

# Jesus and Joseph

Some will no doubt wonder about the correlation between Jesus and Joseph, while others will pick up on it as soon as they see the title of the booklet. When you begin to see the correlations one can only wonder whether God engineered various things in Joseph's life in order to be an example for us to better understand the relationship between God and Jesus (Yeshua), as well as the relationship between Jesus (Yeshua) and the rest of humanity?

We could spend a lot of time on how both suffered for things which they had not done. But the focus of this booklet is on the parallel that occurs once God elevated each of them to their proper place. We will be starting with Joseph and his being brought out of the prison and made number two in all the land.

## **Genesis 41:38-49 (KJV)**

(38) And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the spirit of God is ?

(39) And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shown thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art:

(40) Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.

(41) And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.

(42) and Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck;

(43) And he made him to ride on the second chariot which he had and they cried before him, Bow the knee: and he made him ruler over all the land of Egypt.

(44) And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I am Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.

(45) And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnath-paaneah; and he gave him to wife Asenath the daughter of Poti-pherah priest of On. And Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt.

(46) And Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.

(47) And in the seven plenteous years the earth brought forth by handfuls.

(48) And he gathered up all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities: the food of the field, which was round about every city, laid he up in the same.

(49) And Joseph gathered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbering; for it was without number.

Just as Pharaoh handed everything in the land of Egypt over to Joseph to administrate for him and to do his bidding. Joseph became the intermediary between Pharaoh and the Egyptians in almost all matters. Yet Joseph always up held Pharaoh as the supreme authority and never sought to elevate himself above Pharaoh. As the Son of God, Jesus up holds His Father, Almighty God as the supreme authority and has never sought to elevate Himself above Almighty God, His Heavenly Father.

**Matthew 11:27** (NASB)

(27) “All things have been handed over to Me by My father; and no one knows the Son, except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father, except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.

**John 13:3-4** (NASB)

(3) Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come forth from God, and was going Back to God,

(4) rose from supper, and laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself about.

As we have just seen that Yeshua (Jesus) had come from God His Heavenly Father. Many have wondered about what the duties of the Son of God were before He became a human and was born as Mary’s first born child. There are several places in Scripture that give us indications of the various duties and responsibilities that were given to Him at various times.

**Exodus 23:20-23** (NASB)

(20) “Behold, I am going to send an angel before you to guard you along the way, and to bring you into the place which I have prepared.

(21) “Be on your guard before him and obey his voice; do not be rebellious toward him, for he will not pardon your transgression, since My name is in him.

(22) ‘But if you will truly obey his voice and do all that I say, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries.

The Hebrew word translated as Angel means messenger. It appears that this messenger of God that is His Angel, may well of been His Son, the one that later would become known as Jesus in English and Yeshua in Hebrew.

Another example of this pre-existence of the Son of God can be seen in other places. But one of the best places is in the book of Proverbs.

**Proverbs 8:22-31**

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(22) “The LORD brought me forth as the first of His works, before His deeds of old;  
 (23) I was appointed from eternity, from the beginning, **before the world began.**  
 (24) When there were no oceans, **I was given birth,** when there were no springs abounding with water;  
 (25) before the mountains were settled in place, **before the hill, I was given birth,**  
 (26) before He made the earth or its fields or any of the dust of the world.  
 (27) I was there when He set the heavens in place, when He marked out the horizon on the face of the deep,  
 (28) when He established the clouds above and fixed securely the fountains of the deep,  
 (29) when He gave the sea its boundary so the waters would not overstep His command, and when He marked out the foundations of the earth.  
 (30) Then I was the craftsman at His side. I was filled with delight day after day, rejoicing always in His presence,  
 (31) rejoicing in His whole world and delighting in mankind.”

NASB

(22) “The LORD possessed men at the beginning of His way, Before His works of old.”  
 (23) “From everlasting I was established, from the beginning, **from the earliest times of the earth.**”  
 (24) “When there were no depths **I was brought forth,** when there were no springs abounding with water.”  
 (25) “Before the mountains were settled, before the hills **I was brought forth;**  
 (26) While He had not yet made the earth and the fields, nor the first dust of the world.  
 (27) “When He established the heavens, I was there, when He inscribed a circle on the face of the deep,”  
 (28) When He made firm the skies above, when the springs of the deep became fixed,  
 (29) When He set for the sea its boundary, so that the water should not transgress His command, when He marked out the foundations of the earth;  
 (30) Then **I was beside Him, as a master workman;** and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him,  
 (31) Rejoicing in the world, His earth, and having my delight in the sons of men.”

