

Week 1 – Jesus is Yahweh and Jesus is the Creator

I. Introduction

- A) Welcome
- B) Open with prayer
- C) Throughout these lessons I will be reading Scripture from the Legacy Standard Bible. The one main difference in this translation from the New American Standard Bible is the recovery of the name of God as God revealed it to mankind in the original Hebrew of the Old Testament. I believe this will make the impact of who Jesus is clearer.
- D) I have five goals for this class:
 - i) We will see that Jesus has been directly involved in the affairs of mankind from the creation and all through the Old and New Testaments.
 - ii) Solidify in our mind that Jesus is indeed one of the members of the eternal Godhead and Jesus has been the main interface between mankind and God, even in the Old Testament. I am hopeful that by the time we get through these lessons. We are in awe of Jesus.
 - iii) Increase your understanding of the veracity of the Scriptures and God’s faithfulness to His Word.
 - iv) Show the entire Word of God (Old and New Testaments) is a unified revelation from God. God has from eternity past had only **ONE** plan to be executed through His creation. We will see how Jesus, who is Yahweh Himself, has been directly involved in the affairs of men to bring about this one and only eternal plan of the Father.
 - v) Ultimately to know Yahweh better, which is the highest aspiration of mankind. There is nothing more rewarding or satisfying than to know the eternal, omniscient, omnipotent God.
 - (a) **Jeremiah 9:23-24** – ²³Thus says Yahweh, “Let not a wise man boast in his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast in his might; let not a rich man boast in his riches, ²⁴but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am Yahweh who shows lovingkindness, justice, and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things,” declares Yahweh.
 - (b) It is my hope and prayer that through this class you will come to know Yahweh better and you will be in awe of the God-man Jesus of Nazareth.
- E) Topics that we will cover
 - i) Historical events involving Jesus in the Old Testament
 - (I) Specifically, today we will look at the role of Jesus in creation
 - (II) Next week we will look as some Christophanies (Preincarnate appearances of Jesus).
In His preincarnate appearances He was often referred to as the Angel of Yahweh.
 - ii) Then we will examine allusions or types representing Jesus in the Old Testament
 - iii) We will examine five divine covenants and how they relate to Jesus or how Jesus relates to the covenants.
 - iv) Then we will look at all seven feasts in the Mosaic Law.
 - (a) We will see how the covenants and feasts are the backbone to The Father’s redemptive plan and how Jesus’ life is directly linked and central to each one.
 - (b) Through this I believe we will gain a deeper understanding of Father’s plan as revealed in the Old Testament, and that it has, step by step, been fulfilled and will reach its culmination at Jesus’ second coming, the Millennial Kingdom, and into the eternal state.
 - (c) Finally, we will focus on prophecies concerning Jesus’ first advent. I covered many of the prophecies concerning Jesus’s second coming in the “Understanding End-Time Prophecy” class a couple of years ago. Therefore, we will not cover those again here in this class. If you missed that class and are interested, the link to my YouTube channel

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where those classes are posted is here on the white board.

