God the Father Was Not the God of the Old Testament I

Proof that The Most High and the Ancient of Days cannot be Jesus Christ Fred R. Coulter

Greetings, everyone! Welcome to Sabbath services. What goes around, comes around. It seems like every false doctrine comes and goes, almost in every generation.

We need to cover something that is happening right now. There is a Church of God leader is saying that the God of the Old Testament was the Father. With the next conclusion, it will be Jesus was not Divine before He came.

Think about it! Every time that there is a doctrinal question, what's the first thing they go after? *There are three of them!* What's one of the three that you can think of they go after?

- 1. Passover
- 2. Sabbath
- 3. nature of God

This is why we have these study packs. It's more important than ever before that you get them. Here's a great one: *The Nature of God*. We have the CDs to go with it. It starts out with *the Holiness of God* and then *Who Was Jesus?* There are a good number of sermons on who was Jesus. If you go on **churchathome.org**:

- Who Is Jesus?
- Was Jesus God?
- Nature of the Father
- God the Son, Jesus Christ and Nazareth
- Love of God
- God's Love Toward Us

All right here in detail. I want to mention that so you can order this.

Now we're getting close to 100 of the <u>Transcript Books</u>. If there's any one thing we can say, we have stood for the Truth all the way through the best that we can.

Assaults Against the Church: You need this one as well. There are a lot of people on our mailing list who do not have jobs; retired. We can keep you active with these and help you prepare for eternal life even more.

Scripturalism <u>vs.</u> Judaism: You might say that that's a lot of stuff. It is, but you do need it for today.

Article: *The Real Jesus*. The author when to the Holy Land and tried to find Jesus there, but he's 2,000 years late. The information he needs is right at

hand in the Scriptures. What is the biggest mistake that everyone makes in trying to understand Jesus? *They want to do it separately from the Gospels!* You can't do it. Do you think that Josephus would write how bad the Jews were and how much they sinned and that's why God destroyed the temple. 'It's the Roman's fault.' Supposedly he mentioned about John the Baptist, supposedly there was something added to his text about Jesus.

Why would you never find it in history? Because the ones who wrote the history were against Jesus Christ, and didn't even want it mentioned! That's why God has Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, plus the other apostles who were eye-witnesses! Remember the Dutchman who wrote Jesus' Stenographers by B.J.E. Van Noort. You start reading Matthew and say, 'This is word for word.'

That tells us that they were writing it down! They had methods of shorthand. The thing that they miss they couldn't get into the Bible, so how are they going to find out where the *real Jesus* is. They won't, so if they get into something like this, and want to find the real Jesus, they'll never find Him. You find it here.

- How do you come to Jesus?
- What do the Scriptures tell us?
 - ✓ the Father draws you and none can come to Jesus unless the Father draws
 - ✓ none can come to the Father except through Jesus

I had one man tell me that Exodus 20:3: "You shall have no other gods before Me," was a plural *me* meaning actually *us*. Since it was a question concerning the Hebrew, I sent it off to Carl Franklin. He wrote back, and said, 'I'll get right to the point: *The Father was not the God of the Old Testament*—that's what we're going to go through today—there are two simple Scriptures to answer this question:

Exodus 20:1: "And God spoke all these words, saying, 'I am the LORD your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me" (vs 1-3). The Lord God of the Old Testament!

1-Cor. 10:4 is very simple, and this is why we have to:

- know the Scriptures
- know that we *know* the Scriptures
- study and re-study the Scriptures
- have the Scriptures taught every Sabbath

What happens when people do not hear the Truth, do not study the Truth on their own, but come to Church every Sabbath? *You don't know your Bible!* Someone can come along and say, 'I have a new doctrine.' Think about this for a minute, how important it is and why we need to do so:

- God is a God of Truth
- Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life
- His Word is God-breathed
- it is written so we would have the Truth

In the original manuscripts there are no errors. In the authentic copies there are no errors. Anything that comes out of Egypt, Caesarea or the Western texts are nearly all false.

