

Apologetics Outreach: Challenging the Secular



13. Is the Messiah God?

The need for redemption is in the heart of the Human race. We look for someone greater than ourselves to rescue us from the problems of this life. Job looked forward to his coming day of redemption, after his death and decay. Nevertheless, just who is the Messiah? What is the Messiah's nature? Is he a great man? Is he an angel? Is he God? On the other hand, is He the Son of God? Moreover, how can God have a Son?

Christianity, Islam and Judaism all have a different view of what is the nature of Messiah. Islam rejects the Christian view as blasphemous. To Islam the Messiah is just a great prophet, but Mohammed is the greatest and final prophet. In Judaism, the belief in Messiah is a necessary requirement but the Messiah will be just a man, the greatest of all men but still just a man. Christians however believe the Messiah (Christ) is a man but also the "Son of God". Just how can God have a Son?

At first glance, the idea of the Messiah being the Son of God does not make any logical sense. How and why would God have a Son? If God had a Son, would there then be two Gods. The concept of God is a logical concept as mentioned earlier based on several points including.

1. The need for a "First Cause" to bring the Universe into existence
2. The intelligence in Creation demands an "Intelligent Designer"
3. Morality and Truth also require the existence "Absolute Truth and Morality"

Our understanding of whom God is completely dependent of God revealing Himself. We can acknowledge God' existence and necessity through logic, but knowledge of His identity is dependent on His revelation of Himself.

The "Supernatural" objective evidence proves the Bible is God's word. It is through the actions of prophets in the Bible, who witnessed, received inspiration and recorded the written word is how we know who God is. The Bible is witnesses to God's nature and identity. Therefore, to find out whom the Messiah is and his nature we need to look to the Bible.

Did God appear as a man?

To many Jews and Muslims the idea of God coming into the physical world as Man seems repulsive. However, from the early chapters of Genesis it is clear that God took upon Himself human form. In the very first chapter, man is made in the image of God. Not God, in the image of Man. Later we see God walking with Adam and eve in the Garden. In fact, there are several places in scripture where God is described as a Man. So if God could come in human form in the past, why is it so hard to believe it could not be so at the time of Christ?

- God appears at Abraham's tent as a Man
- God wrestles with Jacob as a Man
- Moses and the Elders of Israel see God in Human form
- God declares that Moses speaks to God in Human form,
- God stands before Joshua as a Man
- God in Daniel is called the Ancient of Days and is described in Human form.
- Ezekiel describes the Glory of the LORD as a Man

A. Did God appear as a Man?	Comments
<p>1. In the Garden</p> <p>²⁶Then God said, "Let Us make man in <u>Our image</u>, according to <u>Our likeness</u>; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." Genesis 1:26</p> <p>⁸And they heard the sound of the <u>LORD God walking</u> in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. Genesis 3:8</p>	<p>The image of man comes from God's likeness. God takes Human form in his fellowship with man in the Garden of Eden.</p>
<p>2. At the Tent with Abraham</p> <p>¹Then the LORD appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamre, as he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day. ²So he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing by him; and when he saw <i>them</i>, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground, ³and said, "My Lord, if I have now found favor in Your sight, do not pass on by Your servant. ⁴Please let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵And I will bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh your hearts. After that you may pass by, inasmuch as you have come to your servant." They said, "Do as you have said." They said, "Do as you have said.".... ¹⁶Then the men rose from there and looked toward Sodom, and Abraham went with them to send them on the way. ¹⁷And the LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing,.... ²²Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, but <u>Abraham still stood before the LORD</u>. Genesis 18: 1-5, 16-17, 22</p> <p>¹Now the <u>two angels</u> came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw <i>them</i>, he rose to meet them, and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground. Genesis 19:1</p>	
<p>3. Jacob wrestled with a Man</p> <p>²⁴Then Jacob was left alone; and <u>a Man wrestled with him</u> until the breaking of day. ²⁵Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him. ²⁶And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks." But he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!" ²⁷So He said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob." ²⁸And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for <u>you have struggled with God</u> and with men, and have prevailed."..... ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: "For <u>I have seen God face to face</u>, and my life is preserved." Genesis 32:24-28,30</p>	
<p>4. Moses and the Elders of Israel See God</p> <p>⁹Then Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, ¹⁰and they saw the God of Israel. And <i>there</i> was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in <i>its</i> clarity. ¹¹But on the nobles of the children of Israel He did not lay His hand. So they saw God, and they ate and drank. ¹²Then the LORD said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them." Exodus 24:12</p> <p>¹¹So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle. ²²So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. ²³Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen." Exodus 33:11, 22-23</p>	
<p>5. God talks to Moses about his appearance</p> <p>⁶Then He said, "Hear now My words:</p>	

