

How many members of Deity did Israel have?

One, two, three, or dozens?

We were recently asked this interesting, thought provoking question. The answer, we discovered, is **ONE**, which is historically called monotheism. Here are several examples out of MANY.

*Unto thee it was showed, that thou mightest know that YHVH He is Elohim; **there is none else beside Him.** **Deuteronomy 4:35***

*Know therefore today, and take it to your heart, that YHVH is the Elohim in heaven above and on the earth below; **there is no other!** **Deuteronomy 4:39***

*See, now, that I, I am He -- and **no Elohim is with Me.*** **Deuteronomy 32:39**

These three verses are Torah. Please examine your own translation to see what is being said here.

*There is none Set-Apart as YHVH, for there is none beside Thee; neither is there any Rock like our Elohim. **I Samuel 2:2***

So that all the nations of the earth may know that YHVH is Elohim and that there is no other! **I Kings 8:60**

Now, O YHVH our Mighty One, deliver us from his hand, so that all kingdoms on earth may know that You alone, O YHVH, are Elohim. **II Kings 19:19**

In every place you see Almighty or Mighty One, this comes from the Hebrew word Elohim, translated as God in the KJV. YHVH is the only deity out there folks. There is no other!

*“To whom then will you liken Me, that I should be his equal?” says the Set-Apart One. **Isaiah 40:25***
*I am YHVH, that is My name, and My esteem will I not give to another. Neither My praise to graven images! **Isaiah 42:8***

Amazing! The Father has a Name, and He will give glory to no other name/title. So His name is not Lord or God—and there is no honor in those names/titles.

*“You are My witnesses,” declares YHVH, “and My servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe Me and understand that I am He. Before Me no Elohim was formed, nor will there be one after Me. I, even I, am YHVH, and besides Me there is no Savior.” **Isaiah 43:10-11***

I am YHVH your Elohim, Who brought you out of Egypt. You shall acknowledge no Elohim but Me, no savior except Me! **Hosea 13:4**

*. . . Who announced this from before, who declared it from the distant past? Is it not I, YHVH, and there is no Elohim apart from Me, a righteous Elohim and a Savior; **there is none but Me.** Turn to Me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am Elohim, and there is no other! **Isaiah 45:21-22***

Who is our Savior? And how many other Saviors does YHVH recognize?

*This is what YHVH says, Israel’s King and Redeemer, YHVH Elohim, “I am the first and I am the last; apart from Me there is no Elohim! Who then is like Me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and lay out before Me Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are My witnesses. Is there any Elohim besides Me? **No, there is no other Rock; I know not one.**” **Isaiah 44:6-8***

Who is the first and the last? And Who said this first? Can there be 2 who were first and last?

*Thus said YHVH, your Redeemer, the One who formed you from the womb, “I am YHVH Who makes everything, Who stretched forth the heavens alone, Who spread out the earth by Myself.” **Isaiah 44:24***

So, by the Father’s own account, how many members of deity were present at Creation?

I, even I, am He that comforteth you: who art thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made as grass;

*And forgettest **YHVH** thy Maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and hast feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy? and where is the fury of the oppressor?*

The captive exile hasteneth that he may be loosed, and that he should not die in the pit, nor that his bread should fail.

*But I am **YHVH** thy Elohim, that divided the sea, whose waves roared: **YHVH** of hosts is His Name. **Isaiah 51:12-15** See also **Isaiah 54:5-8***

*I am **YHVH**, and there is no other; besides Me there is no Elohim; I will strengthen you In order that they know from the shining of the sun and from the west that there is no one besides Me; I am **YHVH** and there is no other! **Isaiah 45:5-6***

*To whom shall you liken Me and make Me equal and compare Me that we may be alike? **Isaiah 46:5***

*Remember the first things of old, that I am Elohim and there is no other; I am Elohim and there is none like Me. **Isaiah 46:9***

*You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and I am **YHVH** your Elohim, there is no other; and My people shall never be ashamed. **Joel 2:27***

