No transfer
3. No successor
4. No retirement
5. No death

That's why Hebrews 7 says:

“He ever liveth to make intercession…”

In other words:

The Catholic mass is a fraud.
The confessional booth is a fraud.
The priesthood of Rome is a fraud.
The LDS priesthood is a fraud.
Every religion that claims priestly power on earth is **a counterfeit kingdom.**

There is **one Priest** — not many.

And His name is not Father O’Malley, Rabbi Cohen, or Elder Smith.
It's **the Lord Jesus Christ, after the order of Melchizedek.**

SECTION 5 – MELCHIZEDEK IS KING OF SALEM, WHICH BECOMES JERUSALEM

Salem = peace.
Jeru = city.

Jeru-Salem = City of Peace.

So Melchizedek was:

✓ King of a city
✓ Priest of the Most High God
✓ Ruler of Salem
✓ Holder of the title “King of righteousness” AND “King of peace”

That is not coincidence — that is prophecy.

Because Jesus Christ is not only Priest — He is Priest on a **throne** (Zechariah 6:13).

The Law separated the two offices:
King (Judah) and Priest (Levi).

God reunites them in one Man — and only one Man qualifies:

✓ Born King of the Jews
✓ Greater than Abraham
✓ Better than Aaron
✓ Eternal life, no death
✓ Blesses instead of offers sacrifice
✓ Receives tithes instead of paying them
✓ Reigns in Jerusalem, not Rome, not Salt Lake, not Mecca

You want a priesthood with global jurisdiction?
You want a kingdom that never collapses?
You want intercession that cannot fail?

Meet Melchizedek's fulfillment — not a Pope, not a prophet, not a religion…

A King-Priest with scars in His hands.

SECTION 6 – THE REASON MELCHIZEDEK HAS NO GENEALOGY

People misunderstand Hebrews 7:3:

"Without father, without mother, without descent…"

That does NOT mean Melchizedek was an angel.
That does NOT mean Melchizedek was Christ Himself.
That does NOT mean Melchizedek was eternal in nature.

It means **the Holy Ghost deliberately removed his genealogy from the record** so he could serve as a prophetic template for Christ.

In Scripture, **silence is sometimes a revelation.**

God leaves things OUT on purpose —
so the picture stays sharp.

Melchizedek is not Christ incarnate — but he is a **perfect type**:

✓ No written genealogy
✓ No priestly succession

✓ No mortal ending recorded
✓ No earthly ancestry emphasized
✓ A priest BEFORE the Law
✓ A king BEFORE Israel existed
✓ A mediator BEFORE Moses was born

God hid his past and erased his death so the shadow wouldn't compete with the substance.

That's Bible typology — not mysticism.

SECTION 7 – CHRIST IS NOT A PRIEST BECAUSE HE IS GOD — HE IS PRIEST BECAUSE HE IS MAN

This is where most theologians collapse.

Christ is not priest **to God** — Christ is priest **for man.**

God doesn't need a priest.
Sinners do.

And Christ qualifies to represent us because He took our flesh — not because He already had divine authority.

He is priest because:

✓ He was tempted
✓ He suffered
✓ He bled
✓ He died
✓ He rose
✓ He ever lives

If God sent an angel as your intercessor, you'd still go to Hell.
If God sent Moses, Aaron, David, or Paul, you'd still go to Hell.

But God sent a **Man who is God** —
and that Man sits in Heaven right now **as Priest forever.**

That is the Melchizedek pattern fulfilled.

SECTION 8 – CONCLUSION: THE SHADOW WAS MYSTERIOUS, THE FULFILLMENT IS GLORIOUS

Melchizedek showed up…

✓ Before Israel
✓ Before the covenant
✓ Before the Law
✓ Before the priesthood
✓ Before circumcision
✓ Before Moses
✓ Before sacrifice was systemized

And then he vanished.

Why?

So when the Jews built a religion out of genealogies, rituals, bloodlines, altars, and legal covenants, God could pull Melchizedek out of the shadows in Hebrews 7 and say:

"Everything you're clinging to…
Everything you're trusting…
Everything you're proud of…
All of it is **inferior** to the Priest I already had before you existed."

Christ did not need Judaism to be Priest.
He was Priest before Judaism was born.
He will be Priest long after religion is dead.

There is **one altar now — Calvary.**
There is **one priest now — Christ.**
There is **one offering now — blood already shed.**
There is **one access point now — through Him alone.**

Melchizedek was the shadow.
Jesus is the substance.

The priesthood of man is over.
The priesthood of Christ has no end.

And every man — pope, rabbi, priest, imam, prophet, scholar, or atheist —
will bow to **a King-Priest seated on a throne in Jerusalem.**

The one Melchizedek foreshadowed.

The one who needs no genealogy.

The one who will never die.

The one who is both **King of righteousness** and **King of peace.**

The Lord Jesus Christ.

6 of 20 – The Man Who Ate with Abraham Before Sodom Burned

(Genesis 18 – The LORD in human form, dining in a tent)

INTRODUCTION – THE DAY GOD SAT DOWN AND ATE DINNER LIKE A MAN

There are three kinds of Bible readers:

1. **The believers** – who take the text as written
2. **The scholars** – who correct the text to protect their theology
3. **The fools** – who pretend the text is metaphor to protect their unbelief

Genesis 18 destroys categories 2 and 3 in a single chapter.

Because here, **God doesn't speak from Heaven. He doesn't thunder from a cloud. He doesn't glow like light, float like mist, or vibrate like an "energy presence."**
He **walks** into Abraham's camp as a Man, **sits down under a tree, eats real food, talks face to face, gives prophecy, and then gets up and heads toward Sodom.**

Not an angel.
Not a dream.
Not a theophanic hallucination.
Not "God in a vision."

The LORD. In human form. In real time. In the heat of the day.

And before the fire falls on Sodom,
before Lot's wife looks back,
before angels pull a family out by force,

— God makes a personal house call to His friend, and He eats.

You can't make that fit the theology books.
You either believe the Scripture or you rewrite it.

The modern church rewrites it.
The cults evade it.
The scholars footnote it.
The liberals explain it away.

But the King James Bible nails it down:

"And the LORD appeared unto him…" *(Genesis 18:1)*
"And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, **three men** stood by him…" *(v.2)*
"And he said… **I will return** unto thee…" *(v.10)*
"And Abraham stood yet before **the LORD**." *(v.22)*

Not a "messenger of Yahweh."
Not a "manifestation of divine essence."
The LORD.

If the "LORD" isn't God, the Bible's a lie.
If the "LORD" is God, then **God has a visible form before Bethlehem.**

And that form is not the Father.
It is the pre-incarnate Son — Jesus Christ before the manger.

SECTION 1 – THE TEXT WON'T LET YOU TURN THIS INTO AN ANGEL

Look at the opening verse:

"The LORD appeared unto him…"

Not "the angel of the LORD."
Not "three angels."
Not "a representative of the LORD."

THE LORD.

Then two verses later:

"Three men stood by him."

Not spirits.
Not shining beings.
Men.

And Abraham **bows**:

“And bowed himself toward the ground…”

If this were just a man, Abraham is committing idolatry.
If this were just an angel, the angel would reject the bow (Revelation 22:8-9).

But this Man accepts worship — just like the Captain in Joshua 5, just like the burning bush in Exodus 3, just like the Fourth Man in Daniel 3.

There is only ONE kind of being who both **looks like a man and can receive worship legally**:

The eternal Son of God, visible before the incarnation.

Not a messenger.
Not a metaphor.
Not a “pre-Christ essence.”

A Person — and He eats.

SECTION 2 – GOD ATE STEAK, BUTTER, BREAD, AND MILK. DEAL WITH IT.

“And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; and **they did eat.**” *(v. 8)*

That’s meat, dairy, and carbs — which means God was not a vegan, a monk, a Hebrew Roots food-law keeper, or a Seventh-Day Adventist “plant-based example.”

If the Lord Himself ate **butter, beef, and bread** —
your dietary legalism just got judged by Scripture.

The LORD didn’t *symbolically* eat.
He didn’t *simulate* eating.
He didn’t *pretend* to eat.

He literally ate.

He had a digestive system.
He had teeth.

He had a tongue.
He chewed.
He swallowed.

The One sitting under that tree had a body —
but it wasn't a born body...
it was a **pre-incarnate Christ-body.**

That's the doctrine the scholars hate:

✅ Christ existed before Bethlehem
✅ Christ could appear bodily before incarnation
✅ Christ had physical properties before Mary ever conceived
✅ Christ was already the visible Jehovah

That destroys:

❌ Unitarianism
❌ Islam
❌ Jehovah's Witness doctrine
❌ Atheism
❌ The "Jesus began in Bethlehem" lie
❌ The "Christ is just a created angel" heresy

They can't handle the LORD eating steak —
because they can't handle the LORD being a Man before the virgin birth.

But the KJV doesn't ask permission.

It just prints the truth — and leaves heretics to choke on it.

SECTION 3 – WHY DID GOD COME AS A MAN BEFORE THE INCARNATION?

Three reasons:

1. To reveal that God is not confined to Heaven

He shows up where Abraham is —
not the other way around.

Religion says, "You go to God."
Revelation says, "God comes to man."

2. To establish that the Son is the visible Person of the Godhead

Every visible manifestation of God in the Old Testament is the Son, not the Father.

No man hath seen God the Father at any time. *(John 1:18)*
But men saw **this One** — repeatedly.

3. To demonstrate that God's judgment always follows God's visitation

Christ eats with Abraham in chapter 18.
Christ pours fire on Sodom in chapter 19.

Same Person.
Same authority.
Same righteousness.
Same God.

Today the world wants the Christ who dines —
not the Christ who destroys.

But God doesn't serve lunch forever.
Judgment is always coming.

SECTION 4 – THE SCHOLARS TRY TO SPLIT THE THREE MEN

Here's the standard commentary garbage:

"One of the men was Yahweh, and the other two were angels…"

Sounds harmless — until you read the text:

"The men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before **the LORD**." *(v. 22)*

Then in chapter 19:

"And there came **two angels** to Sodom…"

Not three.
Not all three.

Meaning:

One stays with Abraham — and He is **THE LORD.**
Two go to Sodom — and they are **angels.**

That means the LORD was not "one of the angels."
He was **separate from them** — in appearance, authority, and identity.

Three men appear.
Two are angels.
One is God.

The God who looks like a man.
The God who eats like a man.
The God who talks face to face like a man.

The God who will one day be **born as a man.**

SECTION 5 – ABRAHAM CALLS HIM "THE JUDGE OF ALL THE EARTH"

Verse 25:

"Shall not the **Judge of all the earth** do right?"

Who is that?

Not the Father —
but the One to whom the Father has committed all judgment:

"The Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son." *(John 5:22)*

Abraham is looking straight into the eyes of **the future Christ of Revelation 20** —
the One who sits on the Great White Throne.

That means:

The One eating butter and beef in Genesis 18…
is the same One judging men by fire in Revelation 20.

Not a different God in the Old Testament.
Not a different personality of God.
Not "angry Jehovah vs. loving Jesus."

Same Person. Same nature. Same authority.

The God of mercy and the God of wrath share one face.

Religion wants Jesus without judgment.
Atheists want God without personhood.

Liberals want deity without masculinity.
Scholars want theology without text.

Genesis 18 kills all of them in one blow.

SECTION 6 – THE GOD WHO EATS IS ALSO THE GOD WHO BURNS

The same LORD who has communion with His friend…
is the same LORD who will torch five cities to the ground.

And the text never apologizes for that.

God is not divided.
He is not conflicted.
He is not "love vs. wrath."
He is holy — which means both mercy and judgment exist in perfection.

He ate with Abraham — before He destroyed Sodom.
He ate with the disciples — before He went to the cross.
He will eat with the redeemed — before He destroys the Antichrist.

Where Christ dines, judgment follows.

SECTION 7 – CONCLUSION: THIS SAME GOD IS COMING BACK — IN A BODY AGAIN

He came as a Man in Genesis 18 — to talk.
He came as a Man in Bethlehem — to die.
He is coming as a Man in Revelation 19 — to reign.

Same Christ.
Same form.
Same authority.
Same Judge.

Abraham didn't entertain a metaphor.
He fed the pre-incarnate Son of God.

And just like then —
He will eat again with His people before judgment falls again.

"Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb." *(Rev. 19:9)*

Because after Christ eats with His own —
the FIRE falls on the world.

It happened in Genesis.
It will happen in Revelation.
And the One in both chapters is the same:

The LORD who sits with friends and destroys enemies.
The visible God.
The Coming King.
The Judge of all the earth.
Jesus Christ.

7 of 20 – The Angel Who Redeemed Me from All Evil – Jacob's Deathbed Testimony

(Genesis 48:15–16 – Angel and God identified as the same Person)

INTRODUCTION – JACOB DIES TESTIFYING TO A PERSON MOST CHRISTIANS DON'T EVEN KNOW EXISTS

Some men die talking about their regrets.
Some die talking about their money.
Some die talking about their family.
Jacob died talking about **a Person.**

Not a "force."
Not a "spiritual presence."
Not a "divine influence."

But **the Angel who redeemed me from all evil.**

"God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk,
The God which fed me all my life long unto this day,
The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads…"
(Genesis 48:15–16)

That is Jacob's final testimony.
That is Jacob's dying doctrine.
That is Jacob's last sermon.

And he didn't say:

✓ "The God *who used an angel* redeemed me"
✓ "The angel *served God* who redeemed me"
✓ "The angel *represented* God…"

No. He said:

"The Angel… redeemed me."
"The God… fed me."
Same Being. Same Person. Same identity.

The Angel is God.
God is the Angel.

Not "an" angel — **THE Angel.**

Same One who wrestled him in Genesis 32.
Same One who spoke from the bush in Exodus 3.
Same One who walked in the fire in Daniel 3.
Same One standing with a sword in Joshua 5.
Same One who appears over and over in the Old Testament…

…but shows up in the New Testament under His revealed name: JESUS CHRIST.

The "Angel of the LORD" is not a heavenly mailman or a glowing divine intern —
He is the visible, personal, bodily manifestation of Jehovah —
the Second Person of the Godhead before the incarnation.

And Jacob — the man who limped away from a wrestling match with Him —
goes to his grave declaring:

"That Angel redeemed me."

Not "my works redeemed me."
Not "my religion redeemed me."
Not "my covenant redeemed me."
Not "my sacrifices redeemed me."

THE ANGEL REDEEMED ME.

That's the gospel — in Genesis.

SECTION 1 – JACOB IS NOT TALKING ABOUT A CREATED ANGEL

Let's be clear:
A created angel cannot redeem anyone.

An angel has no blood.
An angel cannot die for sin.
An angel has no atonement to offer.
An angel has no power to forgive.
An angel cannot bless Abraham's lineage.
An angel cannot be called "GOD" and survive biblical judgment.

But this One is different.