<p>If there is a prophet among you, I, the Lord, make Myself known to him in a vision; I speak to him in a dream. 7 Not so with My servant Moses; He <i>is</i> faithful in all My house. 8 <u>I speak with him face to face,</u> Even plainly, and not in dark sayings; And <u>he sees the form of the LORD.</u> Why then were you not afraid To speak against My servant Moses?" Numbers 12:6-8</p>	
<p>6. Commander of the Lord's Army appears to Joshua ¹³And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, "Are You for us or for our adversaries?" ¹⁴So He said, "No, but as Commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, "What does my Lord say to His servant?" ¹⁵Then the Commander of the LORD's army said to Joshua, "Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand <i>is</i> holy." And Joshua did so.. Joshua 5:13-15</p>	
<p>7. Ancient of Days & Son of Man ⁹ "I watched till thrones were put in place, And the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment <i>was</i> white as snow, And <u>the hair of His head <i>was</i> like pure wool.</u> His throne <i>was</i> a fiery flame, Its wheels a burning fire; ¹⁰ A fiery stream issued And came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, And the books were opened. ¹³ "I was watching in the night visions, And behold, <u>One like the Son of Man,</u> Coming with the clouds of heaven! <u>He came to the Ancient of Days,</u> And they brought Him near before Him. ¹⁴ Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should <u>serve Him.</u> <u>His dominion is an everlasting dominion,</u> Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom <i>the one</i> Which shall not be destroyed. Daniel 7:9-10,13-14</p>	
<p>8. ²⁶And above the firmament over their heads <i>was</i> the likeness of a throne, in appearance like a sapphire stone; on the likeness of the throne <i>was</i> <u>a likeness with the appearance of a man</u> high above it. ²⁷Also from the appearance of His waist and upward I saw, as it were, the color of amber with the appearance of fire all around within it; and from the appearance of His waist and downward I saw, as it were, the appearance of fire with brightness all around. Ezekiel 1:26-27</p>	

Did God appear as the "Angel¹ of the LORD"?

"Malach Yehovah"

1. מלאך *Mal'ak* (mal-awk'); Noun Masculine, Strong #: 4397 messenger, representative messenger angel the theophanic angel

The Hebrew for the word angel means messenger. In the Old Testament, we read about a certain angel called the “Angel of the LORD”. This Angelic being talks first person, and accepts worship from and magnifies His name. The Angel also appears in Human form. The book of Malachi talks about this Angel coming to His Temple.

¹ “Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming,” Says the LORD of hosts.

Malachi 3:1

Malachi is last book of the Old Testament is writing about 425 BC. So the Temple Malachi is writing about is the 2nd Temple. The Temple completed in 516 BC and destroyed by Titus in 70 AD. Here we are told the Messenger (מלאך *Mal'ak*) of the “Covenant” will come to “His Temple”. The word for Messenger is the same as that for Angel. So this verse can be read, “The Lord whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple, The Angel of the Covenant, in whom you delight” This angel of the Covenant must have come prior to the Temple destruction in 70 AD. The Angel of the Covenant is the “Angel of the LORD” referred to in scripture.

