

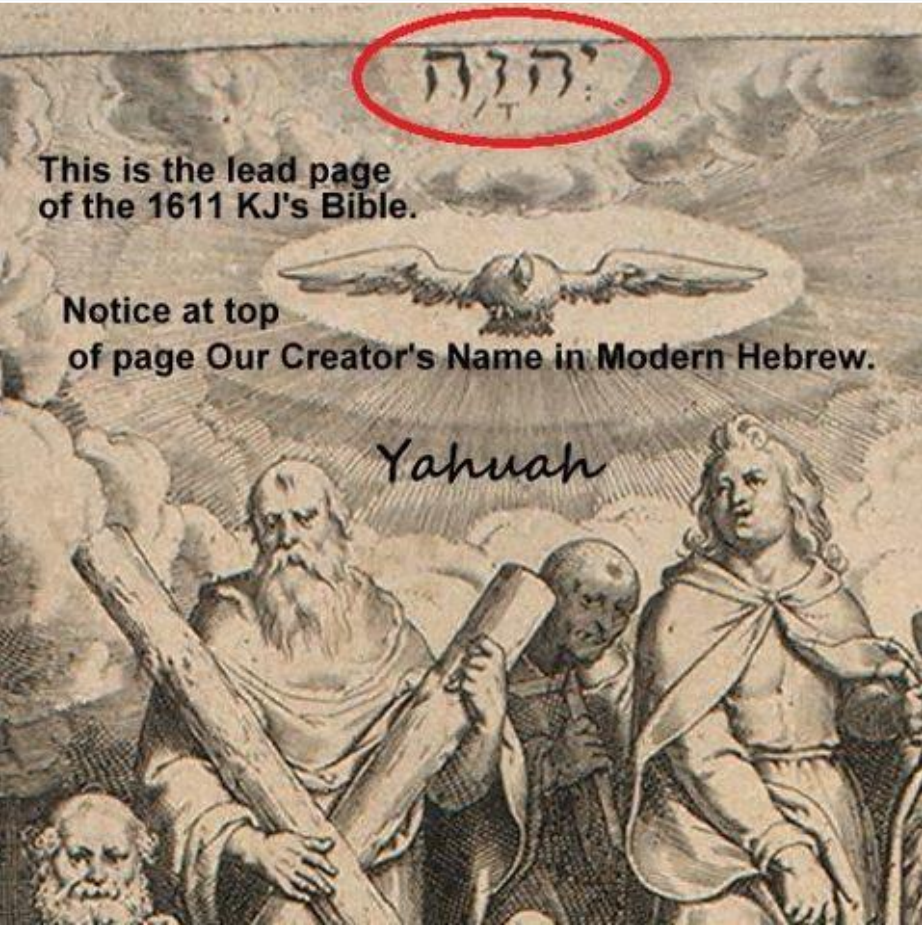
Name Him To Claim Him -Part 10

De-Greecing
The Names
And Learning
To Use The
Hebrew
Mindset



Proverbs 30:4

Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?



This is the lead page of the 1611 KJ's Bible.

Notice at top of page Our Creator's Name in Modern Hebrew.

Yahuah

Our personal study on why we have come to trust the importance of calling on The Creator's Name and His Son's Name using as close to the original pronunciation as possible.

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De-Greecing The Name and Hebrew Thought

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NOTE BY THE EDITOR.

THE Bible in its original form is an Oriental book. Oriental men wrote it, and employed the familiar objects around them as signs and symbols by which to make known God's purpose of mercy to men. Hence the natural features and customs of Oriental lands are so worked into the texture of the Bible that every expression in the Book has its reflection somewhere in the East. And so the deepest spiritual thoughts of the Bible are moulded by Oriental expressions, and the most fervent aspirations of patriarchs, prophets, and apostles towards God only find a tongue in thoughts which had their natural birth in Oriental lands. Even Almighty God spake only to Oriental men, and His words were in the familiar forms of their mother tongue; and our blessed Lord, Himself an Oriental, pointed out the common things that lay along His path as pictures and parables of God's ways with men.

On the other hand, our English Bible is a Western book, and to some extent draws a Western veil over the face of the Oriental book. A translation bears much the same relation to the original that the wrong side of velvet bears to the right side. The English version embodies the substance of the Hebrew and Greek originals, but the burning words often lose their fire in translation, and the artistic finish, as well as life and color, are sometimes quenched in our cold and formal expressions.

It has therefore been the aim of the publishers of this "Illustrated Teachers' Bible" to get behind the veil of Western words and ideas, and to enable the reader to study the Book amid the surroundings and in the very atmosphere in which it was composed; and it is hoped that the Book, with its wealth of illustrations, will speak through both eye and mind to the heart.

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W. H. J., Bible Treasury, 2nd Edition, Volume 1, August 1856.

(4) The Septuagint Version of the Old Testament

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“There is another trace of the Septuagint, which is more serious. The Jews, from time immemorial, never pronounce the word Jehovah, or write it in any but the Hebrew characters. Now the translators of the Septuagint were Jews, imbued with the common prejudice of their nation. In consequence the word Jehovah does not once appear in the Septuagint; it is invariably rendered by Kurios, or Lord, which was a common title of respect between man and man. This peculiarity passed into the Vulgate, where Dominos is the equivalent term for Jehovah; and, for some unexplained reason—probably on account of the influence exercised by learned Jews over the reformers— it has been almost always retained in our common English Bibles. From this circumstance, a great deal of the meaning of the Bible is sometimes neglected; and the proper name of the invisible God does not appear where it ought to be. In our *printed* Bibles, it will be seen that when *Lord* stands for Jehovah, it consists of the four capital letters, thus; -LORD.

The writers of the Septuagint were all Jews, and therefore never wrote the word Jehovah with Greek letters. The word Jehovah never once occurs in the entire New Testament. There is no kind of doubt that they used the title Kurios, or the LORD, just as the Septuagint translators had done— as a well-understood equivalent for Jehovah. And when this title of LORD became, in an emphatic manner, fixed upon the Redeemer, he was thereby proclaimed to be Jehovah.

Now obviously when this was written, all the archeology we just looked at with Yahuah's name and the Dead Sea Scrolls had not been found. But we think the highlighted parts are important.

Here is a quote from Andrew Gabriel Roth, again we do not condone the use of Elohim but will leave it in as it is a quote.

[Andrew G Roth \(Aramaic Scholar\) from Ruach Qadim Page 20](#)

["I despaired as my clear understanding of who the Messiah described in Torah was conflicted with a group of seemingly pagan writings about Him. I also could not understand how Elohim could reveal half of His word in the holy tongue of](#)

Hebrew and the other half in the language of Greek paganism and the Romans, who burned Jerusalem to the ground. Nor was I the only Messianic Jew to be beset with these issues."

Quoting from a letter from Dean Dana , in Andrew's book, "Now imagine this, the last voice from Tanakh times (Malachi) encourages the readers to basically remember who Elohim is (YHWH) and what He did (reveal himself through Moses). But according to Greek Primacists and Greek New Testament, the majority position of Christianity the world over, this same Elohim, in Malachi enters the scene in the so-called original, divinely inspired Greek Gospels, calling himself Teos, Kurios, Iezeus, Xristos, Pnuma Theon and Pnumotos Hagion."

Dean makes a great point! These are all Greek pagan names. He also points out that this is not the case in the Aramaic Peshitta. They use Eloha, Yahusha, Mar-Yah, Rukha d'Eloha, Meshikha and Rukhia d'qudsha.

Another quote from Dan- Page 21.

"Did theos speak the universe into existence? Did kurios speak to Moses at the burning bush? Did pnuma theon hover over the waters in Genesis 1:2? I don't think so, and if Elohim went by these names during all the years of the Tanakh times, we would have known it. Remember, the NT covers a short time-span, it is inconceivable that there would be such a sudden shift in Deity identity during the few years of NT times against the backdrop of thousands of years during Tanakh times."

There is a world of difference between Greek thought and Hebrew thought. This can change the meaning of some very important scriptures. We will get to that later. Hebrew is an action language where Greek is all about philosophy-or thoughts.

Hebrew vs Greek Education

What we now consider “The Church” is almost nothing like the Early New Testament Church. Think of an archeologist digging through layers to find out what life was like in ancient times.

To understand the Early Church we must dig through layers of a mountain of man’s influences shoveling off and discarding man’s traditions, theories, interpretations, and philosophies from Greek and Roman civilizations, Aristotle, Constantine, Marcion, etc., to be able to examine the Early Church.

During the Reformation, men such as Wycliffe and Calvin were digging in the right spot. They dug up and discarded many theological errors and found a view of God’s plan of salvation by grace, but anti-Semitic layers remain and now there are new layers of tradition, interpretations, western thought (a return to the Greek and Roman philosophy) and conditioning that need removal. Only then can we have a clear view of the Early Church.

Historians concur that the Greeks were destroyed by moral decay. Pursuing knowledge without God is a recipe for disaster. We simply cannot survive without clear moral direction. Here is a look at Greek vs Hebrew mindset.

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Look at the differences in education goals:

	Ancient Greek Education	Ancient Hebrew Education
Goal	Prepare individuals to serve the state.	Prepare individuals to serve God.
How Accomplished	1) Memorize the laws of Lycurgus, the Spartan lawgiver.2) Memorize selections from Homer.3) Develop physical excellence through games, exercises, and the pentathlon (running, jumping, throwing the discus, casting the javelin, and wrestling)	1) Transmit knowledge and skills from generation to generation. 2) Increase knowledge and skills. 3) Concretize cultural values into accepted behavior
	Teach students to trust the state.	Teach children to trust God in everything.
	Prepare for the state.	Prepare for eternity.
	Examine the world by classifying whole things into parts by removing them from the Creator. Redefine knowledge: Final reality is impersonal matter or energy, shaped into its present form by impersonal chance.	Look at God's world as a whole—interconnecting—revealing God in every area. The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmaments sheweth his handywork (Psalm 19:1).
	Immerse students in literature written by ancient Greek philosophers.	Teach children to love learning so they will become self-motivated, lifelong learners.
	Focus on self-esteem, emotional adjustment, and external training of the body. Develop endurance, resourcefulness, and physical prowess.	Discover a child's God-given gifts and talents, and develop them to their fullest potential. Focus on spiritual training.

Result	Self-centered: "My will be done." Violence, corruption, pornography, racial tension, promiscuity, abortion, infanticide, etc.	God-centered: "Thy will be done." Authority with responsibility. Literacy, strong family ties, love of learning, security, independent thinking, high morals and values.
Curriculum Subjects	Humanism Evolution Social Studies	Bible Creation Science "His Story" (true history) Character Self-government (internal obedience to God)
Curriculum Content	Trivium, the three stages: 1. Grammar 2. Logic (Dialectic) 3. Rhetoric	The three main orders of study in ancient Israel consisted of: 1. Religious education 2. Occupational skills 3. Military training with the basis of all knowledge being the fear of the Lord (Psalm 111:10; Proverbs 1:7).
Curriculum Text	Books by Homer, Aristotle, Virgil, Pliny, Cicero.	God's Word. Orthodox schools did not study subjects derived from Classical tradition.
Heroes	Homer, Plato, Socrates, Aristotle, Epicurus, Zeno	Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joshua and David (Old Testament)

Philosophy	Lawlessness: To each his own. Look out for Number One. There are no absolutes.	Lawfulness: Love one another. The last shall be first. Deny thyself. Obey God's Commandments.
	<i>That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the Lord (Isaiah 30:9).</i>	<i>Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well (1 Peter 2:13-14).</i>

Greek philosophy between Aristotle and Augustine is the foundation of Western thought (Aristotle tried to merge the Bible and Plato = Hellenistic Philosophy). This is the reason for so much Greek philosophy in the church. Explore the differences between Eastern and Western thinking and how it affects each culture with this Interactive data file at FollowtheRabbi.com – Jesus, our Rabbi and Savior.

Greek/Hebrew mindset	
Form	Function
What I do	How I do it
Secular/Religious	Unified
Heavenly/Earthly	Dual
Knowledge	Experience
What I know	Who I know
Grace	Works
Creed	Deed
Analyse	Live - Be & Do

There is an interesting teaching by David Pawson called "De-Greecing the Church" of which we have borrowed in naming this part of our study. We have transcribed some of his message below and added some of our own thoughts. He really puts into perspective better than we could, what damage the Greek thinking has done to the Christian church. This is why Christianity does not resemble the teachings of The Tanakh and we must shed this baggage.

How have we been affected by Greek thinking? It's in our architecture—Greek columns- our Government, our entertainment and sport. As David Pawson points out, the Greeks had everything we have today on TV except the TV. Our culture is more Greco- Roman than Judeo-Christian. In architecture, for instance, stone buildings made usually reflect Greek architecture.