Jacob doesn't say **"an angel."**
He says **"THE Angel."**

The definite article in every theophany…
the same title used in:

✓ Genesis 16 (Hagar)
✓ Genesis 22 (Abraham & Isaac)
✓ Exodus 3 (burning bush)
✓ Judges 6 (Gideon)
✓ Judges 13 (Manoah)

Every time — the Angel speaks as **GOD**, receives worship as **GOD**, and claims the name of **GOD.**

Modern scholarship calls Him "a messenger of Yahweh."
The King James Bible calls Him **"THE Angel of the LORD."**

Scholars downgrade Him.
The Scripture enthrones Him.

SECTION 2 – JACOB CALLS HIM REDEEMER – LONG BEFORE CALVARY

"The Angel which redeemed me from all evil…"

That is not normal Old Testament wording.

Nobody calls angels redeemers.
Nobody calls angels saviors.
Nobody credits angels with deliverance from evil.

But Jacob does — because he knows Who that Angel really is.

He is the **Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.**
He is the **appointed Redeemer before time began.**
He is the **One who would one day bleed — but was already saving.**

Redemption didn't start at Calvary.
The blood was shed in time —
but the payment existed in eternity.

Christ redeemed Jacob **before He was ever born** —
because the cross was not Plan B.
It was settled before Genesis 1:1.

That is why Revelation 13:8 calls Him:

"the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

Jacob was redeemed **on credit** —
by the blood that had not yet been shed in history,
but was already counted finished in eternity.

That means salvation has always been:

✓ By grace
✓ Through a Redeemer
✓ Never by works
✓ Never by law
✓ Never by human effort

The Redeemer existed before Bethlehem.
The cross was inevitable before Adam fell.

SECTION 3 – JACOB'S TESTIMONY DESTROYS HALF THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS

Jacob didn't say "The Law redeemed me."
Judaism is crushed.

Jacob didn't say "My obedience redeemed me."
Legalism collapses.

Jacob didn't say "The covenant redeemed me."
Covenant theology implodes.

Jacob didn't say "The angels helped me redeem myself."
New Age mysticism dies.

Jacob didn't say "I redeemed myself with repentance."
Arminianism loses.

He said **THE ANGEL redeemed me.**

A Person — not a system.
A Redeemer — not a religion.
A Savior — not self.

If that Redeemer isn't Christ —
then Christ didn't exist in Genesis,
and you've got two competing redeemers.

But if the Redeemer **is** Christ —
then Jesus didn't begin in the manger —
He was already walking, wrestling, speaking, and redeeming in the Old Testament.

SECTION 4 – THE JEWS CAN'T HANDLE THIS PASSAGE

Ask a rabbi who the "Angel who redeemed Jacob" is, and you'll get one of the following:

❌ "It was Michael."
❌ "It was a created angel acting on God's behalf."
❌ "It was poetic metaphor."
❌ "It was a spiritual messenger, not literal."
❌ "We don't have enough information to say."

They have to say that — because if they admit the Angel is God,
and the Angel is Redeemer,
and the Angel is a Person,
and the Angel blesses Abraham's seed,
and the Angel is visible...

…then they just admitted that God has a second Person who can appear in bodily form.

And that means the Trinity is true.
And that means the Messiah is divine.
And that means Jesus Christ is Jehovah in flesh.

So instead of believing Scripture,
they reject the Angel —
and die in their sins.

SECTION 5 – CHRISTIANS WHO DENY CHRISTOPHANIES ARE JUST AS BLIND

The average seminary-trained pastor today reads Genesis 48 and says:

"Well, it just means that God *sent* an angel and Jacob is *crediting God through the angel*…"

That's not what the text says.
That's a man protecting his system — not preaching the Scripture.

Jacob says:

✓ God fed me
✓ God walked with my fathers
✓ The Angel redeemed me
✓ Bless the lads — same Person doing all three

God + Angel + Redeemer = **ONE BEING.**

Not multiple persons acting independently —
but one Person manifesting visibly.

Jesus didn't just show up in Matthew 1.
He walked the Old Testament like a king out of disguise —
unknown to scholars, unseen by rabbis,
but worshiped by every man of faith who ever met Him.

SECTION 6 – THE REDEEMER WAS WITH JACOB HIS WHOLE LIFE

Jacob doesn't say "The Angel redeemed me *once*."
He says **"redeemed me from all evil"** — entire lifetime included.

That Angel:

✓ Led him from Canaan to Haran
✓ Preserved him from Laban
✓ Wrestled him into surrender
✓ Humbled his pride
✓ Protected him from Esau
✓ Delivered him from famine
✓ Brought him into Egypt

The Angel didn't just save his soul —
He steered his entire existence.

Redemption is not a moment.
It is a lifelong rescue.

SECTION 7 – CONCLUSION: THE ANGEL WHO REDEEMED JACOB REDEEMS YOU

You weren't redeemed by religion.
You weren't redeemed by sacraments.
You weren't redeemed by moral improvement.
You weren't redeemed by keeping commandments.
You weren't redeemed by "trying to be a good person."

You were redeemed by the same Person who redeemed Jacob —
before He ever died on a cross.

Jacob looked forward to the Redeemer.
You look back at the same Redeemer.
Same Person.
Same salvation.
Same grace.
Same redemption.

The Angel of the LORD was Jesus Christ before His birth.
Jesus Christ is the Angel of the LORD after His resurrection.
And the Redeemer Jacob trusted is the Redeemer you preach.

A Christ before time.
A cross before Moses.
A Redeemer before Israel.
A Savior before Bethlehem.

The same One Jacob clung to
is the same One we preach:

The Angel who redeemed me from all evil —
the Lord Jesus Christ.

8 of 20 – The Angel in the Flame on the Altar – Gideon's Calling

(Judges 6:11–24 – Fire proves deity, worship accepted)

INTRODUCTION – THE NIGHT A FARM BOY MET GOD IN HUMAN FORM

Gideon wasn't a prophet.
He wasn't a priest.
He wasn't a warrior.
He wasn't a king.

He was a scared, underfed farm boy threshing wheat in a winepress because Israel was so backslidden that the Midianites were eating their crops, raiding their land, and turning God's chosen people into hiding-place survivalists.

And into that hole in the ground walks **a Man.**

Not a dream.
Not a voice in the wind.
Not a goosebump "presence."
A **Man.**

"And there came **an angel of the LORD**, and sat under an oak…" *(Judges 6:11)*

He **sat down.**
He spoke with human words.
He looked Gideon in the face.
He carried Himself like a Person.
Not a winged creature.
Not a shining ghost.
Not a floating orb.

A Man. But not just a Man.

Before the chapter ends:

✓ Gideon calls Him **LORD**
✓ Fire shoots out and **consumes the sacrifice**
✓ Gideon thinks he's going to **die** because he saw God
✓ The Angel **accepts worship**
✓ The text calls Him **THE LORD**

This is not Gabriel.
This is not Michael.
This is not "a messenger."
This is **the same Person who wrestled Jacob, ate with Abraham, called Moses from the bush, and stood with a sword in Joshua 5.**

The visible God — before Bethlehem —
the Second Person of the Godhead —
the Lord Jesus Christ in pre-incarnate form.

And He didn't come to give Gideon comfort.
He came to **draft him into war.**

SECTION 1 – THE TEXT DESTROYS THE "JUST AN ANGEL" THEORY

"And the **angel of the LORD** appeared unto him…" *(v. 12)*

NOT "an angel of God."
NOT "a messenger from Heaven."
NOT "one of many heavenly beings."

THE Angel of the LORD.
The same One from Exodus 3, Genesis 22, Judges 13, and Zechariah 3.

And then He speaks:

"The LORD is with thee…" *(v. 12)*

Not "The LORD sent me."
Not "The LORD says hello."
"I AM HERE — therefore the LORD is with thee."

But then it goes further:

"And the LORD looked upon him, and said…" *(v. 14)*

The Angel speaks…
Then the text calls Him **“the LORD.”**

You either submit to that text
or you rewrite the Bible to protect your theology.

Scholars rewrite the Bible.
The King James Bible rewrites scholars.

SECTION 2 – GIDEON SPEAKS TO HIM AS GOD

Gideon doesn’t think he’s speaking to a heavenly employee.

“Oh my Lord, if the LORD be with us… where be all his miracles?” *(v. 13)*

Lord (face-to-face)
speaking about
the LORD (unseen)

One present.
One invoked.
One visible.
One unapproachable.

That is not confusion — that is the Godhead.

The invisible Father
represented by
the visible Son.

Exactly the doctrine of John 1:18:

“No man hath seen God at any time… the Son hath declared him.”

Abraham saw Him.
Jacob saw Him.
Joshua saw Him.
Gideon sees Him.
And every one of them lived —
because they saw the SON, not the Father.

SECTION 3 – THE MIRACLE: FIRE COMES FROM THE ANGEL, NOT THE ALTAR

Gideon still isn't convinced — so the Angel proves His identity.

"And the angel of the LORD put forth the end of the staff… and there rose up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes…" *(v. 21)*

No matches.
No sparks.
No lightning.
Fire straight out of nothing.

That is the signature of Deity.

Only God answers by fire:

✓ Genesis 15
✓ Leviticus 9
✓ Judges 6
✓ 1 Kings 18
✓ 1 Chronicles 21
✓ 2 Chronicles 7
✓ Revelation 20

No prophet produces fire.
No priest produces fire.
No angel produces fire.

God alone.

And the moment Gideon sees it — he knows:

"Alas, O Lord GOD! for because I have seen an angel of the LORD face to face." *(v. 22)*

He thinks he's going to die — because only **GOD** can appear like that.

If the Angel were just a creature,
Gideon would not fear death.

He feared because he **saw GOD.**

Not figuratively.
Not mystically.
Not symbolically.
Visibly.

SECTION 4 – THE ANGEL ACCEPTS WORSHIP — JUST LIKE CHRIST

Unlike Revelation 22, where an angel refuses worship, here the Angel accepts it.

Why?

Because this One is not a created being.
This One is not a servant.
This One is not an emissary.

This One is **the LORD in visible form.**

If He were not God —
He would refuse worship,
correct Gideon,
and point upward.

He doesn't.

Because the Angel is not pointing to Jehovah —
He is Jehovah — in the form of a Man.

SECTION 5 – THE MODERN BIBLES TRY TO REMOVE CHRIST AGAIN

Judges 6 in the King James Bible:

✓ "The angel of the LORD"
✓ "The LORD looked upon him"
✓ "Gideon said, Alas, O Lord GOD"
✓ "Peace be unto thee"
✓ "The LORD said unto him"

Judges 6 in the NIV / ESV / NASB:

❌ "the angel" becomes "the angel of the Lord" (lowercase)
❌ "the LORD" becomes "the Lord" (downgraded)
❌ footnotes deny deity
❌ commentators call Him "a representative"

Because if the Angel is God…

✅ Jesus existed before Bethlehem
✅ Jesus appeared in human form before incarnation
✅ Jesus is Jehovah
✅ The Godhead is real
✅ The Father is not the Son
✅ The Son can be seen
✅ The Old Testament points to Christ

And modern religion cannot allow that.

So they amputate the text
to protect their theology.

The KJV stands untouched — and unmoved.

SECTION 6 – GIDEON GETS HIS CALLING ONLY AFTER HE MEETS THE VISIBLE CHRIST

Gideon didn't get called in a dream.
He didn't get called by a priest.
He didn't get called by a prophet.

He got called by **a Man who was God.**

And that is ALWAYS how God calls men:

Abraham — called by a visible Christ
Jacob — broken by a visible Christ
Moses — sent by a visible Christ
Joshua — commanded by a visible Christ
Gideon — commissioned by a visible Christ
Isaiah — undone before the throne of Christ
Saul — blinded by the risen Christ
Every believer — saved by the blood of Christ

God doesn't send men into battle
until they've stood in His presence.

You don't fight Midian
until you've trembled before the Angel.

Most modern Christians want victory without vision.
They want calling without confrontation.
They want bold faith without holy fear.

No man becomes a soldier
until he has met the Captain.

SECTION 7 – CONCLUSION: THE GOD OF GIDEON STILL CALLS MEN TODAY

Gideon was not chosen because he was strong.
He was not called because he was brave.
He was not selected because he was noble.

He was called because:

✓ He was weak
✓ He was afraid
✓ He was honest about both

And God said, "That's the man I can use."

The Angel who ignited the sacrifice in Judges 6
ignites believers the same way now:

Not by emotion
Not by talent
Not by crowd appeal
But by **fire from God.**

Gideon's call was not:

"Believe in yourself."
It was:
"The LORD is with thee."

Gideon's strength was not:

confidence in Gideon,
but confidence in the **Angel who redeemed Jacob,**
led Israel,
and will return with a sword.

That same Christ still calls the weak,
still sends the fearful,
still burns the altar,
still accepts worship,
still redeems,
still judges,
still reigns.

The God in the fire
is still in the fight.

And every Gideon today
begins where the first one did:

Face to face with the Angel of the LORD —
the Lord Jesus Christ before Bethlehem —
and the only One who can turn a hiding man
into a holy warrior.

9 of 20 – The One Who Appeared to Manoah – "Wonderful" Name Revealed

(Judges 13 – Same Hebrew title as Isaiah 9:6)

INTRODUCTION – WHEN GOD SHOWED UP IN A FIELD AND BLEW THEIR MINDS

Before Samson ever swung a jawbone…
before Delilah ever cut a lock of hair…
before Israel ever saw a man tear lions like paper…

God made a **personal appearance** to a barren woman and her husband —
not in a dream, not in a vision, not in symbols —
but in Person.

Judges 13 is one of the clearest, boldest, no-wiggle-room passages in the entire Old Testament that proves:

1. The Angel of the LORD is not a created angel.
2. The Angel of the LORD **receives worship.**

3. The Angel of the LORD **does miracles by His own power.**
4. The Angel of the LORD **is called GOD in the passage.**
5. The Angel of the LORD has the same name used of Christ in Isaiah 9:6 — **WONDERFUL.**

And the text doesn't whisper it.
It shouts it loud enough to embarrass every modern "Jesus was created," "Jesus didn't exist before Bethlehem," "Jesus isn't Jehovah" heretic on earth.

This chapter doesn't just hint at Christ —
it throws Him right in the reader's face,
then lights the sacrifice on fire
before ascending in the flame.

You either bow
or you rewrite the Bible.

Most rewrite the Bible.

The King James Bible rewrites the doubter.

SECTION 1 – THE ANGEL APPEARS, BUT HE DOESN'T ACT LIKE AN ANGEL

Judges 13:3:

"And the **angel of the LORD** appeared unto the woman…"

Not a dream.
Not an inner voice.
Not "she felt led."
An appearance. Visible. Tangible. Real.

And what does He say?

"Thou shalt conceive, and bear a son…"

Just like He told Sarah (Genesis 18).
Just like He told Mary (Luke 1).
Same pattern.
Same kind of promise.
Same kind of supernatural birth.

But it gets deeper.

When Manoah hears about it, he prays:

“O my Lord, let the man of God which thou didst send come again unto us…” (v. 8)

He doesn’t call Him “an angel.”
He calls Him **a MAN of GOD.**
Because He looked like a man.
Talked like a man.
Walked like a man.

But this Man had **a glory beyond men** — and Manoah knows it.

So God answers the prayer:

“And God hearkened… and the angel of God came again…” (v. 9)

The One who appears is prayed for as a MAN,
sent by GOD,
and then SHOWS UP again in Person.