B. The Angel of the Lord	
<p>1. The Angel of the LORD talks to Hagar</p> <p>⁹The <u>Angel of the LORD</u> said to her, “Return to your mistress, and submit yourself under her hand.”¹⁰Then the Angel of the LORD said to her, “I will multiply your descendants exceedingly, so that they shall not be counted for multitude.”¹¹And the <u>Angel of the LORD</u> said to her:</p> <p>“Behold, you <i>are</i> with child, And you shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, Because the LORD has heard your affliction.</p> <p>¹² He shall be a wild man; His hand <i>shall be</i> against every man, And every man’s hand against him. And he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.”</p> <p>¹³Then she called the <u>name of the LORD who spoke</u> to her, <u>You-Are-the-God-Who-Sees</u>; for she said, “Have I also here seen Him who sees me?” Genesis 16:9-13</p>	
<p>2. The Angel of the LORD talks to Abraham</p> <p>¹¹But the <u>Angel of the LORD</u> called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!”</p> <p>So he said, “Here I am.”</p> <p>¹²And He said, “Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I <u>know that you fear God</u>, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.”</p> <p>¹³Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind <i>him</i> was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son.¹⁴And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, “In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”</p> <p>¹⁵Then the <u>Angel of the LORD</u> called to Abraham a second time out of heaven,¹⁶and said: “<u>By Myself I have sworn</u>, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son—¹⁷blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which <i>is</i> on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.¹⁸In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because <u>you have obeyed My voice.</u>”</p> <p>Genesis 22:11-18</p>	
<p>3. The Angel of the Lord talks to Moses</p> <p>²And <u>the Angel of the LORD</u> appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed.³Then Moses said, “I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn.”</p>	

<p>⁴So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, <u>God called to him from the midst of the bush</u> and said, "Moses, Moses!"</p> <p>And he said, "Here I am."</p> <p>Exodus 3:2-4</p>	
<p>1. The Angel of the Lord talks to Balaam</p> <p>And he said, "No."</p> <p>³¹Then the LORD opened Balaam's eyes, and he saw the <u>Angel of the LORD</u> standing in the way with His drawn sword in His hand; and he bowed his head and fell flat on his face. ³²And the <u>Angel of the LORD said</u> to him, "Why have you struck your donkey these three times? Behold, I have come out to stand against you, because <i>your</i> way is perverse before Me. ³³The donkey saw Me and turned aside from Me these three times. If she had not turned aside from Me, surely I would also have killed you by now, and let her live."</p> <p>³⁴And Balaam said to the Angel of the LORD, "I have sinned, for I did not know You stood in the way against me. Now therefore, if it displeases You, I will turn back."</p> <p>³⁵Then the Angel of the LORD said to Balaam, "Go with the men, but only the word that I speak to you, that you shall speak." So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.</p> <p>Numbers 22:31-35</p>	
<p>2. The Angel of the Lord talks to Israel</p> <p>¹Then the Angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said: "I led you up from Egypt and brought you to the land of which I swore to your fathers; and I said, 'I will never break My covenant with you. ²And you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; you shall tear down their altars.' But you have not obeyed My voice. Why have you done this? ³Therefore I also said, 'I will not drive them out before you; but they shall be <i>thorns</i> in your side, and their gods shall be a snare to you.'" ⁴So it was, when the Angel of the LORD spoke these words to all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voices and wept.</p> <p>Judges 2:1-4</p>	
<p>3. The Angel of the Lord talks to Gideon</p> <p>¹¹Now the Angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth tree which was in Ophrah, which <i>belonged</i> to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon threshed wheat in the winepress, in order to hide <i>it</i> from the Midianites. ¹²And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him, and said to him, "The LORD <i>is</i> with you, you mighty man of valor!"</p> <p>¹³Gideon said to Him, "O my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where <i>are</i> all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, 'Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?' But now the LORD has forsaken us and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites."</p> <p>¹⁴Then the LORD turned to him and said, "Go in this might of yours, and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites. Have I not sent you?"</p> <p>¹⁵So he said to Him, "O my Lord, how can I save Israel? Indeed my clan <i>is</i> the weakest in Manasseh, and I <i>am</i> the least in my father's house."</p> <p>¹⁶And the LORD said to him, "Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat the Midianites as one man."</p> <p>¹⁷Then he said to Him, "If now I have found favor in Your sight, then show me a sign that it is You who talk with me. ¹⁸Do not depart from here, I pray, until I come to You and bring out my offering and set <i>it</i> before You."</p> <p>And He said, "I will wait until you come back."</p> <p>¹⁹So Gideon went in and prepared a young goat, and unleavened bread from an ephah of flour. The meat he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot; and he brought <i>them</i> out to Him under the terebinth tree and presented <i>them</i>. ²⁰The Angel of God said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened bread and lay <i>them</i> on this rock, and pour out the broth." And he did so.</p> <p>Judges 6:11-20</p>	
<p>4. The Angel of the Lord talks to Manoah</p> <p>³And the <u>Angel of the LORD</u> appeared to the woman and said to her, "Indeed now, you are barren and have borne no children, but you shall conceive and bear a son..... ⁶So the woman came and told her husband, saying, "A Man of God came to me, and His</p>	

² פִּלְיָא *Pil'iy* (pil-ee'); Adjective, Strong #: 6383, wonderful, incomprehensible, extraordinary

countenance was like the countenance of the Angel of God, very awesome; but I did not ask Him where He was from, and He did not tell me His name.

