

A photograph of a rock tomb entrance, likely the tomb of Jesus. The entrance is a dark, rectangular opening in a large, weathered rock face. A large, smooth, circular stone has been rolled away from the entrance, resting on the ground to the right. The scene is set in a dry, arid environment with a clear sky. The text "THE IDENTITY OF THE MESSIAH AS YHVH - DEITY" is overlaid in white, serif capital letters on the rock face.

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*A Hebraic Study on Divine Unity and the
Messiah's Nature*

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Shalom,

I am sending you a vital teaching document that I believe **every believer in Yeshua needs right now**.

(And yes... I really do mean *everyone*, your friends, your fellowship, your neighbor with the shofar necklace who keeps sending you “new Hebrew revelations,” and especially those who treat YouTube rabbis like the new apostles!)

This teaching addresses one of the **most urgent and foundational truths** in the faith, one that many believers have never properly understood. Because this foundation is missing, countless people are **falling away**, getting swept into confusion, false Judaism, counter-missionary teaching, and doctrines that undermine the true identity of Messiah.

This document is designed to **anchor you**, strengthen your walk, and give you the clarity needed to stay the course. And it’s not based on my words; it is grounded completely in **the Scriptures themselves**.

THE IDENTITY OF THE MESSIAH AS YHVH - A Hebraic Study Guide

Why is this so critical?

Because the **deity of Messiah** is not a side topic...
not a theological hobby...
and definitely not “just another perspective.”

It is the **very heart of the Gospel**.

If we lose Yeshua’s identity,
we lose the Gospel.
If we lose the Gospel,
we lose salvation itself.

And today, many believers - including vulnerable and newly awakened Torah-keeping Believers - are being swept away by teachings that:

- ✗ Deny Yeshua’s deity
- ✗ Pull people back under rabbinic Judaism
- ✗ Twist the Hebrew Scriptures
- ✗ Claim Yeshua is “just a man”
- ✗ Attack the Trinity / triunity
- ✗ Undermine the authority of the New Testament
- ✗ Lead people away from grace back into bondage

This document exposes these deceptions **from the Tanakh itself**, showing how:

YHVH appears in more than one person

The Messiah is described with divine titles

YHVH is the Shepherd, yet Yeshua claims that role

The Angel of YHVH is divine yet distinct

YHVH says *He Himself* will be pierced

The Messianic writings confirm - not contradict - the Tanakh

Yeshua is YHVH in the flesh, the eternal High Priest

The false teachings of today mirror ancient anti-Messiah lies

This guide is written to:

✓ **strengthen your faith**

✓ **protect the Body of Messiah**

✓ **help you rescue those being deceived**

✓ **equip you to answer Jewish seekers**

✓ **expose false doctrines with Scripture**

It is **clear, Hebraic, biblically grounded**, and yes... I even left room to smile here and there (because if we stop laughing in ministry, our seriousness might make the rocks cry out in relief).

Please - read this. Share this. Print it. Teach from it.

Let's guard the flock together.

The days of deception are increasing.

The truth must increase even more.

If this blesses and helps you, please email me as our ministry focus is to strengthen the body of Messiah with His truth, kenny@bulldozerfaith.com

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this study is to explore from a **Hebraic, scriptural foundation** how the Messiah can be both:

- **YHVH in the flesh**, and
- **distinct in personhood from the Father**,

while remaining within the oneness proclaimed in the **Shema**:

“YHVH our God, YHVH is ONE (echad).” Deuteronomy 6:4

The Scriptures, both **Tanakh (Old Testament)** and **Messianic Writings (New Testament)** reveal a unified picture:

- YHVH interacts with humanity in **more than one person**,
- the Messiah is described using **divine titles**,
- Yeshua’s role as **Mediator and High Priest** is **YHVH Himself drawing humanity back**,
- and the identity of Messiah as **YHVH in human form** fulfills, not contradicts, the Hebrew Scriptures.

PART 1 - YESHUA AS HIGH PRIEST & DIVINE MEDIATOR

1. Understanding the High Priest in Torah

The earthly high priest:

- mediated between Israel and God,
- offered sacrifices,
- entered the Holy of Holies once a year (Leviticus 16).

But Scripture calls this system **a shadow**:

“They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven.”

Hebrews 8:3-5

The high priesthood pointed to **a greater, heavenly reality** fulfilled in Messiah.

2. The Mediator Is God Himself

The Scriptures teach that God did not send another being to save us, **He came Himself**.

“In the beginning was the Word... and the Word was God... and the Word became flesh.”
John 1:1,14

Yeshua is not a separate deity from YHVH.