That is not how created angels work.
That is how the **pre-incarnate Christ operates** all through Scripture.

SECTION 2 – THE “ANGEL” SPEAKS AS GOD, CLAIMS AUTHORITY AS GOD, COMMANDS LAW AS GOD

Verse 13:

“And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah…”

Notice how He talks:

✓ “I said unto the woman…”
✓ “I commanded her…”
✓ “She may not eat…”
✓ “All that I commanded her let her observe.”

He doesn’t say,
“The LORD said.”
He says,
“I SAID.”

An angel doesn't speak like that.
A messenger doesn't speak like that.
A servant doesn't speak like that.

A **KING** speaks like that.

SECTION 3 – THE BIG QUESTION: "WHAT IS THY NAME?"

Now Manoah wants to do the polite thing and honor Him.

"What is thy name, that when thy sayings come to pass we may do thee honour?" (v. 17)

If this "Angel" were just a created being,
he would answer like Gabriel did in Luke 1:

"I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God."

But that's not what this One says.

He drops a Name so massive,
so mysterious,
so divine —
that it echoes 800 years into Isaiah's prophecy.

"Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing **it is WONDERFUL**?" (v. 18)

Same exact Hebrew word — **פֶּלְאִי (pele')**
Same exact meaning — WONDER, BEYOND HUMAN, MIRACULOUS, BEYOND EXPLANATION.

And in Isaiah 9:6, the prophecy of the coming Messiah:

"His name shall be called **WONDERFUL**, Counsellor, The mighty God…"

Same word.
Same Person.
Same God.

The Angel of the LORD in Judges 13
is the Child born in Isaiah 9
who is also The Mighty God
and Father of Eternity.

That is Jesus Christ in His eternal pre-incarnate glory.

No seminary footnote can wash that out.

SECTION 4 – THE FIRE MIRACLE: PROOF OF DEITY

Manoah prepares an offering:

"So Manoah took a kid with a meat offering, and offered it upon a rock unto the LORD…" (v.19)

Who did he offer it **to?**

"Unto the LORD."
Not "unto the angel."
But the Angel is standing right there.

Then God pulls the pin on the grenade:

"And the angel did wondrously; and Manoah and his wife looked on."

How wondrously?

"For it came to pass… that **the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar**." (v. 20)

No wings.
No halo.
No harp music.

The **Angel becomes one with the offering** and rides the fire straight into Heaven.

Every other angel *avoids* fire.
This One *commands* it.

That is not a creature.
That is the **God who answers by fire** (1 Kings 18).

SECTION 5 – MANOAH PANICS BECAUSE HE KNOWS THE TRUTH

The moment the Angel vanishes into the miracle, Manoah collapses:

"We shall surely die, because we have seen **GOD**." (v. 22)

He didn't say "an angel."
He didn't say "a messenger."
He said **GOD**.

And he was right.

The only reason he didn't die is the same reason Jacob didn't, Moses didn't, Joshua didn't:

They saw **God the Son, not God the Father.**

SECTION 6 – THE NEW BIBLES TRY TO HIDE IT AGAIN

King James Bible:

✅ "Wonderful"
✅ "The LORD"
✅ "We have seen God"
✅ Ascended in the flame
✅ The Angel speaks as God

Modern versions:

❌ Change "Wonderful"
❌ Downgrade "the LORD"
❌ Add footnotes denying deity
❌ Call Him "a messenger" or "an angelic being"
❌ Remove the connection to Isaiah 9:6

Why?

Because if this Angel is Christ…

✓ Jesus existed before Mary
✓ Jesus is Jehovah
✓ The Godhead is real
✓ Christ is eternal, not created
✓ The OT repeatedly reveals the Son

And that destroys Catholic theology,
Jehovah's Witness theology,
Islamic theology,

Mormon theology,
Arian theology,
and 90% of “Christian scholarship.”

The text doesn’t need help.
It needs believers.

SECTION 7 – WHY DID CHRIST APPEAR HERE?

Because before Samson would be born,
before deliverance could happen,
before Israel could be saved…

God had to show up first.

Just like:

✓ Before Isaac — the LORD appears to Abraham
✓ Before Moses — the LORD appears in a flame
✓ Before Joshua’s conquest — the LORD appears with a sword
✓ Before Gideon’s war — the LORD appears at an altar
✓ Before Samson’s birth — the LORD appears in fire

God never sends a deliverer
until He first shows Himself.

And that is exactly what He did again in Luke 1 —
not as fire this time,
but as **flesh and blood.**

Bethlehem was not Christ’s beginning —
just His **birth.**

He always WAS.

And in Judges 13…
He proved it.

SECTION 8 – FINAL CONCLUSION: THE FLAME STILL SPEAKS

The same Christ who stepped into flame,
spoke as LORD,
accepted worship,
and bore the Name WONDERFUL…

…is the same One who walked into a tomb
and rose without asking permission.

The Angel in the fire
became the Lamb on the cross,
and will soon return as the Lion with the sword.

Judges 13 is not just a story —
it is a theological wrecking ball.

It proves:

✓ Christ is eternal
✓ Christ is Jehovah
✓ Christ appears before incarnation
✓ Christ receives worship
✓ Christ performs divine miracles
✓ Christ is the GOD of the Old Testament

The cults hate it.
Scholars soften it.
Commentaries dodge it.
The King James Bible **declares it.**

And Manoah was right:

"We have seen GOD."

10 of 20 – The LORD Standing Above the Ladder to Heaven

(Genesis 28:12–13 – Christ as the connection between two realms – John 1:51)

INTRODUCTION – THE NIGHT A RUNAWAY SAW THE HIGHWAY BETWEEN WORLDS

Jacob wasn't praying.
He wasn't worshipping.
He wasn't fasting.
He wasn't seeking God.
He was **running** — scared, guilty, alone, and looking for a rock to sleep on.

And THAT is the night God let him see the most important truth ever revealed to a mortal man:

There is **one and only one connection**
between Heaven and Earth.

And it wasn't a religion.
It wasn't a church.
It wasn't a priesthood.
It wasn't a sacrament.
It wasn't a ritual.
It wasn't a feeling.

It was a **PERSON.**

A LIVING LADDER.

A DIVINE BRIDGE.

A GOD-MAN between two realms.

Jacob saw the whole doctrine of the New Testament
before Moses ever wrote a line…

…and Jesus Himself later said:

"Ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending **upon the Son of man**." *(John 1:51)*

Not "on the ladder."
Not "on a symbol."
On ME.

Jesus Christ is the Ladder.
Jesus Christ is the Bridge.
Jesus Christ is the ONLY connection between fallen earth and holy Heaven.

And the vision at Bethel proves it.

SECTION 1 – THE LADDER IS NOT A THING. IT IS A PERSON.

Genesis 28:12:

"And he dreamed, and behold **a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven**: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it."

Jacob saw the **literal traffic of two worlds** moving back and forth.

Not dead saints.
Not ghostly souls.
Not spirits being prayed out of purgatory.

ANGELS.
Messengers of Heaven.
Coming. Going. Moving freely.

Why?

Because the ladder removed the separation.

Now — jump 1,800 years forward.

John 1:51 — Jesus Christ tells Nathanael:

"Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending **upon the Son of man**."

Jesus doesn't say He **shows** the ladder.
He says He **IS** the ladder.

Jacob saw it in a dream.
Israel rejected it in the flesh.
The Church preaches it by faith.

There are NOT two ways to Heaven.
There are NOT many paths.
There are NOT multiple mediators.

There is **ONE.**

"For there is ONE God, and ONE mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." *(1 Tim. 2:5)*

Any religion that gives you a different ladder
is selling you a rope made of cobwebs.

SECTION 2 – THE LORD STANDING ABOVE IT – THE VOICE OF CHRIST BEFORE BETHLEHEM

Genesis 28:13:

"And, behold, **the LORD stood above it**, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father…"

Jacob isn't talking to an angel.
He's talking to **the LORD.**
Capital L-O-R-D. Jehovah.

The same Person who:

✓ appeared to Abraham in Genesis 18
✓ wrestled Jacob in Genesis 32
✓ spoke from the bush in Exodus 3
✓ led Israel in Exodus 14
✓ appeared with a sword in Joshua 5
✓ sat under the oak in Judges 6
✓ ascended in the offering flame in Judges 13

Every time He shows up in the Old Testament…

He shows up in **visible, human form.**

That is not the Father.
That is not the Spirit.
That is the **Son before Bethlehem.**

Jesus Christ — pre-incarnate — already bridging Heaven and Earth before He ever took on flesh permanently.

Christ didn't **begin** in Mary's womb.
He **entered** it.

Bethlehem was not the starting point of Christ.
It was the point of **VEILING.**

SECTION 3 – THE LADDER TOUCHES BOTH REALMS BECAUSE CHRIST IS BOTH NATURES

The ladder is set up:

"ON THE EARTH…"

But its head:

"…REACHED TO HEAVEN."

That means:

✅ fully connected to man
✅ fully connected to God
✅ no gap
✅ no break
✅ no missing rung

That is **incarnation.**
That is **God manifest in the flesh.**
That is **Emmanuel — God WITH us.**

Every cult collapses here:

Jehovah's Witnesses: "Jesus is not God."
Mormons: "Jesus is a created being."
Catholicism: "You need priests and sacraments."
Islam: "Jesus is a prophet only."
Buddhism: "Everyone can ascend by effort."
New Age: "Divinity is within you."
Atheism: "There is no ladder."

But the Bible says:

Christ is 100 percent GOD — top of the ladder.
Christ is 100 percent MAN — base of the ladder.

The ONLY Being who can grab Heaven with one hand
and fallen man with the other.

SECTION 4 – THE LADDER SHOWS THERE IS NO OTHER WAY IN

Jacob didn't build the ladder.
He didn't climb it.
He didn't even ask for it.

It was **set up by God.**

That alone kills every system of human salvation:

❌ No good works
❌ No sacraments
❌ No Torah-keeping
❌ No self-improvement
❌ No "finding your inner light"
❌ No "do your best and God will accept you"

The ladder came down
because man could never climb up.

Religion builds towers (Genesis 11).
God gives ladders (Genesis 28).

Religion says "build upward."
God says "I descended."

Religion says "try harder."
God says "it is finished."

SECTION 5 – THE LADDER IS ALSO A JUDGMENT

The same ladder that lets angels come down
is the same One men will climb up **after death.**

If Christ is your Mediator —
you ascend in glory.

If Christ is NOT your Mediator —
you stay on earth
until you are raised to judgment
and sent **downward** forever.

There is no neutral realm.
There is no middle floor.
There is no waiting room for “pretty good people.”

The Ladder is not optional.
It is salvation OR damnation.

You are either connected,
or you are condemned.

SECTION 6 – JACOB’S RESPONSE: FEAR BEFORE FAITH

Jacob didn’t jump up and start singing worship music.

“And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place!”

Why?

Because the first step in salvation
is not emotion or excitement —
it is **HOLY FEAR.**

You don’t meet the God of Heaven
by slapping Him on the back like a buddy.

When men meet God in Scripture:

Abraham — fell on his face
Joshua — fell on his face
Isaiah — said, “Woe is me”
Daniel — lost strength
Peter — “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man”
John — fell at His feet as dead

If your “Jesus” doesn’t terrify the flesh —
you met a counterfeit.

SECTION 7 – WHY JESUS QUOTED JACOB’S LADDER TO NATHANAEL

Nathanael was sitting under a fig tree.
Jesus says, “I saw thee.”
Nathanael believes and says, “Thou art the Son of God.”

Then Jesus basically says:

“You haven’t seen ANYTHING yet.”

And quotes Jacob’s dream — but applies it to Himself.

“Ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending **upon the Son of man**.”

That was not poetry.
It was a doctrinal slam-dunk.

Jesus said:

- ✅ I am the Ladder
- ✅ I am the Portal
- ✅ I am the Gateway
- ✅ I am the Meeting-Point between worlds
- ✅ I am the Fulfillment of Jacob’s vision
- ✅ No man reaches Heaven except through ME

That is either blasphemy
or eternal truth.

There is no middle ground.

SECTION 8 – FINAL CONCLUSION: THE LADDER STILL STANDS, BUT THE DOOR WILL NOT STAY OPEN FOREVER

The ladder is still in place.
The traffic is still moving.
The connection still exists.

But not for long.

One day the Ladder becomes a **sword of judgment.**
One day the Door of grace becomes a Door of wrath.
One day the God who stood ABOVE the ladder
will DESCEND below it in flaming fire (2 Thess. 1:7-8).

The only safe man in that hour
is the one who is already ON the ladder —
not building his own.

If you reject the Ladder,
you fall with the world.

If you bow to the Ladder,
you rise with the Son.

Jacob woke with this truth burned into his soul:

“This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

Not **a gate.**
Not **one of many gates.**
THE gate.

And Jesus Christ —
the One who stood above that ladder —
said it Himself:

“I am the door.”

11 of 20 – The Rock That Followed Israel – And That Rock Was Christ

(Exodus 17 / 1 Corinthians 10:4 – Stricken once, never twice)

INTRODUCTION – A ROCK THAT MOVES, A CHRIST THAT PROVIDES

Most people read Exodus 17 the same way they read a maps app:
quick glance, shrug, move on.
They think it’s just another Old Testament story about water in the wilderness.

But Paul didn’t think that.

Paul — the apostle who saw Heaven, wrote half the New Testament, and got his doctrine directly from the risen Christ — drops a theological nuclear bomb in 1 Corinthians 10:

“For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: **and that Rock was Christ.**” *(1 Cor. 10:4)*

Not “was like Christ.”
Not “symbolized Christ.”

Not “reminded us of Christ.”
WAS Christ.

That means:

✓ The Rock in Exodus was not just a rock.
✓ It was a visible, physical, supernatural Christ-type.
✓ It **followed** Israel — meaning it MOVED.
✓ It had to be **SMITTEN ONCE** to give water.
✓ It could NEVER be smitten again.

Strike it once — you get life.
Strike it twice — you get judgment.

If that doesn’t sound like Calvary and Hebrews 10, you’ve got a degree, not a Bible.

SECTION 1 – EXODUS 17: THE SMITTEN ROCK

Israel is dying of thirst in the wilderness.

They don’t pray.
They don’t trust.
They don’t sing hymns.
They do what they always do — blame Moses and accuse God.

So God tells Moses:

“Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt **smite the rock**, and there shall come water out of it…” *(Exodus 17:6)*

Not Moses standing before the Rock.
God said: **I WILL STAND BEFORE THEE.**

That means the Rock was not just a random boulder —
the LORD Himself identified with it.

Moses lifts the rod — the same rod that judged Egypt —
and **strikes the Rock.**

The result?

Water flows.
Life flows.
Grace flows.

A nation of rebels drinks and lives because ONE object was struck with the rod of judgment.

That's not "theology."
That's prophecy in stone.

SECTION 2 – WHY THE ROCK HAD TO BE STRUCK ONLY ONCE

Fast forward 40 years — Israel is thirsty again.
Same need.
Same people.
Same God.