⁹And God listened to the voice of Manoah, and the Angel of God came to the woman again as she was sitting in the field; but Manoah her husband was not with her. ¹⁰Then the woman ran in haste and told her husband, and said to him, "Look, the Man who came to me the other day has just now appeared to me!".....

¹³So the Angel of the LORD said to Manoah, "Of all that I said to the woman let her be careful. ¹⁴She may not eat anything that comes from the vine, nor may she drink wine or similar drink, nor eat anything unclean. All that I commanded her let her observe."

¹⁵Then Manoah said to the Angel of the LORD, "Please let us detain You, and we will prepare a young goat for You."

¹⁶And the Angel of the LORD said to Manoah, "Though you detain Me, I will not eat your food. But if you offer a burnt offering, you must offer it to the LORD." (For Manoah did not know He was the Angel of the LORD.)

¹⁷Then Manoah said to the Angel of the LORD, "What is Your name, that when Your words come to pass we may honor You?"

¹⁸And the Angel of the LORD said to him, "Why do you ask My name, seeing it is wonderful?".....

²²And Manoah said to his wife, "We shall surely die, because we have seen God!"

Judges 13:3-23

Is the "Son of God" God?

Nathan the prophet in 2nd Samuel 7 first introduces the idea of the Messiah being the "Son of God" to David: 14. The LORD through Nathan tells David the Messiah would come through his family line and the kingdom of David's descendent would be forever. Nathan also informs David the coming King would also be the "Son of God". Some interpreters have tried to explain the idea of "Son of God" in a metaphorical sense, the Messiah proceeded from God therefore he was the "Son of God" in the same way Adam was the first created Human and is called in Luke the son of God. (Luke 3:38).

However, in Psalm 2 this relationship between the Messiah and the LORD is unique. The whole world will one day submit to the "King" the LORD installs. We told to "Kiss" the "Son"; further, we are told all who put their "Trust" in Him will be blessed. In Isaiah, the "Son given" is called "Mighty God", "Prince of Peace" and "Everlasting Father". All terms which if applied to a human being would be blasphemous if the person was not in fact God.

The nations rage against the "Anointed" and the LORD. The Messiah is declared as "Begotten"³ when he comes into the world. John 3:16, qualifies the word "Begotten"⁴ with "Only", meaning that the "Son of God" is of the same nature of the Father. In addition, for this reason the Son can be worshipped and called God because He is God.

C. Son of God

1. The Messiah will be the Son of God

¹²When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. ¹⁵But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. ¹⁶And your

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יָלַד *Yalad* (yaw-lad'); Verb, Strong #: 3205, to bear, bring forth, beget, gender, travail (Qal) to bear, bring forth of child birth.

⁴ **μονογενής** *Monogenes* (mon-og-en-ace'); Word Origin: Greek, Adjective, Strong #: 3439single of its kind, only

house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.”” 2 Samuel 7:12-16	
<p>2. The Son of the LORD reigns over the nations</p> <p>Psalm 2</p> <p>¹ Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? ² The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the LORD and against His Anointed⁵, <i>saying,</i> ³ “Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away <u>Their cords from us.</u>” ⁴ He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The LORD shall hold them in derision. ⁵ Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure: ⁶ <u>“Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion.”</u> ⁷ “I will declare the decree: The LORD has <u>said to Me, ‘You are My Son.</u> Today I have begotten You. ⁸ Ask of Me, and I will give <u>You The nations for Your inheritance,</u> And the ends of the earth <i>for</i> Your possession. ⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel.”” ¹⁰ Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth. ¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice with trembling. ¹² <u>Kiss the Son,</u> lest He be angry, And you perish <i>in</i> the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. <u>Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.</u></p> <p>Psalm 2:1-12</p>	
<p>3. The Son of the LORD is called Might God</p> <p>⁶ For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a <u>Son is given;</u> And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, <u>Mighty God,</u> Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of <i>His</i> government and peace <i>There will be</i> no end, <u>Upon the throne of David</u> and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, <u>even forever.</u> The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.</p> <p>Isaiah 9:6-7</p>	
<p>4. The will greive over the “Firstborn” Son who was pierced</p> <p>¹⁰“And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on <u>Me</u> whom they pierced. Yes, <u>they will mourn for Him</u> as one mourns for <u>his only son,</u> and grieve for Him as one grieves for a <u>firstborn.</u>” ¹¹In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.</p> <p>Zechariah 12:10-11</p>	