The Book of Proverbs is a collection of unrelated proverbs, assembled into a single book. To show where one proverb stops and the next begins the Hebrew codex used for translating most of the English versions of the Bible, has the Hebrew letter ׀ placed at the end of a proverbial section to indicate where one stops and the other starts. Proverb chapter eight has a ׀ at the end of verse 21 (just before the beginning of verse 22) and at the end of verse 31. Showing that it is un-connected and un-related to the proverbs both before it and after it!

It can be seen in the above passage of Scripture from Proverbs that the ONE who was given birth and became God’s workman or craftsman, sought only to serve Almighty God. And did **not** go around doing His own thing. But rather sought to do the will of His Father and serve Him! This included later, being willing to become the price that was to be paid by His Father to redeem the **CALLED OUT ONES** of the earth.

**John 8:42 (NASB)**

(42) Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me; for I proceeded forth and have come from God, for I have not even come on My own initiative, but He sent Me.”

So, we see that it was not Jesus's idea to become the price that needed to be paid to redeem the children of Adam and Eve. It was His Father's idea and plan for man's redemption.

Even in Jesus's day, the righteous both knew and understood that Jesus (Yeshua) came from God and that Jesus did not just decide to come to earth as a human but rather that it was Almighty God that decided to send Him.

**John 17:7-8, 24-25 (NIV)**

(7) "Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you."

(8) "For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me."

(24) "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the **CREATION OF THE WORLD**."

(25) "Righteous Father though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me."

Many people mistakenly elevate Jesus so that He becomes the central focus of their worship; instead of His Heavenly Father who sent Him to be their Redeemer. You need to remember, that Jesus (Yeshua) never sought to put Himself before or above His Heavenly Father nor did He ever want to raise His "Seat of Authority" above that of Almighty God, as Lucifer (the Devil) did.

**Isaiah 14:12-15 (KJV)**

(12) How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

(13) for thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne (Seat of Authority) above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

(14) I will ascend above the heights of the clouds: I will be like the most High

(15) yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

When Yeshua (Jesus) was tempted by Lucifer the Devil, He did not declare His own superiority as the Son of God, in response to the Devil, but rather Yeshua (Jesus) declared the superiority of Almighty God, His Heavenly Father!

**Luke 4:5-8 (NIV)**

- (5) The devil led him (Jesus) up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.
- (6) And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to."
- (7) So if you worship me, it will all be yours."
- (8) Jesus answered, "**It is written:**  
**“Worship the Lord Your God and serve Him ONLY!”**"

Jesus (Yeshua) always upheld His Father's superiority. Many have over looked that He kept telling those who were around Him (as well as all of those who read the New Testament that He, Jesus (Yeshua) was not and is not, as great as His Heavenly Father.

**John 14:28 (NIV)**

- (28) "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you love me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for **the Father is greater than I.**"

Today there are many Christians in the Church who believe that Jesus is supposed to be their Christian God. They mistakenly believe that after the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus that He was now to be their God. Yet, after His resurrection that was not what Jesus (Yeshua) said was to be. Instead, He told them that The Heavenly Father was to be their God!

**John 20:17 (NIV)**

- (17) Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to **my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.**'"

Notice, that Jesus (Yeshua) declares that His Heavenly Father is to be your Heavenly Father. And the Heavenly Father is the God of Jesus (Yeshua). The God who Jesus (Yeshua) worships. Jesus also declares that the Heavenly Father is to be your God as well! Yet, some try to preach a different Jesus, a subtle counterfeit. A Jesus that they claim is to be worshiped as your God.

Who is it that wanted to be worshipped as God?

Would he possibly masquerade as this different Jesus in order to be worshipped?

**2 Corinthians 11:4, 13-15** (NASB)

For if one comes and preaches another Jesus... ..such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness; . . .

Joseph never sought to set his “**Seat of Authority**” above Pharaoh!

Yeshua (Jesus) has never sought to set His “**Seat of Authority**” above Almighty God,

His Heavenly Father!

**John 7:5** (NIV)

(5) “And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.”

**Daniel 7:13-14** (NASB)

(13) “I kept looking in the night visions,  
And behold, with the clouds of heaven  
One like the Son of Man was coming,  
And He came up to the Ancient of Days  
And was presented before Him (the Ancient of Days).  
(14) “And to Him (the Son of Man) was given (by the Ancient of Days)  
Dominion, Glory and a Kingdom,  
That **all the peoples, nations, and men of every language**  
Might serve Him.  
His dominion is and everlasting dominion  
Which will not pass away;  
And His kingdom is one  
Which will not be destroyed.

THE ANCIENT OF DAYS, ALMIGHTY GOD, THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE, THE KING OF ALL THE ANGELIC HOST throughout all of HEAVEN, will at that time install THE SON OF MAN as KING over the inhabitants of the Earth, over all the peoples, nations and men of every language, who are upon the Earth!