He is **YHVH revealed**, the invisible God made visible (cf. Exodus 33-34).

Thus, when Yeshua mediates between God and man, He mediates as **God reaching out to humanity**.

3. Yeshua’s Two Natures

In the incarnation, Yeshua is:

- **Fully God** - the divine Word (Memra),
- **Fully Man** - representing humanity as High Priest.

“There is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Messiah Yeshua.”
1 Timothy 2:5-6

As **man**, He could die for us.

As **God**, His sacrifice carries eternal, infinite power.

Yeshua Himself affirms His divine identity:

- *“Before Abraham was, I AM.”* **John 8:58**
- *“I and the Father are one.”* **John 10:30**

4. The Priestly Work of Yeshua Is YHVH’s Own Work

Yeshua’s priesthood is **after the order of Melchizedek**, a priesthood:

- older than Levi,
- heavenly,
- eternal (Psalm 110:4; Hebrews 7).

When Yeshua offered Himself:

“God was in Messiah, reconciling the world to Himself.”
2 Corinthians 5:19

This is the central truth:

- YHVH is the one sinned against,
- YHVH provides the atonement,
- YHVH is the Redeemer.

There is no contradiction, only **the unity of divine action**.

PART 2 - DIVINE UNITY IN THE TANAKH

The question for many Jewish seekers is not, *“Is Messiah promised?”* but rather, *“Can Messiah be divine?”*

The Tanakh clearly teaches that:

1. **YHVH appears in more than one form**
2. **YHVH interacts both on earth and in heaven**
3. **The Messiah carries divine titles and roles**
4. **These truths do not violate the Shema**

1. “Echad” Means Unified Oneness

“YHVH is ONE (echad).” Deuteronomy 6:4

“**Echad**” is a unity-word:

- One flesh (two humans) - Genesis 2:24
- One cluster (many grapes) - Numbers 13:23
- One people (many individuals) - Exodus 24:3

Biblical oneness = **unified plurality**, not absolute singularity.

2. YHVH Appears in Multiple Persons

Genesis 19:24

“YHVH rained fire from YHVH out of heaven.”

Two persons called **YHVH**:

- **YHVH on earth** speaking to Abraham
- **YHVH in heaven**

Scripture remains monotheistic yet presents **plurality within the Godhead**.

3. The “Angel of YHVH” (Malach YHVH)

This figure:

- **Forgives sin** (Ex 23:21)
- Speaks as **God Himself** (Gen 16:10)
- Is called **YHVH** (Gen 16:13)
- Receives **worship** (Judg 13:16)
- Carries **the Name** of YHVH

He is:

- **Sent by YHVH,**
- **yet is YHVH.**

This is the clearest early revelation of **the pre-incarnate Messiah**.

4. Messiah Portrayed as Divine in the Tanakh

A. Isaiah 9:6

Messiah is called:

- **Mighty God (El Gibbor)**
- **Father of Eternity (Avi-Ad)**

These titles belong to **YHVH alone**.

B. Micah 5:2

Messiah’s origins are:

“from days of eternity (mimei olam)”

A phrase used exclusively of **YHVH** (Psalm 90:2).

C. Zechariah 12:10

“They will look upon ME whom they pierced.”

YHVH speaking - fulfilled in Yeshua’s crucifixion.

D. Isaiah 40:3

“Prepare the way of YHVH.”

Fulfilled when John prepared the way for **Yeshua**
(Matt 3:3; Mark 1:3; Luke 3:4; John 1:23).

E. YHVH the Shepherd / Yeshua the Shepherd

Tanakh:

- “*YHVH is my Shepherd.*” Psalm 23:1
- “*I Myself will shepherd My flock.*” Ezek 34:11–15

Messianic Writings (New Testament):

- “*I am the Good Shepherd.*” John 10:11

Yeshua claims YHVH’s identity and role.

PART 3 - UNITY WITH DISTINCTION

1. The Tanakh Shows Multiple Divine Persons

- YHVH on earth vs YHVH in heaven Genesis 19:24
- YHVH speaking to “Adonai” Psalm 110:1
- Malach YHVH as YHVH yet sent by YHVH

The Messianic Writings - simply names these persons:

- **Father**
- **Son (Word)**
- **Spirit**

All share the one divine Name: **YHVH**.

2. The Messiah is Fully Human and Fully Divine

Why human?

To represent us as High Priest (Heb 7).

Why divine?

Because only YHVH can save:

“I, even I, am YHVH, and apart from Me there is no Savior.” Isaiah 43:11

Therefore:

- The **Savior** is YHVH.
- Yeshua **saves**.

Thus, Yeshua is **YHVH**.

