

# THE ETERNAL PRE-EXISTENCE OF JESUS CHRIST!

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**NOTE:** - All Bible texts are taken from the King James Version; and the compiler has supplied all emphasis throughout this Study Document.

☞ A number of well-intentioned Christians misunderstand this subject, believing that Jesus Christ had no existence before he was made flesh of the Virgin Mary. But a careful reading of the Scriptures leave us in no doubt, that Jesus Christ has existed as God from the days of eternity. In fact, the Bible writers make it abundantly clear that Jesus Christ was the One who was communicating with the holy people of old, throughout the Old Testament writings. By the time we conclude this short study, the reader should be able to see that there is no excuse to still have misconceptions about the eternal pre-existence of Christ.

## THE TESTIMONY OF THE BIBLE WRITERS: -

- The prophet Micah refers to the pre-existence of Christ, as dating from ***“the days of eternity”***.  
Micah 5:2: - “But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, [though] thou be little among the thousands of Judah, [yet] out of thee shall he come forth unto me [that is] to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth [have been] from of old, ***\*from everlasting.***”  
**NOTE:** - \* For the expression “from everlasting” the margin has ***“the days of eternity”***.
- In the beginning the Word was with God, **and was God**. He was responsible for the creation of all things. This Divine Being called the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. This points us directly to Jesus Christ as being the **Divine Word**.  
John 1:1 - 3 & 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 any thing made that was made. ... 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.”**

1 Timothy 3:16: - “And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God was manifest in the flesh**, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.”

The very first verse of the Bible tells us what the phrase “In the beginning” refers to: - the creation of the heaven and earth.

Genesis 1:1: - **“In the beginning** God created the heaven and the earth.”

**NOTE:** - Before the events of Genesis 1:1 took place, **there was eternity, with TIME only commencing with the creation of the heaven and this earth**. So Christ existed as God **before** time commenced.

That **TIME** had a commencement at some point is plainly taught in the New Testament Scriptures.

2 Timothy 1:9: - “Who hath saved us, and called [us] with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus ***\*before the world began.***”

Clearly, **TIME** did indeed have a commencement at some point according to the apostle Paul, and comparing this verse with Genesis 1:1 & John 1:1, **TIME** began with the creation of the heaven and this earth. So **before TIME** did commence there was eternity, and Jesus Christ was already equal with God, and he was in fact God. We should also notice from our reading of the above passage in 2 Timothy 1:9, that God bestowed his saving grace upon mankind in the days of eternity, **before TIME** commenced. In other words, the Plan of Salvation was already conceived of and laid down in heaven, before this world was created. This concept of course harmonizes with the truth that Jesus was the Lamb of God, slain from the foundation of this world.

Revelation 13:8: - "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of **the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.**"

John the Baptist has attested that Jesus is the Lamb of God.

John 1:29: - "The next day **John seeth Jesus** coming unto him, and saith, **Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.**"

- Jesus himself testified to his eternal pre-existence before this world was created, and to his unity with his Father, in his prayer as recorded in John 17.  
John 17:5 & 24: - "And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self **with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.** ... Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: **for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.**"
- The apostle Paul testifies to the truth that Christ was God, that he was equal to God before he was made flesh.  
Philippians 2:5 - 7: - "Let this mind be in you, which was also in **Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:** But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men."
- Christ through the Spirit preached to the people before the flood, through the ministry of Noah.  
1 Peter 3:18 - 20: - "For **Christ** also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by **the Spirit: By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;** Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited **in the days of Noah**, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water."
- It was the Spirit of Christ that was manifested through the ministry of the prophets.  
1 Peter 1:10 & 11: - "Of which salvation **the prophets** have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace [that should come] unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time **the Spirit of Christ which was in them** did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow."
- Jesus claimed to have existed **before** the time of the patriarch Abraham, and he claimed to be the "**I AM**" of the burning bush.  
Exodus 3:14: - "And God said unto Moses, **I AM THAT I AM:** and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **I AM** hath sent me unto you."

John 8:56 - 59 - **“Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw [it], and was glad. Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am. Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.”**

**NOTE:** - Jehovah Witnesses have distorted the plain meaning of this passage in their biased translation of the Scriptures, changing the meaning of the Greek phrase **“ego eimi”** which literally means **“I am”**, that has been correctly translated in the KJV. Their biased translation incorrectly reads as **“I have been”**. Not only is this a distortion of the Greek text, it is refuted by the reaction of the unbelieving Jews to Jesus’ statement as recorded in VS. 59. The Jews understood Jesus’ statement to be a claim that he was the **I AM** of the Old Testament Scriptures. That was the reason why they wanted to stone him, because they considered his claim to be blasphemy.