Churches



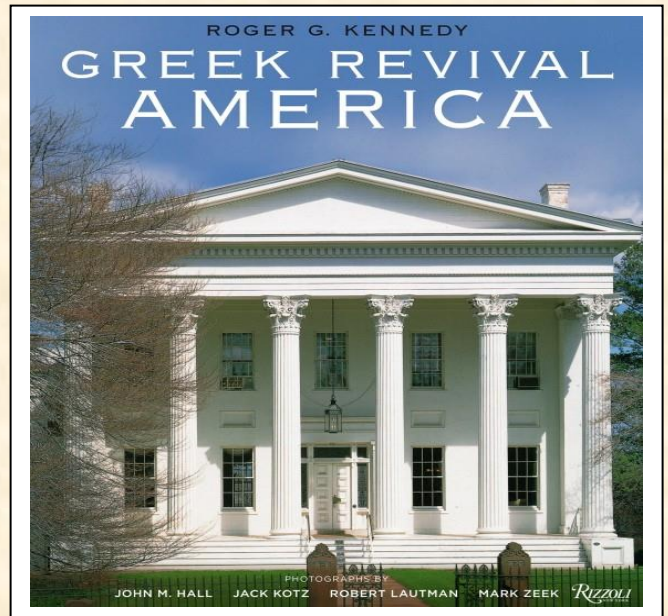
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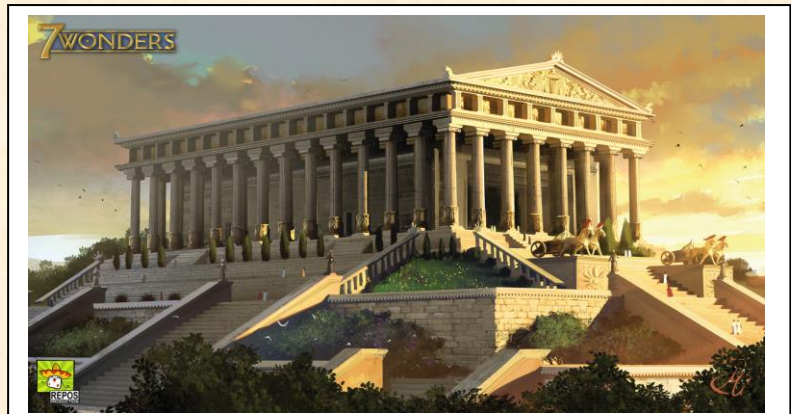
Entertainment Centers



Expensive homes have the columns and porticos that are Greek.



In Washington DC- Congress, the Memorials are all Greek Temples-complete with graven images!



Temple of Zeus



Speaking of politics, the Scriptures are not based on a Democracy or a Republic! It's a Monarchy! We get the trouble we ask for. We here in America have always touted a government ordained by "The Almighty". But never once is אֱלֹהִים asked to pick our candidates. This is a Greek concept and not Scriptural. In fact, in the 2012 election, אֱלֹהִים was actually booed or dare I say, denied three times at the Democratic Convention (A reenactment of Kepha or Peter?). He actually had to be voted on to be put back into the Democratic Platform. Does America feel she can spit in אֱלֹהִים's face and not feel His wrath? May He have mercy on His people here in America! אֱלֹהִים ordained a Monarchy! And during that time there was no separation of Church and State. In Hebrew thought during that time, the Government was run and ruled by the principals of The Torah. I hasten to add we will go back under a Monarchy under Yahusha! Praise אֱלֹהִים! Starting out with a Monarchy chosen for and run according to Torah and ending with the same principles, proves that any other type of government is not Yahuah's choice but Mans. If we don't let אֱלֹהִים choose our king, shatan surely will.

The Greeks also gave us the concept of De-evolution, the concept of pressing down. Another aspect is the love of sport, the cultivation of the body, and the display of the human body. Most of the sports were played in the nude as were the Olympics from Greece. The Olympics to this day with all its pagan and occult splendor like the 2012 Olympics in Great Britain is nothing short of an abomination. The iconic Olympics are also from Turkey.



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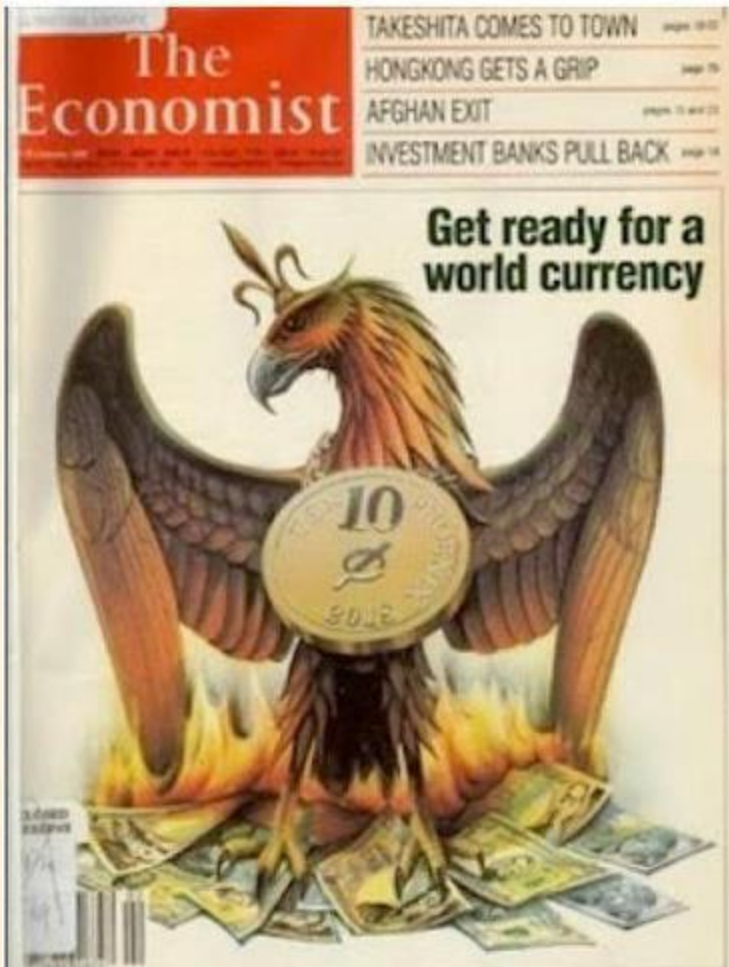
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The nudes in sculpture were a horror to the Hebrews. By the way the famous statue of David they made is totally incorrect. He would have been circumcised!



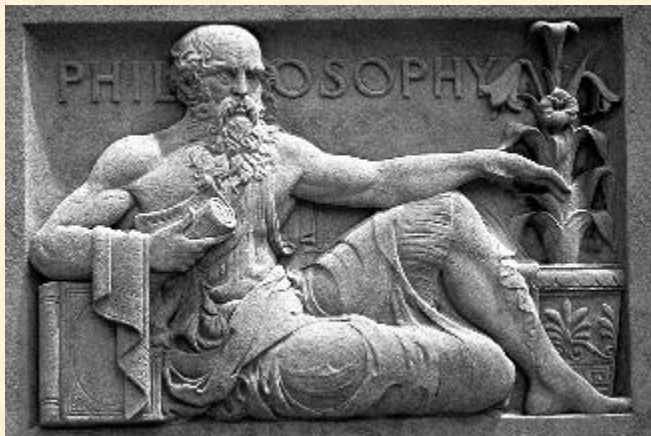
Another aspect is entertainment, plays, musicals, books, theater, debates, discussions, and libraries. They lived for pleasure, leisure and entertainment! Just like our culture today. We hire people to do the manual jobs we do not want to do. 2/3rds of the Greeks were slaves so the rest could pursue their leisure. Hard labor was for slaves and immigrants. People who work with their heads are on a higher social scale than those who worked with their hands.

Just the opposite was true of Hebrew culture and Scripture thinking. They worked six days a week and worshiped on the seventh to Yahuah. Remember the Hebrew Tanakh was completed before the Greeks came on the scene full blown. They did not live for sport or entertainment. Theirs was a culture of work. It was honored as a good thing to be able to be useful and not lazy. As Mr. Pawson says, Yahusha was a woodworker for 18 years and a wonderworker for 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ or a ratio of 6-1. Incidentally just like His Father! Creation in 6 days and rested on the 7th.

Geographically they are only a couple of hundred miles away from each other across the sea. The cannon or books of the Tanakh were decided by 100 BC.

After Malachi מלאכי appears to be silent for 400 years. It was the 2nd time He was silent, the first time was during the exile to Egypt. This 2nd time was when the apocrypha were written, but no prophet spoke from מלאכי. Is it a coincidence that within decades of מלאכי's silence, Greek philosophy bloomed and took over?

Shatan was let loose.



Socrates was almost immediately after Malachi.

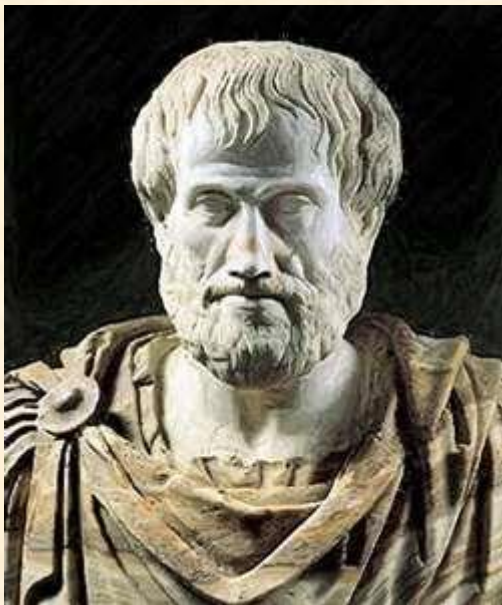
Socrates never wrote but taught his students with a series of questions and answers. They were very concerned with morals and ethics. How can you make a bad person good? He was accused of corrupting the youth, being an atheist and was condemned to death by suicide by drinking hemlock. As he drank it, he discoursed to his students about the joys of dying and the relief it would bring.



and then
Plato..

Socrates' pupil did write quite a lot. Poetry and Prose and opened an academy in Athens which students from all over the known world came.

Next was Aristotle. He wrote 400 books. He was the tutor of Alexander the great.



Socrates and the lot brought in the concept of Ideals. The teaching of these 3 men spread through Western Europe and has had a profound effect on society as

a whole. Some of it, we are not even conscious of. We have been taught some of their ideas in our public schools without even being aware of the origins.

Greek thought or philosophy- the way they thought about things are very different from what the Scriptures teach.

Scriptures say "as a man thinks in his heart, so is he". The way we think, shapes us as individuals and our behavior and ultimately society as a whole.

There is one aspect that has corrupted the Christian faith away from the Hebrew thought more than any other. It is the different between ideas and Ideals. Ideals are values. These ideals are given values on a scale as a kind of ladder. On the top is the most highly valued while on the bottom is the least. What is most important to us is on top. What we could not bear to lose in our present lifestyle or what we could care less about. On the top of the Greek scale is spiritual. The last is physical. Mental and intellectual was very close to the top. So we see a wide philosophical difference of value between the spiritual/mental/intellectual and the physical.

This scale system creates Dualism, which creates a sharp division in our lives. It puts our lives into compartments. Greeks split it into Spiritual, Physical, Body and Soul.

Body and soul being separate is a Greek idea. In Hebrew they are one in the same. Remember that the animals too have the soul that אֱלֹהִים breathed into them. Another Greek split is life divided by secular and sacred. In Hebrew all should be Set Apart or it is simply sin. Torah is righteous, Torah-less is breaking the covenant. The Torah is the standard by which you know what is right and wrong. Greeks break up the Universe by natural and supernatural. Hebrew is Creator and Created. Think of how you think of satan- is he supernatural? If you say yes, that is a Greek thought. Supernatural puts him on line in some regard to אֱלֹהִים. The answer is simply- No, he is a creation of אֱלֹהִים. There is nothing super about him except the depths of his sin. He could be described as a Super Sinner- but that should not be a natural state for any of אֱלֹהִים's creatures.

Greeks have Religion divided as heaven and temporal.

Death becomes a friend instead of the enemy that is portrayed in Scripture which is the punishment for sin.

Greeks thought of death like this. Life is water in a glass or body. When the death occurs it is like water being poured back into the ocean of reality- a release- and glass is smashed on the rocks.

But the trouble with that thinking is that the life or water is now in the ocean and loses its identity- it is absorbed, you can't reclaim it as it was. There is one, Praise Yahuah that did provide a way for us to overcome death! It was Yahusha, and so too can we be specifically redeemed not as a whole ocean or people or tribe, but individually based on our relationship with him and Yahuah. In scripture death is the last enemy we fight and the one fight we lose without being adopted into Yahuah's family by the way of His Covenant.