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- (I) Looking at these prophecies concerning Messiah, we will see, beyond a shadow of a doubt, Jesus is the Messiah and only He fulfills Old Testament Scripture that attests to this.
- F) Any questions on the objectives and content of this class?
- i) Let me start with a question for you. How do you view Jesus of Nazareth? What comes to mind when you think about Him? – WAIT – Do you ever view Him as the terrifying eternal God?
- (a) I fear the western church has largely lost the awe of who Jesus is. Yes, He is our friend and savior. Yes, He is gracious. Yes, He is compassionate and patient, but He is much more than that. Turn to **Mark 4:35-41** – ³⁵And on that day, when evening came, He said to them, “Let us go over to the other side.” ³⁶And leaving the crowd, they took Him along with them in the boat, just as He was; and other boats were with Him. ³⁷And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat so that the boat was already filling up. ³⁸And Jesus Himself was in the stern, sleeping on the cushion; and they got Him up and said to Him, “Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹And He woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Silence! Be still.” And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm. ⁴⁰And He said to them, “Why are you so cowardly? Do you still have no faith?” ⁴¹And they became very afraid and were saying to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?”
- (I) The Greek word which is employed when Jesus spoke why were you so cowardly in verse 40 means – dread or timid. The disciples were fearful or dreading their demise at the hands of the raging sea.
- (II) But in verse 41 a different Greek phrase is employed to describe their reaction to Jesus’ controlling the wind and the sea. This phrase states they were afraid with great fear.
- (III) The storm was dreadful and they were fearful of their doom, but now they are absolutely terrified of the One who calmed or muzzled the storm and raging sea.
- (b) **Revelation 1:17-18** – ¹⁷And when I [John] saw Him [Jesus], I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, “Do not fear; I am the first and the last, ¹⁸and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forever and ever, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.
- (I) John knew Jesus well. He had been with Him for the entire three years of Jesus’ public ministry. He had seen Jesus heal the sick and raise people from the dead, and yes, he had seen Jesus calm the storm and sea, but when John sees Jesus in all of His glory, John is terrified of Him to the point of death.
- (II) I hope by the end of these lessons we too will be filled with awe of the One who died for us. There is no man like Jesus! He has no peers because He is God as well as human.
- (III) To be sure our Lord is a terrifying person. Aren’t you glad He is your friend and not your enemy.
- ii) Let me read a few New Testament passages that make it clear Jesus is written about in the Old Testament Scriptures.
- (a) Philip one of the twelve disciples attest to this fact in **John 1:45** ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”
- (b) The apostle Paul attests to Jesus in the Old Testament in **Acts 17:2-3** we read, ²And according to Paul’s custom, he went to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures, ³explaining and setting before them that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, “This Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you is that Christ.”
- (c) Apollos testifies to Jesus in the Old Testament in **Acts 18:24-28** – ²⁴Now a Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by birth, an eloquent man, arrived at Ephesus; and he was mighty in the Scriptures. ²⁵This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he was speaking and teaching accurately the things concerning Jesus, being acquainted only with the baptism of John; ²⁶and he began to

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speak out boldly in the synagogue. But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. ²⁷And when he wanted to go across to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him; and when he had arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace, ²⁸for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, demonstrating by the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ.

(d) And finally, Jesus Himself gives testimony to the Old Testament speaking of Him:

(I) **John 5:37-40** – ³⁷And the Father who sent Me, He has borne witness about Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time nor seen His form. ³⁸And you do not have His word abiding in you, for you do not believe Him whom He sent. ³⁹You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that bear witness about Me; ⁴⁰and you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life.

(II) **Luke 24:13-27** – ¹³And behold, two of them were going that same day to a village named Emmaus, which was sixty stadia from Jerusalem. ¹⁴And they were conversing with each other about all these things which had happened. ¹⁵And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus Himself approached and was going with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him. ¹⁷And He said to them, “What are these words that you are discussing with one another as you are walking?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸And one of them, named Cleopas, answered and said to Him, “Are You the only one visiting Jerusalem and unaware of the things which have happened here in these days?” ¹⁹And He said to them, “What things?” And they said to Him, “The things about Jesus the Nazarene, who was a mighty prophet in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people, ²⁰and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to the sentence of death, and crucified Him. ²¹But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, it is the third day since these things happened. ²²But also some women among us astounded us. When they were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and not finding His body, they came, saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said that He was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just exactly as the women also said, but Him they did not see.” ²⁵And He said to them, “O foolish ones and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?” ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He interpreted to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

G) I am of the opinion, so you can take that for what it is worth, that most of the encounters between Yahweh and mankind in the Old and New Testaments is the second person of the trinity namely Jesus. In the Old Testament He is referred to at times directly as Yahweh (Jesus is Yahweh) or as the angel of Yahweh or messenger of Yahweh. It is somewhat confusing in the fact that all three persons of the trinity and the trinity itself is referred to as Yahweh in Scripture. So, it does take some insight and discernment to identify who is being referred to as Yahweh. Hopefully we will see this more clearly as we go through this class.

H) At this point let me ask a question, what offices does Jesus hold? For instance, Jesus holds the office of King. What else? He is Priest. And He is Prophet. What is the role of a priest? A priest represents the people to God. A priest intercedes for the people provides a way to access God. Is Jesus our priest? Absolutely. He is at God’s right hand making intercession for us today. What is the role of a prophet? A prophet is a messenger sent from God to the people to reveal things we could not know any other way. That revelation may be revealing who God is, what God requires from us, what God is going to do, or pronouncement of God’s blessing or judgment. Does Jesus fulfill this role? Being God, Jesus speaks perfectly for God and is the only One who can reveal the mind of God. So, is it any wonder that in the Old Testament the pre-incarnate Jesus is referred to as the “angel of Yahweh” or the messenger of Yahweh? This perfectly describes Jesus’ role as prophet.