“God was in Messiah reconciling the world to Himself.” 2 Cor 5:19

PART 4 - SUMMARY (Also Helpful for Jewish Seekers)

There is **ONE YHVH**

...but He reveals Himself in more than **one person**.

The Tanakh Supports:

- YHVH appearing on earth
- YHVH in heaven
- YHVH sending YHVH
- A divine Messiah
- The Word (Memra) acting personally
- The Shekinah manifesting visibly
- Malach YHVH as divine yet sent

Yeshua Fulfills:

- Divine Messiah prophecies
- The role of Shepherd
- The role of Judge
- The role of Redeemer
- The role of Husband (Isaiah 54:5)
- The pierced YHVH of Zechariah
- The YHVH whose way was prepared

Yeshua is YHVH in the flesh.

Not a second God, not idolatry, but the visible revelation of the one God of Israel.

PART 5 - RECOMMENDED TANAKH PASSAGES FOR FURTHER STUDY

Study these without the New Testament first:

- Genesis 19:24
- Genesis 16
- Exodus 3
- Exodus 23:20–23
- Numbers 22–24
- Isaiah 9:6
- Isaiah 40:3
- Isaiah 48:16
- Jeremiah 23:5–6
- Micah 5:2

- Zechariah 12:10
- Zechariah 2:8–11
- Psalm 110:1
- Psalm 45:6–7

These reveal:

- plurality within YHVH,
- a divine Messiah,
- YHVH sending YHVH,
- the Word and Presence of God interacting with Israel.

PART 6 - WARNING AGAINST FALSE TEACHINGS THAT DENY THE DEITY OF MESSIAH

In these last days, many are being drawn into teachings, especially those rooted in **rabbinic Judaism, Sacred Name movements, unitarian theology, the Hebrew Roots fringe, and modern counter-missionary arguments**, that seek to undermine the deity of Yeshua.

The danger is real because denying the divine nature of the Messiah is not a small doctrinal disagreement; **it is a denial of the Gospel itself.**

The Scriptures warn:

“Many deceivers have gone out into the world, who do not confess Yeshua the Messiah as coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the anti-Messiah.”

2 John 1:7

Yeshua Himself said:

“Unless you believe that *I AM*, you will die in your sins.”

John 8:24

To deny His deity is to deny His identity, His mission, and His saving work.

Why This Matters: Without a Divine Messiah, There Is No Salvation

A. Only YHVH Can Save

“I, even I, am YHVH, and apart from Me there is no Savior.”

Isaiah 43:11

If Yeshua is not YHVH, then He cannot be the Savior.

But the New Testament repeatedly says **Yeshua saves**, not as a messenger of God, but as *God Himself*:

- *“The Savior, Messiah the Lord.”* Luke 2:11
- *“My Lord and my God.”* John 20:28
- *“In Him dwells all the fullness of God bodily.”* Colossians 2:9

There is only one conclusion:
Yeshua is YHVH in the flesh.

Deception #1: “Yeshua is the Messiah, but not God.”

Many today, especially within rabbinic-influenced teachings and certain fringe groups - claim:

- “Yeshua is Messiah but not divine,”
- “Messiah is only a man,”
- “The Trinity is pagan,”
- “Deity of Messiah is a later Christian invention.”

The Tanakh disproves this.

We’ve already seen:

- Messiah is called **Mighty God** Isaiah 9:6
- Messiah has origins from **eternity** Micah 5:2
- Messiah is the **Shepherd** Ezekiel 34; John 10
- YHVH Himself says **He will be pierced** Zechariah 12:10

The idea of a divine Messiah is not a Christian innovation it is **deeply Hebraic** and rooted in the Scriptures of Israel.

Deception #2: “Yeshua cannot be God because God is one.”

This argument comes from:

- Rabbinic Judaism
- Unitarians
- Some Messianic groups
- Jehovah’s Witnesses
- Christadelphians

They misunderstand the **Hebrew concept of oneness**.

We showed earlier that:

- *Echad* is a **compound unity**, not numerical singularity.
- Tanakh presents **plurality within YHVH** (Gen 19:24, Isa 48:16, Zech 2:8-11).
- The Word (Memra), the Angel of YHVH, and the Shekinah are **manifestations of YHVH**, not created beings.

To deny Yeshua's deity is to **reject the very Scriptures** that reveal God's nature.

Deception #3: "Go back to Judaism to understand God correctly."

A growing deception today, especially among believers exploring their Hebraic roots, is the idea that **Judaism is the original or superior path to understanding Scripture**, and that rabbis somehow hold the key to interpreting the Bible.