1-Corinthians 10:1: "Now I do not wish you to be ignorant *of this*, brethren... [if you don't know this, you're ignorant] ...that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea. And all were baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea. And *they* all ate the same spiritual meat.... [the Word of God!] ...And they all drank of the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them. And that Rock was Christ" (vs 1-4).

Think about this. God sent them manna six days every week. He sent them water out of the rock. Miracle, spiritual power to do so. "...<u>And that Rock was Christ</u>," not the Father!

John 1—you all know that one very well. But just like anything else, the more you go over it, the more you learn, and the more you understand the profundity of what is said here.

Why did John write this? We find the answer in 1-John 2, many antichrists have come and they left us. He wrote, 'There is not one lie of the Truth.' He said, 'You cannot have the Father without the Son. You cannot have the Son without the Father.' You must have both! What verifies that we have both? What is the Scripture that tells us both? 'We will make <u>Our</u> abode in you' (John 14:23). What Satan likes to do is come along and give half of the story.

It's like the woman who made this wonderful chocolate cake. She forgot to put in the baking powder, so it didn't rise. So, she put the frosting on it and said, 'I've invented brownies.' You have to have everything together.

Here's why he wrote this: *Because the same doctrine was back then!* Who did Paul say they said they were? Chinese? Russians? *No, they were Israelites, of the seed of Abraham!* They had the Old Testament; the New Testament hadn't been finished.

So they came with cunning to say that the Father was the God of the Old Testament, because they actually did not believe in Jesus, but they preached another Jesus, which is what happens. So, this is why we have it.

John 1:1: "In the beginning was the Word..." When was the beginning? Before there ever was anything!

"...and the Word was with God..." (v 1). How many does this tell us there are? *Two!*

"...and *the* Word was God" (v 1). Granted the Greek does not have the definite article for the second Word of God.

So, the Jehovah Witnesses come along and say He was a god (small g). That's how men get things going. Failing to understand that when it says, 'theos ein ho logos': 'theos' is in front: God the Word was. This means everything that God is, the Word 'Logos' was God! You're either God or you're not.

- Is there any in between step?
- Is there any such thing as evolution to become God? *No, not at all!*

It does not say that the Word was inside of God as the thought. I remember the sermon, thanks for telling us. *The Thinker*... [the Father] ... and *The Thought*... [the Word] ... 'I [the Father] will think on this for eternity and maybe it'll happen.' Right in the Church of God (former WCG) by one of the leading ministers. Every account is that he was probably a secret Buddhist. That's why to the Word of God:

- check it
- prove it
- analyze it
- find out what it says
- Is it the Truth, the whole Truth and nothing but the Truth?

The things we don't understand, we have to admit we don't understand! God can reveal it to us later through His Word.

Verse 2: "He was in *the* beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and not even one *thing* that was created came into being without Him" (vs 2-3).

For those who think that Jesus did not exist until He was conceived in the womb of the virgin

Mary means *you reject Phil.* 2, how He gave up all of His Divinity and glory to become a man.

Colossians 1:14: "In Whom we have redemption through His own blood, *even* the remission of sins; Who is *the* image of the invisible God, *the* firstborn of all creation" (vs 14-15).

They turn there to tell us Jesus was Firstborn. They fail to read on. When He was born as a human being, as far as all human beings were concerned, He was the Firstborn of human beings in the flesh the way that He gave up His Divinity to come in the flesh. So you could say that could apply here.

Verse 16: "Because by Him were all things created... [If He's the firstborn of all creation, did He create Himself? No!] ... the things in heaven and the things on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether they be thrones, or lordships, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him and for Him. And He is before all, and by Him all things subsist. And He is the Head of the Body, the Church; Who is the Beginning, the Firstborn from among the dead..." (vs 16-18).

Jesus was the Firstborn of Mary and the Firstborn from among the dead, which means *Jesus was born again!* Isn't that the true meaning for us, born again from flesh to spirit?

"...the Firstborn from among the dead so that in all things He Himself might hold the preeminence" (v 18). That helps answer the question!

John 1:14: "And the Word became flesh..." Since He was God, He was existing! If you become flesh, then you modify your existence. The way The Thinker and the Thought goes is that the Thinker, the Father, had His 'Thought' born in the flesh. That was right in the largest Church of God.