*O **YHVH**, there is none like You, neither is there any Elohim beside You, according to all that we have heard with our ears! **I Chronicles 17:20***

You have lost nothing; you have only **gained knowledge**. Scripture is abundantly clear that we have only **ONE** Creator, **ONE** Redeemer, **ONE** Savior, **ONE** Mighty One, **ONE** Supreme Being. **His Name is YHVH**. Which begs the question: Why do most honor two or three members of godhead today? And why is this second member considered your Savior? Who are members number two and number three and where did they come from? Are they found in Scripture **or are they the tradition of men?** Please read **Isaiah 8:20**. Certainly, the Set-Apart Spirit exists and there is a Messiah in prophecy, but are the traditional roles and positions we have given them accurate according to the standard of Yah's Word? Many have found an answer by saying that **Yeshua (a.k.a. Jesus)** is "**YHVH** in the flesh." So there is really only ONE, they say. If so, then the following comparisons should give us some answers.

If Jesus IS YHVH, then who spoke from heaven after Jesus came up out of the water after his baptism? To whom was he praying while in the Garden of Gethsemane and on the stake? Why does Jesus say that the Father is greater than he? (**John 14:28**) Why does he tell his disciples that his Father and their Father is in heaven? (**Matthew 7:21, John 8:58, John 20:17**). If Jesus IS **YHVH**, he will uphold the Torah to the letter, with no deviation whatsoever. Agreed? Read on...

Torah and the Prophets

New Testament

<p>There is no command to baptize found in the Torah or the prophets. Isaiah 8:20, Deuteronomy 4:2. Some say the Red Sea and the Jordan crossing was a "baptism". The problem is that Israel was not "immersed." They went across on dry land both times. →</p>	<p>Jesus said to baptize all nations... Matthew 28:19-20, Matthew 5:17-18. There was great importance placed on baptism by the early church. The question is, WHY?</p>
<p>Apparent conclusion: There is no OT command to be baptized.</p>	<p>Comment: Why were we instructed to baptize all nations in the NT? Answer forthcoming...</p>

<p>The Torah forbids a man to lie with a woman betrothed to another. <u>Deuteronomy 22:22-29</u>. If such was discovered in the city, both were killed, if discovered in the country, only the man was killed.</p>	<p>Mary, a city dweller and the mother of Jesus, was betrothed to Joseph when found pregnant (<u>Matthew 1:18</u>), in clear violation of the Torah. Why did YHVH, who never changes (<u>Malachi 3:6</u>), violate His own Law and why was Mary not stoned for not crying out in the city?</p>
<p>The Torah forbids adultery. <u>Exodus 20:14</u></p>	<p>Mary was betrothed to Joseph (<u>Matthew 1:18</u>) which means they had entered a marriage covenant (just unconsummated). So, who committed adultery, Joseph or YHVH? <u>Matthew 1:25</u>. Either YHVH humbled Joseph's betrothed, which was punishable by death, or Joseph later uncovered YHVH's bed, committing adultery. Clearly, 1 or more marriage laws were violated.</p>
<p>Apparent conclusion: Either the Spirit of the Most High <u>fornicated</u> with Mary or Joseph committed <u>adultery</u>.</p>	<p>No matter how you slice it, the laws regarding sexual purity and/or the marriage laws were violated. Something YHVH would <u>never</u> do.</p>
<p><u>Isaiah 7:14</u> says that a virgin would conceive and this passage is almost universally accepted among Christians as a Messianic prophecy. The problem is Isaiah did not use the Hebrew word for "virgin" (Bethulah). He wrote the Hebrew word for young woman (Almah). The word "virgin" was inserted in the Septuagint and the Latin Vulgate and carried forward into many modern translations.</p>	<p>Mary is said to be a virgin, and of course, she was a young woman, but she did not name her child Immanuel as prophesied, nor was he <i>ever</i> called by that name. <u>Matthew 1:21-25</u>, <u>Luke 1:27</u>. A virgin birth should have been big news, but only Matthew and Luke seem to be aware of one. Paul knew nothing of a virgin birth...<u>Romans 1:3</u> and <u>Galatians 4:4</u>.</p>
<p>If <u>Isaiah 7:14</u> indicates a virgin, then how many virgin births have there been in various pagan religions? Every demi-god in paganism was born of a virgin, so this teaching was/is not new.</p>	<p>The NT seems to boast the only virgin birth around, ignoring that there is a virgin birth in <u>Isaiah 7</u>, used as a Messianic prophetic model. So if there was one, then there was two.</p>
<p>There were two kingdoms whose kings were eliminated in <u>Isaiah 7:16</u> before Immanuel grew up.</p>	<p>Which two kingdoms lost their kings before Jesus grew up? <u>Isaiah 7:16</u> seems to have been fulfilled in <u>II Kings</u> chapters <u>15</u> and <u>16</u>.</p>
<p>Immanuel would eat cream and honey, <u>Isaiah 7:15</u> "Eating cream and honey" is a Hebrew way of saying "<i>will live in peace and prosperity.</i>"</p>	<p>Perhaps he did, but the NT does not record Jesus eating cream and honey. Someone should have done so to "prove" the fulfillment of this prophecy. If it was a messianic prophesy.</p>
<p>Apparent conclusion: There are either 2 virgin births or zero virgin births prophesied in Isaiah 7. The real problem is that this is a prophecy for Ahaz, only, and has no future application.</p>	<p>Matthew seems to think Jesus was the fulfillment of this prophecy, Mary and Joseph (and Gabriel) evidently do not, because the child was not named Immanuel.</p>

