

## **There Is No Other God**

Exodus 20:1 & 2; "I Am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods before Me."

Exodus 20:23; "You shall not make gods to share with Me; gods of silver or gods of gold you shall not make for yourselves."

Exodus 22:20; "He who sacrifices to any god but the Lord only, shall be utterly destroyed."

Isaiah 42:8; "I Am the Lord: that is My Name! And My glory I will not give to another, nor my praise to graven images."

Isaiah 43:10 & 11; "You are My witnesses, says the Lord, and My servant whom I have chosen, that you might know Me, believe Me and remain steadfast to Me, and understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after Me. I, even I Am the Lord, and besides Me there is no Saviour."

Isaiah 44:6; "Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, I Am the Lord of hosts: I Am the First and I Am the Last: Besides Me, there is no God."

Isaiah 44:7; "Who is like Me? Let him proclaim it, declare it, and set his proofs in order before Me, since I established the people of antiquity."

Isaiah 44:9 to 19; 'All who make graven idols are confusion, chaos and worthlessness. Their objects (idols) in which they delight do not profit them, and their own worshippers do not see or know, so that they are put to shame. Who is such a fool as to fashion a god or cast a graven image that is profitable for nothing?' Verse 14; 'He hews for himself trees of the forest then it becomes fuel for a man to burn; a part of it he warms himself and bakes bread then he also makes a god and worships it! He falls down to it and prays to it and says, "Deliver me for you are my god!"' Verse 19; 'No one considers in his mind; "I have burned part of this log in the fire and I have baked bread on its coals and have roasted meat and eaten it. And shall I make the remainder of it into an abomination; disgusting, detestable and shamefully vile in the eyes of a jealous God?"'

Isaiah 45:5; "I Am the Lord, and there is no one else; there is no God besides Me."

Isaiah 45:18; "For thus says the Lord – Who created the heavens; God Himself – Who formed the earth and made it; Who established it and did not create it to be a worthless waste; He formed it to be inhabited – I Am the Lord and there is no one else."

Isaiah 45:20 & 22; "They have no knowledge who carry about their wooden idols and keep on praying to a god that cannot save. Bring forth your strong arguments for praying to gods that cannot save; yes, take counsel together. Who announced this beforehand? What god declared it of old? Was it not I, the Lord? And there is no other God besides Me; a rigidly just and righteous God and Saviour; there is none besides Me. Look to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other."

Isaiah 46:9; "Remember the former things of old; for I Am God, and there is no one else; I Am God, and there is none like Me."

Revelation 1:17 (Compare the following with Isaiah 44:6); "Do not be afraid for I Am the First and the Last."

Revelation 2:8; "These are the words of the First and the Last."

Revelation 22:13; "I Am the Alpha and the Omega; the First and the Last (The Before all and the End of all)."

The Lord God of Israel said in Isaiah 44:6 that He is the First and the Last; the Beginning and the End. Jesus said the same thing to John in the book of Revelation. John received the revelation that Jesus is God early in his life. Read John 1:1; 'In the beginning (before all time) was the Word (Jesus) and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was present originally with God. All things were made and came into existence through Him; and without Him was not even one thing made that has come into being. In Him was Life and the Life was the Light of men.'

Revelation 19:13b & 16 says; 'The title by which He is called is The Word of God.' 'And on His garment He has a name inscribed, KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS'.

Jesus is the living word of God who came in the flesh for mankind. For those people who do not believe that Jesus is God, the above scriptures tell us He is. When Jesus was before the assembly of the chief priests and scribes, He referred to Himself with the same name, God called Himself when He spoke to Moses: "I Am."

Exodus 3:14; "And God said to Moses; I Am Who I Am and What I Am and I Will Be What I Will Be." And He said, "You shall say this to the Israelites, I Am has sent me to you."

Luke 22:70; 'And they all said, "You are the Son of God then?" And He said to them, "It is just as you say; I Am'."

John 1:1 tells us Jesus is God. Paul and Peter said the same thing. We have but one God and Saviour, Christ Jesus: See Titus 2:13 and 2 Peter 1:1.

Isaiah 43:11 says God the Father is our Saviour and all through the New Testament we read that Jesus is our Saviour; now we see that Jesus is God and He was there in the beginning and He made everything.

It is very hard for our finite minds to comprehend how God could have been there before time. God wasn't created and has life in Himself. John 5:26; 'For even as the Father has life in Himself and is self-existent, so He has given to the Son to have life in Himself and be self-existent'.

We also find it hard to comprehend how God and Jesus are one yet two at the same time. In fact there are three, but there is still only One. John 10:30; 'I and the Father are One'. John 17:11 & 21 ...'Those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are One'. 'That they may all be one just as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they may also be one in Us ...'

What is Jesus talking about? How can the, 'they' that Jesus is talking about, be one when they are so many? By unity of Spirit, that's how. The example of this is given in Genesis 2:24. 'A man shall leave his father and his mother and become united to his wife and they shall become one flesh'.

We know that when a couple marry, they don't physically become one human, but they are to become one in unity, with two personalities, each with their own role. God the Father and Jesus the Son are One in unity, with two Personalities, each with His own role. The Holy Spirit is also One with them. In Luke 10:21, Jesus called the Holy Spirit 'Father'. 'Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank You Father, Lord of heaven and earth'."

They, together, in unity, were alive before anything was ever created. There is no one else; Isaiah 45:18. They are all we have and so we must depend solely on them. They are our very life; our existence. During creation God breathed life into Adam; Genesis 2:7. During the infilling of the Holy Spirit, Jesus breathed new life into the Apostles; John 20:22.

They are the First and the Last. They were there first and they will be around long after we humans have gone. The knowledge that they were always there, and always will be there, surrounds us with a

powerful sense of security. We will never be left alone. He will always be there with us, for us and beside us. Jesus is a Man, but He is God, so we worship and adore Him.

We need to turn to God and be saved through the blood of Jesus, and live with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We need to live for God and accept there is only one God and He is possessive of His creation. Because we have been made in His image and are His children, He becomes jealous and angry when people worship other gods. Exodus 34:14; 'For you shall worship no other god; for the Lord, Whose Name is Jealous, is a jealous God'.

God will not tolerate idolatry. Exodus 20:5; 'You shall not bow down yourself to them or serve them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God'. Three main Eastern religions in the world today are steeped in worshipping false gods. They bow down to their false god; they worship graven images (manmade idols); they burn incense to their idols; they offer food to them and are an abomination to God. Exodus 22:20 says they will be utterly destroyed for doing these things; that is unless they turn to our only Saviour and are born again. We as believers have to tell all the unbelievers we can about the saving power of God, regardless of their beliefs. We need to be bold enough to tell people when they are worshipping a false god and there is no salvation for them unless they turn away from the idol worship and turn to the One true God, for there is no one else.

Amen and God bless you.

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