Who is the “Arm of the Lord”?

What is the identity of the person described in the 53rd chapter of Isaiah? The identity is revealed in the first verse of the 53rd chapter. He is called the “Arm of the Lord”, and the verse asks, “To whom is He revealed?” The term or description of the LORD’S arm is personified in a number of places. However, here in the 52nd and 53rd chapter we see that “Arm of the LORD” will suffer, be beaten, and killed but come back to life.

An arm is extension of the self. Our arms allow us to interact in the world. Isaiah is revealing to us information about the nature of the “Suffering Servant” that could easily be overlooked. The servant is none other than God himself who extends Himself into the world in the Body of man to intercede on the behalf of man because there is no alternative.

D. Arm of the Lord	
<p>1. All the Earth will see the Arm of the Lord</p> <p>¹⁰ The LORD has made bare <u>His holy arm</u> In the eyes of all the nations; And all the ends of the earth shall see The salvation of our God.</p> <p>Isaiah 52:10</p> <p>¹³ Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high.</p>	<p>The world will see the LORD’S Arm</p> <p>The “Arm” is the righteous Servant</p>

⁵ משיח *Mashiyach* (maw-shee'-akh); Noun Masculine, Strong #: 4899

<p>¹⁴ Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men; ¹⁵ So shall He sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths at Him; For what had not been told them they shall see, And what they had not heard they shall consider. Isaiah 52:13-15</p>	<p>who suffers for the Sins of the World and intercedes on our behalf.</p>
<p>2. The Arm of the Lord is revealed to people</p> <p>¹ Who has believed our report? And to whom has <u>the arm of the LORD</u> been revealed? ² For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, <i>There is no beauty that we should desire Him.</i> ³ He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, <i>our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.</i></p> <p>¹⁰ Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put <i>Him</i> to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see <i>His</i> seed, He shall prolong <i>His</i> days, And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. ¹¹ He shall see the labor of His soul, <i>and</i> be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors. Isaiah 53:1-12</p>	<p>The sufferings of the Arm of the LORD are described in the 53rd chapter.</p>
<p>3. The Arm of the Lord is our Intercessor and Salvation</p> <p>¹ Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. ² But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden <i>His</i> face from you, So that He will not hear. ¹⁵ So truth fails, And he <i>who</i> departs from evil makes himself a prey. Then the Lord saw <i>it</i>, and it displeased Him That <i>there was</i> no justice. ¹⁶ He saw that <i>there was</i> no man, And wondered that <i>there was</i> no intercessor; Therefore <u>His own arm brought salvation for Him</u>; And His own righteousness, it sustained Him. ¹⁷ For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, And a helmet of salvation on His head; He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, And was clad with zeal as a cloak. Isaiah 59:1-2,15-17</p>	<p>In the 59th chapter of Isaiah the hopeless condition of Man is described.</p> <p>An observation is made by God, that he saw there was no man...no one to intercede for man...therefore we are told "His own arm" brought salvation.</p> <p>His "Arm" is described in the 53rd chapter.</p>
<p>4. No one was able to bring salvation except the Arm of the Lord</p> <p>¹ Who <i>is</i> this who comes from Edom, With dyed garments from Bozrah, This <i>One who is</i> glorious in His apparel, Traveling in the greatness of His strength?—"I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save." ² Why <i>is</i> Your apparel red, And Your garments like one who treads in the winepress? ³ "I have trodden the winepress alone, And from the peoples no one <i>was</i> with Me. For I have trodden them in My anger, And trampled them in My fury; Their blood is sprinkled upon My garments, And I have stained all My robes. ⁴ For the day of vengeance <i>is</i> in My heart, And the year of My redeemed has come. ⁵ I looked, but <i>there was</i> no one to help, And I wondered That <i>there was</i> no one to uphold; Therefore <u>My own arm brought salvation for Me</u>; And My own fury, it sustained Me. ⁶ I have trodden down the peoples in My anger, Made them drunk in My fury, And brought down their strength to the earth." ⁷ I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the LORD <i>And</i> the praises of the LORD, According to all that the LORD has bestowed on us, And the great goodness toward the house of Israel, Which He has bestowed on them according to His mercies, According to the multitude of His lovingkindnesses.</p>	