But **not the same command.**

Numbers 20:

"Speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water…" *(Num. 20:8)*

This time, don't strike.
Don't smite.
Just speak.

Why?

Because Calvary only happens once.

Christ is struck once for sin — never again.
Christ is judged once on the cross — never again.
Christ is offered once for all — never again.

Hebrews 10:12:

"But this man, after he had offered **ONE sacrifice for sins for ever**, sat down…"

But Moses — in anger and unbelief — STRIKES the rock again.

"And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock **twice**…" *(Num. 20:11)*

That was not a minor error.
That was a doctrinal crime.

Moses didn't just lose his temper.
He **attacked the typology of Christ.**

So God told him:

"Ye believed me not… therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land…" *(v. 12)*

One wrong strike —
and God kept the greatest prophet in the Old Testament from ever entering the Promised Land.

Because God protects the picture of His Son more fiercely than men protect their reputations.

SECTION 3 – THE ROCK THAT "FOLLOWED" THEM

Paul didn't say the Rock was in front of them.
He said it **followed** them.

That means one of two things:

1. A literal rock moved supernaturally in the wilderness,
   or
2. The same Rock appeared at multiple locations because it was a divine manifestation.

Either way — it wasn't normal.

The Rabbis wrote about a rolling rock that followed Israel.
The Church fathers taught the same thing.
Paul — under inspiration of the Holy Ghost — confirmed it.

Why?

Because Christ does not save once and then "stay behind."
He **saves and follows.**

✓ The Lamb who redeemed you
✓ is the Rock who sustains you

That is the doctrine of eternal security —
not "hold on to Jesus,"
but **Jesus is holding on to you.**

The Rock doesn't leave the people.
The Rock goes WITH the people.

SECTION 4 – SMITTEN ONCE: THE GOSPEL IN STONE

Christ was:

✓ Struck by the Law
✓ Smitten by God (Isaiah 53:4)
✓ Pierced once
✓ Judged once
✓ Made sin once
✓ Died once
✓ Buried once
✓ Rose once

And from that ONE smiting —
comes living water.

That is why Jesus told the Samaritan woman:

"The water that I shall give him shall be in him a **well of water springing up into everlasting life**." *(John 4:14)*

No repeated crucifixion.
No repeated sacrifice.
No repeated offering.

Rome says the Mass is Christ "re-offered daily."

God says smite the Rock once — then speak.

Roman Catholicism hits the Rock every Sunday.
Hebrews 6 says that is "crucifying the Son of God afresh."

Moses did it once and got locked out of Canaan.

The Vatican has done it millions of times — and God hasn't forgotten a single one.

SECTION 5 – WATER FROM THE ROCK = THE HOLY SPIRIT

Water is not just “refreshment” in the Bible.
It is a Person.

John 7:38–39:

“This spake he of **the Spirit**, which they that believe on him should receive…”

The Rock is Christ.
The Water is the Spirit.
The Smiting is Calvary.

Christ struck → Spirit given.
Christ crucified → Spirit poured out.
Christ judged → Spirit released.

You do NOT get the Spirit by:

❌ sacraments
❌ self-improvement
❌ law-keeping
❌ baptism
❌ emotional worship music

You get the Spirit **only because the Rock was struck.**

No smiting — no water.
No Calvary — no Pentecost.
No blood — no Spirit.

SECTION 6 – IF YOU TRY TO STRIKE AGAIN, YOU REJECT GRACE

The Rock was struck ONCE —
and then water flowed EVERY time they needed it.

You don’t “re-crucify Christ” to get forgiven again.
You don’t “get saved again” every time you fail.

You **speak.**

You confess.
You ask.
You receive.

1 John 1:9 is Numbers 20 —
speak and the water flows.

Hebrews 10:18:

“Now where remission of these is, there is **no more offering for sin.**”

If you try to smite again,
you’re saying His first death didn’t finish it.

That is unbelief.
That is rebellion.
That is apostasy.

God barred Moses for it.

Paul warns the Church about it.

SECTION 7 – THE ROCK WAS THERE BEFORE THEY WERE THIRSTY

God doesn’t wait until you collapse to supply grace.

Before the need existed —
the Rock was already in place.

Before you sinned —
the Cross was already finished.

Before you knew Him —
He had already struck Himself for you.

Before you thought about God —
God had water waiting.

That is the doctrine of **prevenient mercy** —
not Wesley’s version,
but the Bible’s version:
God makes provision **before you ever ask.**

SECTION 8 – FINAL CONCLUSION: THE ROCK STILL GIVES WATER, BUT ONLY TO THOSE WHO COME

The Rock has not moved.
The water has not dried.
The provision has not changed.

But men still try to:

✓ build their own well
✓ dig their own cistern
✓ strike the Rock again
✓ add their righteousness
✓ bypass the smiting
✓ replace the water with religion

And every one of them dies in the desert.

The Rock gives water to ANY who will drink —
but ONLY to those who come empty-handed.

The Rock was struck.
The Spirit was poured.
The Way was opened.

And the message is still the same:

"If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink." *(John 7:37)*

Come — and live.
Reject — and die dry.

Same Rock.
Same Christ.
Same Gospel.

Stricken once.
Never twice.

12 of 20 – The LORD in the Cloud and the Fire – Christ Leading Israel

(Exodus 13:21 – Not "an angel," but "the LORD" in visible form)

INTRODUCTION – THE GOD WHO CAN BE SEEN… AND FOLLOWED

Before Israel ever crossed the Red Sea,
before manna fell from Heaven,
before the Law was etched in stone…

God showed up.

Not as a voice.
Not as an invisible "presence."
Not as a feeling.
Not as a floating mist like some Hollywood ghost scene.

But as **a visible, moving, supernatural manifestation — a pillar of cloud by day, and a pillar of fire by night.**

And the Bible doesn't say it was "an angel."
It doesn't say it was a "symbol."
It doesn't say it was a "representation."

The text says:

"**And the LORD went before them** by day in a pillar of a cloud… and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light…" *(Exodus 13:21)*

That is not the Father — "no man hath seen God at any time."
That is not the Holy Spirit — He doesn't appear in bodies or flames.
That is **the visible God of the Old Testament — the pre-incarnate Christ, leading His people before Bethlehem.**

Jesus Christ didn't begin at the manger.
He was **already the Shepherd** in Exodus, just as He is in John 10.

When Israel walked, He walked in front of them.
When Israel rested, He stood over them.
When enemies threatened, He became a wall of fire behind them.

Why?

Because Christ doesn't just redeem —
He leads.

SECTION 1 – THE TEXT SAYS "THE LORD," NOT "A REPRESENTATIVE"

Exodus 13:21:

"And **THE LORD** went before them…"

Not "the angel of the LORD."
Not "a heavenly guide."
Not "God's presence."
THE LORD.

Capital L-O-R-D. Jehovah.

Religion wants to water it down:
"It was just an angel."
"It was a symbol of God."
"It was the Shekinah glory."
"It was an impersonal manifestation."

Nope.

The Bible says the LORD Himself.

And when the LORD appears in **visible form**,
you're looking at the **Second Person of the Godhead — the pre-incarnate Son.**

That is consistent from Genesis to Malachi:

✓ The God who walks in Eden (Gen. 3)
✓ The God who eats with Abraham (Gen. 18)
✓ The God who wrestles Jacob (Gen. 32)
✓ The God in the bush (Ex. 3)
✓ The God in the cloud and fire (Ex. 13)
✓ The God on the sapphire pavement (Ex. 24)
✓ The God with the drawn sword (Josh. 5)
✓ The God in the flame on the altar (Judges 6)
✓ The God called "WONDERFUL" (Judges 13)

Same Person — every time.

That's why Jesus could say to the Pharisees:

"Before Abraham was, **I AM.**" *(John 8:58)*

SECTION 2 – THE CLOUD BY DAY: SHADE, SHELTER, DIRECTION

That wilderness wasn't a campground.
It was a furnace of sand and heat — no landmarks, no shade, no maps, no GPS, no survival gear.

So the LORD gave them a **cloud.**

That cloud was:

✅ Direction — it moved, they followed
✅ Protection — it shaded them in the desert heat
✅ Separation — it formed a barrier between them and Egypt (Ex. 14:19-20)
✅ Identification — no other nation had a visible God in front of them

The world had idols.
Israel had **THE LORD IN MOTION.**

That's what makes biblical Christianity different today:

Religion gives you statues and sacraments.
Christ gives you **a living Shepherd who goes before His flock.**

He didn't send Moses to walk ahead.
He didn't send elders or priests to lead.

HE led.

Because salvation is not just deliverance from bondage —
it is **following a Person.**

SECTION 3 – THE FIRE BY NIGHT: LIGHT, WARMTH, WATCHFULNESS

When night fell, the cloud didn't fade — it **transformed into fire.**

Exodus 13:21:

"...and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light..."

That means:

✓ When the world went dark, God lit the way.
✓ When the desert turned cold, God gave warmth.
✓ When predators prowled, God stayed visible.

The people slept —
Christ stayed awake.

The Jews call it the **"pillar of fire."**
The Church calls it **"the Light of the World."**

Different covenants, same Christ.

SECTION 4 – CHRIST WAS BOTH GUIDE AND GUARD

When Pharaoh's army came,
the pillar **moved from the front to the back** —
between Israel and destruction.

Exodus 14:19-20:

"And the angel of God, which went before… removed and went behind them…and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these…"

Same pillar.
Same Presence.
Two different effects.

To the saved — light.
To the enemy — darkness.

That is Christ in both Testaments:

✅ Salvation to believers
✅ Judgment to rejecters

Same God.
Different outcome based on your relationship to Him.

That cloud was a **mobile Gospel.**

SECTION 5 – PAUL CONNECTS IT DIRECTLY TO CHRIST

1 Corinthians 10:1–4:

“Our fathers were under the cloud… and did all drink the same spiritual drink… and that Rock was Christ.”

Paul doesn’t separate the Rock and the Cloud.

Why?

Because **they are the same Person.**

The God in the Cloud
is the God in the Fire
is the God in the Rock
is the God in the Bush
is the God with the Sword
is the God born in Bethlehem
is the God returning in Revelation.

One LORD.
One Christ.
One visible God.

SECTION 6 – MODERN RELIGION HATES THIS TRUTH

Liberal scholars: “It was atmospheric moisture.”
Rabbis: “It was the Shekinah glory, not a Person.”
Jehovah’s Witnesses: “Jesus didn’t exist yet.”
Muslims: “Allah does not appear in form.”
Unitarians: “God has no Son.”
Atheists: “It was made-up mythology.”

The King James Bible:
“THE LORD went before them…”

Modern Bibles do what they always do —
reduce Christ, hide Christ, downgrade Christ, footnote Christ.

Because if Christ is the LORD of Exodus…

✓ He is eternal God
✓ He is not a created being

✓ He is not Michael
✓ He was active before Mary
✓ He was worshipped before incarnation
✓ Israel literally followed Jesus in the Old Testament

And that destroys 90 percent of man-made theology.

Good.
Let it burn.

SECTION 7 – THE CLOUD AND FIRE ARE STILL AT WORK — THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE WORD

Christ doesn't lead believers today with literal flames.
Why?

Because **He now lives IN us instead of IN FRONT of us.**

The Pillar outside the camp
became the Spirit inside the believer.

The visible cloud
was replaced by an indwelling Guide:

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

But don't miss the point —
Christ didn't stop leading.

He just changed location.

From ABOVE us
to WITHIN us.

The same Christ who led Israel through a wilderness
leads the Church through a world system.

Different covenant.
Same Leader.

SECTION 8 – FINAL CONCLUSION: YOU STILL FOLLOW THE PILLAR — OR YOU DIE IN THE DESERT

Israel didn't need a map.
They didn't need a committee.
They didn't need votes, councils, priests, or opinions.

They just needed this:

"**When the cloud moves — walk.**
When the cloud stays — don't."

That was obedience.

And the same principle stands today:

The Christian life is not "figure it out."
It is "follow Him."

The pillar is not gone.
It is now the Word and the Spirit.

Those who follow live.
Those who wander die.
Those who look back perish.
Those who follow self get buried in sand.

You don't need a miracle.
You need **the same God who led Israel from Egypt to Canaan.**

And the Bible says:

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." *(Hebrews 13:8)*

He led then.
He leads now.
He will lead again — in glory, with fire, visibly, personally, unmistakably.

The Cloud will appear again —
but next time, it won't hover.

It will **split the sky.**

13 of 20 – The Angel with the Name of God in Him

(Exodus 23:20–23 – Forgives sins, carries God's authority — no created angel can)

INTRODUCTION – THE MOST FEARED BEING IN THE OLD TESTAMENT… AND IT WASN'T MICHAEL

Before Israel ever crossed Jordan,
before Joshua ever drew a sword,
before Canaan ever trembled…

God warned the nation about **a terrifying supernatural Being** who would walk with them, judge them, fight for them, and destroy their enemies — and if they rebelled, destroy THEM.

Exodus 23:20–21:

"Behold, I send **an Angel** before thee… Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; **for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in him.**"

Not A name.
Not "a message from God."
Not "a special assignment."

MY NAME is in Him.

That means:

✓ He carries divine authority
✓ He has power to judge sin
✓ He has the ability to forgive or withhold forgiveness
✓ He speaks with God's own voice
✓ Rejecting Him is rejecting God Himself

No created angel in the entire Bible is ever said to:

❌ forgive sins
❌ possess the Name of God
❌ speak as God in the first person
❌ destroy rebels under divine wrath
❌ be obeyed as the LORD

This is NOT Michael.
This is NOT Gabriel.
This is NOT a heavenly servant.

This is the Second Person of the Godhead —
Jesus Christ before His incarnation —
hidden in Old Testament language,
but revealed by New Testament light.

The Angel in Exodus 23 is the same One who:

✓ wrestled Jacob
✓ appeared in the bush
✓ led Israel as the cloud
✓ stood with a sword before Jericho
✓ ascended in the flame in Judges 13
✓ called Himself "WONDERFUL"
✓ forgives sins in the Gospels
✓ returns in Revelation as the Destroyer of rebels

Same Person.
Same authority.
Same Name.

SECTION 1 – GOD HIMSELF SAYS: OBEY THIS ANGEL… OR ELSE

Exodus 23:21:

"Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not…"

That's not how God talks about a creature.

God never tells anyone:
"Obey an angel as if he is Me."

In Revelation 19 and 22, the REAL angels refuse worship.
They refuse obedience.
They redirect attention upward.

But THIS Angel?
God says: "Disobey Him and YOU DIE."

When God equates disobedience to an Angel with disobedience to Himself… that Being **is not a servant — He is God.**

SECTION 2 – THE ANGEL CAN FORGIVE SINS — OR REFUSE TO

"…for he will **not pardon your transgressions**…"

A created angel DOES NOT have the power to pardon or refuse pardon.

Angels don't forgive sins.
Priests don't forgive sins.
Prophets don't forgive sins.
Moses didn't forgive sins.
Aaron didn't forgive sins.

Only GOD forgives sins.

Mark 2:7 – Pharisees were right:

"Who can forgive sins but **GOD ONLY**?"

And Exodus 23 is crystal clear:

This Angel can forgive — but sometimes won't.