I) With that said, I am not saying that the Father or the Holy Spirit are inactive or passive. For Jesus Himself declares in **John 5:15-17** ¹⁵The man went away, and disclosed to the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. ¹⁶And for this reason the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because He was doing these things on the Sabbath. ¹⁷But He answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I Myself am working.” And by the way, the Father is still at work to this day along with Jesus.

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- J) The three persons of the Triune God always work together and for the same goals, but I believe that the second person of the trinity is the main contact between Yahweh and mankind as I think we will be able to show in this class.

II. Jesus in Historical Events

So let us go now to the Old Testament and see where Jesus is written about and what is said of Him.

The goal of today's class is to establish 1) Jesus is Yahweh and 2) that Jesus was the active agent in creation. In other words, Jesus is the Creator.

Turn to Job 38. I want to set a foundation for us. We get a vivid picture of the Creator in Job 38-41 and in a moment, we will turn to Isaiah 40. I want to use these to establish Jesus has always been, and is, and always will be Yahweh. I will only read through verse 37 of Job 38, but this interrogation goes through the end of Job Chapter 41.

- A) **Job 38:1-37** – *¹Then Yahweh answered Job out of the whirlwind and said, ²“Who is this that darkens counsel By words without knowledge? ³Now gird up your loins like a man, And I will ask you, and you make Me know! ⁴Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell Me, if you know understanding, ⁵Who set its measurements? Since you know. Or who stretched the line on it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk? Or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷When the morning stars sang together And all the sons of God shouted for joy? ⁸“Or who enclosed the sea with doors When, bursting forth, it went out from the womb, ⁹When I made a cloud its garment And dense gloom its swaddling band, ¹⁰And I placed boundaries on it And set a bolt and doors, ¹¹And I said, ‘Thus far you shall come, but no farther; And here shall your proud waves stop’? ¹²“Have you ever in your life commanded the morning, And caused the dawn to know its place, ¹³That it might seize the ends of the earth, And the wicked be shaken out of it? ¹⁴It is changed like clay under the seal; And they stand forth like clothing. ¹⁵From the wicked their light is withheld, And the arm raised high is broken. ¹⁶“Have you entered into the springs of the sea Or walked in the recesses of the deep? ¹⁷Have the gates of death been revealed to you, Or have you seen the gates of the shadow of death? ¹⁸Have you carefully considered the expanse of the earth? Tell Me, if you know all this. ¹⁹“Where is the way to where the light dwells? And darkness, where is its place, ²⁰That you may take it to its territory And that you may discern the paths to its home? ²¹You know, for you were born then, And the number of your days is great! ²²Have you entered the storehouses of the snow, Or have you seen the storehouses of the hail, ²³Which I have reserved for the time of distress, For the day of war and battle? ²⁴Where is the way that the light is divided, Or the east wind scattered on the earth? ²⁵“Who has cleft a conduit for the flood, Or a way for the thunderbolt, ²⁶To bring rain on a land without people, On a desert without a man in it, ²⁷To satisfy the waste and desolate land And to make the growth of grass to sprout? ²⁸Has the rain a father? Or who has begotten the drops of dew? ²⁹From whose womb has come the ice? And the frost of heaven, who has given it birth? ³⁰Water becomes hard like stone, And the surface of the deep is interlocked. ³¹“Can you bind the chains of the Pleiades, Or loose the cords of Orion? ³²Can you lead forth a constellation in its season, And guide the Bear with her satellites? ³³Do you know the statutes of the heavens, Or fix their rule over the earth? ³⁴“Can you raise your voice up to the clouds, So that an abundance of water will cover you? ³⁵Can you send forth lightnings that they may go And say to you, ‘Here we are’? ³⁶Who has given wisdom in the innermost being Or given understanding to the mind? ³⁷Who can count the clouds by wisdom, Or tip the water jars of the heavens, ³⁸When the dust hardens into a mass And the clods stick together?*

