

God the Father and God the Son, and the god of this World

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Question: Before Jesus Christ was born had He pre-existed?

Yes. John 1:1 is very clear that the One that became Jesus Christ was the Word that was with God the Father and created all things.

John 1:1-18

1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2. He was in the beginning with God. 3. All things came into being through Him, and not even one thing that was created came into being without Him. 4. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5. And the light shines in the darkness, but the darkness does not comprehend it. 6. There was a man sent by God, whose name was John. 7. He came for a witness, that he might testify concerning the light, so that through him all might believe. 8. He was not the light, but came that he might testify concerning the light. 9. The true light was that which enlightens everyone who comes into the world. 10. He was in the world, and the world came into being through Him, but the world did not know Him. 11. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him; 12. But as many as received Him, to them He gave authority to become the children of God, even to those who believe in His name; 13. Who were not begotten by bloodlines, nor by the will of the flesh, nor by the will of man, but by the will of God. 14. And the Word became flesh, and tabernacled among us (and we ourselves beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten with the Father), full of grace and truth. 15. John testified concerning Him, and proclaimed, saying, "This was He of Whom I said, 'He Who comes after me has precedence over me because He was before me.' " 16. And of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. 17. For the law was given through Moses, and the grace and the truth came through Jesus Christ. 18. No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, Who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

Question: What scriptures prove that Jesus Christ was the God of the Old Testament?

"And God [Elohim] said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness' " (Gen. 1:26).

"Come, let Us [Elohim] go down, and there confound their language, so that they cannot understand one another's speech" (Gen. 11:7).

"And He said to them, 'I was watching when Satan fell from heaven like lightning.'" (Luke 10:18)

"And they all drank of the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them. And that Rock was Christ" (I Cor. 10:4).

"He is the Rock; His work is perfect for all His ways are just, a God of faithfulness, and without iniquity; just and upright is He" (Deut. 32:4). "You forgot the Rock Who brought you forth, and have forgotten the God Who formed you" (verse 18).

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall give birth to a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel"; which is, being interpreted, "God with us" (Matt. 1:23).

"Because by Him were all things created, the things in heaven and the things on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether they be thrones, or lordships, or principalities, or powers; all things were created by Him and for Him. And He is before all, and by Him all things subsist. And He is the Head of the body, the church; Who is the beginning, the firstborn from among the dead, so that in all things He Himself might hold the preeminence" (Col. 1:16-18).

"And God said to Moses, 'I AM THAT I AM.' And He said, 'Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me unto you' " (Ex. 3:14).

"Jesus said unto them, 'Truly, truly I say to you, before Abraham was born, I AM' " (John 8:58).

"He was in the world, and the world came into being through Him, but the world did not know Him" (John 1:10).

Question: Was Jesus Christ “the Son of God” before He was born on earth?

No. He became the Son of God when He was born on earth, but prior to this He was eternal God and had no Father or mother or beginning of days. Now bear in mind that the heavens and their host (angels) are created beings.

Hebrews 7:1-3

1. For this Melchisedec, King of Salem, Priest of the Most High God, Who met Abraham as he was returning from his slaughter of the kings, and blessed him,
2. And to Whom Abraham gave a tenth part of all; on the one hand, being interpreted King of Righteousness; and on the other hand, King of Salem, which is King of Peace;
3. ***Without father, without mother, without genealogy; having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but having been made like the Son of God,*** remains a Priest forever.

Question: Who is Melchisedec?

Question: Why is Jesus referred to as the King of Peace rather than the Prince of Peace as He is in Isaiah 9:6? When will He change from the Prince of Peace to the King of Peace?

Isaiah 9:6

6. For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Question: Today most people refer to the Son of God as Jesus. What was He called for the 4,000 years before He was named Jesus?

The names of God that appear in the Old Testament are often translated from either Jehovah (JHVH) or Elohim, or a combination of the two.