That is not delegated authority.

That is **inherent, divine authority.**

The Angel forgives sins
just like Christ forgives sins.

Because it IS Christ — before the manger.

SECTION 3 – "FOR MY NAME IS IN HIM" – THAT NAME IS JEHOVAH

Name in Scripture = **nature, identity, authority, essence.**

God didn't say, "I put My message in him."
He said, "My NAME is in him."

That means:

✅ same nature
✅ same authority
✅ same identity
✅ same divine essence

In John 17:11, Jesus prays:

"Holy Father, keep through **thine own name** those whom **thou hast given me**…"

Jesus possesses the Name of the Father
because He shares the nature of the Father.

Same truth in Exodus 23 —
the Angel is not "like God,"
He is **God bearing God's Name.**

That is Deity — not delegation.

SECTION 4 – THIS IS THE SAME "ANGEL OF HIS PRESENCE" ISAIAH IDENTIFIES AS THE LORD

Isaiah 63:9:

"The **angel of his presence** saved them… **he was their Saviour**."

Not "an angel."
Not "a messenger."
THE Angel.
The Savior.

Isaiah says the Angel:

✓ saves
✓ carries Israel
✓ redeems them
✓ has mercy on them
✓ becomes their deliverer

That is not Michael.
That is not Gabriel.
That is JESUS in the Old Testament — no mother, no manger, but fully present.

SECTION 5 – THIS IS THE SAME "ANGEL OF THE LORD" IN JUDGES 13 WHO ASCENDS IN FIRE AND IS CALLED GOD

Judges 13:22:

"We shall surely die, because we have seen **God**."

What had they seen?
"THE ANGEL OF THE LORD."

He wasn't a reflection.
He wasn't a symbol.
He was **God in visible form.**

Same One as Exodus 23 —
same Name, same authority, same power to judge, same identity.

SECTION 6 – THE NEW BIBLES TRY TO HIDE HIM AGAIN (AS ALWAYS)

KJV:

"MY NAME is in him."

NIV / ESV / NASB footnote:
"May refer to delegated authority."

Garbage.

Modern translators hate the deity of Christ in the Old Testament,
so they soften every passage that proves it:

❌ remove "the LORD"
❌ lowercase "angel"
❌ add footnotes denying deity
❌ blur the Godhead

Why?

Because if Christ is the Angel of Exodus 23, then:

✓ Christ existed before Bethlehem
✓ Christ is Jehovah

✓ Christ has always forgiven sins
✓ Christ is the LORD of the Old Testament
✓ The Godhead is real and visible in Scripture

Modern scholarship gets nervous.
The KJV stands unmoved.

SECTION 7 – THIS ANGEL WILL ONE DAY JUDGE THE WORLD

Exodus 23:23:

"For **mine Angel** shall go before thee… I will cut them off."

The Angel executes wrath
— not God "through" Him —
the Angel Himself.

Same Person as Revelation 19:

"…in righteousness he doth judge and make war."

Same sword.
Same wrath.
Same authority.

This is Christ as **Commander before incarnation**
and **King of Kings after incarnation.**

SECTION 8 – FINAL CONCLUSION: YOU DON'T "ACCEPT" THIS ANGEL — YOU BOW OR YOU PERISH

God didn't say:

"Consider His teachings."
"Respect His role."
"Admire His message."
"Debate His rank."

He said:

“OBEY HIS VOICE.
PROVOKE HIM NOT.
HE WILL NOT PARDON YOU.”

There is no neutrality.
No middle ground.
No “I respect Jesus but don’t worship Him.”

Christ is either your Savior
or your Judge.

The Angel of Exodus 23 didn’t come to negotiate.
He came to **rule, redeem, and destroy.**

He still does.

You either bow before the One who bears the Name…

…or you meet Him with the sword He carries.

14 of 20 – The LORD on the Throne in Isaiah’s Temple Vision

(Isaiah 6 – and John 12:41 says Isaiah saw CHRIST)

INTRODUCTION – THE GREATEST VISION IN THE OLD TESTAMENT… AND IT WASN’T ABOUT “GOD THE FATHER”

Isaiah 6 is one of the most famous chapters in the Bible.

Every preacher quotes it.
Every commentary discusses it.
Every Sunday school kid hears it.

“I saw also **the LORD** sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up…”

The seraphim cry
“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY.”

The doorposts shake.
The temple fills with smoke.

Isaiah collapses in terror.
A coal from the altar touches his mouth.
He is commissioned as a prophet.

But the single most important truth of the whole chapter is the one almost NOBODY talks about:

John 12:41 says the LORD Isaiah saw was JESUS CHRIST.

Not "the Father."
Not "a vision of Heaven."
Not "a symbolic presence."
JESUS CHRIST — pre-incarnate, enthroned, worshiped, and eternal.

Let the text speak:

"These things said Esaias, when he **SAW HIS GLORY**, and spake of **HIM**." *(John 12:41)*

WHOSE glory?
The GLORY of the One Isaiah saw.

And who was John talking about in the chapter?
JESUS.

So according to the Holy Spirit, Isaiah 6 wasn't a vision of "God in general."

It was a direct, literal, overwhelming, prophetic encounter with the **Second Person of the Godhead — Jesus Christ before Bethlehem.**

If that doesn't shake a Jehovah's Witness into eternal panic, nothing will.

SECTION 1 – ISAIAH SAW THE LORD — NOT AN ANGEL, NOT A SYMBOL, NOT A "FORM"

Isaiah 6:1:

"In the year that king Uzziah died **I SAW ALSO THE LORD**…"

Not "I heard God."
Not "I sensed God."
Not "I saw a bright light."
I SAW THE LORD.

Why is that so important?

Because of John 1:18:

“No man hath seen **God (the Father)** at any time…”

So who did Isaiah see?

Not the Father.
Not the Spirit.
That leaves **only the Son.**

Same truth over and over:

✓ Abraham saw Him (Genesis 18)
✓ Jacob wrestled Him (Genesis 32)
✓ Moses spoke face-to-face with Him (Exodus 33)
✓ Joshua bowed before Him (Joshua 5)
✓ Gideon offered sacrifice to Him (Judges 6)
✓ Manoah watched Him ascend in flame (Judges 13)
✓ Isaiah saw Him enthroned (Isaiah 6)

The visible God of the Old Testament
is the invisible God made visible in the New Testament —
Jesus Christ.

SECTION 2 – ISAIAH SAW CHRIST ON A THRONE — NOT IN A MANGER, NOT ON A CROSS, BUT AS KING

Christ is not waiting to be King.
He IS King — always was — always will be.

Isaiah didn’t see a baby.
He saw **a Sovereign.**

Before Caiaphas mocked Him,
before Pilate questioned Him,
before soldiers spit on Him,

He was already:

✅ enthroned
✅ worshiped
✅ high and lifted up

✅ surrounded by holy beings
✅ ruling in majesty

The cross didn't **make** Him King.
It PROVED Him King.

The manger didn't **start** His existence.
It **veiled** His glory.

Every cult that treats Jesus like an exalted man gets crushed under Isaiah 6 + John 12.

He wasn't a carpenter learning divinity...

He was GOD sitting on a throne **before He ever built the universe He later died to save.**

SECTION 3 – THE SERAPHIM WORSHIP HIM WITH A TRIPLE HOLINESS

Isaiah 6:3:

"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, is the LORD of hosts..."

Not "Holy is the Father, Holy is the Son, Holy is the Spirit."
Not three different Persons being worshiped.
One LORD — but threefold holiness declared.

The Godhead in ONE verse.

And who receives the worship?
The same One John identifies as CHRIST.

In Revelation 4:8, the same triple holiness is spoken before the Lamb is worshiped.

The One on the throne in Isaiah 6
is the same One worshiped in Revelation 5 —

not a different Person,
not a different God,
not a different throne.

SECTION 4 – ISAIAH'S RESPONSE: HE DOESN'T FEEL "LOVED," HE FEARS DEATH

Isaiah 6:5:

"Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone..."

See, modern Christianity thinks seeing God would feel like a warm hug and worship music in the background.

NO.

When sinful flesh encounters the Holy God —
it doesn't sing.
It disintegrates.

Isaiah didn't say:

"I feel so blessed."
"I feel so seen."
"I feel so chosen."

He said: **"I AM RUINED."**

That's the difference between the Jesus of the Bible
and the Jesus of Instagram.

The Christ Isaiah saw is not a soft, tolerant, seeker-friendly life coach.
He is HOLY, HOLY, HOLY —
so holy that a prophet collapses under the weight of His presence.

SECTION 5 – A COAL FROM THE ALTAR = ATONEMENT COMES FROM BLOOD, NOT GOODNESS

Isaiah 6:6–7:

"Lo, this hath touched thy lips, and **thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.**"

That coal came from the ALTAR —
where blood was shed.

Forgiveness does not come from emotions.
Forgiveness does not come from confession booths.
Forgiveness does not come from "trying harder."

It comes from the **altar where a sacrifice died.**

That means:

✓ Christ on the throne is also Christ on the altar
✓ The King is also the Lamb
✓ The Judge is also the Substitute

Holiness demands judgment.
Mercy provides atonement.
Christ is both.

SECTION 6 – JOHN 12:41 IS THE NAIL IN THE COFFIN

Let's read it again slowly:

"These things said Esaias, when **he saw HIS glory**, and spake of HIM."

Who is "HIM"?

The entire chapter (John 12) is about JESUS CHRIST — His rejection by Israel, His glory, His identity.

John — under inspiration — tells you flat-out:

ISAIAH SAW JESUS.

Not metaphorically.
Not symbolically.
Not figuratively.

LITERALLY SAW HIS GLORY.

And that means:

✅ Jesus existed before Isaiah
✅ Jesus is Jehovah
✅ Jesus is the enthroned LORD of the Old Testament
✅ Jesus is the One worshiped by seraphim
✅ Jesus is the Holy One of Israel
✅ Jesus is not "a god" — He is **THE LORD OF HOSTS**

The cults are dead.
The scholars are undone.
The liberals are mute.

John 12:41 wipes out:

❌ Jehovah's Witnesses
❌ Unitarians
❌ Mormons
❌ Islam
❌ Roman "created Jesus" theology
❌ every "Jesus is just a man" perversion

Isaiah saw CHRIST.
Not "the pre-Christ version of Christ."
Not "a vision pointing to Christ."
CHRIST HIMSELF.

SECTION 7 – WHY THIS MATTERS: IF YOU MISUNDERSTAND ISAIAH 6, YOU WILL MISUNDERSTAND JESUS

If you think Jesus began in Bethlehem —
you've never met Him.

If you think Jesus is the "nice side" of God —
you don't know Him.

If you think Jesus is only Savior and not Judge —
you ignored half the Bible.

The One who died for you
is the One Isaiah fell before.

The One who said "Come unto Me"
is the One who terrified seraphim.

The One who forgives sinners
is the One who shakes Heaven with holiness.

SECTION 8 – FINAL CONCLUSION: THE KING ISAIAH SAW IS RETURNING, AND HE WON'T LOOK LIKE THE NATIVITY SCENE

The next time the world sees Christ,
He won't be in swaddling clothes.

He'll be:

✓ on a throne
✓ in blazing glory
✓ high and lifted up
✓ purging the world with fire
✓ commanding angels
✓ judging nations

Isaiah saw the **FIRST preview**.
Revelation shows the **final reality.**

Same Person.
Same throne.
Same holiness.

You will either:

✅ bow now in mercy like Isaiah
or
❌ bow later in terror like the world in Revelation 6

Isaiah cried, “Woe is me!”
The lost will cry, “Hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne!”

Same Christ.
Different outcome.

15 of 20 – The Man Clothed in Linen – Over the Waters of Time

(Daniel 10 & 12 – The pre-incarnate Christ in glory)

INTRODUCTION – THE MOST TERRIFYING MAN DANIEL EVER SAW WAS NOT AN ANGEL

Every Sunday school artist loves to draw Daniel with lions, kings, and visions of statues. But the real shock comes in Daniel 10 — when Daniel meets a **Man in linen** whose very presence shuts his body down like a dead battery.

This wasn’t Gabriel.
This wasn’t Michael.
This wasn’t “a powerful angel.”

The description matches one Being in Scripture:

✓ Revelation 1 – The glorified Christ
✓ Ezekiel 1 – The Man on the throne
✓ Exodus 24 – The God of Israel on sapphire pavement
✓ Joshua 5 – The Captain of the LORD's Host
✓ Judges 13 – The Angel called God ascending in flame
✓ Isaiah 6 – The LORD high and lifted up

And in Daniel 10 and 12 — He appears again.
Not as a baby. Not as a carpenter. Not as a crucified Lamb.
But as the eternal, pre-incarnate Christ — the God-Man before Bethlehem, standing over the river of time, declaring dominion over history itself.

The scholars trip over Gabriel.
The Jehovah's Witnesses force Michael into the text.
The commentaries choke on pronouns.

But the Bible is not confused.

The Man clothed in linen is the same One John saw on Patmos —
the same One the Church will see split the sky —
the same One every knee will bow before.

This is Christ in His eternal glory, before He ever took on the form of a servant.

SECTION 1 – DANIEL 10:5–6 – THE DESCRIPTION MATCHES ONLY ONE PERSON IN THE BIBLE

Daniel 10:5–6:

"Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain **man clothed in linen**, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz. His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude."

Compare it to Revelation 1:13–15:

"One like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot… His head and His hairs were white like wool… His eyes were as a flame of fire… His feet like unto fine brass… His voice as the sound of many waters."

Same clothing.
Same metal imagery.
Same fiery eyes.
Same brass feet.
Same thunderous voice.

Only difference is the Testaments.

Daniel saw Him **before the incarnation.**
John saw Him **after the resurrection.**

Same Person — Christ in unveiled majesty.

SECTION 2 – DANIEL CAN'T EVEN STAND IN HIS PRESENCE

Daniel 10:8:

"There remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength."

The presence of this Man did not comfort Daniel.
It **shut his body down.**

That's the same reaction as:

✓ Isaiah – "Woe is me, I am undone"
✓ John – "I fell at His feet as dead"
✓ Ezekiel – "I fell upon my face"
✓ Joshua – "He fell on his face to the earth and did worship"

Angels don't produce that reaction.
They refuse worship.
They strengthen men — they don't drain them.

This Man didn't help Daniel stand.
He knocked him to the ground by His presence.

That is not an angel.
That is the Lord of Glory.

SECTION 3 – DANIEL 12:6–7 – THE MAN IN LINEN CONTROLS TIME ITSELF

Daniel 12:6:

“How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?”

Daniel is asking about the final timeline of history — tribulation, resurrection, judgment, kingdom.

And who answers?

“And I heard the **man clothed in linen**, which was **upon the waters of the river**, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by **him that liveth for ever**…”

Someone standing above the waters.
Holding both hands to Heaven.
Swearing by the eternal God — not as a servant, but as One with full divine authority over time.

Only God swears by Himself (Hebrews 6:13).

And Revelation 10 shows the exact same scene — Christ stands over land and sea, lifts His hand, and declares that time shall be no longer.

Not an angel.
Not a messenger.
Not a created being.