Now turn to Isaiah 40

- B) **Isaiah 40:12-14, 21-26;** *¹²Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, And encompassed the heavens by the span, And calculated the dust of the earth by the measure, And weighed the mountains in a balance And the hills in a pair of scales? ¹³Who has encompassed the Spirit of Yahweh, Or as His counselor has informed Him? ¹⁴With whom did He take counsel and who gave Him understanding? And who taught Him in the path of justice and taught Him knowledge And made Him know the way of understanding?*

Skipping down to verse 21-26 – *²¹Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been declared to you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²²It is He who inhabits above the circle of the earth, And its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; It is He who stretches out the heavens like a curtain And spreads them out like a tent to inhabit. ²³It is He who reduces rulers to nothing, Who makes the judges of the earth utterly formless. ²⁴Scarcely have they been planted; Scarcely have they been sown; Scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, But He merely blows on them, and they wither, And the storm carries them away like stubble. ²⁵“To whom then will you liken Me That I would be his equal?” says the Holy One. ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high And see who has created these stars, The One who leads forth their host by number, He calls them all by name; Because of the greatness of His vigor and the strength of His power, Not one of them is missing.*

Here in Job and Isaiah we see Yahweh and the Creator are one in the same. Keep this in mind as we go through today's lesson. Isaiah 40:26 states He, Yahweh the Creator, has named every star in the universe.

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Currently NASA estimates the average galaxy contains 100 million stars and there are currently estimated to be 2 trillion galaxies. Although with the James Webb Space Telescope, I believe this will be revised up. But if we use the 2 trillion galaxies, this would bring the star total in the universe to one hundred quintillion stars or 10^{21} stars a 1 followed by 21 zeros. To put this in perspective, if you could name a star every second it would take you nearly 32 trillion years to name each star. Yahweh created the universe on a grand scale. No wonder the Psalmist said the Heavens declare the glory of God. Now let's turn to the creation account in

A) **Genesis 1** – ¹*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.* ²*And the earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.* ³*Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light.* ⁴*And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.* ⁵*And God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.* ⁶*Then God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.”* ⁷*So God made the expanse and separated the waters which were below the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it was so.* ⁸*And God called the expanse heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.* ⁹*Then God said, “Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear”; and it was so.* ¹⁰*And God called the dry land earth, and the gathering of the waters He called seas; and God saw that it was good.* ¹¹*Then God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them”; and it was so.* ¹²*And the earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit with seed in them, after their kind; and God saw that it was good.* ¹³*And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.* ¹⁴*Then God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years; ¹⁵and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth”; and it was so.* ¹⁶*So God made the two great lights, the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night, and also the stars.* ¹⁷*And God placed them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸and to rule the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good.* ¹⁹*And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.* ²⁰*Then God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the expanse of the heavens.”* ²¹*And God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed after their kind, and every winged bird after its kind; and God saw that it was good.* ²²*Then God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth.”* ²³*And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.* ²⁴*Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after their kind”; and it was so.* ²⁵*God made the beasts of the earth after their kind, and the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing of the ground after its kind; and God saw that it was good.* ²⁶*Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness, so that they will have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”* ²⁷*And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.* ²⁸*God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that creeps on the earth.”* ²⁹*Then God said, “Behold, I have given to you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has the fruit of the tree yielding seed; it shall be food for you; ³⁰and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that creeps on the earth which has life, I have given every green plant for food”; and it was so.* ³¹*And God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.*

We see a number of “God said” in Genesis 1, but where is Jesus in this passage? Here is where you and I get to have our own Emmaus Road experience. Just as the two disciples that we read about earlier on the road to Emmaus had their eyes opened to what was written about Jesus in the Law and the Prophets.

As I was studying for this class, I mentioned to Pat that wouldn't it have been nice if the Holy Spirit had recorded in the New Testament this conversation between the two disciples from Emmaus and Jesus in detail. To have heard Jesus reveal Himself in the Old Testament Scriptures. Then it dawned on me that Jesus has done this. His Spirit revealing these truths to us. The Spirit has given us the New Testament to open our eyes to what was written about Jesus in the Old Testament. The New Testament in many ways does not show us new things as much as it clarifies and reveals the truth found in the Old Testament. Especially concerning our Savior and Lord Jesus. Yes, it is true that there are mysteries that were hidden from mankind and not revealed until the New Testament. But outside of these mysteries, the New Testament largely clarifies or enriches what was revealed in the Old

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Testament. So, we use the New Testament to reveal Christ in the Old. And just as the two from Emmaus had their eyes opened by the living Word, we can have our eyes opened by the written Word. So back to my question where is Jesus in Genesis Chapter 1? **WAIT**

What supporting reasons do we have to support why this was Jesus who said “Let there be ...”