Dualism also separates Good and אַחַד. It's very hard not to have your esthetic or cultural value start to dictate your moral value. Whatever is on top of your list is good and moral and what is on the bottom is bad. So with the Greeks, spiritual was good while physical was bad and this led to them not wanting to do anything physical. Mental pursuits were better than Physical. The body was evil and the soul good. Their main task was to get rid of the body so death becomes good. They could be set free from the physical. This really corrupted their thinking when it came to אַחַד! Because He is spiritual thus good, they had to put Him as distant and far away from the creation and the evil physical as possible. They in essence separated the Creator from His creation. They could not conceive or believe that the Creator would entangle himself in this physical world. That thinking brought a problem. Then who created the earth and all in it, if it was indeed way too below Him? They came up with two answers.

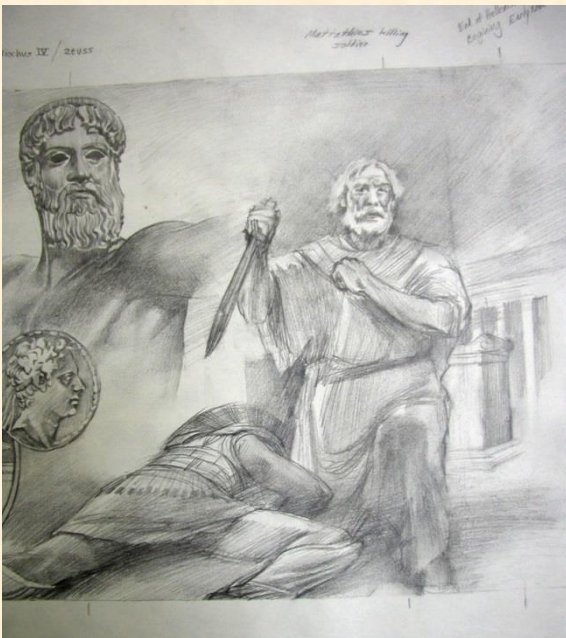
#1. There was a demi-god, a sort of half god that would be the go between, one who actually did the creating and sustained the creation so that the supreme being would not have to get his hands dirty. The demi-god was His agent so to speak.

#2. Aristotle came up with the second idea that the universe was never created at all. That matter is eternal, it manages itself. He was the first one to teach the theory of Evolution.

Charles Darwin's grandfather, an atheist and Aristotle enthusiast, taught this to his grandson and he made famous the theories of his grandfather and Aristotle. This is also the foundation of secular humanism. That religion is a private matter not to be mixed with the secular or business worlds as well as separation of Church and State. Act like the devil for 6 days and still be saved on Sunday. Which is ignoring the 4th instruction as well as all the other ones, but I guess that is nit picking. Remember in the Hebrew culture the Kings were suppose to be Torah observant- that was what the rule of law was supposed to be based on, no separation of how you acted in your business or in the Temple.

So what happened when the Greeks met the Hebrews? It was BC and it happened in two cities Jerusalem and Alexandria Egypt and in two very different ways.

The first encounter was in Jerusalem and very much in the physical which is at the bottom of the scale of the Greek ladder.





The first encounter was by the invader from Syria, Antiochus IV Epiphanes. He embraced the Greek culture and he imposed it mercilessly on the Hebrews. They built sports stadiums and performed the sport in the nude. This was outrageous to the Hebrews. They built a statue to Zeus and put it in the temple and slaughtered pigs on it. They introduced temple prostitutes.

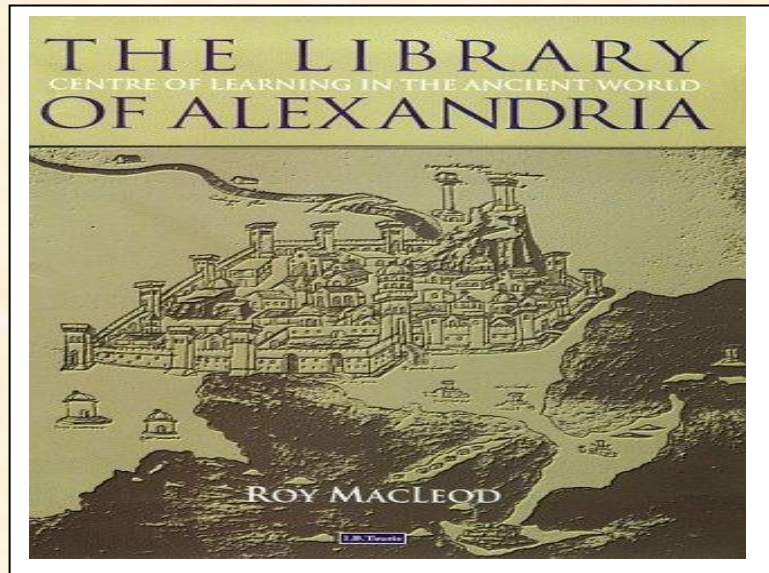


It was a 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ year rape of the Hebrew culture. Daniel prophesied about it and called it "the abomination of desolation". Yahusha prophesied of a period of 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ years of great tribulation. Daniel's abomination of desolation prophecy of this invasion was a foreshadowing picture of things to come, which will repeat itself in our future. There is truly nothing new under the sun. During this time of the invasion there were two groups of Hebrews that reacted very differently.

The first group a puritan group decided to be very set apart and in fact lived separately- they called themselves the Pharisees and would be considered pacifists, but by Yahusha's time they were also very corrupted.

The second group was a father of seven sons named the Maccabees. They fought a terrorist campaign and won the city back in 63BC. This was the beginning of the Hasmodian dynasty. They too were ultimately corrupted and lost control of the city again.

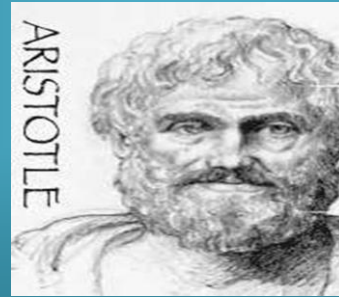
The 2nd meeting of these two cultures was much more subtle and was centered in Alexandria where there was a great university. This was the very top of the Greek ladder and one that has affected us all so greatly and tragically.



The Hebrews in diaspora went there to learn and they were welcomed.



Alexander the great (whom after the city was named) wanted the Hebrew Scriptures in his language and thus commissioned Hebrew Rabbis attending the university to create a Greek Tanakh for him. Remember he had been Aristotle's young pupil.



A melting pot of Hebrew and Greek thinking mixed at the same university. 70 Hebrew scholars translated the 5 books of Moshe into Greek and it is called the Septuagint or LXX. At the same time, unfortunately they had been introduced to a new method of Scripture study by the Greeks. It is called the allegorical method of Scripture study. It means there are hidden meanings to every part of Scripture. There is a plain meaning but then behind it there is a deeper spiritual meaning and it must be so if they are to have real value. Sounds like the starting of the marriage of Greek thinking and Kabbalah, the perfect union of elitist mystery religious theology. So they started to look behind the scriptures for a hidden code. This is continuing on today and in fact there have been many books written on it. As I have mentioned before I believe Francis Bacon added another layer himself into the KJV. On this level they taught that the bible was full of secret messages, full of spiritual things. Even if it's a simple plain message there had to be a deeper secret message. There are indeed parts of scripture that are allegorical. They are symbolic. But scriptures can be taken for face value. It's pretty obvious to tell the difference between the two. One good way is when a verb is written in the Qal stem. It means this is literal! A majority of verbs are written in the Qal stem. When you make all scripture allegorical then there is no control of the meaning. One person can interpret one way and someone else can see something completely different. Who is to say who is right?

It leads to eisegesis- or reading into scripture what you want to find or make it say what you want it to say. It literally means "to lead out of". I would simply call it twisting scripture. Exegesis- is taking out of scripture what is already there, at face value.

A man named Philo- a famous Hebrew scholar started to make some very Greek minded connections with the Tanakh and taught it to other Hebrew scholars.



A very Greek depiction and fitting.



Here a more traditional Hebrew

He grasped the idea that the demi-god (as a go between the Almighty and His creation), created the world - a half way god who he named "The Logos". That Greek word means among other things "the Word". That "The Word" made the world or the thought created the world - not sure if he thought of it as a person or personification. This should give everyone pause. Is the idea that Yahusha is the Torah or The Word really taught in the Tanakh? Or is it held over baggage from Christianity and Greek corruption? Christianity has gone so far as to say "Jesus" created the world and that he is god. This can get tricky. Yahuah created the world by speaking it into existence. But I don't see Scripture in the Tanakh saying that Yahusha is the Creator. It very plainly says יהוה created everything. The Greek to English NT, says Yahusha as The Logos is the word and through the word everything was created and he was the creator. We must ask ourselves some questions.

Is the Greek translated properly? When we speak, are the words coming from themselves or us? Of course it's us forming the words and breathing them out loud. Words can create emotion and action but they are directed by the speaker- in this case Yahuah. This is fully in line with what Yahusha always says about His relationship to AB. He is fulfilling what Yahuah wanted and he is speaking the words that Yahuah gave Him. We must be on guard for this very clever sleight of hand that makes Yahusha god and creator. Yahusha never said He created the world. It was said in Psalms that he was there when everything was created. Big difference! But it's a very good study to get deeper into, we need to be doubly sure that what we kept from our Christian roots is valid with the Hebrew Torah. This may well be, but we need to really search it out.

[from Rav Shaul's book The Yahushaic Covenant pages 171-187](#)

"We say the Hebrew texts and the Gospels and all the Hebrew names are "Hellenized" not realizing what that means. That word does not just mean the Hebrew texts were translated into Greek and Latin. What Hellenized literally means is that the polytheistic religion of the Greeks was merged into the texts and assimilated into the one world religion called Christianity. Hellenism is Greek paganism. Everyone should fully understand what happened during this time in history. The truth of Yahuah was merged with pagan Hellenism through syncretism. We see below that nothing changed with Hellenism and that the same gods continued to be worshipped until 300 CE. This is when Constantine brought everything under one pagan religion called Christianity.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hellenization>

"The twentieth century witnessed a lively debate over the extent of Hellenization in the [Levant](#), particularly among the ancient [Jews](#), which has continued until today. The Judaism of the diaspora was thought to have succumbed thoroughly to its influences. **Bultmann thus argued that Christianity arose almost completely within those Hellenistic confines and should be read against that background as opposed to a more traditional Jewish background.**"

Page 172 ... "Logos" was one of those philosophical ideas of Hellenism that was incorporated into the texts and the texts were altered by the Greek and Hellenized Jews who translated it.

The pagan Babylonian Trinity through syncretism did not come about until 4 centuries after Yahusha lived and died. The false doctrine that Yahusha is the Greek understanding of the word "Logos" and not the fulfillment of Yahuah's plan evolved through the tradition and reasoning under the influence of pagan Greek philosophers such as Plato..

The Abingdon Dictionary of Living Religions, page 727

TRINITY: (ch). The Dogma, formulated authoritatively in fourth century church councils, that Christians worship one God in three persons (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) as one substance. Under pressure to explain to a hostile Roman world how Christians counted themselves monotheists, Christian apologists (notably Justin martyr, d 165) **combined Johannine and Stoic- Platonic understanding of the term "logos" ("Reason", or "Word")** in order to maintain that the son was both God's own self-expression and a being distinct from him.

Encyclopedia Britannica, Vol 7 page 449.

LOGOS (Greek: " word , "reason, or plan"). Plural logoi, in **Greek philosophy and theology,** the divine reason implicit in the cosmos, ordering it and giving it form and meaning. **Though the concept defined by the term logos is found in Greek, Indian, Egyptian, and Persian philosophical and theological systems,** it became particularly significant in Christian writings and doctrines to describe or define the role of JC as the principle of G active in the creation and the continuation structuring of the cosmos and revealing the plan of salvation to man. **The identification of JC with the logos was further developed in the early church but more on the basis of Greek philosophical ideas than the Old Testament motifs.**

Greek philosophical ideas were developed in Alexandria, Egypt from the pagan Babylonian mystery religions. It was through syncretism that we have the word "logos" or "word" written in our English Scriptures instead of "the plan of Yahuah".

The Religions of Ancient Greece and Babylonia, by A.H. Sayce Pages 229-230

...the indebtedness of Christian theological theory to ancient Egyptian dogma is nowhere more striking than in the doctrine of the Trinity. The very terms used of it by Christian theologians meet us again in the inscriptions and papyri of Egypt. Originally the trinity was a triad like those we find in Babylonian mythology. The triad consisted of a divine father, wife and son. The father became the son and the son the father through all time, and both alike the mother was but another form.

