



Synagogue Nahar Zerach

River Rising of Messiah Yeshua



Fountainhead

1. **Yeshua** is **GOD**, Who is **One**. **His Spirit** dwells within us to *Redeem* and *Restore* us in *Right Relationships* for Life Eternal.
2. The **Sacred Scripture Scrolls**, **GOD's Word**, teaches right living rightly in workplaces and in relationships.
3. Immersion is a public witness of obedience to spiritual new birth, drawn by **GOD's Spirit**.
4. Healing is **GOD's** will.
5. **Loving GOD** and **Loving our neighbor** are *The Central Commands* for those who are true followers, *hearer-doer*, of **Messiah Yeshua**.
6. Making disciples of all peoples is the commission for each generation.
7. Other *Believers*, who are not of the *House of Isra'el*, are fully joined as "*one new man*" in our **Messiah Yeshua**.
8. The **First Covenant**, even **The Gospel According to Moshe**, is relevant and central to the **Eternal Redemptive Plan of GOD**. The **New Covenant** does not replace, improve nor diminish the **First Covenant**.
9. Families are to teach children by loving, learning and living examples to support, attend, honor and respect **GOD's Houses of Worship**.



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Session One: Yeshua is GOD!



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A *River Rising* expression of *Messiah Yeshua*

Fountainhead Session One: *Yeshua is GOD, Who is One*

Yeshua is GOD, Who is One. His Spirit dwells within us to *Redeem* and *Restore* us in *Right Relationships* for Life Eternal.

- ◇ Explanation: **ADONAI** is complete, undivided and eternally existent. **HaShem's Ruach HaKodesh** Creates, Redeems and Restores us to an Eternal Right Relationship is *One* (the first line of the *She'ma* uses '*echad* unity, not the Hebrew word *yachid* one, the numeric), Our **Messiah** Who is our **Yeshua**-Salvation, GOD with us, **Imanu El**.
- ◇ Illustration: Names of **ADONAI** illustrate the *compound unity 'echad* of **El Gibbor**, our Great GOD. **HaShem's** Names tell us Who He is. Consider this small sample: GOD Almighty, Holy One of *Isra'el*, KING of kings, Everlasting GOD, Creator, GOD of Love, The LORD Who Hears, GOD Who Sees, GOD of My Salvation, Prince of Peace, My Deliver, Righteous Branch, The Resurrection and the Life and The LORD Your Healer.
- ◇ Challenge: A man-made religious expression with a fire of human energy has become a doctrinaire defense that produces more division than unity among **Messiah's** followers. Sadly, for more than 1800 years, the trinitarians' tribulations have hurt, not helped, GOD's Chosen people who still seek **HaMaschiach**. **Yeshua's** disciples are to be known as *Loving*, not loveless. *Messianic Jews* and *Messianic Gentiles* believe and teach, as the original **Sacred Scripture Scrolls**, GOD is One, as do also non-Messianic Jews (including Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Jews). Adding to GOD's Word is divisive and destructive.
- ◇ Conclusion: **Yeshua's** Redemption & Restoration of mankind *repairs tikkun olam* sins separation. As in **Gan Eden**, **HaShem** desires His created to be in eternal relationship with Him in His Kingdom.
- ◇ Transition: The **Sacred Scripture Scrolls** teaches faith and practice for living in right relationships—at work, play and home.

One Alone: The original position *Scriptures* instruct is that **GOD is One**, not *three gods in one*, the Jewish understanding of the word "*trinity*". Later liberal opinions carry weight **ONLY** if it is in agreement with GOD's Word. The **LORD alone** is to be *Isra'el's* GOD, and no other. **GOD is 'Echad**.



CJB Scripture References

- Isaiah 55:8-9
- Psalm 104:24
- Proverbs 3:19
- Daniel 2:20
- Deuteronomy 6:4
- Isaiah 7:14; 8:8-10
- Isaiah 9:5
- Isaiah 43:3
- Isaiah 45:21-22
- Zephaniah 3:17
- Zechariah 14:9
- Psalm 43:5
- Exodus 15:26
- John 11:25-26
- Gen 2:4
- Ex 36:13; 26:6; 36:18
- Ex 20:2-3; 23:24
- Joshua 23:7
- Gen 1:3 cf John 1:1-3



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'Echad, means simply *one*. **'Echad** can refer to a compound unity, but **'Echad** "one" is NOT the same expressed in **yachid**, an "only one."

Gen 2:4 when a man is united to a woman, the two become **'echad** "one" flesh.