"...and tabernacled among us (and we ourselves beheld His glory...)" (v 14).

- Who is writing this? *John!*
- Who were the ones that went with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration? *Peter, James and John!*

So when John says, "...we ourselves beheld His glory..." he did!

After He was resurrected from the dead, we don't know if He displayed His glory to any of them; it's not accounted that He did, but He proved that He was resurrected from the dead to all the apostles, all the disciples. Paul says as many as 500 brethren at once came out and met Him on the

mountain down somewhere in Galilee. They saw Him!

"(...the glory as of the only begotten with the Father), full of grace and truth" (v 14).

Where else did John see the glory of Christ? *Rev. 1*! All ties together.

John 5 becomes one of the most important chapters concerning the Father and Christ. Remember that John wrote in 1-John 4 that the one who doesn't believe in God says He did come in the flesh. But what did we read in the John 1? He became flesh!

Remember Jesus healed the man who had the infirmity for 38 years. He told him, 'Take up your bed roll and walk.' How heavy is a sleeping bag? The Jews considered it a burden on the Sabbath, but they thought nothing of plotting to kill Him as a sin on the Sabbath. Which is worse? Carrying a sleeping bag? <u>or</u> Devising murder?

John 5:16: "And for this cause, the Jews persecuted Jesus and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on a Sabbath. But Jesus answered them, 'My Father is working until now..." (vs 16-17). What kind of work does the Father do on the Sabbath?

1. He upholds the universe and keeps it going

When the Sabbath Day comes the Earth doesn't stop. The sun doesn't disappear. He upholds that.

2. He's doing *spiritual* work on the Sabbath by healing

Is that a work? Yes, indeed!

"...and I work.' So then, on account of this saying, the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, not only because He had loosed the Sabbath, but also because He had called God His own Father, making Himself equal with God" (vs 17-18).

They understood that if you are God, *you're God!* If the Father is God and the Son is God, He made Himself equal. Now tie in there John 10 where He said the same thing and He told them, 'And the Scriptures cannot be broken' (quote from Psa. 82).

Verse 19: "Therefore, Jesus answered and said to them, 'Truly, truly I say to you, the Son has no power to do anything of Himself, but only what He sees the Father do....'"

- Was the Word with God before the creation of the world? *Yes!*
- Were they in complete agreement with everything? *Yes!*

- When the One Who became Jesus Christ became the Lord God of the Old Testament, did He do the same thing?
- Did He do anything that the Father didn't want Him to do? *No!*

So, this applies to Christ and the Father from the beginning, not just here. When they created man:

Genesis 1:26: And God said, 'Let <u>Us</u> make man in <u>Our</u> image... [v 27]: ...He created them male and female."

John 5:19: "...For whatever He does, these things the Son also does in the same manner. For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him everything that He Himself is doing...." (vs 19-20).

- Did He do that *before* He became a human being? *Yes!*
- Did He do that *again* during His ministry? *Yes!*
- Did He do it *again* when He was resurrected from the dead? *Yes!*

Verse 21: "For even as the Father raises the dead and gives life, in the same way also, the Son gives life to whom He will.... [because God gave Him that authority] ...the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son" (vs 21-22).

Why? Because only the Son experienced human existence! Also, in order to fully experience human existence and to be tempted.

Think on this with the other Jesus. They say that He was 100% God and 100% flesh, and it was impossible for Him to sin. Then why was He tempted? If it was impossible for Him to sin, He could not be tempted. Everything concerning Matt. 4 and Luke 4 about the temptation of Satan the devil against Him was not a temptation.

He could sin. Why? Because when Jesus told them that if 'I agreed with you, I would be a liar like you' (John 8)!

Why was it possible for Jesus to sin, but He had to never sin? *Because He carried 'the law of sin and death' in Him!*

Why did He carry 'the law of sin and death' in Him? Because as the One Who created man and woman (Gen. 1-3_[transcriber's correction]) and Who judged them for their sin—remember, they ate of the fruit—they just didn't take a little nibble, they ate!

If you eat a meal, or you eat fruit, it didn't say they only ate one apple, if it was an applemaybe it was something else—maybe they ate a whole lot. We're not told.

