Chapter One

Prologue

Understanding Yeshua Ha Mashiach, Jesus the Messiah;
The Son of Elohim

> **John 6:65 (KJV)** 65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

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One single personality be-straddles the course of history. He existed before time. In the Bible, He was first presented in a figure on the day of creation as part of the One Indivisible Elohim Who made the heavens and the earth out of nothing with these words.

> **Genesis 1:26 (KJV)** 26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

On the day of the fall, He was prophesied as the Seed of the Woman Who would crush the head of Satan and redeem what was lost in Adam and Eve.

> **Genesis 3:15 (KJV)** 15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

When it was time to expel Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden, we see Him embedded in the decision

> **Genesis 3:22 (KJV)** 22 And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever:

When the people of the then mono racial world which had one language desired to build the Tower of Babel to challenge Elohim and reverse His express instruction to increase, multiply and fill the earth, we see this unique personality as part of the Divine Mystery of the ages:

> **Genesis 11:5-7 (KJV)** 5 And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. 6 And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. 7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

The Stumbling Stone of the world

While most people of other faiths are not averse to discussions of a Supreme Being that they generally call by the generic verb ‘God’ Who is powerful and all sufficient, they immediately bristle with anger when you make mention of Yeshua Ha Mashiach first translated into Greek as Ioesus Christon (Christos meaning the ‘anointed one) which was later translated into English Jesus Christ (the Messiah).

It is time for saints to ask the vital question: Why do people get into a rage concerning this single Personality? The Psalmist put the question of the ages into powerful language in the Second Psalms.

> **Psalm 2:1-2 (KJV)** 1 Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth

set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying,

It is obvious that there must be something deep about this Personality Who was manifestation of what Moses prophesied but the thick veil of Judaism prevented them from seeing Him as He is or receiving the truth about Him.

John 1:11 (KJV) 11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

2 Corinthians 3:12-18 (KJV) 12 Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech: 13 And not as Moses, which put a veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished: 14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ. 15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart. 16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away. 17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

The supposed off shoot of Judaism, Christendom though nominally accepting some of the deep truths about Yeshua yet sought to redefine Him to fit into an Europeanised Personality complete with a name change whose roots are in the Continent (Greek: Ioesus: English: Jesus)

Several cults have arisen based on opposition to the full revelation about Who Yeshua Ha Mashiach, Jesus the Messiah is. The Mormons, Jehovah Witnesses and of late, the Pseudo-kingdom movement are all based on one grand

ground: disputation of the full evidence of the Holy Scriptures and witness of Holy Spirit, Ruach Ha Chodesh concerning the full Identity, Divine Nature and power of Yeshua.

The world did not just embrace the Europeanised Jesus Christ based on the Name Change. The world went ahead with Christendom to grant him a public birthday in which the enduring image is of The Baby in the Manger at Bethlehem (not the All-Conquering King Whose return is imminent and at Whose Presence their kingdom will collapse as Revelation 11:15 says). The New Jesus they created has no Power and Authority to save them from Sin is rather a star Baby, drawing innumerable crowds to grottos and Nativity scenes across the world.

In this regard, the re-packaged Jesus is one in whose Name people can kill (as in the Crusaders of Ancient Europe who slaughtered Jews and Muslims in their bid to liberate Jerusalem); in whose name people 'enjoy' the most pervasive season of immoral living, unwanted pregnancies, abortions and marriage break ups. The festival of Christmas, named after this re-packaged Jesus is the biggest source of income for smart Commercial enterprises. It is also the greatest holiday, Travel and shopping season world-wide. It is a season where Mammon, the abomination of Babylon and several gods are in active operation, using his Europeanised name to create a surreal atmosphere of fun which leads people away from the Real Person of the Holy Scriptures.

Synopsis

In this course, the Father will open up the Holy Scriptures by His Spirit to grant us answers to these questions which

are critical to understanding of Who Yeshua Ha Mashiach, Jesus the Messiah is:

- Who is this Yeshua, Jesus?
- Why did Elohim need to be incarnated in human form?
- Why did Yeshua, Jesus come?
- What are the implications of having a proper knowledge of the Biblical and not merely religious or pop culture Jesus Christ?

The 10 Dimensions of Yeshua, Jesus

This course will enable us to gain an insight into these 9 dimensions of Yeshua, Jesus that believers need to know since He is the reason for our being and the one to whose vineyard, we are called to co-labour:

i. The Pre-existent Yeshua (Revelation 13:8; Genesis 1:26; Genesis 3:22; Genesis 11:5-7; John 6:44-65,69; John 8; John 14:1-11)

ii. The Yeshua of prophecy spanning what was said of Him from Genesis to Malachi

iii. The Incarnate Yeshua – Who lived in a Jewish Human Body for 33 and half years (Matthew 1:18-23; Luke 1;29-35).

iv. The Paschal Lamb - His suffering, crucifixion and death (Matthew 27; John 19; Hebrews 2:9-16).

v. The Risen Yeshua and glorified Adonai Who ascended bodily and visibly to heaven and is seated at the right hand of The Father functioning as High Priest of all saints, interceding for them (Acts 1:9-11; Hebrews 2:16-18; Hebrews 4:14-16).

vi. The Yeshua, Jesus who reigns as King/Sovereign Ruler in the hearts of the redeemed so that through them, He exerts and expands the kingdom mandate where He plants them and they are vessels of dispensing His presence and power where they live, work and have influence. This is the central basis of His call for us to move from being believers to become disciples who follow in His footsteps (Matthew 16:24-26; Galatians 2:20).

vii. In this regard, He is the Supreme King of the One Kingdom nation of the redeemed irrespective of natural national boundaries, racial or ethnic stock they belong to. In this way, we are all brethren and are bound by His Word above all else. In this way, we live out Kingdom culture of Love, Unity, Righteousness, Peace and Joy in the Holy Spirit (1 Peter 2; 9-12; Ephesians 4:1-6; Romans 14:17-18).

viii. The Coming King whose return is now imminent to establish the manifest phase of the Kingdom in its fullness and thereafter ensure that Elohim is all in all.

ix. Part of the Revealed Mystery of Elohim – when we are finally permitted to understand all things about the Godhead (Revelation 10:7; Deuteronomy 29:29).