The One who stands over the river of time in Daniel
stands over the oceans of the world in Revelation.

Same posture.
Same authority.
Same dominion.

SECTION 4 – WHY GABRIEL CANNOT BE THE MAN IN LINEN

Commentaries try to reduce this Man to Gabriel.
But the text destroys that theory in three ways:

1. **Gabriel speaks ABOUT this Man, not as Him** (Daniel 10:11).
2. Gabriel never appears in glory — only in human form without radiance.

3. Gabriel never receives worship, never controls time, never matches the Revelation 1 description.

Gabriel delivers messages.
Michael fights battles.

Neither one glows like lightning and brass, nor stands above the waters of history declaring prophetic time limits.

Only one Person does that — the Eternal Son.

SECTION 5 – WHY THIS TEXT DESTROYS CULT THEOLOGY

Every false religion collapses on Daniel 10 and 12.

Jehovah's Witnesses: "Jesus is Michael."
Daniel 10: Michael is separate from the Man in linen.

Islam: "Jesus is a prophet."
Daniel shows Him ruling time before birth.

Mormonism: "Jesus is a created god."
Daniel shows Him swearing by the Eternal One as an equal.

Judaism: "The Messiah is only a man."
Daniel sees Him in blazing deity before incarnation.

Atheism: "The Bible is mythology."
Daniel 10 is a prophetic preview of Revelation 1 — 600 years apart, identical descriptions.

Roman Catholicism: "Christ is re-sacrificed in the Mass."
Daniel's Christ has already finished His priesthood and stands in eternal glory.

Liberal Christianity: "Jesus was just a moral teacher."
Daniel collapses like a corpse when he sees Him.

The text is a hammer on every counterfeit Christ.

SECTION 6 – CHRIST IN LINEN = CHRIST THE HIGH PRIEST

Linen is not random fabric.
It is the garment of the priest.

In Leviticus, the high priest wore linen when he entered the Holy of Holies.

In Revelation 19, the armies of Heaven are clothed in fine linen, clean and white.

Christ is not just the King of Thrones —
He is the Priest of Heaven —
not offering blood now,
but ruling in righteousness forever.

The Man Daniel saw was not the Suffering Servant —
but the High Priest of a finished sacrifice.

He is not wearing the towel of John 13.
He is wearing the linen of eternal authority.

SECTION 7 – THE MAN ABOVE THE RIVER IS THE JUDGE OF HISTORY

The symbolism is precise:

Water = time, nations, history, mortality.

The Man stands **above** it.

He is not swept into time.
He is not inside the stream of human events.
He is **over it.**

Because time is a created thing —
and Christ is the One through whom all things were made.

That means:

✓ Before Adam — Christ was
✓ Before Israel — Christ was
✓ Before Daniel — Christ was
✓ Before the Church — Christ was
✓ Before the Millennium — Christ is
✓ Before eternity future — Christ reigns

The river flows, the ages turn, empires die —
but the Man in linen remains unchanged.

That is deity.

SECTION 8 – FINAL CONCLUSION: THE MAN DANIEL SAW IS THE SAME ONE YOU WILL STAND BEFORE

Daniel saw Him and lost all strength.
John saw Him and fell as dead.
The nations will see Him and beg the mountains to hide them.

But the Church will see Him and rise to meet Him.

This is not the baby of Bethlehem.
This is not the bleeding Lamb.
This is not the humble carpenter.
This is the Eternal Christ in unveiled deity.

Daniel saw Him
before the cross.

John saw Him
after the empty tomb.

You will see Him
on the Day appointed.

And there will be only two positions:

Falling at His feet as a redeemed worshiper

or

Falling before His throne as a condemned rebel.

The Man in linen still stands over time.
He still speaks with the voice of many waters.
He still holds all dominion.

The only question is whether you stand with Him —
or against Him.

16 of 20 – The Shepherd of Psalm 23 – Yet Jehovah in Psalm 24

(The Shepherd IS the King of Glory entering the gates)

INTRODUCTION – THE MOST FAMOUS CHAPTER IN THE BIBLE… AND NEARLY EVERYONE MISSES THE POINT

Psalm 23 hangs on hospital walls, funeral programs, refrigerator magnets, and graduation cards.
Everybody quotes it.
Nobody believes it.

Why?
Because if you really believed Psalm 23, you'd believe who the Shepherd is.

The average preacher thinks Psalm 23 is about "comfort."
It is not.
It is about **Christ.**
Not poetic Christ.
Not symbolic Christ.
Not "the Christ idea."
The real, literal, eternal Jehovah — the same One who shows up in Psalm 24 as **the King of Glory.**

The two Psalms are connected:

Psalm 23 — Christ as the Shepherd who leads.
Psalm 24 — Christ as the King who reigns.

Same Person.
Same voice.
Same identity.

The LORD who walks with the sheep in Psalm 23
is the LORD who storms Heaven's gates in Psalm 24.

The Shepherd IS the King.
The Lamb IS the Lion.
The One who comforts the soul is the One who shakes the universe.

And that destroys every false doctrine that tries to split the Christ of the New Testament from the Jehovah of the Old Testament.

SECTION 1 – THE SHEPHERD OF PSALM 23 IS JEHOVAH, NOT A MERE "GUIDE"

Psalm 23:1:

“The LORD is my shepherd…”

Not “a shepherd.”
Not “my spiritual helper.”
Not “my life coach.”
THE LORD — Jehovah, the covenant God of Israel.

Hebrew text: **YHWH** — the Tetragrammaton.
The incommunicable Name of God.

Now connect the dots:

1. Jehovah is the Shepherd.
2. Jesus in John 10 says, “I AM the Good Shepherd.”
3. That means **Jesus is Jehovah** in Psalm 23.

Not “a representative of Jehovah.”
Not “a messenger from Jehovah.”
Not “a reflection of Jehovah.”

The same Shepherd who leads David in Psalm 23
walks in flesh in John 10
and lays down His life for the sheep.

If you deny that, you just turned Psalm 23 into poetry instead of prophecy.

SECTION 2 – THE SHEPHERD WHO LEADS BESIDE STILL WATERS IS THE SAME ONE WHO MAKES ALL WATERS STILL

“He leadeth me beside the still waters.”

Who else in Scripture commands waters?

Not Moses.
Not David.
Not angels.

Only Christ —
and He does it twice:

1. Red Sea — waters stand still

2. Galilee — waves freeze at His voice

Psalm 23 is not sentimental comfort language —
it is a preview of divine authority.

The Shepherd doesn't just find waters.
He **controls** them.

That is Jehovah power.
That is Christ power.
That is God in flesh.

SECTION 3 – "THOU ART WITH ME" IS THE DOCTRINE OF THE INCARNATION

Verse 4:

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: **for thou art with me**…"

That is not a theory.
That is a Person.

No idol goes with you.
No religion walks with you.
No prophet accompanies you.
No angel promises that.

But the Shepherd does.
And in Matthew 1:23, His Name is:

"Emmanuel — God WITH us."

Psalm 23 is not about guidance.
It is about **God in person walking among men.**

That is Jesus Christ — no wiggle room.

SECTION 4 – THE SHEPHERD OF PSALM 23 BECOMES THE KING OF GLORY IN PSALM 24

Now comes the flip.

Psalm 24 — same voice, same LORD, same Person —
but now He's not walking in the valley.
He's approaching the gates of Heaven.

Psalm 24:7:

"Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the **King of glory** shall come in."

Who is this King of Glory?

Verse 8 answers it:

"The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle."

Same Jehovah from Psalm 23.

Here's the revelation:

Psalm 23 — Christ on Earth
Psalm 24 — Christ returning to Heaven after the resurrection

The Shepherd who walked with the sheep
is now the Warrior King returning from the battlefield of Calvary.

That's why Hebrews 9 says He "entered into Heaven itself" with His own blood.

Psalm 24 is not the Second Coming.
It is the **Ascension.**

The crucified Shepherd returns
as the conquering King.

The Lamb becomes the Lion,
and the gates of Heaven lift for Him.

SECTION 5 – ONLY ONE PERSON IN HISTORY FITS BOTH PSALMS

Who is:

✓ Shepherd of souls
✓ Guide of the righteous
✓ Restorer of the soul
✓ Feeder in green pastures

✓ Walker in death's valley
✓ Host at the table
✓ Anointer with oil
✓ Filler of cups
✓ Dweller in the house of the Lord forever
✓ LORD of hosts
✓ King of glory
✓ Mighty in battle
✓ Victor over death
✓ Ascender into the heavenly gates

If your answer isn't Jesus Christ,
you need a new Bible or a new brain.

You can preach Psalm 23 at funerals
and still send people to Hell
if you don't identify the Shepherd.

SECTION 6 – THIS SERIES OF PSALMS IS MESSIANIC SEQUENCE

Psalm 22 – The Cross: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"
Psalm 23 – The Shepherd: Christ cares for His own after redemption.
Psalm 24 – The King: Christ returns in glory to the throne.

22 – Calvary
23 – Church Age
24 – Crown

The Shepherd stands between the Cross and the Crown.

That is New Testament doctrine written 1,000 years before Bethlehem.

SECTION 7 – THE CULTS CANNOT HANDLE THESE TWO PSALMS TOGETHER

Jehovah's Witnesses: "Jesus isn't Jehovah."
Psalm 23:1 says the Shepherd IS Jehovah.
Jesus says HE is the Shepherd.

Islam: “God has no Son.”
Psalm 24 has the LORD entering Heaven as a victorious Man.

Judaism: “Messiah is only a man.”
Psalm 24 calls Him “the LORD of hosts.”

Roman Catholicism: “Christ shares mediatorship with priests and Mary.”
Psalm 23 says the Shepherd alone restores the soul.

Liberal Christianity: “Psalm 23 is poetry, not theology.”
Psalm 24 ties it to a literal event — the return of Christ to Heaven.

The Bible is not confused.
The denominations are.

SECTION 8 – FINAL CONCLUSION: THE SHEPHERD WHO LEADS YOU NOW WILL BE THE KING WHO JUDGES YOU THEN

Psalm 23 is personal.
Psalm 24 is universal.

Psalm 23 is comfort for saints.
Psalm 24 is terror for rebels.

You either follow the Shepherd now
or face the King later.

When the gates of Psalm 24 lift again,
He will not be entering —
He will be descending.

The same voice that says,
“I am your Shepherd,”
will soon say,
“Depart from me.”

You will meet Him as:

Shepherd who saves

or

King who conquers.

Nobody escapes the Shepherd King.

17 of 20 – The Redeemer Who Stood on the Earth Before Job Ever Knew His Name

(Job 19:25 – "I know my Redeemer liveth")

INTRODUCTION – THE OLDEST BOOK IN THE BIBLE SAW CHRIST BEFORE THE GOSPELS WERE EVER WRITTEN

Before Moses, before the Law, before Abraham was called out of Ur, before the word "Hebrew" ever existed, before Israel was a nation, before the word "Messiah" was ever spoken —
a man named Job already knew there was a **Redeemer**
and that this Redeemer was **alive**
and that this Redeemer would one day **stand on the earth.**

That is the earliest Christ-prophecy in the Bible.

Not Genesis 3:15.
Not Isaiah 7.
Not Micah 5.
Not Daniel 9.

Job 19.

The book the scholars call "poetry."
The book the liberals call "mythological."
The book the seminaries treat like literature instead of revelation.

God put Christ in the mouth of the oldest saint in Scripture —
and the modern "experts" still can't find Him with a Hebrew lexicon and a Vatican magnifying glass.

Job said:

"I know my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth."

Job didn't say, "I hope so."
He didn't say, "My tradition teaches."
He didn't say, "I think there will be divine intervention."

He said **I KNOW.**

And he said it while sitting in ashes, covered in boils, abandoned by friends, surrounded by devils, and without one verse of written Scripture in his hands.

That is faith before dispensations, before covenants, before prophets, before priests, before temples, before Psalms, before Gospels, before Paul.

That is a man with no Bible
seeing further than most seminary graduates with three degrees.

Job didn't know the Redeemer's name,
but he already knew His job.

SECTION 1 – THE WORD "REDEEMER" DESTROYS EVERY FALSE VIEW OF CHRIST

Job didn't say "God."
He didn't say "a Savior."
He didn't say "a helper."
He said **Redeemer** — the One who buys back what has been lost.

That means:

1. There is something lost.
2. There is a price required.
3. There must be a blood ransom.
4. Someone must be qualified to pay it.

That's substitution.
That's atonement.
That's the blood covenant.
That's Calvary vocabulary in the oldest book on earth.

A Redeemer means the problem is not ignorance (as the philosophers teach),
not political oppression (as the Marxists teach),
not lack of self-worth (as the psychologists teach),
not karma (as the Hindus teach),
not evolution (as the atheists teach).

The problem is **sin**,
and sin demands payment,
and only a Redeemer can make it.

Job already saw what 90 percent of the modern pulpit denies.

SECTION 2 – "MY Redeemer" — REDEMPTION IS PERSONAL, NOT RELIGIOUS

Job didn't say, "The Redeemer."
He didn't say, "Israel's Redeemer."
He didn't say, "Humanity's Redeemer."

He said: **MY Redeemer.**

Personal salvation is not a New Testament invention.
It is as old as Job.

Every cult in history collapses at that word "MY."

Rome says salvation comes through a church.
Job says salvation comes through **a Redeemer.**

Islam says salvation comes through submission and good works.
Job says salvation comes through **the Redeemer Himself.**

Buddhism says salvation comes through self-enlightenment.
Job says salvation comes through **someone outside of self.**

Humanism says man can save man.
Job says man needs **a Redeemer who is not man only.**

Job already knew something the ecumenical movement still chokes on:
If the Redeemer isn't yours personally,
He isn't yours at all.

SECTION 3 – "MY REDEEMER LIVETH" — THAT IS RESURRECTION DOCTRINE 2,000 YEARS EARLY

Job says the Redeemer is **alive.**

Not will live.
Not once lived.

Not spiritually lives.
Not symbolically lives.

Lives — present tense.

How can a Redeemer live before redemption takes place?
Only if He is eternal.

That means Job's Redeemer is not a prophet, not a priest, not a king, not an angel, not a martyr, not a religious founder.

He is **the living eternal One** who cannot die permanently.

That is resurrection doctrine before resurrection ever happened.

Job believed in a living Christ before Christ was ever born.
And modern scholars call that "primitive religion."

Primitive?
Job had higher Christology than half the pulpits in America.

SECTION 4 – "…AND HE SHALL STAND AT THE LATTER DAY UPON THE EARTH"

Here is premillennial prophecy in one sentence.

Job didn't say:

"float spiritually above the earth"
"influence humanity through moral legacy"
"live on in the hearts of believers"
"rule metaphorically from Heaven"

He said the Redeemer will **stand**
on the earth
in the latter day.

Literal Redeemer
Literal body
Literal earth
Literal return
Literal reign

Theologians haven't caught up with Job yet.

The Amillennialist says there is no future reign — Job says the Redeemer will stand on the earth.
The Postmillennialist says we bring the kingdom — Job says the Redeemer brings Himself.
The Modernist says resurrection is symbolic — Job says He lives before He ever arrives.
The Jehovah's Witness says Jesus isn't God — Job says the Redeemer lives eternally and reigns physically.
The Muslim says Christ never died — Job says He redeems, which requires a death payment.

