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EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

Our Triune God
Ephesians 1:3–14

Praise for the blessings provided by the Father (Ephesians 1:3–6) is followed by the praise statement in vs. 6.

Praise for the blessing of the work of the Son (Ephesians 1:7–12) ends with the praise statement of vs. 12, to the praise of His glory.

Praise for the blessings of the Holy Spirit, praise in vs. 14 (Ephesians 1:13–14).

- 1. Old Testament passages on the Plurality of God and the Deity of Messiah.**
- 2. New Testament passages on the Plurality of God and the Deity of Jesus.**
- 3. The Nicean Creed.**

WHBC Doctrinal Statement

Trinity: We believe in one God, Who is sovereign, righteous, just, eternal, love, omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, immutable, and truth in His essence. He exists in three Persons; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. All three Persons of the Godhead are co-equal and co-eternal and co-infinite. (Matthew 28:19; Acts 5:3–5; John 10:30; Psalm 22:1; Matthew 3:16; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Genesis 48:15–16, 2 Samuel 23:2–3; Genesis 1:26).

Plurality in the Old Testament

The Name *Elohim*

Gen. 1:1, “In the beginning God [*Elohim*] created [3singular, not 3plural] the heavens and the earth.”

Plurality in the Old Testament

Plural pronouns

Gen. 1:26, “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ ”

Plurality in the Old Testament

Plural pronouns

Isaiah 6:8, “Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?’ Then I said, ‘Here am I. Send me!’ ”

Plurality in the Old Testament

“One” *echad*

Deut. 6:4, “Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one.”

Deut. 6:4 (Tanakh JPS 1985), “Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.” [*Rashbam, Ibn Ezra*]

Plurality in the Old Testament

“One” *echad*

1 Chron. 29:1, “Then King David said to the entire assembly, ‘My son Solomon, whom alone God has chosen, is still young and inexperienced and the work is great; for the temple is not for man, but for the LORD God.’ ”

Plurality in the Old Testament

“One” *echad*

Genesis 2:24, “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.”

Angel of *YHWH*

Gen. 16:7, “Now the Angel of the LORD found her [Hagar] by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur.”

Gen. 16:13, “Then she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, *You–Are–the–God–Who–Sees*; for she said, ‘Have I also here seen Him who sees me?’ ”

Angel of *YHWH*

Zech. 1:12, “Then the Angel of the LORD answered and said, ‘O LORD of hosts, how long will You not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which You were angry these seventy years?’

Zech. 1:13, “And the LORD answered the angel who talked to me, with good and comforting words.”

Old Testament Claims Messiah will be Divine

Isa. 48:12, “Listen to Me, O Jacob, even Israel whom I called; I am He, I am the first, I am also the last.” [Jesus is the ALPHA and OMEGA—the first and the last]

Rev. 22:13, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last,”

Isa. 48:13, “Surely My hand founded the earth, and My right hand spread out the heavens; When I call to them, they stand together.

Isa. 48:14, “Assemble, all of you, and listen! Who among them has declared these things? The LORD loves him; he shall carry out His good pleasure on Babylon, and His arm shall be against the Chaldeans.”

Isa. 48:15, “I, even I, have spoken; indeed I have called him, I have brought him, and He will make his ways successful.

Isa. 48:16, “Come near to Me, listen to this: From the first I have not spoken in secret, from the time it took place, I was there. And now the Lord GOD has sent Me, and His Spirit.”

Isaiah 9:6,

“For unto us a Child is born,

Unto us a Son is given;

**And the government will be upon His
shoulder.**

And His name will be called

Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father [Father of Eternity],

Prince of Peace.”

Micah 5:2,

**“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *Though*
you are little among the thousands of
Judah,**

***Yet* out of you shall come forth to Me The
One to be Ruler in Israel,
Whose goings forth *are* from of old,
From everlasting.”**