In judging them for their sin, what did He do? Sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and every man has the law of sin and death in him (Rom. 5)! That's why even little babies sin before they know anything else. This is important to understand, because once you change the nature of God, you must change the nature of Jesus, or reject Him—one of the two.

I want to interject in here to everyone to remember this. *The Jews have no advantage today* unless they are converted and believe everything in the New Testament and the Old Testament the way it was written.

All the Hebrew roots—Mark Blitz, Jonathan Cahn—keep a 15th Passover and have nothing to do with Jesus, except what they preach to their advantage so they can get money from the Protestants. They let the Protestants worship on Sunday, and they keep temple on Friday night, don't even keep the whole Sabbath. Enough said!

If anyone comes in and says, 'I'm a Jew'—which they generally announce that they are when they enter into a congregation—they're coming in to try and intimidate you so that they can get a position above you.

Because we have the 'law of sin and death' in us, you go back over the sermon I did on Rom. 7 and that's important to cover: *Meaning of Law in Romans* 7 & 8. Why did God leave within us 'the law of sin and death' after we're baptized? *Because we have to overcome sin!* If He removed it, then we would have to become spiritual, and we would have no sin. We wouldn't know how to overcome sin.

So here's why Jesus took it; Romans 8:1: "Consequently, *there is* now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who are not walking according to *the* flesh, but according to *the* Spirit; because the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus has delivered me from the law of sin and death" (vs 1-2).

- Hasn't removed it, but delivered.
- How? By giving us the Spirit of God to overcome!
- Did Jesus have to overcome? Yes, He did!

Verse 3: "For what *was* impossible for the Law to do, in that it was weak through the flesh..."

You can never be perfect without the Holy Spirit of God. You can never be perfect until you're resurrected from the dead. Can the Law do that? *No!* The Law tells you what sin is; that's what the Law does. That shows you the blessing for keeping and the cursing for not keeping.

So to solve the problem, v 3: "...God, having sent His own Son in *the* likeness of sinful flesh..."—'homoiomati,' meaning *the exact sameness* of sinful flesh.

Did Jesus die? He could not have died unless He had the law of death in Him! He also had the law of sin in Him because as the One Who gave 'the law of sin and death' to all human beings, He took it upon Himself likewise so it could cover all of humanity, and yet, never sinned!

How do we know that? "...and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh" (v 3).

Whose flesh was sin condemned in? Jesus Christ's, because He bore 'the law of sin and death' within Him and never sinned! That's why He had to cry out with strong crying and tears to the One Who was able to save Him from death. That's how He was able to do it.

Verse 4: "In order that the righteousness of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who are not walking according to *the* flesh, but according to *the* Spirit."

John 5:22: "For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son." It's given to Him because He knows what it's like to be tempted in every way like we are (Heb. 4). If He didn't have 'the law of sin and death' within Him, *He could not have been tempted!*

Look at it this way: Suppose you had a seethrough substance that was so strong, that was so powerful, that no weapon of any kind could pierce through it to destroy you. What would happen if people came, were shooting their guns and throwing their rocks and everything, you'd just sit there and say, 'Doesn't matter.' That's what it would have been like if Christ did not have 'the law of sin and death.' *He couldn't have been temped!* That's why He's so great. *He understands* the workings of Satan the devil and the temptations of men.

Verse 23: "So that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father... [Does that sound like a little equality? *Yes, indeed!*] ...The one who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father Who sent Him."

Isn't it interesting that the Protestants have Jesus and *Jesus only*. The Jews have God, and say it's the Father and the *Father only*. *They are both wrong!* Jesus said you have to have both.

Verse 24: "Truly, truly I say to you, the one who hears My Word, and believes Him Who sent Me... [you have to believe the Father] ...has everlasting life and does not come into judgment; for

he has passed from death into life"—as far as God is concerned and if he remains faithful.

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We have to establish several things here that are important for us to understand.

Verse 30: "I have no power to do anything of Myself; but as I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father Who sent Me."