The New International Dictionary of the New Testament Theology, Vol 3 page 1085

“Among the systems offering an explanation of the world in terms of the logos, there are the Mystery Religions. These cultic communities did not see their task as lying in the communications of knowledge of a scientific nature, but of mysteries to their initiates who strove for purification in the recurrent enactment of sacred actions. The foundation for these cultic actions was the Sacred Text. Among them were the cults of Dionysus, the Pythagoreans, and the Orphic Mysteries. By means of these cults, non-Greek thought, such as in the Isis-Osiris Mysteries, which Osiris **the logos** created by Isis is the spiritual image of the world. Similarly in the cult of Hermes, Hermes informed his son Tat in the Sacred Text belonging to the cult, how by G’s mercy, **he became logos,** and thus the son of G. **As such, he (Hermes) brought regulation and form into the world,** but he himself remained a mediating being between G and matter, on one side and G and man on the other. **The Logos can also, however, appear as the son of Hermes, resulting in a triple (trinity) gradation: God (who is Zeus) Son (Hermes), and Logos.”**

John was a Hebrew who had nothing to do with pagan Greek philosophy and the Gospel of John was not written from the pagan mindset associated with the Greek word Logos.

The Wycliffe Bible Encyclopedia, vol 2 Pages 1046-1047

“Studies in the Dead Sea Scrolls have tended to confirm the traditional conservative position that the cultural orientation of the Gospel of John was Hebraic. Moreover, we must observe that John was a simple fisherman from Palestine.... **there is no evidence that he imbibed any Greek pagan philosophical orientating in John Chapter 1. If he intended to be philosophical in the first few verses, he certainly was not anywhere else. We may argue that John used the word logos in its ordinary meaning.**

We would contend he never wrote the word logos at all!

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“**The Encyclopedia Judaica** admits that the style of most of the writings in the NT is, in fact, Hebraic. The Greek versions we have today of the NT **are later Hellenized versions translated form earlier Hebrew original versions that were most likely, burned after the council of Nicaea.**

The First Council of Nicaea and the “missing records”

Up until the First Council of Nicaea, the Roman aristocracy primarily worshipped two Greek gods, Apollo and Zeus, but the great bulk of common people idolized either Julius Caesar or

Mithras (The Romanized version of the Persian deity Mithra). Caesar was deified by the Roman Senate after his death (15 March 44 bc) and subsequently venerated as “the Divine Julius”. The word “Savior” was affixed to his name, its literal meaning being “one who sows the seed”, i.e., he was a phallic god. Julius Caesar was hailed as “God made manifest and universal Savior of human life”, and his successor Augustus was called the “ancestral God and Savior of the whole human race” (Man and his Gods, Homer Smith, Little, Brown & Co., Boston, 1952). Emperor Nero (54-68), whose original name was Lucius Domitius Ahenobarbus (37-68), was immortalized on his coins as the “Savior of mankind” (ibid.). The Divine Julius as Roman Savior and “Father of the Empire” was considered “God” among the Roman rabble for more than 300 years. He was the deity in some Western presbyters’ texts, but was not recognized in Eastern or Oriental writings.

Constantine’s intention at Nicaea was to create an entirely new god for his empire who would unite all religious factions under one deity. Presbyters were asked to debate and decide who their new god would be. Delegates argued among themselves, expressing personal motive for inclusion of particular writings that promoted the finer traits of their own special deity. Throughout the meeting, howling factions were immersed in heated debates, and the names of 53 gods were tabled for discussion. “As yet, no God had been selected by the council, and so they balloted in order to determine that matter... For one year and five months the balloting lasted...” (God’s Book of Eskra, Prof. S.L. MacGuire’s translation, Salisbury, 1922, chapter xlviii, paragraphs 36, 41).

At the end of that time, Constantine returned to the gathering to discover that the presbyters had not agreed on a new deity but had balloted down to a short list of five prospects: Caesar, Krishna, Mithra, Horus and Zeus (Historia Ecclesiastica, Eusebius, c. 325). Constantine was the ruling spirit at Nicaea and he ultimately decided upon a new god for them. To involve British factions, he ruled that the name of the Druid god, Hesus, be joined with the Eastern Saviour-god, Krishna (Krishna is Sanskrit for Christ), and thus Hesus Krishna would be the official name of the new Roman god. A vote was taken and it was with a majority show of hands (161 votes to 157) that both divinities become one God. Following long-standing heathen custom, Constantine used the official gathering and the Roman apotheosis decree to legally deify two deities as one, and did so by democratic consent. A new god was proclaimed and “officially” ratified by Constantine (Acta Concilii Nicaeni, 1618). That purely political act of deification effectively and legally placed Hesus and Krishna among the Roman gods as one individual composite. That abstraction lent Earthly existence to amalgamated doctrines of the Empire’s new religion; and because there was no letter “J” in alphabets until around the ninth century, the name subsequently evolved into “Jesus Christ”.

Nexus Magazine, Volume 14, Number 4

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"The way John chapter 1 is translated into English embodies the pagan philosophical ideas from Babylon contained in the Greek word Logos. The real meaning of the debar or word can be found in the meaning "the plan of Yahuah" or the pre-conceived plan of Yahuah.

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The Story of the *Pagan* "Christian" Logos! by John D. Keyser

The "DOCTRINE" of the *logos* was a pagan invention originated by the Greek philosopher Heraclitus -- who lived 535-475 before the Messiah was even born. It was by this man that the theory of the *logos* appeared for the first time. Because he was the first among the Greek philosophers to come up with this concept, Heraclitus was regarded by Justin Martyr (one of the so-called "fathers" of the Catholic Church) as a "Christian before Christ"!

Notes the *Encyclopedia Britannica*: "From his lonely life, from the extreme profundity of his philosophy and from his *contempt* for mankind he was called the 'Dark Philosopher' in contrast to Democritus, the 'Laughing Philosopher'...Though much *popular theology* pervades his ethical teaching, he attacks the ceremonies of popular religion" (1943. Vol. 11, p. 455). I would hardly call this man a "Christian before Christ"!

To Heraclitus *logos* meant "teaching" and the "common law" -- as well as "speech." With the breadth of meaning of the word *logos*, Heraclitus had the whole field of meaning in mind in each individual use of the word: the word which contrasts the objects with one another, the relationships which exist simultaneously between the objects, the "law" which underlies these relationships -- a COMMON LAW, in fact, including human beings, and the demand which grows out of the law, common to all men, for appropriate behavior.

The concept of the *logos* appears in the writings of the Stoics, and it is especially by them -- the *pagan philosophers* -- that the theory/doctrine of the *logos* was developed. "God," according to them, "did not make the world as an artisan does his work." But, instead, he made it by wholly penetrating all matter -- that "God is the Demiurge of the universe." According to them the *logos* is at the same time a *force and a law*. In line with their reasoning, the Stoics made of the different gods *personifications of the logos* -- Zeus, and above all, of Hermes.

The Greek word *logos* is found 331 times in the New Testament; and the definitions of the word, as found in the New Testament, are: statement; utterance; question; command; report; information and rumor; discourse; wording; word of mouth as opposed to the written word; mere words as opposed to action and power; account; warning; motive; proclamation; WORDS OF SCRIPTURE; teaching; instruction; the WORD OF YEHOVAH; the WORD OF YESHUA; the word of promise; the word of truth; the word of life.

For 327 times the word *logos* has meant all of the above things in the New Testament, then -- arbitrarily -- for FOUR TIMES ONLY the word *logos* in John 1:1 and John 1:14 suddenly means -- according to the doctrines of the "Christian" Church -- that their savior (JC) was the WORD, and the Word was WITH God, and the Word WAS God! That's quite a step!

Remember the warning we keep giving, always check when finding weird exceptions or words only used one time and the meaning is used to prop up a religious doctrine.

Philo Judaeus

A great intellectual interaction took place right after the time of the Messiah. Judahite theology became so all-pervasive that it affected not only Greek thinking but also future "Christian" dogma. Some scholars even maintain that "Christian" dogma was not derived completely from the teachings of the apostle Paul (as previously supposed) but was influenced by the writings of a Judahite philosopher named Philo, who, about 35 to 40 A.D., SYNTHESIZED THE OLD TESTAMENT WITH THE WORKS OF THE GREEK PHILOSOPHER PLATO.

Though little is known of Philo today, by either Jews or Christians, he more than likely played a more crucial role in shaping both Judaism and Christianity than either Rabbi Akiba or Paul. Philo shaped Judaism around a Grecian metaphysical framework so thoroughly that it influenced both Jews and Christians in the creation of their new theologies.

Philo, who was familiar with the Old Testament only in its Greek translation (Septuagint), decided to make it even more acceptable to Greek intellectuals by putting Greek clothing on Israelite revelation. This he did with the aid of allegory and the philosophy of Plato. Though God created the world, argued Philo, God did not influence the world directly, but INDIRECTLY THROUGH LOGOS, that is, THROUGH "THE WORD."

From *The New International Dictionary of the Christian Church* we read:

"PHILO JUDAEUS (or Alexandrinus). Jewish [Judahite] writer. Living in the time of Christ, his blending of OT monotheism with Greek philosophy anticipated early Christian thought, notably on the 'Word' in creation...Philosophically **he embraced the then fashionable amalgam of Stoicism and Platonism**. He combined the abstractness of the philosophers' Supreme Being with the intensely personal, moral (Yahuah). Similarly his concept of the divine 'Word' (Logos) **unites Hebrew and Greek ideas** -- it represents the creative word of Genesis 1, the personalized 'Wisdom' of Proverbs 8, the vehicle of God's activity, the World of Forms (see Platonism), and the immanent principle of natural-cum-moral law which Stoicism also called logos" (p. 777).

Did you notice what is happening here? Here was a man -- a Judahite -- who lived at the exact same time in which the Messiah and the apostle Paul lived, who was COMBINING the Greek philosophies WITH the Hebrew Creator YAHUAH! But we shouldn't jump too quickly to conclusions. With Philo -- more than any other ancient Judahite writer -- we have to pay special attention to a context of thought which is strange and difficult for those accustomed to 21st century thought. Only when we can understand these passages within the context of Philo's overall thought will we understand them properly.

For the divine *logos* is for Philo, in effect, the thought of YAHUAH coming to expression -- first in the world of ideas and then in the world of sense perception.

The Talmudic teachings, as well as Philo NEVER taught that there was more than ONE Supreme Being and Creator! However, BOTH taught that the Torah -- the Law of YAHUAH -- *PRE-EXISTED* with YAHUAH! Notice the ***Encyclopedia Judaica*** again --

"...there is an ancient tradition that **the Torah existed in heaven not only before G revealed it to Moses, but even before the world was created**. The apocryphal book of The Wisdom of Ben Sira identified the Torah with preexistent personified wisdom...it was said that only the Torah and the throne of glory were actually created...and that the Torah preceded the throne of glory...**The concept of the preexistence of the Torah is perhaps implicit in the philosophy of Philo, who wrote of the preexistence and role in creation of the Word of God and identified the Word of God with the Torah**" (Vol. 15, p. 1236).

Do you see this? Clearly Philo said that the *logos* was the LAW of YAHUAH -- the Torah! Ironically, the prologue in the book of John -- "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" -- is now more of a Jewish doctrine than a Christian one. The "Christians" made the **"Son of Man" equal to YAHUAH**, whereas it was the Jews who followed John's injunction and made **"the Word," that is, the Torah, equal to YAHUAH. It is to the Jews that "the Word is God."**

A Radical Innovation

Then, *The Encyclopedia Judaica* tells us that the presentation of *logos* as the pre-existent Messiah is a RADICAL innovation, which means it leaned toward an EXTREME change in its structure! Notice!

"The prologue to the Gospel of John follows biblical and apocryphal sources in portraying the preexistent *logos* dwelling on earth; but the presentation of *logos* as an independent agent, and furthermore, as the preexistent messiah is **a radical innovation**" (Vol. 11, p. 462).

Further, in *The Interpreter's Dictionary* we read the following:

"So John goes beyond Philo, whose *Logos* is never more than a personification, to affirm that in Jesus Christ the 'Word' became flesh -- a conception which Philo could not have formed, and would certainly have rejected if he could have heard of it" (Vol. 4, p. 870).

The Encyclopedia Judaica emphasizes that this very concept -- the divine entity of the *Logos* -- the concept of a SECOND pre-existent God -- was the concept that created an impossible gulf between Judaism and her daughter faith, Christianity:

"The multi-faceted character of the *Logos* is reflected in the many metaphorical epithets applied to it by Philo: 'divine thought,' 'the image of God,' 'the firstborn son,' 'the archpriest,' 'the paraclete of humanity.' Philo **paved the way** for later Christian theology. In the prologue to John's Gospel (1:14) this is carried farther, and 'the Word made flesh' is identified with Jesus. Philo's *Logos* is no more than an 'archangel of many names,' the rational principle in the divine nature, the creative mediator between God -- the One who is all-perfect and all-good -- and the world of matter, which is inherently evil; but the Johannine *Logos* is a separate divine entity. **At this stage the Word created an impossible gulf between Judaism and its daughter faith**" (Vol. 16, p. 635).