- i) **John 1:1-3** – ¹*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.*
- ii) **Colossians 1:12-17** – ¹²*giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³Who rescued us from the authority of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of the Son of His love, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For in Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷And He is before all things, And in Him all things hold together.*

We see from additional detail given in the Gospel of John and The Letter to the Church in Colossae, that Jesus was indeed the active agent behind the creation of all things. This not only includes the universe we see, but also those things that are not seen – such as the angelic host including Lucifer who became Satan. We now know it was Jesus who spoke and the creation came into being.

B) Turn to Genesis 2:7-9 – ⁷*Then Yahweh God formed man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and so the man became a living being. ⁸And Yahweh God planted a garden in Eden, toward the east; and there He placed the man whom He had formed. ⁹And out of the ground Yahweh God caused to grow every tree that is desirable in appearance and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.*

What evidence do we have for Jesus being the active agent breathing life into Adam? (**WAIT**)

Again let’s turn to the New Testament.

- i) **John 1:18** – ¹⁸*No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.*
First no human, except for Jesus, has ever seen God in His pure essence – including Adam.
Second this action of breathing life into a person was performed a second time by Jesus with the disciples after His resurrection.
- ii) **John 20:21-22** – ²¹*So Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” ²²And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.*
Jesus breathed new life into the disciples – Jesus gave them His Holy Spirit.
- iii) **John 1:4** – ⁴*In Him[Jesus] was life, and the life was the Light of men.*
- iv) **John 14:5-6** – ⁵*Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going. How do we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father but through Me.*

From these accounts we can be certain that, while creation was the Father’s plan, it was Jesus who was the active agent in creating everything that exists. It was Jesus who knelt down beside Adam and breathed life into Adam who then became a living soul.

The reason I have spent so much time on creation and Jesus’ role in the creation is to establish Jesus – long before Bethlehem – is a part of the eternal triune God and that He alone created everything, both seen and unseen. This fact alone debunks most false religions.

Islam – Jesus is only a prophet, but not God

Mormonism – Jesus and Satan were both created by God and in that sense are equals.

Polytheistic religions such as Hinduism – There are many gods. No, there is only one God existing in three persons and Jesus, the second person of the Trinity, alone created everything.

There are no other gods beside the three-in-one God – Yahweh.

Also establishing Jesus as the Creator opens so many other Scriptures up to us. Let me give you an example. Turn to **Zechariah 12:1, 10** – ¹*The oracle of the word of Yahweh concerning Israel. Thus declares Yahweh who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him,*

Which person of the Trinity stretched out the heavens? Which person of the Triune God laid the foundation of the earth? Who forms the spirit of man within him? Jesus. So here we see Jesus is

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addressed as Yahweh since Zachariah says Yahweh did these things. Skipping down to first part of verse 10 it even becomes clearer we are talking about Jesus here, ¹⁰“*And I [this is Yahweh speaking] will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced;*”

Was the Father pierced? Was the Holy Spirit pierced? Only Jesus was pierced. Because we have established Jesus as the Creator, now when we read verse 1 of Zechariah 12, we come to the conclusion that Jesus must be Yahweh.

Psalm 33:1-9 – ¹*Sing for joy in Yahweh, O righteous ones; Praise is becoming to the upright.* ²*Give thanks to Yahweh with the lyre; Sing praises to Him with a harp of ten strings.* ³*Sing to Him a new song; Play skillfully with a loud shout.* ⁴*For the word of Yahweh is upright, And all His work is done in faithfulness.* ⁵*He loves righteousness and justice; The earth is full of the lovingkindness of Yahweh.* ⁶*By the word of Yahweh the heavens were made, And by the breath of His mouth all their host.* ⁷*He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; He lays up the deeps in storehouses.* ⁸*Let all the earth fear Yahweh; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.* ⁹*For He spoke, and it was; He commanded, and it stood.*

The Psalmist says Yahweh created the heavens and as we saw Jesus created the heavens. What are we commanded to do in verse 8 – to fear and stand in awe of Yahweh – Jesus of Nazareth. When is the last time you feared and stood in awe of Jesus? I hope it has not been too long ago.