Ex 36:13 GOD instructs *Moshe* to join the many pieces of the *Mishkan* (Tabernacle) together so that it will be **'echad** "one" (many components, but one, unified *Mishkan*). See also Ex 26:6, 11; 36:18

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The challenge is really about *monotheism* (one GOD) vs. *polytheism* (many gods).

Ex 20:2-3 *I am the LORD your GOD, Who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before Me.*
See Ex 23:24, Joshua 23:7

The **She'ma's** declaration that **GOD is One** is a statement about One GOD vs. many gods.

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Messianic Gentiles Believe in One GOD.

Clergy in Church of England: "*There is but One Living and True GOD, Everlasting, without body, parts, or passions; of infinite power, wisdom and goodness; the Maker and Preserver of all things both visible and invisible.*" cited by Michael L Brown, Ph.D. in his *Volume Two: Answering Jewish Objections to Jesus—Theological Objections*, 3:1, p3 as Dr. Brown, a completed Jewish scholar, cites A. Lukyn Williams, *A Manual of Christian Evidences for Jewish People* (New York: Macmillan, 1919), 1:95

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Yes, GOD is One **'Echad**. But that does not tell us what He is like. How does GOD, Who is One, make Himself known to us? The universe is one. The ocean is one. **GOD is One**. What exactly does that mean?

Scriptures picture GOD enthroned in Heaven, and at the same time manifesting Himself in the Cloud and Fire over the *Mishkan*, while putting His Spirit on His prophets, while His Glory is filling the Universe. Clearly, GOD's unity is complex! Zechariah 14:9

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Yeshua is He or is He not GOD?

Crude objection: *"Your god wore diapers. Our GOD sits enthroned in Heaven."*

Sophisticated objection: *"You say, 'Jesus is God,' the Bible says, 'GOD is not a man.' Num 23:19, therefore, your faith is contrary to the Bible."*

Consider the parallels between Gen 1:3, telling us GOD created by His spoken Word, and John 1:1-3, ... through the Word all things were made ...

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GOD carries out His Will on earth through His spoken Word. See Psalm 107:19-20; Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 147:15-18; Psalm 119; Psalm 19:7-10

How could GOD dwell in our midst? He came to us through His Word, **Yeshua**, the Son of GOD. See Proverbs 30:4 *"...What is His Name or His Son's Name? Surely you know!"*

"We have seen His Glory, the Glory of the One and Only Who came from the Father, full of Grace and Truth." John 1:14

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Fountainhead Session One: **Yeshua is GOD ... Study Questions**