"When one reads the hymn of the Prologue and compares it to the Hellenistic parallels suggested above, one realizes the truth of **Augustine's remark (Confessions vii 9; CSEL 33:154) that while he had found the equivalent of most of the Christian doctrines in the pagan authors, there was one thing he had never read in them -- that the Word became flesh.** The basic theme of the Prologue is strange to the Hellenistic parallels that have been offered; and so let us see if a better background may be found in biblical and Jewish thought" (Appendix II, pps. 519-523).

The NI Dictionary of the Christian Church (p. 601) gives us the DIRECT quotation of Augustine, the "great" Doctor of the Catholic Church, who was also a student of the pagan philosophies: "Augustine, commenting on the statement that the Word was made flesh, declared, **'This I never read of the Logos in the Neoplatonists'**" (*Confessions* 6:9).

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*In the beginning was the **Word**, . . . John 1:1*

Word –

Christians who were influenced by this Greek idea read John's word *logos* as if John were equating the Christ with this eternal rational principle of being. The equation was very appealing since it neatly combined Greek philosophy with biblical language. But, of course, it could only do so if we ignore John's Jewish roots.

In Hebrew, *logos* is the translation for *dabar*. But *logos* is **a noun – a thing** – while *dabar* **is an action**. *Dabar* is not an eternal principle of rationality. *Dabar* is not a concept. **It is purposeful acting**. It is the speaking act that names. Naming is the act of identifying the essence of something and causing it to be as a purpose in the life-world. For ancient Semitic thinking, the word spoken and the thing identified are *identical*. This identity is the result of the connection between the power of speech and the identification of purpose.

Yahuah *names* the light and it is. It is not named as a "thing." It is **named as a purpose**. **Its purpose is to separate**. **Removing the purpose is the same as causing it not to be**.

So we see that the Hebrew *dabar* is far more than a rational law. It is a constituting act. In the beginning, the purposeful, constituting act of Yahuah was manifest. This purposeful, constituting act **eventually became manifest in the man Yahusha**. **All of this fulfilled the purpose of *dabar***.

Does this mean that Hebrew *dabar* is not rational (as some existential theologians would like to claim)? Of course not. Yahuah has constituted the world as rational and, thanks to His law and order, we are able to discern the nature of His world. But rational is not the **same as knowable**.

One category of the rational is mystery. While we believe that a universe created by Yahuah ordering it, it is open to rational investigation, that is not the same as saying that **we can *know* all about it**. Some things remain mysteries, not because they are irrational, but **because they exceed our grasp**.

For the Greeks, the rational is the real. For the Hebrews, **reality exceeds our ability to comprehend**. Life is not completely open to human investigation. We live with mystery because **Yahuah is not like a man**.

Perhaps we need to reassess our Greek worldview influence on even the most familiar of verses. Perhaps it isn't quite as obvious as we imagined.

If *logos* is action with purpose, then Yahuah's view of reality is about the purpose of all He creates. It all serves some end. As part of His creation, you and I also serve some end – or at least we are intended to do so. In the beginning was active purpose. That is still the character of all existence. The only question for us is this: what end do you serve? What purpose were you created to do? If you can't answer that question, your life is aimless. How will be hit the mark with understanding the purpose for which you were made?

Part 10B

This conflict between Greek and Hebrew happened before Yahusha was born. After He fulfilled Pesach-Passover, Matzah-Unleavened Bread and Bikurym-First Fruits, there had to be a headlong collision since the True Torah message was being spread all through the Mediterranean. It may have helped that the first converts were being persecuted, as it kept the message more underground and pure at least up to the end of the first century. They were outlawed. It kept them from being influenced by the Greeks simply due to death. But most of those left, merged into the Greco-Roman world, especially in eastern Turkey and around the 7 assemblies in Turkey - the ones that Yahusha wrote to.



This was a very wealthy and fertile area. There was gold and a booming trade route. Money was actually first invented in this region.

Coins have an ancient history: the first coins were minted some 700 years before the birth of Christ, in the ancient kingdom of Lydia (modern-day western Turkey).

By K. N. Singer Feb 7, 2009



The first coins were most likely invented by the Lydians, the inhabitants of what is today western Turkey. The Lydians had an abundance of electrum, which is a naturally occurring alloy of gold and silver. Gold and silver by themselves were already used as a means of exchange; they could simply be measured on a scale and their value assessed through the measurement. But the Lydians needed something to do with all the electrum, whose value was less certain. Their solution was to melt the electrum into circular shapes and stamp them with the sign of the king.

By the mid-sixth century BC, Lydia had approximately six mints in operation. It is probably not coincidental that ancient Lydia also became the first kingdom to have retail shops that maintained a permanent location; this was made possible by their invention of the coin.

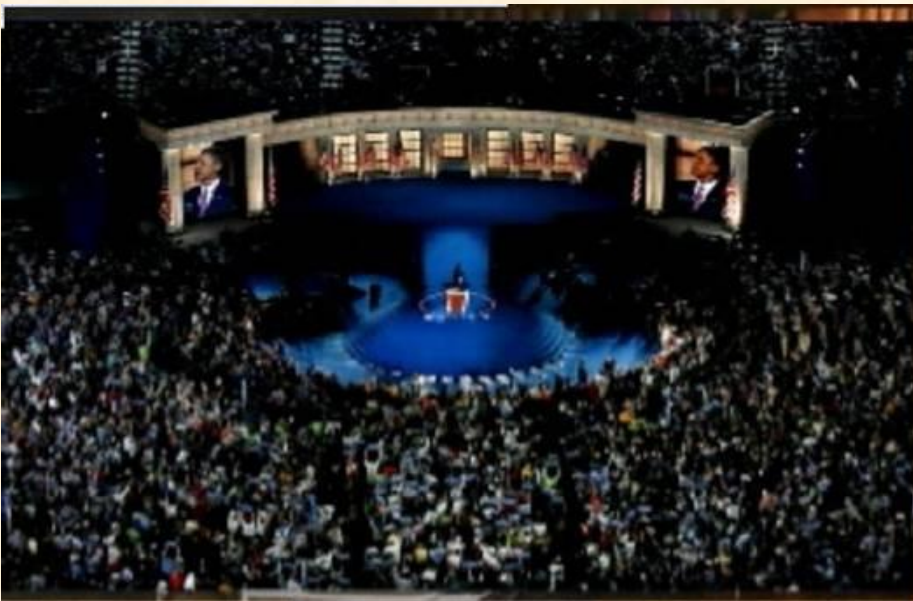
The First Coins – The Staters

Lydia's ancient coins were stamped with a lion's head, which was the symbol of the king. The currency was called a "stater," which meant standard. One stater was roughly one month's salary for a soldier in the Lydian army. Stater coins were made in denominations of 1/3, 1/6, and even 1/96. The value of the stater was judged by the weight of the coin. The 1/3 stater weighed almost five grams, whereas the 1/96 stater weighed only 0.15 grams. The value of one electrum coin to an equivalent amount of silver was roughly one to ten.

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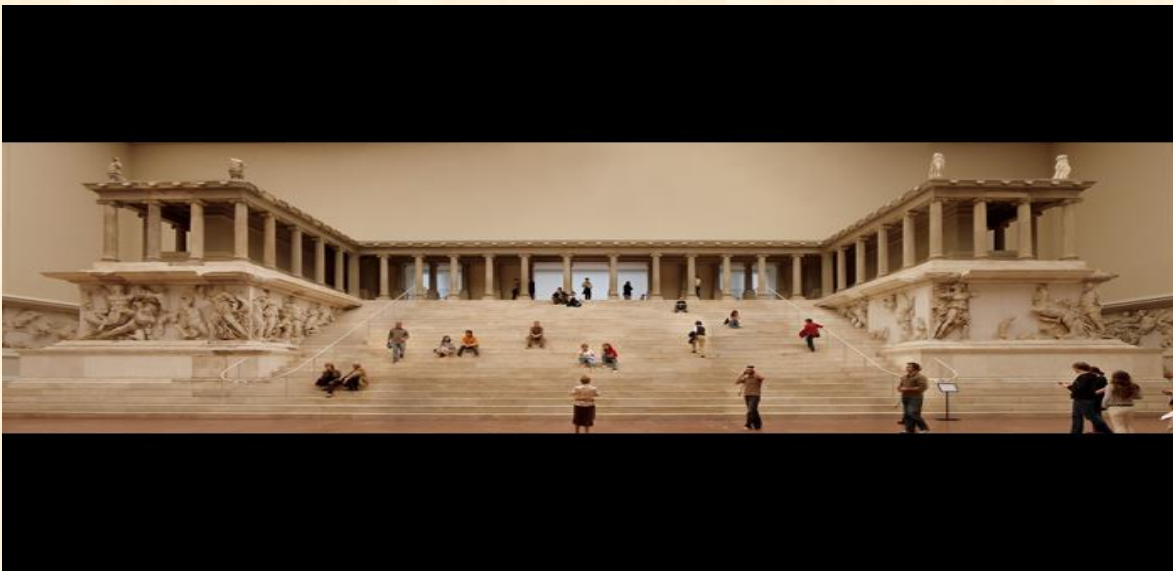
Ephesus had theaters and libraries. It was on the main road from Europe to Africa and Asia. 1st century AD. Pergamum had shatan's headquarters in western Turkey on the highest mountain per Yahusha's letter in Revelation, known as the throne of satan which was moved to Berlin. It was a huge stone arm chair.

The hillside in Pergamum where the Altar of Zeus was originally located.

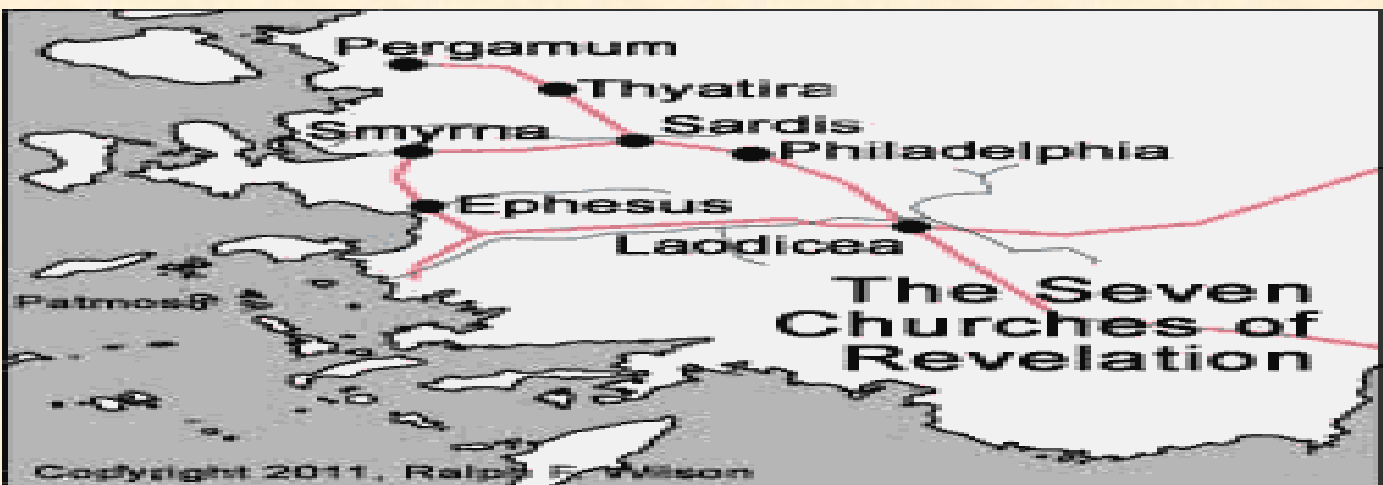


Again, how many more signs that we are on the wrong track do we need?

Do you see the resemblance? President Obama's acceptance speech at the Democratic National Convention was given on an altar very similar to that of the Great Altar of Pergamos, also known as the Seat of Satan. Also the new George W Bush library! Compare the pictures.




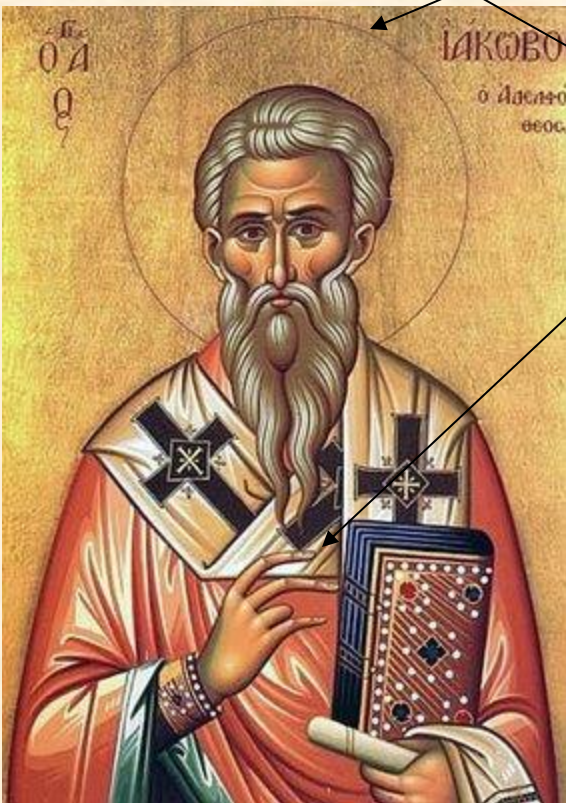
If those assemblies could survive there, they could survive anywhere. We are faced with the same challenges today.