In some cases, we will explore what the Words say of Him in some of these dimensions and how they affect what we believe, teach or preach.

The 10 Offices of Yeshua

The course will also sketch an outline of the biblical presentation of Yeshua in these offices:

1. Creator,

2. Saviour,

3. Redeemer,

4. Justifier,

5. Master,

6. Empowerer,

7. Model,

8. Shepherd,

9. High Priest

10. King.

11. Head of The Body, His Church

12. Groom of His Wife, the Church

Who is this Yeshua, Jesus? An Introductory treatise

This is the core question of the ages. In the Old Covenant, the encounter of Moses with YHWH on Mount Sinai produced such a transformative effect that when he came down, they could not behold his face. The people of Israel had to relate to Moses only when a veil covered his face (Exodus 34:27-35). From that day, the veil beclouded the ability of those under that Old Covenant to discern Elohim fully (2 Corinthians 3:13–15).

When therefore that which was prophesied concerning the Seed of the woman Who was to redeem humanity from the grip of Satan manifested in the form of a tiny Baby at Bethlehem, there was no way they would accept Him as the Messiah. Their reticence had historical and political undertones as well. At the time Elohim was incarnated<manifested in the earth realm in human form> as the Son, Israel was under Roman rule (The Leg of Iron in Daniel's epic interpretation of the awesome dream of

Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 2:24–47. This followed earlier captivities to Greece (the Thigh and Belly of Bronze); Medo-Persia (the Chest and Arms of Silver) and Babylon (Head of Gold).

According to some Commentators, for four hundred years after the book of Malachi, the light had gone out in Israel, the voice of Elohim was not heard, and despair had set in over the way they were treated by their Roman oppressors. The people of Israel, in this valley of despair, sensed that YHWH was up to something extraordinary. However, in their normal human mindset, all they were looking up to was a liberator, a political messiah with real political clout who would defeat their oppressors and set up the long-promised kingdom which would follow up on the earlier glorious eras enjoyed under David and his son Solomon when Israel was the Crown Jewel of the nations.

When John the Baptist appeared on the scene with his distinctive rough, spare clothing and powerful sermons, the boldness and authority with which he spoke caused them to believe that he maybe the Messiah. It was perfectly in order for Israel to flock to John who was of the priestly lineage, whose father was a priest of national renown and who lived an exceptionally out of this world life. Israel even knew of his extraordinary birth and how an angel appeared to his father; how both parents conceived him out of season and how the mouth of Zacharias was only loosed when naming his son (Luke 1:5-25, Luke 2:57–80).

True to his mission and assignment however, John plainly told the expectant nation that he was not the one they were waiting for (Matthew 3:1-12). Their wait was not for long. One day, the heavens opened as John baptized the obscure carpenter of Nazareth, Yeshua <translated Jesus from the Greek translation, Ioseus>, while Yahweh and Holy Spirit

affirmed His divine Personality and mission (Matthew 3:13-17; John 1:29-34).

To suggest that the Babe in the crib at Bethlehem was anything more than a mere human was clearly sacrilege and heresy to the men of Israel who were bound by the veil of Religion. When the young Yeshua, Jesus at the age of 12 confounded the learned men with His deep understanding of the real essence of the Torah, not a few people were dazed. It was only Mary and Joseph who were privy to a deep secret: this was no ordinary human. This was the very Son of Elohim who was conceived supernaturally when Holy Spirit planted Him in the womb of Mary and whose grand assignment was to redeem humanity and set up the Kingdom which had been lost in Adam (Please read the full accounts in Luke chapters 1 and 2).

Not leaving the revelation of Yeshua, Jesus to the opinion of men, Elohim supernaturally orchestrated a series of supernatural signs and prophetic fulfillment to attest that this was indeed no ordinary prophet and certainly not a mere mortal.

- Angels, who were amazed at the extraordinary events they witnessed were dispatched to announce Him (Matthew 1:18-25).
- Wise men were also dispatched from the East, following His star to pay homage.
- Herod quivered in fear as it dawned on him that if indeed this was the promised Son of David, his family suzerainty over the Jews was in jeopardy (Matthew 2:1-12). As he panicked, Herod caused all infants in Jerusalem to be slain, thus fulfilling one of the Messianic prophecies in the book of Jeremiah 31:1; Matthew 2:16–18.

- The flight of Joseph and Mary with the infant Jesus to Egypt fulfilled another of the Messianic prophecies in Hosea 11:1.
- When they returned to Israel, concern for safety of the child Yeshua, Jesus was to drive Mary and Joseph to make their home in Nazareth, thus fulfilling another Messianic prophecy (Matthew 2:19–23).

Assignment: (1). Why is the issue of Divinity of Yeshua, Jesus controversial to those who do not believe on Him? (2). Which of the 10 dimensions of Who Yeshua are new to you? (3). Which of the 10 Offices of Yeshua seem new to you? (4). Briefly share any other thing of interest to you in this chapter.