Psalm 102:24-27 – ²⁴*I say, “O my God, do not take me away in the midst of my days, Your years are from generation to all generations.* ²⁵*Of old You founded the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands.* ²⁶*Even they will perish, but You will remain; And all of them will wear out like a garment; Like clothing You will change them and they will be changed.* ²⁷*But You are the same, And Your years will not come to an end.*

We know that the writer of Psalm 102 was writing about Jesus for Hebrews 1:1-12 states:

Hebrews 1:1-12 – ¹*God, having spoken long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways,* ²*in these last days spoke to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds,* ³*who is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power; who, having accomplished cleansing for sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,* ⁴*having become so much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they.* ⁵*For to which of the angels did He ever say, “YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU”?* ⁶*And when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says, “AND LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM.”* ⁷*And of the angels He says, “WHO MAKES HIS ANGELS WINDS, AND HIS MINISTERS FLAMING FIRE.”* ⁸*But of the Son He says, “YOUR THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER, AND THE SCEPTER OF UPRIGHTNESS IS THE SCEPTER OF YOUR KINGDOM.* ⁹*YOU HAVE LOVED RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HATED LAWLESSNESS; THEREFORE GOD, YOUR GOD, HAS ANOINTED YOU WITH THE OIL OF GLADNESS ABOVE YOUR COMPANIONS.”* ¹⁰*And, “YOU, LORD, IN THE BEGINNING FOUNDED THE EARTH, AND THE HEAVENS ARE THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS;* ¹¹*THEY WILL PERISH, BUT YOU REMAIN; AND THEY ALL WILL WEAR OUT LIKE A GARMENT,* ¹²*AND LIKE A MANTLE YOU WILL ROLL THEM UP; LIKE A GARMENT THEY WILL ALSO BE CHANGED. BUT YOU ARE THE SAME, AND YOUR YEARS WILL NOT COME TO AN END.”*

Verses 25–27 in Psalm 102 is directly attributed to Jesus in Hebrews 1:10-12.

And again, in Hebrews 11:3 the writer makes Jesus the Creator equal to God.

Hebrews 11:3 – ³*By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.*

And finally in Psalm 100 we see Jesus [Yahweh] is not only our Creator, but our great shepherd.

Psalm 100:1-3 – ¹*Make a loud shout to Yahweh, all the earth.* ²*Serve Yahweh with gladness; Come before Him with joyful songs.* ³*Know that Yahweh, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.*

Jesus Himself affirms this in **John 10:11-15** – ¹¹*“I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.* ¹²*He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees—and the wolf snatches and scatters them—* ¹³*because he is a hired hand and is not concerned about the sheep.* ¹⁴*I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me,* ¹⁵*even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.*

We could spend weeks on Jesus the Creator, but let us close with **Psalm 95:** – ¹*Oh come, let us sing for joy to Yahweh, Let us make a loud shout to the rock of our salvation.* ²*Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, Let us make a loud shout to Him with songs of praise.* ³*For Yahweh is a great God And a great King above all gods,* ⁴*In whose hand are the depths of the earth, The peaks of the mountains are His also.* ⁵*The sea is His, for it was He who made it, And His hands formed the dry land.* ⁶*Come, let us worship and bow down, Let us kneel before Yahweh our Maker.* ⁷*For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand. Today, if you hear His voice,* ⁸*Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, As in the day of Massah in the wilderness,* ⁹*“When your fathers tried Me, They tested Me, though they*

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had seen My work. ¹⁰For forty years I loathed that generation, And said they are a people who wander in their heart, And they do not know My ways. ¹¹Therefore I swore in My anger, They shall never enter into My rest.”

Any thoughts, comments, or questions on what we have covered today?

Are you certain of Jesus eternal existence?

Are you certain Jesus is the Creator?

Are you certain Jesus is Yahweh?

Next week we will look at some Christophanies – pre-incarnate appearances of Jesus of Nazareth.

You are dismissed and go in the fear of Yahweh.

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Lesson 1 – Jesus is Yahweh and the Creator of all things, both seen and unseen.

Lesson 1 Scripture references:

Jeremiah 9:23-24

Mark 4:35-41

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John 5:15-17

Job 38:1-37

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John 1:1-3

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Genesis 2:7-9

John 1:18

John 20:21-22

John 1:4

John 14:5-6

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Psalm 33:1-9

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