Then He talks about witnessing Himself, v 37: "And the Father Himself, Who sent Me, has borne witness of Me. You have neither heard His voice nor seen His form at any time." *That's collective; you!*

John 6:46 is the spike in the whole doctrine. Think about this. *If* the God of the Old Testament were the Father, how do you reconcile that with this verse?

John 6:46: "**No one** has seen the Father except He Who is from God... [Who is from God? *Christ*] ...He has seen the Father."

- Is the Word of God true? Yes!
- What does "No one..." mean? It means no one!

Let's see what Jesus' mission was to do!

Matthew 11:25: "At that time Jesus answered and said, 'I praise You, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent, and have revealed them to babes. Yes, Father, for it was well pleasing in Your sight to do this" (vs 25-26).

That takes care of all of the intellectuals. Do we know of a single intellectual who has really been honest with the Scriptures and Truth of God? *Not one!*

Verse 27: "All things were delivered to Me by My Father; and **no one knows the Son except the Father**; neither does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son personally chooses to reveal *Him*."

Let's put these Scriptures together. If no one has seen the Father, and Christ had to reveal Him, how can anyone say that the God of the Old Testament was the Father? *Impossible!*

Remember the sermon News, Flesh & Bone, & New Testament Fraud. How did God appear to Adam and Eve? He couldn't appear in His glorified form because they would have disintegrated! He appears to them in flesh and bone. They looked at Him and thought, 'We're just like Him.' They didn't understand the spiritual aspect of it. They didn't

understand the glory of it. If that were the Father, Adam and Eve would have seen Him.

How about Moses? Did he see Him? Yes, he did! Moses was walking along and all of a sudden here's a burning bush dropping down from heaven and says, 'I am the Father.' No! He didn't say that! He said, 'I AM!'

- Did Moses see that? Yes!
- Did Moses go up on the mountain and talk with God? Yes!
- Was it said that Moses talked to Him faceto-face like a man? Yes!

Therefore, the God of the Old Testament has to be exactly the One that the New Testament says it is, and He is the One Who became Jesus Christ. Could not be any other way.

How about when He spoke the Ten Commandments? Jesus also said, 'No one has heard His voice at any time!' Did they hear the voice of God? That could not have been the Father because:

- Jesus said no one has heard His voice
- No one has seen Him
- No one knows Him except the one to whom Jesus reveals Him

Isn't that clear and easy to understand? Yes, indeed!

Exo. 20—here's Mount Sinai. It looks like there's a big volcano going on up there, because God came down on it. Down below are all the children of Israel. God came down on the mountain and they didn't hear a single word. **NO!**

If no one has seen God and no one has heard God, how then could the children of Israel—and how many were there? *Numbers vary from 600,000 to a 1.8-million!* Who knows the total amount?

Exodus 20:1: "And God spoke all these words, saying... [they all heard Him] ... 'I *am* the LORD your God... [didn't say, 'I'm the Father'] Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me'" (vs 2-3). We covered that. That doesn't mean *Us*.

Then He gives all the Ten Commandments. So powerful was it, so absolutely earth-shaking was it, and all the people were wondering what was this that was going on? Was it really God? 'We didn't hear a thing.' If no one's heard the voice of the Father, if no one has seen the Father, then who was it that they saw? The One Who became Christ (1-cor. 10)!

Verse 18: "And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking. And when the

people saw, they trembled and stood afar off. And they said to Moses, 'You speak with us, and we will hear. But let not God speak with us, lest we die'" (vs 18-19).

- Did they hear the voice of God? Yes, they did!
- Why would Satan want to pervert that?

Let's see that *all the people said they heard the voice of God.* Deut. 5, the second giving account of the Ten Commandments.

Sidebar: Dwight Blevins deals in numbers. Let's think on this just a minute. How many times were the Ten Commandments given in their full form in the Old Testament? *Twice*, #2.

- What commandment is the Sabbath commandment? *Fourth!*
- What day of the week is the Sabbath? *Seventh Day!*

Num. 2-4-7: That is an adjustment period for the Calculated Hebrew Calendar: 247 years. The year that Israel was granted to be able to have a statehood in the area of the Middle East, or Palestine, was when that 247th-year cycle came. It was in October, which is when the new calendar year begins. So that 247-year adjustment happened right then at that time, which tells us as we look back:

- Does God do things at an appointed time? *Many things!*
- What is the appointed time we do all the time? *Sabbath*!