If "Jesus" is **YHVH** in the flesh, why did He add baptism to Torah (**Deuteronomy 4:2**) and break the Torah Himself regarding the marriage laws? If **Isaiah 7** is about someone named "Yeshua," then why wasn't he *ever* called Immanuel in his lifetime? These are just a few of the many problems believers SHOULD have spotted long ago, but we have been blinded by our **tradition**—comfortable in our own condition, salvation and **our own knowledge**. **Shame on us**. We have only just begun. There is

much more—you *have no idea how much*—so clever is the counterfeit that we have accepted it as genuine.

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<p>In the OT, the lineage of a man was always traced back through the patriarch/father. <u>Genesis 5</u>, <u>Numbers 1:18</u>, et al. For example, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. →</p>	<p>If he is the Messiah, then Jesus must trace his lineage back to David through his father, not through Mary. If Joseph is only a step father, not his birth (seed) father, Jesus does not qualify as Messiah (no Davidic seed line). <u>Matthew 1:16-17</u>, <u>Luke 3:23</u>. Matthew (against the example of Torah) even names 4 women in Jesus' lineage.</p>
<p>There are many texts that support the use of 2-3 witnesses to establish truth. <u>Genesis 41:32</u>, <u>Deuteronomy 19:15</u>, et al. These witnesses must agree.</p>	<p>There are two lineages given for Jesus in the NT, but they differ greatly. One lists 28 generations, the other lists 43. In fact, there are only two names that they have in common: Joseph (Jesus's father) and David. The two lineages in the NT (Matthew's and Luke's) both claim to be tracing Jesus' lineage back to David through Joseph, yet they do not agree therefore they biblically prevented from being used as evidence.</p>
<p>APPARENT CONCLUSION: If Messiah is supposed to come from David's lineage then that line will be counted through the father.</p>	<p>Either Jesus had no earthly Father or he had an earthly father but was not immaculately conceived. If he had no earthly father (seed line from David), he cannot be Messiah.</p>
<p>Israel is a monotheistic nation in Scripture. There is only one member to ancient Israel's "Yah-head". <u>Deuteronomy 4:35, 39</u>; <u>Deut 32:39</u>, <u>II Kings 19:19</u>, <u>Isaiah 43:10-11</u>, <u>Isaiah 44:24</u>, <u>Hosea 13:4</u>. (<u>Isaiah 8:20</u>)</p>	<p>How come there are a Father and Son (or 3 if you add the Spirit) in the NT? <u>John 3:16</u>, (<u>I John 5:7</u>). A "bi-unity" (when Jesus was deified) entered the historical landscape at the late date of 325 A.D. (<i>at the council of Nicaea</i>) and the tri-unity (trinity) did not come around until 381 A.D. (<i>at the council of Constantinople</i>).</p>
<p>Apparent conclusion: "I am YHVH, there is none other beside Me." What don't we understand about "<u>There is none beside Me</u>?"</p>	<p>Since there is only one Deity, who then is this Jesus? A prophet? A messenger? Did he exist at all? Let each hear all of the matter....</p>
<p>The slaughter of the innocents: The context of <u>Jeremiah 31:15</u> makes it clear that the weeping is for the Israelites about to be taken into exile in Babylon, and has <i>nothing</i> to do with the slaughter of children, <i>hundreds of years later</i>.</p>	<p>In a false use of this prophecy, Herod sent soldiers to Bethlehem <u>Judah</u>, <u>Matthew 2:4-6</u>. In <u>Jeremiah 31:15</u>, why isn't <u>Leah</u> weeping for her children. Judah was Leah's son, not Rachel's. Even if Herod was guilty of this crime, it was not in answer to <u>Jeremiah 31</u>. Jeremiah's passage makes no sense and holds no real significance unless Leah weeps for her own children.</p>