Refer A Faithful Version Appendix W – The 2 Jehovahs of the Old Testament

It was Jehovah Who had delivered the children of Israel from their bondage in Egypt and had covenanted with them at Sinai. It was Jehovah Who had led Israel through the wilderness and had brought them to the land of Canaan. Now, as the children of Israel were preparing to enter the Promised Land, Moses was proclaiming that they were to worship Jehovah—and Him only: "Hear, O Israel: Our one God is Jehovah Jehovah" (Deut. 6:4). [Editor's note: In The Holy Bible In Its Original Order, this passage is rendered: "Hear, O Israel: Our one God is the LORD, the LORD."]

Deuteronomy 6:4 is a highly controversial text, particularly so in the Faithful Version. The followers of Judaism reject the truth of the duality of the Godhead and refuse to acknowledge the existence of the two Jehovahs of the Old Testament. Deuteronomy 6:4 is referred to as “The Shema” and has long been used as a “rallying cry” for monotheistic Judaism in arguing the singularity of the Godhead.

The Jewish translate Deut 6:4 as:

"Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One."

Yet both the Old and New Testaments reveal that the two Jehovahs —

Who became the Father and the Son—have always existed. Christ said, "[The] Scriptures cannot be broken..." (John 10:35). Indeed, the New Testament Scriptures uphold the correct understanding of Deuteronomy 6:4—as confirmed by Jesus when He quoted the passage in Mark 12:29 (see Appendix X, "Exegetical Analysis of Mark 12:29").

The translation given in a Faithful Version

'Our one Elohim is YHWH, YHWH.

Our one God is the LORD, the LORD.

This translation points to the duality of the Godhead and is the only translation that does not transgress any grammatical language rules noting that the Jewish translation self-confessedly transgresses Hebrew Grammar. The translation is supported by the words of Jesus Christ in Mark 12:29.

Mark 12:29

29. Then Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is, 'Hear, O Israel. Our one God is the Lord, the Lord.

Mark 12:29 is given an exegetical analysis in Appendix X which clearly demonstrates the language used in both Hebrew and Greek refers to duality of the Godhead.

This double use of the name Jehovah is not unique in the Pentateuch. Jehovah is also used in repetitive apposition in a significant passage in Exodus which describes the appearance of the God of Israel to Moses on Mt. Sinai when the words of the covenant were being delivered. Notice the name by which Israel's God revealed Himself: "And the LORD [Jehovah] passed by before him [Moses] and proclaimed, 'The LORD, the LORD God [Jehovah, Jehovah Elohim], merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth' " (Ex. 34:6).

The Two Jehovahs of the Psalms

The two Jehovahs of the Old Testament are clearly revealed in the original Hebrew of the book of Psalms. Evidence of two Jehovahs can be found in Psalm 2, 16, 22, 89, 90, 110 and 118.

In all but one of these passages (Psalm 118), the original inspired words were altered in ancient times by the keepers of the Hebrew text. Under the pretense of reverence for the name of God, the name Adonay was substituted for Jehovah in 134 places—including key verses in the Psalms which reveal that there were two Jehovahs. These alterations to the Hebrew text were carefully documented. The ancient Levitical Massorites, custodians of the Hebrew text, noted every passage in which the name Jehovah was modified to Adonay. Adonay is a variation of the Hebrew word Adon, which means "Lord."

The motive behind these alterations is not fully understood. It is possible that during the second and third centuries BC—when the Jewish nation was heavily influenced by Hellenistic religious concepts—the Jews accepted of a form of monotheism which resulted in the rejection of the scriptural truth that there were two Jehovahs. Indeed, the selection of the passages which were altered indicates that the Massorites were unwilling to acknowledge the existence of more than one Jehovah.

A contributing factor may have been that the Levites could not accept the scriptural revelation that one of the two Jehovahs would become the Messiah and replace their existing priesthood. Thus, they modified passages in the Psalms which referred to both Jehovahs and which prophesied that one of these Jehovahs would become the Messiah and the High Priest of the New Covenant.

Psalm 2:1-2

1. Why do the nations rage and the people plot in vain?
2. The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together against the LORD and against His Christ, saying,

Question: Which of the Elohim is referred to in verse 2?

Psalm 2:3

3. "Let us break Their bands asunder and cast away Their cords from us."