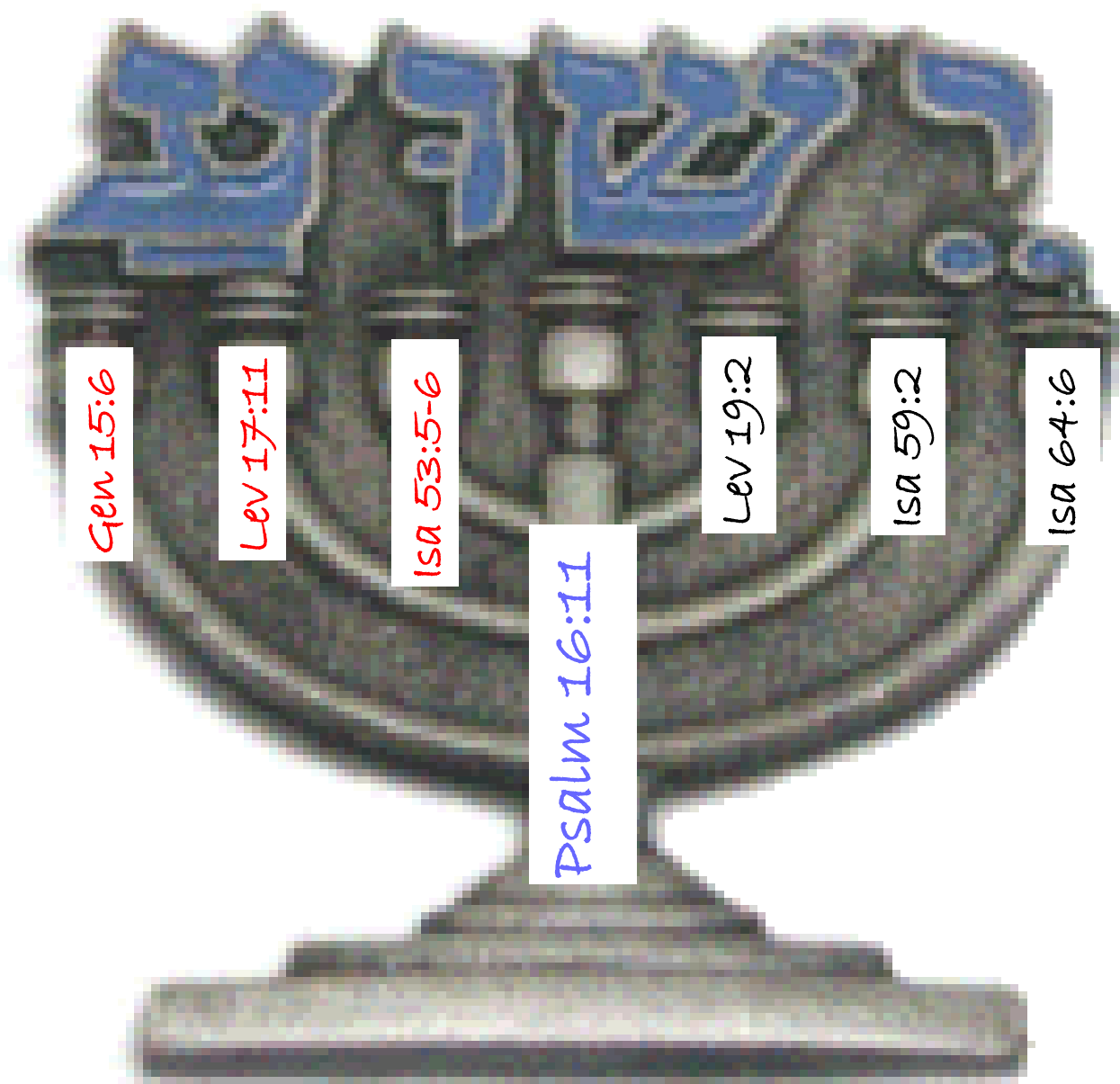
1. Why does the source of *River Rising's Fountainhead* begin with **Yeshua is GOD**, rather than a statement about the *inerrancy* [without error] *of the Bible*, for example?
2. What does it mean, in your own words, that "**ADONAI is complete, undivided and eternally existent.**"
3. The issue, **GOD is One**, often distinguished between the use of the Hebrew words '**echad** or **yachid**, is really an expression of worshipping **GOD alone**, and **no other**. How does the understanding of *GOD's Word becoming flesh and dwelling among us* (John 1:1-3) and *in the beginning GOD created* (Genesis 1:3) by His Spoken Word relate to **Yeshua**? Also, explain what the surrounding nations practiced that makes *monotheism vs. polytheism* foundational.
4. Looking at your right hand, *raised in praised*, what do you make of the four Hebrew letters [reading from *Right to Left*] "**ayin-vav-shin-yud**" shaped in your hand? What does the transliterated Word/Name "**Yeshua**" mean?
5. Naming is a special blessing (Genesis 1:26, 28). Recall the "name game" you perhaps played in a name for your child[ren]. You wanted meaning/blessing to the name. GOD Named Himself **Yeshua**, a Hebrew Biblical Word/Name meaning **salvation of GOD**. **Sacred Scripture Scrolls** records for us *Other Names* for **ADONAI**. Does *Other Names* show **both HaShem's attributes** and **compound unity**?
6. Explain: How is the re-**covering** GOD's sacrifice created in *Gan Eden* (Paradise) for *mankind* and His *Promise* expressed in **B'reisheet** (Genesis) 3:15 linked to the **salvation of GOD—Yeshua**?
7. Do you see and hear **GOD's Love** being fully expressed when over 1800 years of shards of broken glass are used to dismiss, diminish or even destroy GOD's Chosen people using the harsh elements of replacement theology [also known as supersessionism or fulfillment theology]? Do you discern how doctrines and traditions of man's religious expressions have **hurt** rather than **helped** restore the Jews into the Kingdom of GOD?
8. "*Repairing the world*" **tikkun olam** is **Messiah Yeshua's** spiritual mission *finished* by His sacrifice as the *Lamb of GOD* –the *Suffering Servant Messiah* (see Isaiah 52:13-53:12). Is **Messiah Yeshua's Redemption** and *Restoration* finished, completed or fulfilled?



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Gen 15:6

Lev 17:11

Isa 53:5-6

Psalm 16:11

Lev 19:2

Isa 59:2

Isa 64:6