Josephus, who delighted in recording Herod's crimes, for some reason does not mention what would be his worst crime by far. Moral of the story? The slaughter of the innocents *never happened*. There are many more discrepancies between the OT and the NT, but these are not within the scope of

this study. Needless to say, more than enough has been presented here that should open the floor up to MUCH dialog. If you want more information, please ask. **The truth is not for everyone.**

Ancient Israel worshipped only **ONE** Supreme Being. If Jesus is the Divine Son of Yah, and has existed with the Father for all eternity, then surely he would be considered an Elohim, or a Mighty One as a member of the Yah-head. How is it then that **YHVH**, who is omniscient (knows everything) does NOT know of another Elohim but Himself? **Is YHVH a liar?** I think not. If He does not know another Elohim then there IS no other Elohim.

If not a member of Divinity, then who is/was Jesus?

Who am I?

- **I took on human form**
- **It is said (by apostate Churchianity) that I was born in a stable on December 25**
- **I was born of a virgin**
- **My birth was witnessed by shepherds**
- **I was visited by wise magi bearing gifts**
- **I was sent by my Father in heaven to confirm the contract (covenant) with man**
- **I selected 12 disciples**
- **I performed many miracles**
- **I healed many illnesses**
- **I cast out demons**
- **I was called Messiah (Hebrew) and Cristos (Greek)**
- **I commanded my followers to be baptized**
- **I celebrated and instituted the Last Supper before my death**
- **My followers drink wine and eat bread that represents my body.**
- **Bread disks used symbolize my flesh**
- **I was crucified on a cross**
- **I died to atone man for his sins**
- **I was resurrected on the first day of the week**
- **I ascended to heaven after my resurrection**
- **I will return for the judgment of men, sending sinners to flames of death and the faithful to heaven**

Who am I?

Why, I am the sun god, Mithra, who did you think?

Paul, *allegedly* a Hellenized Jew, was instrumental in organizing the early “Christian” Church. ***Through his writings, Mithraism was plagiarized and elevated to Christianity.*** Don’t believe it? Check this out. There are over 300 positive comparisons between Mithra and “Jesus” (Jesus). The partial list just given above and the following short list below can be found in the holy book of Mithraism known as the *Avesta of Zarathustra* (Zoroaster is the Greek word for the Persian Zarathustra).