Question: Which of the Elohim is referred to in verse 3?

Psalm 2:4-8

4. He who sits in the heavens laughs; the LORD scoffs at them. 5. Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and in His fury He terrifies them. 6. "Yea, I have set My king upon Zion, My holy mountain."
7. "I will declare the decree of the LORD. He has said to Me, 'You are My Son; this day I have begotten You. 8. Ask of Me, and I shall give the nations for Your inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for Your possession.

Question: Do verses 4-8 indicate one of the Elohim is more senior than the Other?

Psalm 2:9-12

9. You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.' " 10. Now therefore be wise, O kings; be admonished, O judges of the earth. 11. Serve the LORD with fear and rejoice with trembling. 12. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry and you perish in the way, for His wrath can flame up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.

Question: If we believe that JHVH that became Jesus was not the Son of God in the Old Testament, who was referred to as the son of God in the Old Testament and why?

Firstly men are referred to as sons of God:

Genesis 6:1-4

1. And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and when daughters were born to them,
2. That the sons of the mighty ones (**translated from Ben Elohim – sons of God**) saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves from all whom they chose.
3. And the LORD said, "My spirit shall not always strive with man in his going astray, for he is but flesh, and yet his days shall be a hundred and twenty years."
4. There were tyrants (*Also means giants or those who have fallen away from God) on the earth in those days, and also after that, **the sons of God** (see Scriptural meaning) came in to the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. They were mighty men who existed of old, men of renown.

Question: Why are men referred to as the sons of God?

1. Created by God
2. Made in the image of God
3. Made for a great potential, however we are not immortal spirits like God now in our physical form in this first life-time

Secondly angels are referred to as the sons of God:

(I'm not convinced these first two references are to angels, but most believe they are, and the third reference is unequivocal)

Job 1:6

6. Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD. And Satan also came among them.

Job 2:1

1. And again it came to pass on a day that the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD. And Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD.

Job 38:4-7

4. Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Declare it, if you have understanding!
5. Who has determined its measurements, if you know? Or who has stretched the line upon it?
6. On what are the foundations fastened to? Or who laid its cornerstone,
7. When the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

Question: Are angels the same type of spirit beings as the Elohim?

No. Whilst we read in Hebrews 7:3. That the Elohim that became the Son was ***Without father, without mother, without genealogy; having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but having been made like the Son of God***, remains a Priest forever.

The angels on the other hand are created beings and thus they have a beginning of days.

Ezekiel 28

13. You have been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering, the ruby, the topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the turquoise, and the emerald, and gold. The workmanship of your settings and of your sockets **was prepared in you in the day that you were created**. 14. You were the anointed cherub that covers, and I set you so; you were upon the holy

mountain of God; you have walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. 15. You were perfect in your ways from the day that you were created, until iniquity was found in you.

Question: Where is the difference between Jesus Christ and the angels made very clear?

Hebrews 1:1-2

1. God, Who spoke to the fathers at different times in the past and in many ways by the prophets, has spoken to us in these last days by His Son, 2. Whom He has appointed heir of all things, by Whom also He made the ages;

Question: If the Elohim that became the Father “appointed” the Son to be heir of all things, then what does this suggest about the hierarchy of the Elohim prior to Jesus birth on earth?

Hebrews 1:3

3. Who, being the brightness of His glory and the exact image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His own power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high;

Question: If Jesus Christ is seated at the right-hand of the Majesty on high then what does this suggest about the hierarchy of God? Are they co-equal as some have suggested?

Hebrews 1:4-9

4. Having been made so much greater than any of the angels, inasmuch as He has inherited a name exceedingly superior to them. 5. For to which of the angels did He ever say, "You are My Son; this day I have begotten You"? And again, "I will be a Father to Him, and He will be a Son to Me"? 6. And again, when He brought the Firstborn into the world, He said, "Let all the angels of God worship Him." 7. Now on the one hand, of the angels He says, "Who makes His angels spirits, and His ministers a flame of fire." 8. But on the other hand, of the Son He says, "Your throne, O God, is into the ages of eternity; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. 9. You loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; because of this, God, even Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness above Your companions."