Deuteronomy 5:22: "The LORD spoke these words to all your assembly in the mountain out of the midst of the fire of the cloud and of the thick darkness with a great voice. And He added no more. And He wrote them on two tablets of stone and delivered them to me. And it came to pass when you heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, for the mountain burned with fire, you came near me, all the heads of your tribes and your elders, and you said, 'Behold, the LORD our God has revealed His glory and His greatness...'" (vs 22-24).

What did they see? The glory of God! They didn't see Him directly, but what happened after that? When He brought all the statutes and then came down and Moses had all the statutes and read it to the people, he said, 'What are you going to do?' They said, 'All that the Lord has said, we will do.'

What happened? They had the sacrifice, the sprinkling of the blood on the Book of the Law, sprinkling on the people. Then what happened?

Moses, Nadab and Abihu, and Aaron and 70 of the elders went up on the mountain part way!

They looked up and saw a sea of glass. They saw the Lord on it. If that were the Father, that absolutely makes Jesus a liar that no one has seen Him at any time. Was that a particular time? *Yes!* That's why you need to stick with the Truth. You can't listen to these silly arguments of men.

So they said, "...we have heard His voice out of the midst of the fire. We have seen today that God talks with man yet he *still* lives. Now, therefore, why should we die? For this great fire will consume us. If we hear the voice of the LORD our God any more, then we shall die. For who of all flesh has heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we *have*, and lived?.... [this becomes ridiculous to try and defend] ...You [Moses] go near and hear all that the LORD our God shall say. And you speak to us all that the LORD our God shall speak to you, and we will hear *it*, and do *it*" (vs 24-27).

- What do human beings like to do? Put someone between them and God!
- What did they do? They always attack the person between!

They said, 'Moses, why did you take us out here in this wilderness?' *This becomes stupid!*

How is the Father known of, but not known in the Old Testament? The Most High God! It's about 35 times there. We'll look at some of them. When God dealt with the patriarchs, the Most High dealt with them through the Lord God, and they understood that.

This is the account of Melchizedek after the battle that Abraham won; Genesis 14:18: "And Melchisedec the King of Salem brought forth bread and wine. And He was the Priest of the Most High God." Two different individuals!

The Jews like to say that Melchizedek was Shem. We will answer that question in a bit.

Verse 19: "And He blessed him, and said, 'Blessed be Abram of the Most High God, possessor of heaven and earth. And blessed be the Most High God, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand.' And he gave Him tithes of all. And the king of Sodom said to Abram, 'Give me the people ...'" (vs 19-21).

Why would the king of Sodom like to have the people? Answer very simple: How many children do homosexuals produce? *Zero!* They've got to go out and get new people from someone else or like it is today, seduce them through our school system.

Sidebar: The school systems in California are not for education in how to learn and think. It's an education in perverted sex, starting in kindergarten. So, if you have any kids in California, going to school, you ought to teach them at home. You can go from kindergarten to graduate college all online. You don't need to put up with all that stuff.

The One Who is Melchizedek was the One Who became Jesus Christ. It's said there in Psa. 110 that He's 'of the order of Melchizedek forever,' which is the very substance of the reason for writing the book of Hebrews. This will tell us that it cannot be Shem.

- Who was Shem? *The son of Noah!*
- Who was Noah? *His father!*
- Who was Noah's wife? *His mother!*

This is what happens when people go through the Bible and they don't apply themselves to understand *all* of the Scriptures. You have to get them all together.

Hebrews 7:1: "For this Melchisedec, King of Salem, Priest of the Most High God, Who met Abraham as he was returning from his slaughter of the kings, and blessed him, and to Whom Abraham gave a tenth part of all; on the one hand, being interpreted King of Righteousness; and on the other hand, King of Salem, which is King of Peace; without father... [human father] ...without mother, without genealogy; having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but having been made like the Son of God, remains a Priest forever" (vs 1-3). The One Who became Jesus Christ was the One Who was Melchisedec (Gen. 14).