The assemblies nearest satan's headquarters were being corrupted from the inside. The ones further away were being attacked from the outside. The two furthest away, shatan wasn't bothering with them at all. Now you see why Yahuah says to get out of the corruption! Get out of Babylon!


The battle for the churches in SW Turkey was won. Many martyrs gave their lives for their trust in Yahusha's message of the true Torah.

Now in Africa, the battle was lost. In Alexandria, the school where Philo had been, Clement and Origen swallowed the same Greek garbage as Philo. Notice all the pagan symbols we have spoken of in the previous part. Halos, hand gestures and Idols.



Take your pick on what he really looked like.. More Greek

or more Hebrew..



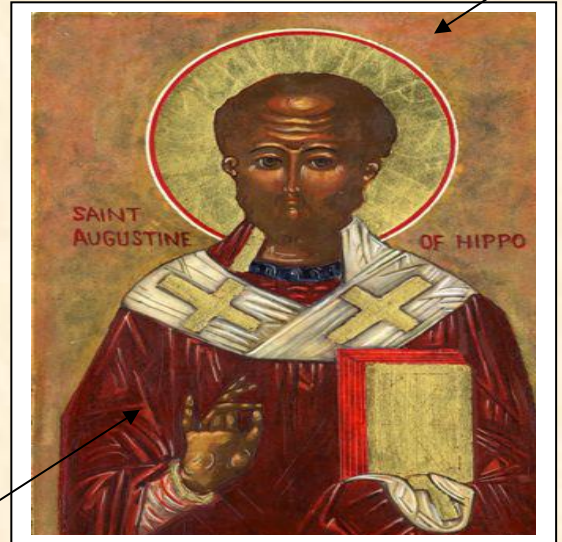
This complex block contains three elements: a central image of a bearded man with a halo holding a scroll, a blue text box with the text 'Take your pick on what he really looked like.. More Greek', and a purple text box with the text 'or more Hebrew..'. To the right is a black and white sketch of a man with a long white beard, wearing a head covering and holding a scroll. Arrows from the text above point to these elements.

Here is an Example: the water that flows at the end of Ezekiel; that flows ankle deep then knee deep. Many preachers today make it an allegory for the 21st century. Now does water mean water or something else? (Sounds like Congressional hearings today. What is the meaning of 'Is')? It is simple, it means water and it flows in a geographical location. A valley down to the Dead Sea to a place called in *Getty* and it fills the Dead Sea with fresh living waters and fishermen go fishing at the edge of the Dead Sea. It's a simple vision of what *אֱלֹהִים* could do and wants to do - freshen up the Dead Sea. Some preach the fishermen are preachers. Or the story of the 153 fish they pulled out of the sea after Yahusha's resurrection. Many try and figure out what this means! They do the kabbalah secret meaning number dances. $153 = 12 \text{ apostles squared} = 144 + \text{take 3 persons of the trinity triple them and you get 9 and } 144 \text{ plus } 9 \text{ is } 153$. But really just means it is A LOT OF FISH- Some good some bad. Just like people!

Now Clement and Origen started do this for the emerging faith being preached to the Gentiles. In Hippo in Tunisia a young man there was sent to be bishop. He became the very famous "Church Elder" Augustine.



Checker board



He grew up in Italy and was schooled in Neo Platonism- or the teaching of Plato brought up to date. In this type of culture the man's body and soul went different ways. His soul studied philosophy and his body got into terrible carnal trouble.

He had a mistress and by her he had a son who he abandoned, but of course he did not believe that what he did with his body affected his soul as they were not connected. He joined a sect called the Manichaeism that taught matter was evil. Now he became convicted of his sin after being contacted by a bishop from Milan called Ambrose. After his conversion and baptism in 387 AD, he preached the simple gospel at Hippo, but then he began to preach against things and people and to write against them. The more he did this the more his old thinking took over. Augustine more than anyone else recast the Christian faith into Greek philosophy and mind sets, while doing monstrous damage to the Hebrew meanings of אֱלֹהִים' s teaching. Yet According to his contemporary, Jerome, Augustine "established anew the ancient Faith." He believed that "the grace of Christ" was indispensable to human freedom and he framed the concepts of "original sin" and "just war".

When the Western Roman Empire began to disintegrate, Augustine developed the concept of the Catholic Church as a spiritual City of God (in a book of the same name), distinct from the material Earthly City. His thoughts profoundly influenced the medieval worldview. Augustine's *City of God* was closely identified with the segment of the Church that adhered to the concept of the Trinity as defined by the Council of Nicaea and the Council of Constantinople.

In the Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion, he is a saint, pre-eminent Doctor of the Church, and the patron of the Augustinians. Many Protestants, especially Calvinists, consider him to be one of the theological fathers of the Protestant Reformation due to his teachings on salvation and divine grace. Men like Martin Luther studied him and Methodists revered him as well. He appears in every family tree of most faiths.

The Christian church has been pulling up its Hebrew roots both before and ever since. Passover became Easter - Christmas was substituted for tabernacles - and Sunday for Sabbath. As the Christians moved away from the Hebrew roots they were replanted deeply into Greek philosophy, into Roman practice and into pagan customs. Sunday has no scriptural basis nor does anyone on this earthly planet have the authority to change the Sabbath of אֱלֹהִים from the seventh to the first day of the week. Funny story about the Christmas- A pope sent another Augustine to Canterbury to convert the English and he wrote back to the pope and said I can't wean them of their mid-winter festival.

Their orgy of eating and drinking, they sing carols, dance and for 12 days one elected man in each village can have sex with all the girls in the village. He is the lord of the Yuletide. People still sing the 12 days of Christmas and teach it to their children. The pope wrote back, "if you can't lick them join them, bring the festival into Christ-baptize it into our ritual". Christmas became a sacred cow. But an idol none the less of the worst kind of tradition of man that is revered over A^2A^2 's word.

So through Augustine and Thomas Aquinas



What is that?

Aquinas was considered the foremost classical proponent of natural theology, and the father of Thomism. His influence on Western thought is considerable, and much of modern philosophy was conceived in development or refutation of his ideas, particularly in the areas of ethics, natural law, metaphysics, and political theory. Thomas is held in the Roman Catholic Church to be the model teacher for those studying for the priesthood, and indeed the highest expression of both natural reason and speculative theology.

Both brought Aristotle into the church the view of natural reason. Unlike Plato who saw the spiritual as the real world, Aristotle saw the natural as the real world. He laid the foundations for science and evangelical skepticism. **There is a link between Evangelicals and Aquinas and Aristotle-They are skeptical about**

anything non-rational. He brought in the Natural theology based on reason, so we are all influenced by the Greek.

Five subjects that have been profoundly changed by the Greek influence from the Hebrew.

#1 our bodies.

Christians don't want to know about bodily functions. If we are good souls trapped in evil bodies then the last thing they want to talk about is our bodies, or our bodily functions. In the Jewish book of prayer, there is a prayer that you pray when you go to the loo. Now in the west we chuckle at this, embarrassed. Believer's homes may have devotional items next to the "throne" to keep our minds on spiritual things. But the Jewish prayer is a beautiful prayer that thanks אֱלֹהִים for everything working properly. It praises אֱלֹהִים that you now feel better, you are relieved and you come out of the loo saying HalleluYAH! If you don't think אֱלֹהִים is just as concerned with what we do in the loo as what we do at other times, then you have a Greek mindset.

אֱלֹהִים made our bodies. As we move into old age and our bodies start to break down and even the task of going to the loo becomes now a source of struggle or embarrassment, we will wish we had prayed and remembered to thank אֱלֹהִים for when we were healthy and going to the bathroom was not an issue. You see the Hebrews understand אֱלֹהִים is the creator of all functions of our bodies. He is intimately aware of all the functions of His creation and all aspects of His creation are a concern to Him.

Take it a step further. Do you say "praise" before you make love? Why not? "For this we are about to receive, may אֱלֹהִים make us truly thankful"! Does that sound in congress to you or is it sacrilegious? Ever since Augustine, most believers can't handle the subject of sex. It was Augustine that said that sex even in marriage is lust. From then on the idea took hold that somehow celibacy was "holier" than matrimony. In fact the entire Catholic Church became celibate in its priesthood not long afterwards (and look where that got them). That is totally contrary to Hebrew thinking. Where a Rabbi must be married, he must experience love so that he understands it. Remember it was אֱלֹהִים who thought up sex-He invented it, an exquisite pleasure. When it is done within the union that אֱלֹהִים has blessed, it pleases Him! He made it a gift to His children to experience.

Scripture says our bodies are a temple for the Set apart Spirit! We are not a separate body and soul, we are one being. At death we lose the body. Do you see that as positive or negative? If you believe in the immortality of the soul, it's a positive thing. If you believe in the resurrection of the body it is a negative thing. To lose your body is to be "unclothed". But the good news is we get a new body. We are not going to go floating on without a form. Yahusha came back, ate, was able to be touched and He could also walk through walls. It will be different to say the least.

2# How we look at work

Work was a necessary evil to the Greeks. They had to do it to get enough money to support their leisure, or better still to have enough money to become a gentleman of leisure so they didn't need to work again. This explains the mindset of the lottery or gambling in general. We need to understand that our daily job is our vocation in which אֱלֹהִים uses each and every one of us. No one's job or calling is any more set apart than another's, whether you do a 9 to 5 or you are called to the mission field and what we do 24-7 should not be thought of differently. It is all set apart or should be. Secular is Sin!

So if you are a cab driver or a student or farmer it is far more important that one who set themselves up to be ministers and do not teach Torah! There should be no separation in how we do our tasks set before us. It should all be done to magnify and give praise to the Name of אֱלֹהִים! To the standard that we do these tasks settle our future. It's in these areas we can slide into worldly thinking if we are not careful. Where we only need to be on our best behavior is when we spend our time in prayer or with other like minded folks is dangerous thinking, as this thinking compartmentalizes people by their jobs. The doctors, nurses and clergy are at the top while construction, cleaning crews and my favorite, "just a wife and mother" are at the bottom. What a disaster this Greek thinking has brought onto the shores of my country of America and indeed the world. Think of how missionaries and clergy are put on pedestals, but they are insulated from (or should be) from the world pressures of conformity.

They live in controlled environments of their church or mission village and most still don't read or understand the Torah. Now think of the taxi driver in New York or a cross country truck driver! Every day they make choices and are bombarded with opportunities to either be a light for אֱלֹהִים or stumbling block for his brother. All of us no matter what we do are on the front lines for אֱלֹהִים! Don't ever forget the major role we can play in just one life. We are where we are because, I hope we have asked for אֱלֹהִים's will to be done in our lives.

If we truly mean this, then we must see that it is Him and Him alone that has picked our vocation for a reason and He is using us to be "His Flies" in the ointment of Evil! Little by little frustrating satan's plans of being a nuisance to those who would do our brothers and sisters harm. And in doing so אֱלֹהִים's majesty is again lifted up for all to see. That is why he uses the seemingly unusable. The non greats by the world's standards, the nobodies! Only the Most High Almighty could perform the miracles He does every day with the lumps of filthy rags that are left to Him! All the "human interest" stories we hear that cause our eyes to well up are the everyday examples in everyday people of אֱלֹהִים's light that is shining through! It's His light that causes that emotion in us! His Character! Tenderness! Mercy! Love! Forgiveness! Long suffering! Protectiveness! Un-warranted kindness!

Do you see it? He is not some far away deity that could care less! But when we scale work like the Greeks in our thinking with spiritual work on top we can forget to pray for those who need it most. Let's look at the churches who because of this division of thought divide their own church between clergy and "lay people". What does that mean, professional and amateur believers? Are clergy somehow more serious believers because they live by faith and "lay" people by salary? It's rubbish! We all should live by trust. It's not what your job is, it's how you do it that אֱלֹהִים is watching. The "fruits of your labor" are not based on the flavor of the fruit. The pear and the apple are just as sweet as the watermelon and strawberry but they are all very different. Do you notice how much אֱלֹהִים loves variety?!