- Mithra is a **trinity** made up of the: Father, Son, and Spirit.
- The “Son” died on a cross, a symbol that was around for hundreds of years before Jesus
- Mithra has a halo in his pictures not unlike Mary and the Child. In fact, many ancient depictions of Mithra and his mother were later re-christened as Mary and the Christ Child.

- The book contains the inscription, “He who will not eat of my body and drink of my blood so that he shall be made of me and I with him, the same shall not know salvation. (For comparison, see **John 6:53**) [Note: Consuming human flesh and blood is an abomination.]
- Mithra had priestesses at Trophonius and Delos who spoke in tongues so all could understand
- In pictures of Mithra’s death are two torch bearers--one torch up, one down symbolizing ascent or decent to hell
- Roman revival held in 1st century Rome at Vatican Hill, there **they washed believers in the blood of the lamb.**

What are the implications and facts of the above statements? The basic teachings of Christianity and some of the traditionally accepted events portrayed in Jesus’ life are actually **4,500** years old, grounded in pre-history of humanity. Christianity is a plagiarized religion; it is an exact replica of Mithraism, a form of which has existed for some **2,500** years before Jesus.

Another fact, when we strip away the miraculous and supernatural acts derived from pagan sources we are left with the historical, natural “Jesus” who was an itinerant Israelite teacher who taught through parables (and by example) the way back to the Mighty One of Israel. He also sought to restore Torah observance in Israel and the right use of the Father’s name and it ultimately got him killed.

There is enough evidence if taken on faith to believe that Jesus may have existed, but there is nothing that would rate his birth as the most significant in earth’s history. In fact, Josephus, the famous first century Israelite historian who lived from about **37-100 A.D.** does not mention the most (allegedly) famous of all Hebrew births. My personal opinion is that Paul is not guilty of plagiarizing Mithraism and adding it to his letters. The Greek translators who made mass copies of his work after his death are responsible for this (the false or lying pen of the scribes, **Jeremiah 8:8**, see margin. *Teachers* in **Isaiah 43:27** means interpreters or translators, see margin).

My advice, strip off everything associated with Jesus or the doctrines of Paul that does not agree with the Torah or the prophets. Keep what’s left. What is lost is the engine that keeps the apostate Christian movement alive: the link to Mithraism. Christian means Christ-like. Christ [Cristos] is the name of a pagan Greek [false] deity. **Exodus 23:13** says **not to utter the names of pagan gods, not to take them upon your lips.** It gets worse from there. Much worse.

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NOTE: For the Christian apologists who take issue with the huge number of comparisons between Jesus and Mithra, I would ask, *“How many comparisons between them would be acceptable to YOU, given that NONE of these comparisons are stipulated in the Tanakh as being signs of the Hebrew Messiah?”*

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יהוה

The name of our Creator is made up of four, Hebrew **VOWELS**, **Y H W H יהוה**
(source: Flavius Josephus - *Antiquities of the Jews*)

The letter **ה** (**h**) when used as a vowel, usually has the "ah," "ha," or the "huh" sound. The **ה** is the *definite* article, or **THE, SPECIFIC, to the EXCLUSION of ALL others.**

This is exemplified in showing the difference between the word "eretz," meaning land, and the words "ha_Eretz," meaning **THE Land of Israel, to the exclusion of all others.**

In Hebrew, the letters **י** (**y**) and **ו** (**v**)(**w**) are used interchangeably, and when located in the first, second, or third position in a word, indicate the tense of the word, either past, future, or continuing.

Being placed in the first and third positions, the **י** and **ו** indicate that the name is **both past and future**, or, - **Eternal.**

The **ה** preceding **both** the **י** and the **ו** means that the name is specifically, to the exclusion of all others, both **past** and **future**, or **THE Eternal.**

Furthermore, being *singular*, and *being found twice*, the **ה** would also allow the addition of the word, **ONE**, as a descriptor.

The Name, **YHWH**, could then be logically rendered as **The Eternal ONE**, because **He** has eternal existence, **to the exclusion of all others.**

It is pronounced in one, long breath, like the wind, with the accent on the middle syllable. .

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