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THE GODHOOD OF JESUS – LESSON 3

YESHUAH, MY SALVATION

Yesterday we saw that Elohim is a trinity; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and yet is but one God. The Son, Jesus is part of the Trinity and is fully God. The unity of the Trinity is seen also in John 10:30 where Jewish leaders asked Him if He was the Christ. His answer was ***“I and (my) father are one.”*** That leaves no question about His Godhood.

The name of Jesus in New Testament Greek would be transliterated into English as “iesous” (pronounced ee-ay-sooce’) and means “Saviour.” So, with “Saviour” being His true Greek name, what is His name in the Old Testament?

His Old testament Hebrew name is Yeshuah, which means “salvation.” Many Old Testament scriptures use the English word “salvation,” but it is actually “Yeshuah,” the very name of Jesus. Let us look at a small sampling of those many many scriptures where “salvation” is actually “Yeshuah,” and we will put in His name.

The first one was when Jacob (Israel) was prophetically “blessing” his sons before his death. In Genesis 49:18 Israel (Jacob) said, ***“I have waited for thy Yeshuah, oh Lord (Jehovah).”*** Jacob might not have had a trinity concept (typical of Old Testament Jews), nevertheless, he spoke Jesus’ name, Yeshuah, as the salvation he awaited.

When God destroyed Pharaoh’s army at the Red Sea, Moses and all of Israel sang a song which used the name of God four times in Exodus 15:2 where he sang, ***“The LORD (YAHH) is my strength and song, and He is (has) become my salvation (Yeshuah). He is my God (EL), and I will prepare Him a habitation; my father’s God (Elohim), and I will exalt Him.”*** Yeshuah (Jesus) was included by Moses in the totality of who God is.

The Psalmist, King David, also writes in Psalm 140:7; ***“Oh GOD the Lord (Jehovah Adonai) the strength of my salvation (Yeshuah)”*** linking Jesus as the strength of Jehovah (Yahweh) Adonai (Lord). It is also in Psalm 149:4, ***“For the LORD (Jehovah/Yahweh) taketh pleasure in His people. He will beautify the meek with salvation (Yeshuah).”*** We are truly “beautified” through Jesus.

The prophet Isaiah also wrote in Isaiah 12:2, ***“Behold, God (El) is my salvation (Yeshuah). I will trust and not be afraid, for the LORD JEHOVAH (Yahh Yehovaw/Jah Jehovah) is my strength and my song. He also is become my salvation (Yeshuah).”*** Yeshuah (Jesus) is consistently shown as the strength of the Godhead towards us.

“Yeshuah” is used 64 times in the Old Testament. Furthermore, His name abbreviated as “Yesha” is used an additional 31 times and still given in English as “salvation.” Both names communicate a sense of safety. His name is throughout the Old Testament, spoken by prophets Samuel, David, Isaiah, Jonah, Habakkuk, and Micah as well as the historical books of Deuteronomy, I and II Chronicles, Genesis and Exodus.

Clearly, Jesus (Yeshuah) is my Salvation, my Lord, my king, and my God. Praise and glory to the name of Jesus!!