Question: What is the relationship between the two Elohim described in verse 9? Is there any doubt that One is more senior than the Other?

Hebrews 1:10-14

10. And, "You, Lord, in the beginning did lay the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of Your hands. 11. They will perish, but You remain forever; and they will all grow old like a garment, 12. And You will roll them up like a covering, and they shall be changed; but You are the same, and Your years will not end." 13. But unto which of the angels did He ever say, "Sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet"? 14. Are they not all ministering spirits, being sent forth to minister to those who are about to inherit salvation?

Question: Is God who became the Son ever referred to as an angel?

- The “angel of the LORD” spoke to Hagar (Genesis 16:7-12) and “Then she **called the name of the LORD who spoke to her**, ‘You are a **God who sees**’; for she said, ‘Have I even remained alive here after seeing Him?’ ” (Genesis 16:13).
- At Genesis 28:13-20, Jacob made a vow to God at Bethel after the LORD appeared to him. Then at Genesis 31:11-13, the “angel of the LORD” appeared to Jacob saying: “**I am the God of Bethel**, where you anointed a pillar, where you **made a vow to Me...**” (Genesis 31:13).
- Zechariah 12:8: “In that day **the LORD will defend** the inhabitants of Jerusalem, ...and the house of David will be **like God, like the angel of the LORD** before them.”

DOES THE HEBREW WORD FOR “ANGEL” MEAN A CREATED BEING?

Some may ask, if Jesus is not a created being, how can “the angel of the LORD” be identified with Jesus since most “angels” in Scripture are created beings? This objection is easily answered by the fact that the Hebrew word “*mal-awk*” for “angel” does not necessarily mean a created being. While it is often used of created beings, like angels, prophets, and kings, its root meaning according to *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible* simply means: “to *despatch* as a deputy; a messenger; spec[ifically] of God...”^{***} The connection between Jesus and “the angel of the LORD” is so close that *Vine’s Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words* notes:

"The relation between the Lord and the 'angel of the Lord' is often so close that it is difficult to separate the two This identification has led some interpreters to conclude that the 'angel of the Lord' was the pre-incarnate Christ." – W.E. Vine, Merrill F. Unger, William White, Jr., *Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words* (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1985), page 5

Question: Is God who became the Father ever referred to as an angel?

Question: What about Michael? The Jehovah's Witnesses and even some people in the Church of God believe that Michael is another name for Jesus – the Son of God.

The name Michael is commonly translated with Who Is Like God?, but, more accurately, the name denotes an inquiry after the identity of God: Who's God? or **What's God Like?** As captain of the heavenly armies and expeller of satan, Michael's main mission is perhaps to inspire humans into seeking the identity of God

Suggestion: Let's do a Bible study on Michael

Question: What are some of the specific actions of and references to God the Father in the Old Testament and New?

Psalm 110:1

"The LORD said to my Lord. 'Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies as Your footstool' "

Daniel 7:13

"I saw visions in the night and, behold, One like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him"

Question: What is prophesied for JHVH the Son of God in the future, and what is prophesied for JHVH the Father in the future?

1. **The Son of God is to intercede on behalf of the resurrected saints so that they may be forgiven for their sins and given eternal life and Spirit bodies.**
2. **The Son of God is to marry His bride the church**
3. **The Son of God is to return to earth with the resurrected saints to make war with the Beast and take over the earth.**
4. **The Son of God is to reign over the throne of David which will eternally expand throughout the Universe.**

4. Isaiah 9:7

7. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and over His kingdom, to order it and to establish it with judgment and with righteousness from henceforth, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Luke 10:22-

22. Then He turned to the disciples and said, "All things were delivered to Me by My Father; and no one knows Who the Son is, except the Father; and Who the Father is, except the Son, and the one to whom the Son personally chooses to reveal Him."

Question: Is it possible to know God the Father without Jesus Christ?

John 14:6

6. Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.

Question: Is it possible to know Jesus without God the Father's intervention?