This thinking usually sounds like:

- "Rabbis understand the Scriptures better."
- "Judaism preserves the authentic faith."
- "The Church lost the truth; we need to go back to Judaism."
- "Christianity is pagan, but Judaism is the root."

Here is the problem:

There is no Biblical Judaism.

Not in the Torah.

Not in the Prophets.

Not in the Writings.

Not in the days of Yeshua.

Not today.

What most people call "Judaism" is actually **Rabbinic Judaism**, a system built on:

- **oral law,**
- **traditions of the elders,**
- **rabbinic authority,**
- and post-Temple innovations.

It is the very system Yeshua confronted.

He rebuked the Pharisees and Sadducees, not for keeping Torah, but for **adding man-made traditions**, elevating them above the commandments of God:

"You nullify the word of God for the sake of your traditions."

Matthew 15:6

When people say, "return to Biblical Judaism," what they *actually* mean is: **submit to the same rabbinic systems Yeshua rejected.**

Historical Reality

After the destruction of the Temple (68-70 AD), Judaism as we know it today was reshaped around:

- rabbinic authority,
- the Oral Law,
- anti-Messiah positions,
- and the rejection of Yeshua.

It explicitly denies:

- a **divine Messiah**,
- the **Memra/Word** of God appearing to humanity,
- the **Arm of YHVH** revealed in flesh (Isaiah 53),
- the **Melchizedek priesthood**,
- **atonement through Messiah**,
- **salvation by grace**,
- and the **New Covenant itself** (Jer 31:31–33).

This is not the faith of Abraham, Moses, David, or Isaiah.

It is not the Torah of YHVH.

It is a later **religious system built on tradition**.

Paul warned the early believers about this exact danger:

“See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the traditions of men, rather than according to Messiah.”

— Colossians 2:8

Rabbinic Judaism is exactly this:

a tradition-of-men system that leads people away from the Messiah, not toward Him.

The Hard Reality

To “go back to Judaism” is not to return to the roots of the faith.

It is to return to the same religious framework that:

- opposed the prophets,
- rejected the Messiah,
- resisted the Gospel,
- and still denies the New Covenant today.

It is like returning to Egypt for freedom.

Yeshua is the only way to understand the God of Israel.

Not Judaism.

Not rabbinic authority.

Not tradition.

Only **Messiah**, who is the **exact representation** of the Father's nature (Hebrews 1:3).

Deception #4: “The early believers didn’t believe Yeshua was divine.”

This is simply false.

In the **first-century**, Jewish believers:

- worshipped Yeshua (Matt 14:33)
- prayed in His name (Acts 7:59)
- called Him God (John 20:28)
- proclaimed Him as YHVH (Phil 2:10-11)

Non-believing Jews in the first century understood exactly what the believers were claiming — that Yeshua **is God**, and persecuted them for it.

This teaching is **original**, not later.

Deception #5: “The Trinity is pagan.”

The word “Trinity” is later, but the **concept is fully biblical**:

- The Father is God (Phil 1:2)
- The Son is God (Heb 1:8)
- The Spirit is God (Acts 5:3–4)
- They are one (John 10:30)

This is not tri-theism.

This is **the Hebraic unity of YHVH**, one God, revealed in more than one person.

Encouragement to All Who Are Confused or Struggling

If you are wrestling with these things, understand this clearly:

Denying the deity of Messiah is not intellectual disagreement, it is spiritual deception.

The Spirit of God reveals Messiah.

The spirit of anti-Messiah **denies Him** (1 John 4:2-3).

Hold fast to the truth:

“He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.”

1 John 5:12

Do not be drawn back into:

- Rabbinic Judaism
- Counter-missionary arguments
- Human tradition
- Legalism
- Groups that deny Yeshua’s divinity
- Teachings that seem “Jewish” but reject the true Messiah

Stay rooted in the Scriptures.

Stay grounded in the Gospel.

Stay connected to the Body of Messiah.

And above all, keep your eyes fixed on **Yeshua, the visible image of the invisible God**, the One who loves you, saves you, and calls you to Himself.

“For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells bodily.”

Colossians 2:9

Do not let anyone steal that truth from you.

In Closing

This study demonstrates that the **identity of Yeshua as YHVH** is thoroughly rooted in the Hebrew Scriptures.

He is:

- the visible manifestation of the invisible God,
- the divine Messiah foretold by the prophets,
- the eternal High Priest,
- the Shepherd,
- the Redeemer,
- the Husband,
- and the One through whom YHVH restores His covenant people.

The Savior, the Mediator, and YHVH are one and the same, revealed perfectly in Yeshua the Messiah.