<p>⁸ For He said, "Surely they <i>are</i> My people, Children <i>who</i> will not lie." <u>So He became their Savior.</u></p> <p>⁹ In all their affliction He was afflicted, And the Angel of His Presence saved them; In His love and in His <u>pity He redeemed them</u>; And He bore them and carried them All the days of old.</p> <p>¹⁰ But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit; So He turned Himself against them as an enemy, And He fought against them.</p> <p>Isaiah 63:1-10</p>	
<p>5. The Coastlands will trust in the Arm of the Lord</p> <p>⁴ "Listen to Me, My people; And give ear to Me, O My nation: For law will proceed from Me, And I will make My justice rest As a light of the peoples.</p> <p>⁵ My righteousness <i>is</i> near, My salvation has gone forth, And My arms will judge the peoples; The coastlands will wait upon Me, And <u>on My arm they will trust.</u></p> <p>⁹ Awake, awake, put on strength, <u>O arm of the Lord!</u> Awake as in the ancient days, In the generations of old. Are You not <i>the arm</i> that cut Rahab apart, <i>And</i> wounded the serpent?</p> <p>Isaiah 51:4-5,9</p>	
<p>6. The voice of the LORD will be heard and His Arm will descend</p> <p>³⁰ The LORD will cause His glorious voice to be heard, And show <u>the descent of His arm.</u> With the indignation of <i>His</i> anger And the flame of a devouring fire, <i>With</i> scattering, tempest, and hailstones.</p> <p>Isaiah 30:30</p>	
<p>7. The Arm of the LORD is coming to rule for the LORD</p> <p>Isaiah 40</p> <p>¹ "Comfort, yes, comfort My people!" Says your God.</p> <p>² "Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, That her warfare is ended, That her iniquity is pardoned; For she has received from the LORD's hand Double for all her sins."</p> <p>³ The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the LORD; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God.</p> <p>⁴ Every valley shall be exalted And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough places smooth;</p> <p>⁵ The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, And all flesh shall see <i>it</i> together; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."</p> <p>⁶ The voice said, "Cry out!" And he said, "What shall I cry?" "All flesh <i>is</i> grass, And all its loveliness <i>is</i> like the flower of the field.</p> <p>⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades, Because the breath of the LORD blows upon it; Surely the people <i>are</i> grass.</p> <p>⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever."</p> <p>⁹ O Zion, You who bring good tidings, Get up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, You who bring good tidings, Lift up your voice with strength, Lift <i>it</i> up, be not afraid; Say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"</p> <p>¹⁰ Behold, the Lord GOD shall come with a strong <i>hand</i>, And <u>His arm shall rule for Him</u>; Behold, His reward <i>is</i> with Him,</p> <p>Isaiah 40:1-10</p>	
<p>8. The Arm of the LORD redeemed His people</p> <p>¹⁴ You <i>are</i> the God who does wonders; You have declared Your strength among the peoples.</p> <p>¹⁵ You have with <u>Your arm redeemed Your people</u>, The sons of Jacob and Joseph.</p> <p><i>Selah</i></p> <p>Psalms 77:14-15</p>	
<p>9. The Arm of the Lord is the LORD'S Salvation</p> <p>¹ Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! For He has done marvelous things; <u>His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory.</u></p> <p>² The LORD has made known His salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.</p> <p>³ He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.</p> <p>Psalms 98:1-3</p>	

<p>10. The Arm of LORD is the Light of the LORD countenance</p> <p>² You drove out the nations with Your hand, But them You planted; You afflicted the peoples, and cast them out.</p> <p>³ For they did not gain possession of the land by their own sword, Nor did their own arm save them; But it was Your right hand, <u>Your arm, and the light of Your countenance,</u> Because You favored them.</p> <p>Psalm 44:2-3</p>	
<p>11. The Arm of the LORD is the promised redemption for Israel</p> <p>⁶Therefore say to the children of Israel: 'I <i>am</i> the LORD; I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you <u>with an outstretched arm</u> and with great judgments. ⁷I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I <i>am</i> the LORD your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.</p> <p>Exodus 6:6</p>	

Who is the Glory of the LORD?