Every heresy of the last 2,000 years drops dead in Job 19.

SECTION 5 – JOB BELIEVED IN A BODILY RESURRECTION LONG BEFORE PAUL

Verse 26:

"And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God."

That is not soul immortality.
That is not spiritual consciousness.
That is not reincarnation.
That is not symbolic hope.

That is a **physical resurrection**.

Job says:

1. The body will rot.
2. The worms will eat it.
3. The skin will decay.
4. But the man will live again
5. And will see God in a body.

Exactly the same doctrine Paul preaches in 1 Corinthians 15,
but Job had it thousands of years before.

Job didn't know Bethlehem.
Job didn't know Golgotha.
Job didn't know the name Jesus.

But Job knew the Redeemer lives, rises, and returns.

That is faith without a Bible.
That is light before revelation.
That is God cutting out every scholar who says “they didn’t know that yet.”

Job knew more about resurrection than half the commentaries.

SECTION 6 – JOB BELIEVED IN SEEING GOD FACE-TO-FACE

Job 19:27:

“Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.”

Not a vision.
Not a dream.
Not a ghost.
Not a symbolic encounter.
Literal eyes.
Literal sight.
Literal God.

That’s the same doctrine John preaches:

“We shall see Him as He is.”

The Redeemer is not an energy field.
Not a force.
Not a cosmic vibration.
Not “the Christ consciousness.”

He is a Person
with a face
with a form
with a body
who stands
on the earth
in the latter day
and is alive forever.

Job had that nailed down before there was a Jew, a temple, a sacrifice, a prophet, or a scroll.

SECTION 7 – JOB SAID THIS WHILE GOD WAS SILENT

Here is the part that should make every modern Christian fall under conviction:

Job believed all this
while God wasn't even talking to him.

No Psalms.
No Proverbs.
No Gospels.
No Epistles.
No indwelling Spirit.
No promises to Israel.
No written law.
No church.
No completed canon.

Just pain.
Just silence.
Just suffering.
Just ashes.
Just faith.

Modern Christianity needs five commentaries, three podcasts, and a worship playlist before it can say "God is still good."

Job said "I KNOW"
while scraping boils with a piece of broken pottery.

The Redeemer wasn't his comfort blanket.
He was his absolute certainty.

That's Bible faith before there was a Bible.

SECTION 8 – CONCLUSION: IF YOUR CHRIST ISN'T JOB'S REDEEMER, YOU DON'T HAVE THE REAL ONE

Job's Redeemer is:

Eternal — "liveth"
Personal — "my Redeemer"
Atoning — "Redeemer" means blood price

Resurrected — alive before incarnation
Physical — stands on the earth
Premillennial — latter day return
Visible — "mine eyes shall behold"
Divine — receives worship and judges men

If your Jesus is just a good teacher — He's not Job's Redeemer.
If your Jesus is just a prophet — He's not Job's Redeemer.
If your Jesus is just a moral example — He's not Job's Redeemer.
If your Jesus didn't rise bodily — He's not Job's Redeemer.
If your Jesus won't return physically — He's not Job's Redeemer.

Job saw more with no Bible
than most Christians see with a full Bible.

That is the Redeemer who lives.
That is the Redeemer who stands.
That is the Redeemer who returns.
That is the Redeemer who redeems.

And every man on earth will meet Him
as Savior
or as Judge.

There is no third option.

18 of 20 – The Son of Man on the Clouds in Daniel's Vision

(Daniel 7:13–14 – Pre-Bethlehem appearance, eternal dominion)

INTRODUCTION – LONG BEFORE BETHLEHEM, HE WAS ALREADY ON THE THRONE

The critics like to pretend Jesus Christ enters the picture in Matthew chapter one. They think the Baby in the manger was the *beginning* of the Son of God. The liberals say the "historical Jesus" was a first-century Jewish rabbi. The Muslims say He was just a prophet. The Jehovah's Witnesses say He was a created being. The Unitarians say He wasn't God. The scholars say He didn't exist until incarnation.

Daniel 7 blows all of them into powder.

Six hundred years before the virgin birth, Daniel saw the Son of Man — not being *born*, not being *created*, not *starting His existence* — but **receiving an eternal kingdom from the Ancient of Days.** No genealogy. No origin. No beginning. No introduction.

He is already there.

Daniel didn't say, "I saw Him form."
He said, "I saw Him *come*."

Not from earth up.
But from Heaven down.
On clouds.

That is pre-incarnate deity, not developing humanity.

You don't give someone **an everlasting dominion** unless He already possesses everlasting nature.

That is Christ before Mary, before Rome, before the cross, before the apostles. Long before John ever wrote Revelation, Daniel was already watching it play out.

SECTION 1 – "ONE LIKE THE SON OF MAN" – TITLE OF DEITY, NOT HUMANITY

Liberals say "Son of Man" only means "human." They quote half a dictionary and pretend they know Hebrew nuance. But Daniel 7 is not talking about a **mere man** — it is talking about the One **to whom is given dominion, glory, and a kingdom that shall never be destroyed.**

Find *any other* "man" in Scripture given:

- **All nations**
- **All languages**
- **An indestructible kingdom**
- **Universal worship**
- **Everlasting dominion**

No prophet gets that.
No angel gets that.
No king gets that.
No priest gets that.

Only God gets that.

And yet He is called "Son of Man" — which means He is not only divine, but incarnational. Fully God, fully man — but seen long before the manger.

The Gospels confirm it. Jesus uses the title **"Son of Man" 84 times** — His most frequent self-description. Not "Messiah," not "Son of David," not even "Son of God" — though those are true.

Why "Son of Man"? Because the title goes back to **Daniel 7**, not to Bethlehem.

When Christ said, "The Son of Man shall come in the clouds," every Jew in earshot knew exactly what He was claiming:

"I am the One Daniel saw. I am the pre-existent ruler. I am the One who rides the clouds of deity."

That's why they charged Him with blasphemy.

They didn't misunderstand Him.
Modern scholarship does.

SECTION 2 – RIDING THE CLOUDS: THE SIGNATURE OF GOD ALMIGHTY

Only God rides the clouds in the Old Testament:

- Psalm 104:3 – "He maketh the clouds His chariot."
- Isaiah 19:1 – "The LORD rideth upon a swift cloud."
- Nahum 1:3 – "The clouds are the dust of His feet."

No angel rides clouds.
No prophet rides clouds.
No man rides clouds.

But the Son of Man **comes with the clouds of Heaven** in Daniel 7.

That's why Revelation 1:7 quotes Daniel:

"Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him."

And Revelation 14:14 shows Him again —
"One like unto the Son of Man, sitting on a cloud."

The same Person.
Same clouds.
Same authority.
Same kingship.
Same identity.

Cloud rider in Daniel 7: deity.
Cloud rider in Revelation 1: deity.
Cloud rider in Revelation 14: deity.

The Old Testament and the New Testament match.
Christ is not "introduced" in Matthew.
He has always been there.

SECTION 3 – "THE ANCIENT OF DAYS" AND THE SON OF MAN ARE DISTINCT, YET ONE

Daniel sees **two Persons** — not one Person changing forms. The Ancient of Days sits on the throne, and the Son of Man approaches Him.

That means:

1. Christ is not the Father.
2. The Father is not the Son.
3. Both exist before the Incarnation.
4. Both share divine attributes.

That is biblical Trinitarian doctrine in the Old Testament. Not Nicene Creed. Not Augustine. Not Jerome. Not Athanasius. Six centuries before Christ ever walked in Galilee, Daniel saw the Throne Room of the Godhead.

You don't get that in Islam.
You don't get that in Judaism.
You don't get that in Rome.
You don't get that in Arianism.
You don't get that in Oneness Pentecostalism.
You get that only in Scripture.

Daniel 7 is the death of every anti-Trinitarian system on earth.

SECTION 4 – THE DOMINION IS NOT SPIRITUAL, NOT SYMBOLIC, NOT TEMPORARY

Daniel 7:14:

"And there was given Him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages should serve Him."

That is not the church preaching the gospel.
That is not invisible spiritual rulership.
That is not "Christ ruling in hearts."

That is literal global dominion, visible, enforced, and unending.

How do we know?

Because the four beasts in the same chapter are literal world empires:
Babylon
Medo-Persia
Greece
Rome

If the first four kingdoms are literal, the fifth Kingdom must be literal.

You don't get to say, "Babylon was real, Persia was real, Greece was real, Rome was real — but the Kingdom of Christ is symbolic."

That is not interpretation. That is cowardice.

The dominion of the Son of Man is not **spiritualized conquest.**
It is **geopolitical reign.**
The King takes back the planet.

That is premillennialism preached by Daniel before Revelation was ever written.

SECTION 5 – EVERY CULT TRIPS OVER DANIEL 7

Jehovah's Witnesses say Jesus wasn't pre-existent. Daniel saw Him before incarnation.

Muslims say God has no Son. Daniel saw the Son receiving universal worship.

Unitarians say Jesus is not God. Daniel gives Him eternal dominion.

Modernists say miracles don't happen. Daniel saw the most supernatural event in history.

Preterists say the kingdom already came in 70 AD. Daniel's kingdom hasn't even started yet.

Amillennialists say there is no earthly reign. Daniel says the dominion is over all earthly nations.

Roman Catholics say the church inherits the kingdom. Daniel says the Son of Man personally receives it.

Atheists say religion evolves. Daniel shows prophecy centuries ahead of time.

The Old Testament exposes the heresies **before they are even invented.**

SECTION 6 – DANIEL SAW WHAT JOHN SAW: SAME CHRIST, SAME KINGDOM, SAME FUTURE

Daniel 7 and Revelation 1, 5, 11, 14, and 19 match like mirror images.

Daniel sees:

- Thrones set
- Books opened
- Son of Man exalted
- Kingdom transferred to Him
- Universal worship

John sees:

- Throne in Heaven
- Books opened
- Lion-Lamb exalted
- Kingdom declared His
- Universal worship

Two prophets
Six centuries apart
One Christ

One dominion
One destiny

That is not coincidence. That is inspiration.

The Son of Man of Daniel 7 **is** the Lamb of Revelation 5
and the Warrior of Revelation 19
and the King of Revelation 20–22.

Same Person.
Same authority.
Same eternal kingdom.

SECTION 7 – CONCLUSION: THE SON OF MAN DID NOT "BEGIN" IN BETHLEHEM — HE ENTERED HISTORY

Daniel didn't see a baby.
He saw a King.
He didn't see a manger.
He saw a throne.
He didn't see a servant.
He saw a sovereign.

He didn't see the Son of Man becoming Lord.
He saw the eternal Lord already manifested as the Son of Man.

Bethlehem is not His origin.
It is His entrance.

He was the King before the cradle,
before the cross,
before the church,
before the crown.

Daniel saw Him when philosophers were guessing,
when pagans were inventing gods,
when Israel was in captivity,
when there wasn't one shred of Scriptural outline for what God was planning.

Yet Daniel knew:

He is coming.
He will rule.
He will destroy the kingdoms of men.
He will take the throne.
He will reign forever.

The Son of Man of Daniel 7 is not a religious figure.
He is not a private Savior.
He is not an ethical teacher.

He is the King of all reality.

And every knee
in Heaven
on earth
and under the earth
will bow before Him.

He does not ask for dominion.
He receives it.

He does not request worship.
He owns it.

He does not inherit the earth from men.
He takes it back from them.

There are not many kings.
There is one King.
And Daniel already saw Him coming.

19 of 20 – The Voice Walking in the Garden

(Genesis 3:8 – The Word of God in bodily form before incarnation)

INTRODUCTION – THE FIRST CHRISTOPHANY IN HISTORY HAPPENED IN EDEN, NOT IN BETHLEHEM

If you want the first appearance of Jesus Christ in the Bible, you don't start in Matthew 1. You don't even start in Isaiah 7 or Micah 5. You have to walk past Moses, past Abraham, past Enoch, all the way back to the third chapter of Genesis — to the moment sin detonates in the human race — and there you will find **a walking Voice**.

Not "a divine vibration," not "a mystical presence," not "a symbolic metaphor," but **a literal, visible, bodily Person walking in the Garden of Eden.**

Genesis 3:8:

"And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day…"

That is not a sound.
That is not an echo.
That is not a force field.
That is a *Person*.

A **Voice** that **walks**.

A **Word** that is **visible**.

A **LORD** who has **legs, feet, direction, presence, and location**.

That is the pre-incarnate Christ — **the Word of God before the Word was made flesh.**

Before John ever wrote "In the beginning was the Word,"
the Word was already walking among men.

Before Jesus was ever born,
He was already present.

Before Christ ever "came into the world,"
He was already in it.

The walking Voice in Genesis 3 is the same Person who walks the shores of Galilee.

SECTION 1 – "THE VOICE WALKING" — THEOLOGY IN FOUR WORDS

Genesis 3:8 is one of the most ignored and underestimated verses in Scripture. Not because it is hard to read, but because it is hard for false doctrine to survive.

A Voice doesn't walk — unless the Voice is a Person.
A spirit doesn't stroll — unless the Spirit is embodied.
A sound doesn't have legs — unless the Sound is the Word Himself.

Modern scholars choke on this verse because it refuses to let them turn God into an abstraction. The text doesn't say:

- "a mystical presence hovered in the garden"
- "a spiritual aura surrounded them"
- "a disembodied voice echoed from Heaven"

No — they heard **the Voice of the LORD God walking**.

Voice: identity
Walking: embodiment
LORD God: deity

There is no wiggle room left.

That is the Word of God **as a Person**.
That is Christ before the cradle.

SECTION 2 – THIS IS THE EARLIEST MANIFESTATION OF THE GODHEAD IN HUMAN FORM

You are not watching God "appear" for the first time.
You are watching God in the same form He will one day take permanently — a *walking man*.

Adam did not see an angel.
Adam did not hear thunder.
Adam did not see "light."
Adam heard **footsteps.**

That means:

1. God was already manifesting Himself in anthropomorphic form.
2. The incarnation is *not* God trying something new.
3. Jesus is not the "first time" God appears as man — He is the permanent incarnation of what God had already done temporarily.

Christ did not begin in Mary's womb.
Christ began nothing — He **is**.

He did not "become" the Word.
He **was** the Word.

And the Word was walking in Eden, long before Adam ever fell.

SECTION 3 – ADAM HID FROM A PERSON, NOT A FORCE

Man does not hide from a vibration.
Man does not hide from a metaphor.
Man does not hide from "religious presence."

Adam hid from **God in bodily form**.

You don't hide behind a tree from an invisible essence.
You hide from Someone whose eyes can look at you.

And Adam knew Him.
He didn't ask, "Who is that?"
He didn't say, "Something strange is happening."

He recognized the footsteps.
He *knew* the Voice.

That means this was not a one-time appearance —
God had walked with Adam before.

The fellowship of Eden was literal.
Man walked with God **as a Man**.

The Fall did not destroy symbolism — it destroyed personal fellowship.