If we understood eternity like He does maybe we would see the beautiful mosaic he has made with all different parts. We see the mounds of snow, he sees each different snowflake. Look how the different religions even go so far as to make

the attire of the clergy stand out from the flock. How far we have come from the Hebrew thought and Yahusha's teaching of a brother teaching brother as a servant. Even the Catholics have greatly changed their pomp and circumstance. There was an amazing letter written by a Pope in 428AD - he heard that a monk had been made bishop of Ire in France and started wearing special clothes. He wrote a stinging letter to him. He said clergy should be different from other people but by their learning and not their garments, by their mode of life and not by what they wear, by their purity of thought, and not by their peculiarity of dress. WOW, what do you think he would say about the fish hats and red shoes of the pope today?

#3 Now let's look at the attitude toward Israel. You will find that for most believers it will be thoroughly Greek. אֱלֹהִים made a covenant with Abraham and made two physical promises, one- physical descendants and two- a land to live. Yahuah said the gifts given to the patriarchs are irrevocable! Western believers tend to forget that Hebrews are still the physical brothers of Yahusha! Not the Greek Adonis picture that hangs in homes and halls of churches. It is because Abraham, Isaacs, Jacob and Moshe are BELOVED that we still have an opportunity to be a part of this wonderful family! אֱלֹהִים chose them first. All the blessings and cursing for Israel were physical, so were the miracles like dividing the red sea, and so on. The kingdom of Israel is physical. Christians have gone in for replacement theology and has called the church Israel! As if אֱלֹהִים is somehow finished with his people and he is now only interested in gentiles. You cannot be a still be a gentile and be in the covenant family! You have to change your citizenship. There is no use mentioning the land of Israel in the current Middle East situation because it is irrelevant. Now of course, they don't hold it unconditionally. I believe the ownership of the land is unconditional but their occupation of the land is conditional in compliance to the Covenant. Nevertheless, אֱלֹהִים's physical promise still stands to his physical people of the covenant of all walks of life and of a physical land. When westerners think the "spiritual Israel" or The Church has somehow replaced the physical Israel, you see how once again spiritual is more valuable than physical. That's Greek thinking and verges on anti-Semitism.

Now for the earth and its future.

Most believers are in total confusion about the "hope" of the future. Do you believe the next century will be better than, worse than this or the same as this one? 85% have said worse. There is a mood of pessimism. The word in the 20th century was progress -now the word is survival. 2040 is the date many computerized programs state is the beginning when human life will become impossible and lean more to trans humanism. Covenant people- Yah's people should be people of trust. Unfortunately the words most use are believe or hope which means 'wish'. This is **not** the same meaning that the Hebrew equivalent wants to convey. The English word hope has the impression of 'I'm not sure' in fact 'I'm very unsure'. Now the Greek word for hope-G1680 Elpis does capture the Hebrew perfectly, but somehow even this perfect agreement of meaning has been lost in the English.

The Hebrew word is to trust, be confident H982 Batach:

Strong's H982 - batach	
בָּטַח	
Transliteration	Pronunciation
batach	bā·takḥ' (Key)
Part of Speech	Root Word (Etymology)
verb	A primitive root
TWOT Reference	
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Outline of Biblical Usage	
1) to trust a) (Qal) 1) to trust, trust in 2) to have confidence, be confident 3) to be bold 4) to be secure b) (Hiphil) 1) to cause to trust, make secure	



Strong's G1680 - elpis	
ἐλπίς	
Transliteration	Pronunciation
elpis	el·pē's (Key)
Part of Speech	Root Word (Etymology)
feminine noun	From a primary elpo (to anticipate, usually with pleasure)
TDNT Reference	Vines
2:517,229	View Entry
Outline of Biblical Usage	
1) expectation of evil, fear 2) expectation of good, hope a) in the Christian sense 1) joyful and confident expectation of eternal salvation 3) on hope, in hope, having hope a) the author of hope, or he who is its foundation b) the thing hoped for [View this word in Trench's <i>Synonyms</i> here.]	
Authorized Version (KJV) Translation Count – Total: 54	
AV — hope 53, faith 1	
Thayer's Lexicon (Help)	
ἐλπίς [sometimes written ἐλπίς; so WH in Ro. viii. 20; Tdf. in Acts ii. 26; see (in 2 below, and) the reff. s. v. ἀφειδον], -ιδος, ἡ, (ἐλπω to make to hope), Sept. for בָּטַח and מִבְטָח, trust; מִחְסָה that in which one confides or to which he flees for refuge; תְּקוּנָה expectation, hope;	

Here you see the Greek word that is mirroring the Hebrew word.

What is our hope for this world as our leaders push ever near to what people see as fulfillment of prophecy in Revelation? Does this make us happy or hopeless? Is it ever going to get better? We have to know it will! Yahusha is coming back! He is physically coming back. Yahuah will be also again living with His people! Two things

that have stopped being taught, is Yahusha is coming back physically to earth and that we are coming back physically to earth after we die. People who don't trust this may have been victims of allegorical Greek thinking. Yahusha is coming back to reign for 1,000 years on this old earth!

Isa 2:4 And he shall judge^{H8199} among^{H996} the nations,^{H1471} and shall rebuke^{H3198} many^{H7227} people:^{H5971} and they shall beat^{H3807} their swords^{H2719} into plowshares,^{H855} and their spears^{H2595} into pruninghooks:^{H4211} nation^{H1471} shall not^{H3808} lift up^{H5375} sword^{H2719} against^{H413} nation,^{H1471} neither^{H3808} shall they learn^{H3925} war^{H4421} any more.^{H5750}

This is not allegory it is physical prophecy. How about:

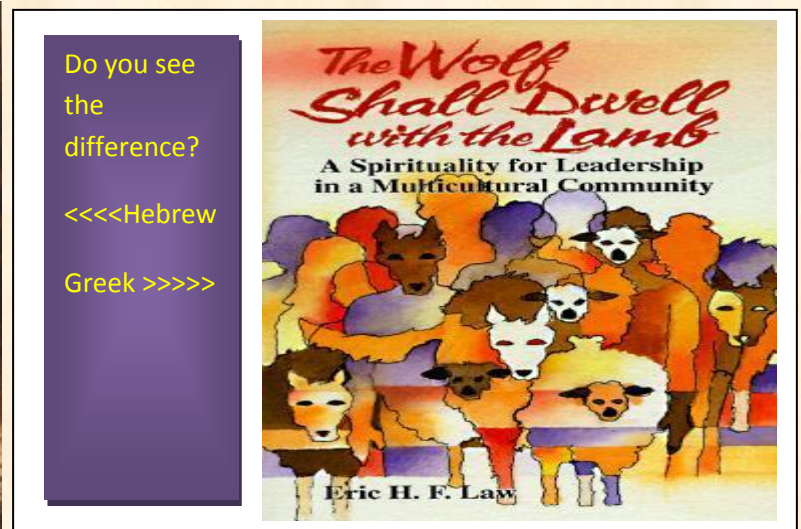
Isa 11:6 The wolf^{H2061} also shall dwell^{H1481} with^{H5973} the lamb,^{H3532} and the leopard^{H5246} shall lie down^{H7257} with^{H5973} the kid;^{H1423} and the calf^{H5695} and the young lion^{H3715} and the fatling^{H4806} together;^{H3162} and a little^{H6996} child^{H5288} shall lead^{H5090} them.

Isa 11:7 And the cow^{H6510} and the bear^{H1677} shall feed;^{H7462} their young ones^{H3206} shall lie down^{H7257} together:^{H3162} and the lion^{H738} shall eat^{H398} straw^{H8401} like the ox.^{H1241}

Isa 11:8 And the sucking^{H3243} child shall play^{H8173} on^{H5921} the hole^{H2352} of the asp,^{H6620} and the weaned child^{H1580} shall put^{H1911} his hand^{H3027} on^{H5921} the cockatrice'^{H6848} den.^{H3975}

Isa 11:9 They shall not^{H3808} hurt^{H7489} nor^{H3808} destroy^{H7843} in all^{H3605} My Set Apart^{H6944} mountain:^{H2022} for^{H3588} the earth^{H776} shall be full^{H4390} of the knowledge^{H1844} of as a strong covenant mark^(H853) יְהוָה,^{H3068} as the waters^{H4325} cover^{H3680} the sea.^{H3220}

Isa 11:10 And in that^{H1931} day^{H3117} there shall be^{H1961} a root^{H8328} of Jesse,^{H3448} which^{H834} shall stand^{H5975} for an ensign^{H5251} of the people;^{H5971} to^{H413} it shall the Gentiles^{H1471} seek:^{H1875} and his rest^{H4496} shall be^{H1961} glorious.^{H3519}



Hmm "they shall not hurt or destroy in My set-Apart Mountain". Another connection that there will be no sacrifices!

Do people just think this is this just a nice parable and not going to physically take place? Do you see actual wolves and lambs living together or is it the Benny Hinns

of the world blending their culture with believers of Yahusha singing KumbaYah, an allegory for 'Can't we all just get along' and all believe in Allah and Jesus, or Yah- what does it matter what we call Him? He knows our hearts.

Do you really see this in your mind's eye and Trust that this promise will take place?



Isa 35:1 The wilderness^{H4057} and the solitary place^{H6723} shall be glad^{H7797} for them; and the desert^{H6160} shall rejoice,^{H1523} and blossom^{H6524} as the rose.^{H2261}

Isa 35:2 It shall blossom abundantly,^{H6524} ^{H6524} and rejoice^{H1523} even^{H637} with joy^{H1525} and singing:^{H7442} the glory^{H3519} of Lebanon^{H3844} shall be given^{H5414} unto it, the excellency^{H1926} of Carmel^{H3760} and Sharon,^{H8289} they^{H1992} shall see^{H7200} the glory^{H3519} of יהוה,^{H3068} and the excellency^{H1926} of our Everlasting.^{H430}



The Blue Sea of Lebanon

It is the plain meaning of scripture that we forget due to the teachings of Augustine, to take the plain simple straight forward texts and read them as such! Before him there was no other view than that Yahusha would rein and teach here on earth for a thousand years. The Millennial reign has almost all but disappeared in Christianity. Before Augustine no one discussed 'a' millennial or pre millennial or post millennial concepts. Augustine first taught post millennial views that we are in the millennial already! Current preacher Rob Bell promotes this same idea. Frankly

if this is the Millennium and satan is supposed to be bound, sealed and locked up in a dungeon so he can't deceive anyone any longer- then who has been carrying on his business? We have to get back to the original message of Yahusha-The Tanakh and what He taught through His words and that was understood by His Eyewitnesses. Not Greek philosophy. Augustine could not believe that Yahusha would come back physically to a physical world and rule physically. It was too much physical. It wasn't spiritual enough. **He persuaded a council in the year 431 AD, in Ephesus to condemn the belief of the millennium as heresy.** The official council of the church did this and that is why it has been muddled up ever since. This is why Revelation chapter 20 is either completely ignored or completely twisted around to mean something else. It is treated allegorically.

4 How they looked at Yahuah

The Greek view of אֱלֹהִים is so far removed from that of the Hebrew. The Greek gods were only too human and weak if you study Greek mythology. So the philosophers took 'god' away from the human sphere and put it right out into a timeless eternity, away from emotions, away from decay, away from change, away from time and space to another world altogether. It's an aesthetic god, not a dynamic one, a god who had attributes rather than actions, a god who was Omni present-everywhere, a god who was omnipresence, who could do anything, a god who was omniscient, who knew everything, but in Scripture, אֱלֹהִים is none of those three things. He is everywhere He chooses to be. He is not everywhere.

Gen 11:5 **And אֵלֵיךְ^{H3068} came down^{H3381} to see^{H7200} as a strong covenant mark (H853) the city^{H5892} and the tower,^{H4026} which^{H834} the children^{H1121} of men^{H120} builded.^{H1129}**
 H3381 literally means to descend.

Gen 18:20 **And אֵלֵיךְ^{H3068} said,^{H559} Because^{H3588} the cry^{H2201} of Sodom^{H5467} and Gomorrah^{H6017} is great,^{H7231} and because^{H3588} their sin^{H2403} is very^{H3966} grievous;^{H3513}**

Gen 18:21 **I will go down^{H3381} now,^{H4994} and see^{H7200} whether they have done^{H6213} altogether^{H3617} according to the cry^{H6818} of it, which is come^{H935} unto^{H413} me; and if^{H518} not,^{H3808} I will know.^{H3045}**

He has already created a place called Hell or Hades or Sheol where He most certainly will not be! That is why Yahusha was separated from Him during Matzah!

אֵלֹהִים is not Omnipresence, there are many things He cannot do. Powerful that He is- Being Almighty and Most High.

He cannot tell a lie.

He cannot break a promise.

He cannot change the past.

He can change the future but He cannot change the past.

The Greeks developed a god that was totally without emotions and never changed in any particular way as he was immutable. But Scripture tells us when אֵלֹהִים changes His mind. Thankfully He does so to pleading prayer! Moshe managed to get אֵלֹהִים to change His mind.