Abram understood about the Most High. This is absolutely the most important prophecy of the Old Testament. What it does, it establishes all prophecy from that time to the setting up of the Kingdom of God (Dan. 2).

In Dan. 4 we find what Nebuchadnezzar wrote. He was given the knowledge that there was the Most High God through the experience that he went through. He didn't know Him, but he knew of Him.

What I found in searching this out is that on every important thing in the Old Testament, it has reference to the Most High because that would transfer over into the New Testament as the Father. That tells us that the Most High is the One Who is behind everything that there is in the Old Testament, as well as the New Testament.

Isa. 14 helps us understand something as to why Satan wants to separate Jesus Christ and God the Father.

Isaiah 14:12: "How you are fallen from the heavens, O shining star... [Lucifer is a wrong translation] ...son of the morning! *How* you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart..." (vs 12-13).

There are some people who say that God is going to forgive Satan the devil for what he did. *No way!* He committed absolutely the unpardonable, *unpardonable* sin, worse than any man who rejects the Holy Spirit of God from God the Father.

Verse 13: "For you have said in your heart, 'I will ascend *into* the heavens, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; <u>I will be like the Most High</u>" (vs 13-14).

Not the Lord God, but the Most High. So, whenever you have spectacular event in the Bible, *the Most High is brought in,* showing a greater power above God, but carrying out the work of God.

Here's Nebuchadnezzar, Daniel 4:2: "It seemed good to me to declare the signs and wonders that **the Most High God has done for me**." Very interesting that he would say that, but it's mentioned throughout chapter four.

Verse 17: "This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the Holy ones, so that the living may know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men..."

In spite of what Satan says, they've been delivered to Nebuchadnezzar. God the Father is going to carry out His plan and it's going to work.

"...and gives it to whomever He will, and sets up over it the basest of men" (v 17).

What was he doing? He was saying, 'I [Nebuchadnezzar] am one of the basest of men,' after losing his mind for seven years and then having it given back to him. How did he know it was the Most High? *Because Daniel told him!*

Verse 24: "This is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the Most High, which has come upon my lord the king." The only knowledge he had was that it came from the Most High! Daniel, the prophet of God, told him.

Verse 25: "...<u>the Most High rules in the kingdom of men and gives it to whomever He will.</u>"

Verse 32: "And you shall be driven from men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. You shall be made to eat grass like oxen, and seven times shall pass over you until you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men and gives it to whomever He wills."

Think about how important those statements are!

Verse 34: "And at the end of the days, I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted up my eyes to heaven, and my understanding returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and I praised and honored Him Who lives forever, for His dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, and His kingdom is from generation to generation."

Daniel has more about the Most High than any of the books of the Old Testament. There is another title given to the One Who became the Father of the New Testament and that is *the Ancient of Days*.

Daniel 7:13: "I saw visions in the night and, behold, One like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to **the Ancient of Days**, and they brought Him near before Him." Then he was given the kingdom. That ties in with 1-Cor. 15.

Of all the kingdoms of the earth it says that "...the Most High rules in the kingdom of men and gives it to whomever He wills."

Verse 18: "But the saints of the Most High..." They couldn't understand what that meant until you come to the New Testament where we have the Father and the Son.

"...shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever" (v18).

Verse 21: "I watched, and that same horn made war with the saints and overcame them." That ties in with Rev. 6 & 12, so this is a paramount and important prophecy that shows that it's coming from the Most High, which is the New Testament is the Father that Jesus revealed.

Verse 22: "Until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the Most High. And the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom."

This is the one who is fighting against Christ, v 25: "And he shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and think to change the set times and the laws. And they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and one-half time. But the judgment shall sit, and his dominion shall be taken away to be

consumed and to be destroyed unto the end. And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, Whose kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom. **And all kingdoms shall serve and obey Him**" (vs 25-27).

The other one who has knowledge of the Most High, not known as a Father, but understand that there's one higher than the Lord God of the Old Testament, you find that in the Psalms. Almost all of those Psalms are the Psalms of David, who is going to be in the Kingdom.

I think that just about covers everything we need to cover.

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