

The Distinction Between YHVH and Yeshua: A Scriptural Analysis

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Introduction

This study explores the scriptural basis for understanding Yeshua as the first of YHVH's creation, emphasizing their distinct roles. It also addresses the relationship between Yeshua's preexistence and His role in creation, as well as the scriptural evidence affirming YHVH's unique and eternal nature.

1. YHVH: The One True God

Scripture consistently affirms that YHVH alone is God, eternal and self-existent, with no equal or rival.

- **Isaiah 43:10:** “Before Me there was no God formed, nor shall there be after Me.”
 - YHVH asserts His uniqueness as the sole Creator and Sustainer of all things.
 - **Isaiah 42:8:** “I am YHVH, that is My name; and My glory I will not give to another.”
 - YHVH's glory and divine name belong to Him alone.
 - **Deuteronomy 6:4:** “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!”
 - Emphasizing the unity and singularity of YHVH.
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2. Yeshua as the Firstborn of Creation

Yeshua holds a unique position as the first act of YHVH's creation and the agent through whom all things were made.

- **Colossians 1:15-16:** “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created.”
 - The term “firstborn” (*prototokos*) supports both Yeshua's preeminence and His position as the first created being.
- **Revelation 3:14:** “The Beginning of the creation of God.”

- The Greek *arche* suggests Yeshua is the origin of YHVH's creation, not eternal but foundational to the created order.
 - **Proverbs 8:22-30** (Wisdom personified): "The LORD possessed me at the beginning of His way."
 - Many see this passage as a poetic description of Yeshua's role, portraying Him as the first created being through whom YHVH executed His creative work.
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3. Yeshua's Preexistence Before Creation

Although Yeshua was created, He existed before the physical universe and shared glory with YHVH.

- **John 17:5**: "Glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was."
 - Yeshua's preexistence affirms His unique relationship with YHVH, but His glory is distinct and derived.
 - **Micah 5:2**: "Whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting."
 - This prophecy indicates Yeshua's origin in the distant past, consistent with being the first creation.
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4. Distinction in Roles and Subordination

Yeshua's role is distinct and subordinate to YHVH, highlighting His dependency and submission.

- **John 14:28**: "The Father is greater than I."
 - Yeshua acknowledges His subordinate position relative to YHVH.
- **1 Corinthians 8:6**: "Yet for us there is one God, the Father... and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things."
 - YHVH is the source; Yeshua is the agent of creation.
- **Hebrews 5:7-8**: "Though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered."

- Yeshua’s human experience further demonstrates His role as a servant of YHVH’s will.
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5. Yeshua’s Need for the Holy Spirit and Strength

Yeshua’s humanity required reliance on YHVH for strength and guidance.

- **Matthew 3:16:** “The Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.”
 - Yeshua received the Holy Spirit to empower His mission as the Messiah.
 - **Luke 22:42:** “Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me.”
 - His prayer for strength underscores His dependence on YHVH during His human life.
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6. Misunderstood Scriptures That Seem to Contradict Yeshua’s Creation

Certain scriptures are often used to argue against Yeshua being created but can be understood in light of His unique role.

- **John 1:1-3:** “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”
 - The term “God” (*theos*) here can denote divine nature or authority rather than equality with YHVH.
 - **Isaiah 9:6:** “And His name will be called... Mighty God.”
 - The title “Mighty God” reflects Yeshua’s role as a divine representative, not as an equal to YHVH.
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Conclusion

Scripture provides a clear distinction between YHVH, the eternal and self-existent Creator, and Yeshua, the firstborn of all creation. Yeshua’s preexistence, unique role in creation, and submission to YHVH affirm His identity as the first of YHVH’s works, fulfilling His divine purpose within YHVH’s plan for salvation. This understanding reconciles Yeshua’s preeminence with YHVH’s singularity as the one true God.