John 6:44

44. No one can come to Me unless the Father, Who sent Me, draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.

Question: Will God the Father dwell on earth during the Millenium?

References that refer to God the Father immediately before, during or after the Millenium:

Revelation 1:4-6

4. John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace and peace be to you from Him Who is, and Who was, and Who is to come; and from the seven spirits that are before His throne;
5. And from Jesus Christ, the faithful Witness, the Firstborn from the dead, and the Ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him Who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,
6. And **has made us kings and priests to God and His Father**; to Him be the glory and the sovereignty into the ages of eternity. Amen.

Question: Will there be a direct relationship between the resurrected saints and God the Father in the Millenium?

Revelation 2:26-29

26. And to the one who overcomes, and keeps My works unto the end, I will give authority over the nations;
27. And he shall shepherd them with an iron rod, as vessels of pottery are broken in pieces; as I have also received from My Father;
28. And I will give him the morning star.
29. The one who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

Question: Who gives the authority to the saints to rule over the nations? How did He get that authority?

Revelation 3:21

21. To the one who overcomes will I give authority to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and sat down with My Father in His throne.

Question: What was required of the Son of God before He was (is to be) given the kingdom of God on earth? What is required of us?

Revelation 5:1-10

1. And in the right hand of Him Who sits on the throne I saw a book, written within and on the back, which had been sealed with seven seals.
2. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the book and to loose its seals?"
3. But no one in heaven, or on the earth, or under the earth was able to open the book, or to look inside it.
4. And I was weeping greatly because no one was found worthy to open and to read the book, or to look into it.
5. Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion Who is of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome to open the book, and to loose its seven seals."
6. Then I saw, and behold, before the throne and the four living creatures, and before the elders, was standing a Lamb as having been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God that are sent into all the earth;
7. And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him Who sits on the throne.
8. And when He took the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having harps and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.
9. And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are You to take the book, and to open its seals because You were slain, and did redeem us to God by Your own blood, out of every tribe and language and people and nation,
10. And did make us unto our God kings and priests; and we shall reign on the earth."

Question: Do verses 9 and 10 refer to God the Father, God the Son, or both? If the resurrected saints are priests to God the Father will they have a direct relationship with Him?

Revelation 11:15-19

15. Then the seventh angel sounded his trumpet; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ, and He shall reign into the ages of eternity." 16. And the twenty-four elders, who sit before God on their thrones, fell on their faces and worshiped God,

17. Saying, "We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, Who is, and Who was, and Who is to come; for You have taken to Yourself Your great power, and have reigned.
18. For the nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, and the time for the dead to be judged, and to give reward to Your servants the prophets, and to the saints, and to all those who fear Your name, the small and the great; and to destroy those who destroy the earth."
19. And the temple of God in heaven was opened, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple; and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunders, and an earthquake and great hail.

Question: This scripture indicates there is a temple in heaven with the ark of His covenant. What do you think this covenant is and why is it brought out to be seen at this time?

Question: Whose Kingdom does earth become at this point?

Revelation 12:9

9. And the great dragon was cast out, the ancient serpent who is called the Devil and Satan, who is deceiving the whole world; he was cast down to the earth, and his angels were cast down with him.
10. And I heard a great voice in heaven say, "Now has come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of His Christ because the accuser of our brethren has been cast down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

Revelation 20:4-6

4. And I saw thrones; and they that sat upon them, and judgment was given to them; and I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus, and for the Word of God, and those who did not worship the beast, or his image, and did not receive the mark in their foreheads or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.
5. (But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were completed.) This is the first resurrection.
6. Blessed and holy is the one who has part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power. But they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

Question: Who shall the resurrected saints be priests to? And who shall they reign with for a thousand years? Does this indicate whether God the Father or God the Son are living on earth?

Revelation 22:1-5

1. Then he showed me a pure river of the water of life, clear as crystal, flowing out from the throne of God and of the Lamb.
2. And in the middle of the street, and on this side and that side of the river, was the tree of life, producing twelve manner of fruits, each month yielding its fruit; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.
3. And there shall be no more curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and His servants shall serve Him,
4. And they shall see His face; and His name is in their foreheads.
5. And there shall be no night there; for they have no need of a lamp or the light of the sun, because the Lord God enlightens them; and they shall reign into the ages of eternity.