- God sent his Angel to go before and to be with the children of Israel, in all their journeys to the Promised Land. This Angel of the Lord appeared to Moses at the burning bush, and also spoke the Ten Commandments to the Hebrews at Mount Sinai.

Exodus 23:20 - 23 - **“Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name [is] in him. But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries. For mine Angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off.”**

Acts 7:35 - **“This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? the same did God send [to be] a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush.”**

Exodus 3:2 - 6 - **“And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush [was] not consumed. And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here [am] I. And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest [is] holy ground. Moreover he said, I [am] the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.”**

Acts 7:38 - **“This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and [with] our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us.”**

We also need to remember that the same voice that spoke the Ten Commandments from Mount Sinai, shall also speak from heaven at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Christ.

Hebrews 12:18 - 21, 24 - 26 - **“For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which [voice] they that heard entreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more: (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart: And so terrible was the sight, [that] Moses**

said, I exceedingly fear and quake:) ... And to **Jesus** the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than [that of] Abel. See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. **For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more [shall not] we [escape], if we turn away from him that [speaketh] from heaven: Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.**”

Paul informed the Corinthians that it was Christ who journeyed with the children of Israel in the wilderness. 1 Corinthians 10:1 - 4 & 9: - “Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; And did all eat the same spiritual meat; And did all drink the same spiritual drink: **for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.** ... **Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.**”

**NOTE:** - Clearly Christ is the Divine Being who is being referred to in all of the above passages under this SECTION of our study.

- Moses bore the reproach of Christ when he turned his back on the power and riches of the land of Egypt. Hebrews 11:24 - 26: - “By faith **Moses**, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; **Esteeming the reproach of Christ** greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward.”
- The Captain of the hosts or armies of the Lord appeared to Joshua before the battle of Jericho. Joshua gave this Divine Being worship. The Captain of the hosts of the Lord commanded Joshua to take his shoes off, because he was standing upon holy ground. (Just like the Angel of the Lord at the burning bush – See Exodus 3:5.)  
Joshua 5:13 - 15: - “And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, [Art] thou for us, or for our adversaries? And he said, Nay; **but [as] captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship,** and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant? **And the captain of the LORD’S host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest [is] holy.** And Joshua did so.”

We must remember that the Word of the Lord has commanded us **only** to worship the Lord God. Matthew 4:10: - “Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: **for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.**”

In the book of Revelation the Word of God (that is Jesus – See John 1:1 & 14) is the leader of the armies or hosts of heaven. He leads them into battle. Therefore Christ is the Captain of the hosts of the Lord, who appeared to Joshua before the battle of Jericho.

Revelation 19:11 - 14: - “And I saw heaven opened, **and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him [was] called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.** His eyes [were] as a flame of fire, and on his head [were] many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he [was] clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: **and his name is called The**

**Word of God. And the armies [which were] in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean."**


- Isaiah in prophetic vision saw the Lord of hosts sitting upon his throne in heaven. He saw the Lord in his mighty glory.

Isaiah 6:1 - 10: - **"In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, [is] the LORD of hosts: the whole earth [is] full of his glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. Then said I, Woe [is] me! for I am undone; because I [am] a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, [which] he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: And he laid [it] upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here [am] I; send me. And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed."**

The apostle John informs us that Isaiah was beholding the glory of the Lord – the glory of the Lord Jesus whom the Jews would not believe in, when he was speaking in Isaiah 6.

John 12:39 - 41: - **"Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with [their] eyes, nor understand with [their] heart, and be converted, and I should heal them. These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him."**

- The Son of God was seen walking with the three Hebrew worthies in midst of the fiery furnace.  
Daniel 3:25: - **"He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God."**
- Jesus is the ROOT and OFFSPRING of David.  
Revelation 22:16: - **"I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, [and] the bright and morning star."**

 It is the plain and unambiguous teachings of the scriptures that Jesus Christ has existed as God from the days of eternity, and that he was the God who was revealed throughout the old testament scriptures in his dealings with his people Israel. Truly, the scriptures do indeed testify of Christ, from Genesis right through to Revelation.

**JOHN 5:39: - "SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES; FOR IN THEM YE THINK YE HAVE ETERNAL LIFE: AND THEY ARE THEY WHICH TESTIFY OF ME."**