The “Glory of the LORD”, is identified as God, but is also identified with the Messiah. In Ezekiel, we are told the “Glory of the LORD” will rule from the Temple where his throne will stand. He is also identified in Human form in Ezekiel 1:25- 2:2.

We see the “Glory of the LORD” filling the Temple upon its competition in I Kings 8:11-13. The “Shikana” Glory of the LORD is God’s visible Glory manifested in the physical world.

Paul identifies Jesus as the Glory of the Lord in I Corinthians 2:8

which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory I Cor 2:8

Isaiah also identifies the Messiah as both the “Arm of the Lord” and the “Glory of the LORD” in the 40th chapter in the first ten verses.

The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, And all flesh shall see *it* together; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”
Isaiah 40:5

When we read about the “Glory of the LORD”, we are reading about none other then the “Messiah” in his pre-incarnate Glory. Jesus was the “Glory of the LORD” revealed for all flesh to see.

<p>E. Glory of the Lord</p>	
<p>1. The Glory of the Lord hears Israel’s complaints against the LORD</p> <p>⁷And in the morning you shall see the <u>glory⁶ of the LORD</u>; for He hears your complaints against the LORD. But what <i>are</i> we, that you complain against us?” ⁸Also Moses said, “<i>This shall be seen</i> when the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening, and in the morning bread to the full; for the LORD hears your complaints which you make against Him. And what <i>are</i> we? Your complaints <i>are</i> not against us but against the LORD.”</p> <p>⁹Then Moses spoke to Aaron, “Say to all the congregation of the children of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for He has heard your complaints.’” ¹⁰Now it came to pass, as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, <u>the glory of the LORD appeared</u> in the cloud.</p> <p>¹¹And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ¹²“I have heard the complaints of the children of Israel. Speak to them, saying, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. And <u>you shall know that I am the LORD your God.</u>”</p>	

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1. כבוד *Kabowd* (kaw-bode'); Noun Masculine, Strong #: 3519, glory, honour, glorious, abundance

<p>Exodus 16:7-12</p>	
<p>2. The Glory of the LORD was like a consuming fire on the top of Mt. Sinai ¹⁶Now <u>the glory of the LORD</u> rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. ¹⁷The sight of <u>the glory of the LORD</u> was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel. ¹⁸So Moses went into the midst of the cloud and went up into the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.. Exodus 24:16-18</p>	
<p>3. The Glory of the LORD consumed the offering of Aaron ⁶Then Moses said, "This <i>is</i> the thing which the LORD commanded you to do, and <u>the glory of the LORD</u> will appear to you." ⁷And Moses said to Aaron, "Go to the altar, offer your sin offering and your burnt offering, and make atonement for yourself and for the people. Offer the offering of the people, and make atonement for them, as the LORD commanded." Leviticus 9:6-7</p>	
<p>4. Moses and Aaron fall on their faces before the Glory of the LORD ⁶So Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and they fell on their faces. And <u>the glory of the LORD</u> appeared to them. ⁷Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ⁸"Take the rod; you and your brother Aaron gather the congregation together. Speak to the rock before their eyes, and it will yield its water; thus you shall bring water for them out of the rock, and give drink to the congregation and their animals." Numbers 20:6-7</p>	
<p>5. The Glory of the LORD filled the Temple ¹¹so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for <u>the glory of the LORD</u> filled the house of the LORD. ¹²Then Solomon spoke: "The LORD said He would dwell in the dark cloud. ¹³ I have surely built You an exalted house, And a place for You to dwell in forever." I Kings 8:11-13</p>	
<p>6. The glory of the LORD shall be revealed to all flesh ⁵ The <u>glory of the LORD</u> shall be revealed, And all flesh shall see <i>it</i> together; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken." ⁶ The voice said, "Cry out!" And he said, "What shall I cry?" "All flesh <i>is</i> grass, And all its loveliness <i>is</i> like the flower of the field. ⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades, Because the breath of the LORD blows upon it; Surely the people <i>are</i> grass. ⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever." ⁹ O Zion, You who bring good tidings, Get up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, You who bring good tidings, Lift up your voice with strength, Lift <i>it</i> up, be not afraid; Say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" ¹⁰ Behold, the Lord GOD shall come with a strong <i>hand</i>, And His arm shall rule for Him; Behold, His reward <i>is</i> with Him, And His work before Him. Isaiah 40:5-10</p>	
<p>7. The glory of the LORD is the light to the Gentiles ¹ Arise, shine;For your light has come! And <u>the glory of the LORD</u> is risen upon you. ² For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you,And His glory will be seen upon you. ³ The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising. Isaiah 60:1-3</p>	
<p>8. The Glory of the LORD had the appearance of a Man ²⁵A voice came from above the firmament that <i>was</i> over their heads; whenever they stood, they let down their wings. ²⁶And above the firmament over their heads <i>was</i> the likeness of a throne, in appearance like a sapphire stone; on the likeness of the throne <i>was</i> a likeness with the appearance of a man high above it. ²⁷Also from the appearance of His waist and upward I saw, as it were, the color of amber with the appearance of fire all around</p>	

