

The Lord God of the Old Testament

It is important to understand that 'God' in the Old Testament is often translated from the Hebrew word 'Elohim'. As we will see from the verses below, there were two beings from the beginning who made up the Elohim, a plural noun describing a family – God who is called the Father in the New Testament, and the One who gave up His place as God to become flesh, as the Son of God, Jesus Christ. This is explained to us in John 1:1-4, 14, *'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God**. The same was in the beginning with God. **All things were made by Him**; and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men....And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.'*

- *'And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness.'* Genesis 1:26.
- *'Go to, let Us [Elohim] go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.'* Genesis 11:7.
- *'The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.'* Psalm 110:1.
- *'I saw in the night visions, 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.'* Daniel 7:13.
- *'And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them[for 40 years in the wilderness]: and **that Rock was Christ**.'* 1 Corinthians 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.'* Deuteronomy 32:4. *'You forgot the Rock Who brought you forth and hast forgotten the God Who formed you'* Verse 18.
- *'Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, "**God with us**."* Matthew 1:23.
- *'For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him: And He is before all things, and by Him all things are held together. And He is the head of the body, the church: Who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things He might have the pre-eminence.'* Colossians 1:16-18.
- *'And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and He said, Thus shall you say unto the children of Israel, I AM has sent me unto you.'* Exodus 3:14.
- *'Jesus said unto them, Truly, truly, I say unto you, before Abraham was born, I AM.'* John 8:58.
- *'God, Who at many times and in various manners spoke in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Has in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, Whom He has appointed heir of all things, **by Whom also He made the worlds**; Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.'* Hebrews 1:1-3.

- *'He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not.'*
John 1:10
- *'Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe". Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"* John 20:27-28
- *'I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work that You gave Me to do. And now, Father, glorify Me with Your own self, with the glory that I had with You before the world existed. 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.'* John 17:4-5.