SECTION 4 – THE JEHOVAH WHO WALKED IN GENESIS IS JESUS CHRIST IN JOHN

John 1:1 — "In the beginning was the Word"
John 1:14 — "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us."

The same Word that walked in Genesis
tabernacled in John.

And in 1 John 1:1, John identifies Him:

"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes… and our hands have handled, of the Word of life."

The Word was visible.
The Word was tangible.
The Word was locational.

That is Genesis 3:8 in the New Testament.

The Word walked in the Garden.
The Word walked in Galilee.
The Word will walk again in Jerusalem.

Same Person.
Same voice.
Same nature.

SECTION 5 – THE FIRST DOCTRINAL TRUTH AFTER THE FALL IS A THEOPHANY

Man sins.
Man hides.
God **comes down**.

He doesn't send a prophet.
He doesn't send an angel.
He doesn't send a message in the clouds.

He walks into the scene Himself.

That is the heart of redemption.

The God who *walked* after the sinner in Eden
is the same God who *walked* to the cross at Calvary.

He did not command salvation from a distance.
He embodied it.

Grace does not speak from the sky —
Grace has feet.

SECTION 6 – EVERY FALSE RELIGION DIES IN THIS PASSAGE

Islam: says God cannot appear in human form.
Genesis 3 says He did.

Jehovah's Witnesses: say Jesus is a created angel.
Genesis 3 shows God walking — not an angel.

Unitarians: say God is one Person only.
Genesis 3 shows a walking Person and a speaking God simultaneously.

Agnostics: say God is unknowable.
Adam knew His footsteps.

Atheists: say God is imaginary.
Adam physically hid from Him.

Deism: says God does not intervene.
God walked into a garden.

Liberal Christianity: says "Jesus is God's highest expression of love" — not God Himself.
The walking LORD in Genesis is not an expression — He *is* God.

Genesis 3 is a theological execution chamber.

Only Bible Christianity survives it.

SECTION 7 – THIS IS NOT "A THEOPHANY" — THIS IS THE CHRISTOPHANY

There are many appearances of the Angel of the LORD in the Old Testament, but Genesis 3 is different.

In other passages:

- He appears.
- He speaks.
- He stands.

Here — He **walks**.

Why? Because Eden was not a battlefield. It was fellowship ground. And fellowship requires more than a voice — it requires presence.

Man was made in the image of God
because God intended to walk among men
in the form man was made to recognize.

Christ is not God adapting to humanity.
Humanity was built to match Christ.

The incarnation is not God clothing Himself in foreign material —
it is God stepping permanently into the form He created in His own image.

The Word did not become like man —
man was made like the Word.

SECTION 8 – THE SAME FEET THAT WALKED IN EDEN WILL STAND AGAIN ON EARTH

Zechariah 14:4:

"And His feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives…"

Same feet.
Same Person.
Same physical presence.

Genesis 3 — He walks in the Garden.
Acts 1 — He ascends from the Mount.
Zechariah 14 — He returns to the Mount.

Christ walked before sin.
Christ will walk after sin is destroyed.
Christ will walk forever among His redeemed.

The Bible begins with God walking with man.
The Bible ends with God tabernacling with man.

Eden restored.
Fellowship restored.
The Walking Voice becomes the Living King.

CONCLUSION – IF YOU DON'T KNOW THE WALKING VOICE, YOU WON'T KNOW THE RETURNING KING

Every man will meet the Word.

Adam met Him as the One who called him out of hiding.
Israel met Him as the One who walked among them.

The Church meets Him as the One who indwells them.
The world will meet Him as the One who judges them.

Same Christ.
Same Word.
Same Voice.

The question is not whether you believe in God.
The question is whether you know **the God who walks.**

He walked in Eden to seek the fallen.
He walked in Israel to seek the lost.
He will walk in Jerusalem to rule the earth.

The first sound Adam ever feared
was the same Voice one day every knee will bow to.

You can meet Him now as the Voice of mercy
or later as the Word of judgment.

But you will not avoid Him.

The Voice is still walking.

20 of 20 – The Angel of the LORD in Every Age – Christ Before, In, and After Time

(Tying together Christophanies as eternal proof of the unchanging Son)

INTRODUCTION – THE CHRIST WHO NEVER BEGAN AND WILL NEVER END

If you have been tracking this entire series, then by now you already know the punchline of the Bible:
Jesus Christ did not start in Matthew, and He will not end in Revelation.
He is not a character *inside* the story.
He is the Author *outside* the story who keeps stepping into it — before time, inside time, and after time is burned up like a leftover newspaper.

The Angel of the LORD is not "an angel."
He is not a created being.

He is not a subordinate messenger.
He is not some temporary projection of deity.

He is the **VISIBLE Jehovah** — the same One who walked in Eden, ate with Abraham, wrestled Jacob, led Israel through the wilderness, redeemed the Church by blood, and will sit on David's throne in Jerusalem.

He is the only Person in the universe whose biography has no beginning and no ending — because His identity is older than creation and outlives the grave.

He is the One who says, in the first book of the Bible:

"I AM the God of Bethel."

And in the last:

"I AM Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending."

That is not a man learning deity —
that is God wearing humanity.

This final essay ties the entire series together:
The Angel of the LORD is Christ *before His incarnation,*
Christ *in His incarnation,*
and Christ *after His incarnation*.

He was here.
He is here.
He will always be here.

The story never shifts gods.
The covenants never switch saviors.
The Testaments never replace deities.

There is **one Lord**,
one Redeemer,
one King,
one visible manifestation of the Invisible God.

And every Christophany in the Old Testament was not a preview — it was **Him.**

SECTION 1 – BEFORE TIME: THE SON EXISTED BEFORE THE UNIVERSE EXISTED

Before the first atom formed,
before the first star lit,
before the first angel sang,
before the first man breathed —

The Son **already was.**

Before the world began, the Father loved the Son (John 17:24).
Before Abraham was, **I AM** (John 8:58).
All things were created *by Him and for Him* (Colossians 1:16).
In the beginning **was** the Word (John 1:1) — not "became."

The Son did not come into existence.
He came **into the world.**

The Angel of the LORD is not a heavenly employee.
He is the eternal second Person of the Godhead —
the One who existed before angels, before light, before time, before space, before matter.

When He shows up in Genesis 16 to speak to Hagar,
or Genesis 18 to dine with Abraham,
or Genesis 32 to wrestle Jacob,
or Exodus 3 to flame in the bush,
He is not "appearing."
He is simply stepping onto the stage He built.

The incarnation was not His beginning —
it was His entrance into flesh.

SECTION 2 – INSIDE TIME: THE SON WALKS THROUGH HISTORY AS THE ANGEL OF THE LORD

From Eden to Malachi, the Angel of the LORD appears again and again — always doing the things only God can do:

- He forgives sins (Exodus 23).
- He receives worship (Joshua 5).
- He swears by Himself (Genesis 22).
- He speaks as God and of God (Judges 6).

- He delivers the Law (Acts 7).
- He travels in fire, cloud, and glory (Exodus 13–14).
- He kills 185,000 Assyrians in one night (2 Kings 19).
- He redeems Jacob from all evil (Genesis 48).
- He says, "I am the God of Bethel" (Genesis 31).
- He calls Himself "Wonderful" (Judges 13), same word used of Messiah in Isaiah 9:6.

He is **not** a subordinate creature.
He uses the divine Name.
He carries the divine authority.
He possesses the divine attributes.
He executes the divine will.
He displays the divine glory.

He is deity in motion.

The Angel of the LORD is not pointing to Christ —
He **is** Christ, pre-incarnate.

The Son did not simply *represent* the Father —
He declared Him (John 1:18).

The Old Testament is not Christ hidden —
it is Christ walking.

SECTION 3 – THE INCARNATION: THE ANGEL OF THE LORD PUTS ON PERMANENT FLESH

When the Word was made flesh in John 1, the Angel of the LORD did not vanish.
He simply stopped appearing in temporary form
and entered the world in permanent form.

He did not trade deity for humanity.
He added humanity to deity.

The One who walked in Eden
walked in Galilee.

The One who spoke to Abraham
spoke to Nicodemus.

The One who wrestled Jacob
was crucified by Rome.

The One who said, “I am the God of Bethel,”
said, “I and My Father are one.”

The One who stood in the fire with Shadrach
walked up Calvary’s hill with a cross on His back.

Because the Angel of the LORD was never an angel —
He was always the LORD.

There is no doctrinal break.
No changing of gods.
No “Old Testament Jehovah” versus “New Testament Jesus.”

There is **one Person** revealing Himself across covenants, dispensations, and eternities — clothed differently, but always the same.

SECTION 4 – AFTER TIME: THE SON RETURNS AS THE SAME PERSON WHO APPEARED BEFORE TIME

When Christ returns in Revelation 19, He does not return as a “new” figure.
He returns as the same Warrior of Joshua 5,
the same Rider of Daniel 7,
the same Flame of Exodus 3,
the same Captain of Hosts who stood with a drawn sword.

Revelation 19:11–13 says:

- His eyes are as flame
- His robe is dipped in blood
- His name is the Word of God

Same Person.

You are not meeting “Jesus 2.0.”
You are meeting the One who never changed.

The Angel of the LORD who appeared to Hagar
will shatter the armies of the world.

The One who stood with Moses
will stand on the Mount of Olives.

The One who redeemed Jacob
will restore Israel.

The One who walked in Eden
will walk in the New Jerusalem.

Christ does not evolve.
He reveals.
Progressively to man —
but eternally unchanged in Himself.

SECTION 5 – THEOLOGICAL IMPLICATION: DENY THE ANGEL OF THE LORD, AND YOU LOSE CHRIST HIMSELF

This doctrine is not optional.
If you deny the Angel of the LORD is Christ, you must also deny:

- The pre-existence of the Son
- The Trinity in the Old Testament
- The visible God of Israel
- The unity of the Testaments
- The deity of Christ

That's why every Christ-denying system rejects the Angel of the LORD:

Jehovah's Witnesses — "He's a created angel."
Islam — "Allah has no Son."
Judaism — "The LORD cannot appear as a man."
Liberal Christianity — "These are literary devices."
Roman Catholicism — "The Church is the continuation of God's presence."
Atheism — "Mythology."
Seminary modernism — "Anthropomorphism."

But Bible-believers know better.

There is only one Person in Scripture who:

- Forgives sins
- Receives worship
- Identifies as Jehovah
- Speaks in first-person deity
- Judges and redeems
- Appears and disappears at will
- Claims eternal existence
- Rules all nations
- Walks, eats, speaks, and stands among men

And that Person is Jesus Christ —
before Bethlehem,
during His earthly life,
and after the final trumpet.

FINAL CONCLUSION – CHRIST IS THE CENTER OF EVERYTHING BECAUSE HE IS THE GOD OF EVERYTHING

He is the first Voice in the Garden
and the last Voice in eternity.

He is the Angel of the LORD in Genesis
and the Lamb on the throne in Revelation.

He is the I AM of the Bush
and the I AM of John 8.

He is the Captain of the Host in Joshua
and the King of Kings in Revelation 19.

He is the Rock that followed Israel
and the Rock rejected by men.

He is the Walking God of Eden
and the Returning God of Armageddon.

He is before history, in history, and after history.

That is why He is not “a way.”
He is **the Way.**

Not “a truth.”
The Truth.

Not “a life.”
The Life.

There is no other Angel of the LORD.
No other Word of God.
No other visible God.
No other Savior.
No other Son.
No other King.

He is the same yesterday — in Old Testament Christophanies.
He is the same today — in His ascended glory.
He is the same forever — in the Eternal Kingdom.

The Bible never shifts hands.
The throne never changes owners.
The universe never has two Lords.

The Angel of the LORD
is the Son of God
is the Word made flesh
is the King of Glory
is the Alpha and Omega.

He was.
He is.
He is to come.

That is the Christ of Scripture.
That is the God of ages.
That is the One every knee will bow to.

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Conclusion to the Series

Christ in the Old Testament – The Same Lord in Every Age

We have now walked through the Old Testament with our eyes open — and once a man has seen Christ there, he can never unsee Him again. The Bible did not grow larger during this study. It simply grew clearer. The shadows stood up. The types breathed. The pillars of history turned and revealed a face — and it was His.

We are not leaving a collection of scattered appearances. We are leaving a trail of **footprints** — the same Person, the same voice, the same authority, the same eternal identity — stepping in and out of human history long before the world ever called Him "Jesus."

He walked in Eden as the Voice.
He walked with Abraham as a Man.
He wrestled Jacob as God in flesh.
He went before Israel as Fire and Cloud.
He spoke from the bush as I AM.
He stood with Joshua as Captain of the Hosts.
He sat on the sapphire throne in Ezekiel's vision.
He walked in the furnace in Babylon.
He rode the clouds in Daniel's prophecy.
And in the Gospels — He simply **continued walking.**

The New Testament is not a new God.
It is the Old Testament God **arriving in permanent form.**

There is no "Jehovah of the Old Testament" and "Jesus of the New."
There is one Lord, one visible God, one eternal Son —
revealed in shadow before the Incarnation,
revealed in flesh during His first coming,
revealed in glory at His return.

He did not evolve from angel to man to deity.
He was always the Lord.
He did not borrow flesh because He lacked being.
He entered flesh because He owned it.
He did not visit earth as a guest.
He walked it as the rightful King.

The Old Testament does not *point* to Christ.
The Old Testament **is Christ acting, speaking, judging, saving, appearing, and ruling.**

Every covenant — His.
Every altar — His.
Every victory — His.
Every theophany — His.
Every redemption — His.
Every throne — His.
Every kingdom — His.
Every prophecy — His.
Every shadow — His.
Every flame, every sword, every cloud, every voice — His.

The Bible is not about Israel alone, or sacrifice alone, or law alone, or prophecy alone.
It is about **the Son who stands at the center of creation before time and after time — the One who never changes because He never had to.**

He is the Angel of the LORD in Genesis.
He is the Lamb of God in the Gospels.
He is the Lion of Judah in Revelation.
Same Christ.
Same deity.
Same glory.

Time did not shape Him.
He shaped time.

He is older than Adam, yet born of Mary.
He is greater than Abraham, yet descended from him.
He is David's Son, yet David's Lord.
He is Jacob's Ladder, yet Jacob's Wrestler.
He is the Rock that followed Israel, yet the Stone rejected by builders.
He is Alpha in the Old Testament, Omega in the New, and both forever.

So the question left to every reader is not "Do you believe in God?"
The question is:
Do you know the God who walked?

The God who walked in Eden will walk again in Jerusalem.
The God who spoke at the bush will speak from the throne.
The God who stood with the three Hebrews will stand on the Mount of Olives.

The God who redeemed Jacob will redeem all Israel.
The God who appeared in fire will return in flaming vengeance.
The God who came in humility will return in glory.

And every Christophany — every appearance — was God's way of saying:

"I was here before you.
I am here now.
I will be here when the world is gone."

The Old Testament ends the same way it began:

Not with man searching for God —
but with God **stepping toward man.**

That is the Christ of Scripture.
That is the God who never needed to begin and will never be replaced.

Same Person.
Same power.
Same presence.
Same Jesus — from everlasting to everlasting.