Exo 32:10 Now^{H6258} therefore let Me alone,^{H5117} that My wrath^{H639} may wax hot^{H2734} against them, and that I may consume^{H3615} them: and I will make^{H6213} of you a great^{H1419} nation.^{H1471}

Exo 32:11 And Moses^{H4872} besought^{H2470} as a strong covenant mark (H853) אֵלֹהִים^{H3068} his Eternal One,^{H430} and said,^{H559} אֵלֹהִים,^{H3068} why^{H4100} does Your wrath^{H639} wax hot^{H2734} against Your people,^{H5971} which^{H834} You have brought forth^{H3318} out of the land^{H4480} H776 of Egypt^{H4714} with great^{H1419} power,^{H3581} and with a mighty^{H2389} hand?^{H3027}

Exo 32:12 Wherefore^{H4100} should the Egyptians^{H4714} speak,^{H559} and say,^{H559} For mischief^{H7451} did He bring them out,^{H3318} to slay^{H2026} them in the mountains,^{H2022} and to consume^{H3615} them from^{H4480} H5921 the face^{H6440} of the earth?^{H127} Turn^{H7725} from Your fierce wrath,^{H4480} H2740 H639 and repent^{H5162} of^{H5921} this evil^{H7451} against Your people.^{H5971}

Exo 32:13 Remember^{H2142} Abraham,^{H85} Isaac,^{H3327} and Israel,^{H3478} Your servants,^{H5650} to whom^{H834} You swore^{H7650} by Your own self, and said^{H1696} to^{H413} them, I will multiply^{H7235} as a strong covenant mark (H853) your seed^{H2233} as the stars^{H3556} of heaven,^{H8064} and all^{H3605} this^{H2063} land^{H776} that^{H834} I have spoken^{H559} of will I give^{H5414} to your seed,^{H2233} and they shall inherit^{H5157} it for ever.^{H5769}

Exo 32:14 And אֵלֹהִים^{H3068} repented^{H5162} of^{H5921} the evil^{H7451} which^{H834} he thought^{H1696} to do^{H6213} unto his people.^{H5971}

H5162 (repented) is Nacham- It's the primitive root verb in the Niphal stem and " means to be in the state or condition of finding a measure of relief from sorrow and distress and be so consoled or encouraged thus could reconsider and change ones opinion to change one's mind.

So in context, because of what Moshe said, Yahusha found great comfort for His distress and was able to be consoled by him to the point where he could change His decision about what He was going to do. This is completely a different meaning than of Yahuah just "repented"!

H7451 (evil) Ra -doing harm, disaster, trouble, distress, misery, calamity, ruin, misfortune.

Yahuah cannot do evil like we think of it or as it applies to us. It would have been righteous to do what He was thinking about doing so it can never be characterized as "evil"! He relented because He is merciful. So we need to be careful of those that when they teach they paint Him as doing "Evil". This is really blasphemy.

Amos got אַחַז to change His mind. Amos Chapters 1-7 are the wrath of אַחַז. And when Amos saw that it would mean total destruction for 'Jacob' he pleaded with Him:

Amo 7:2 And it came to pass, ^{H1961} *that* when ^{H518} they had made an end ^{H3615} of eating ^{H398} As a strong covenant mark (H853) the grass ^{H6212} of the land, ^{H776} then I said, ^{H559} O Yah ^{H136} אַחַז, ^{H3069} forgive, ^{H5545} I beseech thee: ^{H4994} by whom ^{H4310} shall Jacob ^{H3290} arise? ^{H6965} for ^{H3588} he ^{H1931} *is* small. ^{H6996}

Amo 7:3 Yahuah ^{H3068} repented (was comforted and changed His mind) ^{H5162} for ^{H5921} this: ^{H2063} It shall not ^{H3808} be, ^{H1961} saith ^{H559} אַחַז. ^{H3068}

Amo 7:4 Thus ^{H3541} hath The Everlasting ^{H136} אַחַז ^{H3069} shewed ^{H7200} unto me: and, behold, ^{H2009} Yah ^{H136} hwhy ^{H3069} called ^{H7121} to contend ^{H7378} by fire, ^{H784} and it devoured ^{H398} (H853) the great ^{H7227} deep, ^{H8415} and did eat up ^{H398} (H853) a part. ^{H2506}

Amo 7:5 Then ^{H559} said I, O Yah ^{H136} אַחַז, ^{H3069} cease, ^{H2308} I beseech thee: ^{H4994} by whom ^{H4310} shall Jacob ^{H3290} arise? ^{H6965} for ^{H3588} he ^{H1931} *is* small. ^{H6996}

Amo 7:6 יהוה ^{H3068} repented (was comforted and changed His mind) ^{H5162} for ^{H5921} this: ^{H2063} This ^{H1931} also ^{H1571} shall not ^{H3808} be, ^{H1961} saith ^{H559} Yah ^{H136} אַחַז. ^{H3069}

Thankfully there are still men like Moshe and Amos today. אַחַז is still hearing intercessor prayers! You will not find that אַחַז is without feelings and emotions! He is sad, angry, and happy, who can rejoice over all He sees. An Almighty-Most High who listens! He is described as having a nose, nostrils, eyes, hands, ears, feet, face, fingers, arms, a backside, legs and a mouth. He is of course Spirit but He is spoken of as if He has a body and if we want to imagine what יהוה is like then we can look at ourselves and see a glimpse of what He is like. If we are made in

His image and in His Shadow, then we can do with our bodies what He can do without one. We can see, so can He, we can smell, so can He, we can talk so can He and so on. That is the Hebrew way of thinking of יהוה. But the Greeks thought that was primitive-simplistic-childish this Hebrew Almighty.

They gave it a name, anthropomorphism. Thinking that The Most High is like a human being. But that is how He has taught us to think about Him in Scripture. He is our FATHER. This Greek god who was changeless, immutable, distant, static god who made eternal decrees. He didn't make temporary decisions, where the Hebrew's אֱלֹהִים, changes His decisions in response to His creation- human beings. He is in a dynamic relationship with us. Jeremiah saw this lesson of the potter and the clay. When the potter tried to make a lovely vase and the clay wouldn't run in his hands the potter pushed it all together in a lump and made a crude thick pot. And אֱלֹהִים said

Jer 18:5 Then the word^{H1697} of יהוה^{H3068} came^{H1961} to^{H413} me, saying,^{H559}

Jer 18:6 O house^{H1004} of Israel,^{H3478} cannot^{H3808 H3201} I do^{H6213} with you as this^{H2088} potter?^{H3335} says^{H5002} אֱלֹהִים.^{H3068} Behold,^{H2009} as the clay^{H2563} is in the potter's^{H3335} hand,^{H3027} so^{H3651} are ye^{H859} in mine hand,^{H3027} O house^{H1004} of Israel.^{H3478}

Jer 18:7 *At what* instant^{H7281} I shall speak^{H1696} concerning^{H5921} a nation,^{H1471} and concerning^{H5921} a kingdom,^{H4467} to pluck up,^{H5428} and to pull down,^{H5422} and to destroy^{H6} it;

Jer 18:8 If that^{H1931} nation,^{H1471} against^{H5921} whom^{H834} I have pronounced,^{H1696} turn^{H7725} from their evil,^{H4480 H7451} I will repent (BE COMFORTED AND CHANGE MY MIND)^{H5162} of^{H5921} the evil (destruction and distress)^{H7451} that^{H834} I thought^{H2803} to do^{H6213} to them.

Jer 18:9 And *at what* instant^{H7281} I shall speak^{H1696} concerning^{H5921} a nation,^{H1471} and concerning^{H5921} a kingdom,^{H4467} to build^{H1129} and to plant^{H5193} it;

Jer 18:10 If it do^{H6213} evil^{H7451} in My sight,^{H5869} that it obey-listens^{H8085} not^{H1115} My voice,^{H6963} then I will repent (change My Mind)^{H5162} of^{H5921} the good,^{H2896} wherewith^{H834} I said^{H559} I would benefit^{H3190} them.

H8085 Shama does not mean obey. There is not a Hebrew word that means obey. It means to listen, understand, give heed. "The Lord" wants us to obey. Yahuah

wants to have a conversation with us and teach us so we understand what He is saying and then come to the rational conclusion that He knows best. One is mandatory the other free will.

Who decides what the clay will be, the potter or the clay? We are the clay. As the example text shows, אֱלֹהִים decided the fate of these nations based on their behavior. It is up to each of us what יְהוָה will be able to make of our lives and future by our relationship with Him and by showing our unwavering trust in His plan and our willingness to be adopted by Him through His Covenant.

It was Augustine who brought in the idea of predetermination. He said we are saved if יְהוָה has made an eternal decree that you will be saved and your next door neighbor will not be and ever since, predestination has been falsely preached. In a Greek sense, which is not the Scriptural view it is the same false teaching of 'once saved always saved'. If יְהוָה has made an eternal decree that you are saved, and there is nothing you can do to change that because you will never be lost, then why did Yahusha come for the lost sheep? Why all the warnings about having our names blotted out of the book of life? If our names are in there then with the O.S.A.S. view, יְהוָה should not be able to scrape them off. Why all the scriptures about enduring and overcoming? O.S.A.S. is a Greek doctrine that is different than what Yahusha taught and warned us about. Most important יְהוָה does not force anyone to love Him. That has never been the point and the ultimate cause of our downfall and His greatest heartache and frustration with us. He listens to us and when we change our hearts for Him and repent and ask forgiveness, and walk toward Him by way of the Torah then He can change His mind about our fate. Greek thinking is "Your will be done no matter what I do". That is Greek and that is the Islam Allah. That is not the Hebrew's Almighty Most High Eternal יְהוָה! But since Yah can move to the future to see what we chose, He does know what each of our outcomes will be.

How can we avoid being Greeced?

How can we avoid being caught up into this Greek thinking that is influencing our impressions of אֱלֹהִים? The first step is to be aware that this has happened. We have to be constantly alert when we are hearing Greek thinking. Sometimes you

have to read and research the opposition to be able to recognize it in places that you would never expect to see it. We have been warned to be aware of shatan's devices and to be ever watchful. But how do you know what they are if they have been so entrenched into traditions and doctrines and even translations that are bent to fit these doctrines. We have to be discerning. But if you don't know what to look out for, how can you avoid the lie. One of my favorite Scriptures that shows this from Yahusha :

Luk 11:44 Woe^{G3759} unto you,^{G5213} scribes^{G1122} and^{G2532} Pharisees,^{G5330} hypocrites!^{G5273} for^{G3754} you are^{G2075} as^{G5613} graves^{G3419} which appear not,^{G82} and^{G2532} the^{G3588} men^{G444} that walk^{G4043} over^{G1883} them are not aware^{G1492} ^{G3756} of them.

The lies that taught are covered up and men walk over them or accept them never knowing they will lead to death.

Having said that, what is most important, is we need to soak ourselves in the Scriptures and learn what the words meant in the language that it was given. Learn what the culture was. There are lots of farming and agricultural examples in lessons to learn that fall on our deaf ears because most of us are not farmers, but when you learn a bit more about it, then the parable makes all the more sense. **The more we are immersed in regular TV, movies, books, music, entertainment and sport the more we will be influenced by Greek thought.** We are told to come out of this. We need to make our voices heard with our dollars and stop supporting people of leisure (actors, musicians, writers, movie makers), food producers (Monsanto and junk food providers) and others elites who are the spawn of satan and are clearly doing his bidding. They are influencing our children. Time is running out. Our whole culture is based on Greek, so we must learn אִיזְרָאֵל's culture. The Tanakh is so important to understand why they did the things they did. In 2000 a survey was taken in England and 75% of the evangelicals did not read the Tanakh. You can see from that the profound effect it has had on that country. I dare say America is not any better. This is the only protection we have against the Greek influence and pressures. Don't let the world around you come into your thinking. Get into the Word yourself and seek out the meanings of the Words. They are not hidden. It's not hard. It's awesome! The more you understand the Culture of the Hebrews, the more you can spot the Greek thinking and will notice it everywhere.

It is evident that the Greek thinking has taken on a more evil and sinister bent as we discussed in Part 5. This will not be reversing itself anytime soon. The Greek thinking is not meant to bring you closer to אֱלֹהִים or Yahusha! It is another 'gospel' of theology. Complicated and confusing, both of which אֱלֹהִים is not.

Our roots are in Israel not in Greece. Our Trust is in the olive tree which Yah planted in Israel. We are wild olives grafted into their roots! We draw our sap from their roots- The Tanakh. Our thinking should be Hebrew for there is only one True Almighty Eternal Most High and He is not the god of Greece. He Is the Most High of Israel. אֱלֹהִים is His name and Yahusha is His Sons Name! It's time we get the Greek out of our vocabulary when speaking about them and to them.



Olive tree with grafts at Nazareth Village.

There is a time and place to learn Greek to be able to translate the Eye Witness accounts back into Hebrew, but let's take one step at a time. Start with the root and rock and move to the branches.