

## In Need of Divine Protection?

David was in need of God's protection and therefore he wrote:

"The angel of the Lord (Heb. malakh (malax) =messenger) encamps around those who fear HIM and HE delivers them!" (Ps. 34.8).

This is then that great Warrior whom God the Father (addressed as LORD\*) appointed over ancient Israel (Ex. 23.20+). It is under His wings that those who are seeking protection will surely find it (Ps. 57.1; Ps 61.4' Ps 63.7; Ps 91.4).

He is the same One who went before Israel (Ex. 23.20+), endowed with the Name of God Almighty.

He is Isaiah's Angel of His (God Almighty's) Presence (63.9)!

He is also Nehemia's great deliverer and provider in the desert (Neh. 9.15 - compare Neh. 9.12 with Ex. 23.23 : "My Angel will go before you and He will bring you...." (into the promised land))

Pro. 30.4-4: "Who has gone up to heaven and come down? Who has gathered up the wind in the hollow of his hands? Who has wrapped up the waters in his cloak? Who has established all the ends of the earth? WHAT IS HIS NAME, AND THE NAME OF HIS SON?"

Compare the aforementioned insightful text with Pro. 8.22+ (God and the Artist at His side); Jn 17; 1 Jn 4.2-3; Jn 1; Mic 5.1; Mal 3.1 (On John the Baptist and Jesus/Yeshua).

Also compare the aforementioned with Paul's Eph. 4.10 : "He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens in order to fill the whole universe". Also see Jn 6.41 - "I am the bread that came down from heaven" (the Tabernacle showbread is symbolic of Jesus/Yeshua as Bread of Life).

Paul is clearly speaking of Jesus/Yeshua - He is the very same One who descended and ascended and when He visited, e.g., Manoah (Samson's father).

He is indeed the image of God (who was made visible to the eyes of Israel and her prophets - Col. 1.15; Heb. 1.1-3). And He is indeed also the same One who ascended again, i.e. after he had spoken to Abraham and referred to at this appearance as "God" (Gen. 17.22). No wonder that Jesus/Yeshua so confidently stated in the Gospels, i.e. in the hearing of the Jews, "I tell you the truth... before Abraham was born I am". (Jn 8.58).

It is good to always consult more than one translation especially when in doubt, therefore translations from both the Greek and the Aramaic even from other Biblical languages. Go to "Who is Jesus" for a discussion on Jesus/Yeshua's Biblical identity, also on the website, "God, His Son and Creation".

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\*Jehovah/Adonai/Yahweh: some faithful Jews insist on Yahveh keeping the vav strictly as such at all times). We often encounter in the Old Testament, i.e. in reference to God Most High, God as "LORD". David sometimes speaks of "my Lord". Should we be able to discern the intimate bond between God and his Son since the beginning of times, we will be able to understand why the Son is the projection of God His Father, acting as God and being addressed as "God". Wherever He (the Son) was made visible as "Angel" (messenger), we must then understand that He was indeed revealed as God Most High's one and only mediator, just as Jesus (the Son) was

it also for Paul in the New Testament (1 Tim. 2.5). Keep in mind that God Most High is a consuming fire and that nobody can see God Most High AND LIVE! (Heb. 12.29; Deut. 6.13). God had to wedge in a mediator (one acting between God and sinful man yet who is also and indeed awesome in His ways - see David and the Angel of God appearing at the threshing floor of Aruna)

God the Father is then indeed the Almighty God, the "uncaused" One, as He has no beginning, He Himself being the beginning of everything, whereas the Son was brought forth by God the Father and we can then indeed reason the Son's beginning, i.e. in comparison with that of the God the Father, as "caused" (Compare 1.3 and 2 Cor. 4.6). However, the bond of unity between Father and Son is so intimate that wherever the Angelic being was revealed, as angel or as man (=in Old Testament times), He was acting with the authority of God, His Father (Also compare Ps 2; Gal. 4; Jn 3.16; Ex. 23.21; Pro. 8.22+; Col. 1.15; Heb. 1.2-3 and 1 Cor. 1.24: "Christ is the wisdom and the power of God" (Paul).

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