<p>within it; and from the appearance of His waist and downward I saw, as it were, the appearance of fire with brightness all around. ²³Like the appearance of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the brightness all around it. This was the appearance of the likeness of <u>the glory of the LORD</u>.</p> <p>So when I saw <i>it</i>, I fell on my face, and I heard a voice of One speaking. ¹And He said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak to you." ²Then the Spirit entered me when He spoke to me, and set me on my feet; and I heard Him who spoke to me.</p> <p>Ezekiel 1:25-2:2</p>	
<p>²³So I arose and went out into the plain, and behold, <u>the glory of the LORD</u> stood there, like the glory which I saw by the River Chebar; and I fell on my face. ²⁴Then the Spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and spoke with me and said to me: "Go, shut yourself inside your house.</p> <p>Ezekiel 3:23-24</p>	
<p>⁴And the glory of the LORD came into the temple by way of the gate which faces toward the east. ⁵The Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the glory of the LORD filled the temple.</p> <p>⁶Then I heard <i>Him</i> speaking to me from the temple, while a man stood beside me. ⁷And He said to me, "Son of man, <i>this is</i> the place of My throne and the place of the soles of My feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever. No more shall the house of Israel defile My holy name, they nor their kings, by their harlotry or with the carcasses of their kings on their high places.</p> <p>Ezekiel 43:4-7</p>	
<p>⁴Also He brought me by way of the north gate to the front of the temple; so I looked, and behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD; and I fell on my face.</p> <p>Ezekiel 44:4</p>	

Is the one pierced the LORD?

The Messiah would be pierced according to Isaiah 53:5. This was a clear descriptive character of the one who would rescue Israel according to Zechariah, in the 10th verse we read, "They will look on Me whom they pierced". The one who is pierced is the "LORD" Himself, The LORD speaks first person throughout the chapter and in the 10th verse personalizes by saying they will look on "Me", whom they pierced. Psalm 22:16-18 also picture the Messiah, being pierced, both his hands and feet. One can clearly conclude based on the literal reading, the "Me" Pierced is Jesus Christ, who in the end of days will be received by the inhabitants of Jerusalem, who are surrounded by the Gentile nations. They will acknowledge Jesus is not only Messiah, but LORD.

F. The One Pierced	
<p>⁵ But <u>He was wounded</u> for our transgressions, <i>He</i> was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.</p> <p>Isaiah 53:5</p>	
<p>¹⁶ For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They <u>pierced My hands and My feet</u>;</p> <p>¹⁷ I can count all My bones. They look <i>and</i> stare at Me.</p> <p>¹⁸ They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots.</p> <p>Psalms 22:16-18</p>	
<p>¹The burden of the word of the LORD against Israel. Thus says the LORD, who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him: ²"Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem. ⁹It shall be in that day <i>that</i> I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.</p> <p>¹⁰"And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for <i>his</i> only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.</p> <p>Zechariah 12:1-10</p>	