Question: When is the time setting of Revelation 22? Is God the Father on earth? What is meant by the leaves are for the healing of the nations?

Question: What scriptures confirm that Jesus Christ the Son of God will dwell on earth ruling over it?

Matthew 19:28

28. And Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you who have followed Me: in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit upon *the* throne of His glory, you also shall sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Isaiah 2:2-4

2. And it shall come to pass, in the last days the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow into it. 3. And many people shall go and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of

Jacob. And He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the Word of the LORD from Jerusalem. 4. And He shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Zechariah 14:3-4 and 16-17

3. And the LORD shall go out and fight against those nations, as when He fought in the day of battle. 4. And His feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall split in two, from the east and to the west, and make a very great valley. And half of the mountain shall move toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

16. And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came up against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. 17. And it shall be, whoever will not come up from all the families of the earth to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.

Daniel 7:27

And the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High; their kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey them.'

Daniel 7:13-14

"I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

Daniel 2:44

And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever,

Amos 9:11-15

"In that day I will raise up the booth of David that is fallen and repair its breaches, and raise up its ruins and rebuild it as in the days of old, that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations who are called by my name," declares the Lord who does this. "Behold, the days are coming," declares the Lord, "when the plowman shall overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed; the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it. I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit. I will plant them on their land, and they shall never again be uprooted out of the land that I have given them," says the Lord your God.

Isaiah 66:8

Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall a land be born in one day? Shall a nation be brought forth in one moment? For as soon as Zion was in labor she brought forth her children.

Luke 1:32-33

He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Isaiah 9:6-7

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Daniel 9:24-27

"Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place. Know therefore and understand that from the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed one, a prince, there shall be seven weeks. Then for sixty-two weeks it shall be built again with squares and moat, but in a troubled time. And after the sixty-two weeks,

an anointed one shall be cut off and shall have nothing. And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood, and to the end there shall be war. Desolations are decreed. And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator."

John 18:36

Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world."

Closing scripture

John 17:1-26

1. Jesus spoke these words, and lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your own Son, so that Your Son may also glorify You;
2. Since You have given Him authority over all flesh, in order that He may give eternal life to all whom You have given Him.
3. For this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, Whom You did send.
4. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work that You gave Me to do.
5. And now, Father, glorify Me with Your own self, with the glory that I had with You before the world existed.
6. I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, and You have given them to Me, and they have kept Your Word.
7. Now they have known that all things that You have given Me are from You.
8. For I have given them the words that You gave to Me; and they have received them and truly have known that I came from You; and they have believed that You did send Me.
9. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world, but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours.
10. All Mine are Yours, and all Yours are Mine; and I have been glorified in them.
11. And I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, those whom You have given Me, so that they may be one, even as We are one.
12. When I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. I protected those whom You have given Me, and not one of them has perished except the son of perdition, in order that the Scriptures might be fulfilled.
13. But now I am coming to You; and these things I am speaking while yet in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in them.
14. I have given them Your words, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.
15. I do not pray that You would take them out of the world, but that You would keep them from the evil one.
16. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.
17. Sanctify them in Your truth; Your Word is the truth.
18. Even as You did send Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.
19. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, so that they also may be sanctified in Your truth.
20. I do not pray for these only, but also for those who shall believe in Me through their word;
21. That they all may be one, even as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, in order that the world may believe that You did send Me.
22. And I have given them the glory that You gave to Me, in order that they may be one, in the same way that We are one:
23. I in them, and You in Me, that they may be perfected into one; and that the world may know that You did send Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.
24. Father, I desire that those whom You have given Me may also be with Me where I am, so that they may behold My glory, which You have given Me; because You did love Me before the foundation of the world.
25. Righteous Father, the world has not known You; but I have known You, and these have known that You did send Me.
26. And I have made known Your name to them, and will make it known; so that the love with which You have loved Me may be in them, and I in them."