

Weaving the Word

To Be Continued

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Welcome to where we're puttin' in the OT with the father!

Are you doing greater things than Jesus ... yet?

[Jesus said] I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing [sharing and revealing the work of the Father in the OT (the Old Testament)]. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. – John 14:12 NIV



I like referring to the **Old Testament** as the **OT**; because, it's like **overtime**. That's **when you're rewarded double or triple for just doing your job**. And, it's **when a game ends, but isn't over**. It's in overtime! And, at the Last Supper just before the buzzer on Jesus' 3.5 year ministry, He said:



The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works [in the OT]. ... If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word ... and We will come to him [in the OT] and make Our home with him. ... the word which you hear [from Jesus in the NT] is not Mine but the Father's [in the OT] ... all things that I heard from My Father [in the OT] I have made known to you. ... But when the Helper comes ... who proceeds from the Father, He will testify [further] of Me [in the OT]. ... the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father [in the OT]. – John 14:10, 23-24, 15:15, 26, 16:25 NKJ



Because, **the Father's work was always meant to be continued**. The way we use the New Testament without putting in the OT is a chronic problem; because **the NT without the OT is just a wannabe**.

[John warns in a later letter] Watch out that you do not lose what you have worked for, [the memory being what it is] but that you may be rewarded fully [with the greater things]. Anyone who runs ahead [with only the NT] and does not continue in the teaching of Christ [which was totally the OT] does not have God; [On the other hand] whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. – 2 John 1:8-9 NIV



It's like coming in on a punchline at a party and laughing along; but, not bothering to ask, or caring enough to find out what was so funny, being **content with the camaraderie of laughing together**. But, **that's a false fellowship**. Nobody likes that guy or gal. And, **you're utterly cheating yourself**. You don't even know what you've missed. And **deep down, you feel you're out of the loop**.

So, **don't assume it isn't worth hearing from the beginning**. Otherwise, that joke is on you.

Let's let Jesus recap what He said last week in Capernaum.



The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent. ... it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven [in the OT]. ... No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him [in the OT] ... Everyone who listens to the Father [in the OT] and learns from him [in the OT] comes to me. ... [And] he who believes [in Me through the OT] has everlasting life. ... Your forefathers ate the manna in the desert, yet they died. But here [in the desert of the OT; in Deut 8:1-3 and Psalm 78:15-35 for instance] is the bread that comes down from heaven [And guess what: it's Me! Take a look] ... I am the living bread that came down from heaven." ... Your forefathers ate [one type of] manna and died, but he who feeds on this bread will live forever." He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum. [Shall we take a look?] – John 6: 29, 32, 44-51, 58-59 NIV

He [YHWH/Jehovah Elohiym i.e. the Lord Gods] split [divided] the rocks in the wilderness, [so let's do that too] and gave them [1] drink in abundance like the depths [as in deep sea and ocean depths]. He ALSO [2] brought streams out of the rock ... like rivers ... so that the waters gushed out ... He had [1] commanded the clouds above, AND [2] opened the doors of heaven, had [1] rained down manna on them to eat, AND [2] given them of the bread of heaven ... angels' food ... and they returned and sought earnestly for God El [singular of Elohiym]. Then they remembered that God Elohiym was their rock, and the Most High God El their Redeemer. – Psalm 78:15-25, 34-35 NKJ

The Angel [lit. Messenger] of God Elohiym who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, – Exodus 14:19 ESV

Now, keep your eyes on that Angel; because, Paul divided those rocks too!

[Our fathers] all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. – 1 Corinthians 10:1-11, 16-17 ESV

He doesn't say, "the Rock is Christ", like a symbol of Christ. **Before He became flesh and dwelled among us as Jesus, He was the uncreated Angel YHWH/Jehovah of the Elohiym.**

O God Elohiym, You are my God El; early will I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You ... in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice. – Psalm 63:1, 7 NKJ

If, that is, I hunger and thirst for His righteousness. Let's get back to the synagogue and listen in as Jesus continues teaching His multitude of confused followers from the OT.

On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?" [Oh! I know! Those who continue putting in the OT!] Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? What if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! [In the OT: Judges 6! You think *this* is hard, wait'll you get a load of *that!*] The Spirit gives life; the flesh [under its own power] counts for nothing [We can't know the Truth till He shows the Truth. So, who can handle the Truth? Those who joyfully continue the work of God. Paul tells Timothy to "*Do your best to present yourself to God as*

... a workman ... who correctly handles the word of truth," (in the OT!) (2 Tim 2:15) So, can you handle the Truth?]. The words I have spoken to you [sharing the OT with unsurpassed authority] are spirit and they are life. Yet there are some of you who do not believe." [The astonishing things He's sharing in the OT] For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe [those who are just "laughing along" are obvious] and [therefore] who would betray him. [Them!] He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me [and really understand the punchline that is the NT] unless the Father has enabled him [in the OT; but, who cares enough to find out? Not many]." From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed Him [in the OT]. – John 6:59-66 NIV

If we're not enabled by the Father, we're disabled in Christ.

The legs of a disabled person hang limp; so does a proverb [KJV: parable] in the mouth of a fool. [That's why the parables can be so tough] – Proverbs 26:7 NRS



A couple days before, in Jerusalem, when Jesus was publically confronted for healing that whining tattletale on the Sabbath, He said:



You search the Scriptures [the OT] ... and these are they which testify of Me ["In the volume of the book it is written of Me" (Heb 10:7)]. But you are not willing to come to Me [in the OT] that you may have life. ... I have come in My Father's name, [which is YHWH/Jehovah by the way] and you do not receive Me ... For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?" – John 5:39-47 NKJ

[Here's what Moses wrote] The Angel of the Lord YHWH appeared to Moses in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. ... Moreover He said, "I am the God Elohiym ... of Abraham, the God Elohiym of Isaac, and the God Elohiym of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God Elohiym. ... Moreover God Elohiym said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'The Lord YHWH God Elohiym ... has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations.' [Hey! That's us] ... I am the Lord YHWH. I appeared to Abraham, [Remember when Jesus said, "Before Abraham was, I Am" (Jn 8:58)] to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God El Almighty Shadday, but by My name Lord YHWH I was not known to them. [You got that right! Remember when He wrestled with Jacob?] – Exodus 3:6, 15; 6:2-3 NKJ

A Man wrestled with [Jacob] ... And He said, "Your name shall ... [be] Israel; for you have struggled with God Elohiym ... [Jacob said] "Tell me Your name, I pray." And He said, "Why is it that you ask about My name?" [Then Jacob realized He just said, "you've struggled with Elohiym"] ... So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel [Facing El]: "For I have seen God Elohiym face to face, and my life is preserved." – Genesis 32:24-30 NKJ

[Hosea writes] In his strength [Jacob] struggled with God Elohiym. Yes, he struggled with the Angel ... and sought favor from Him. He found Him in Bethel, [House of El, God, singular of Elohiym] ... [Know how?]

The Angel of God Elohiym spoke to [Jacob] in a dream, saying, "Jacob ... I am the God El of Beth'el [God of the House of God] ... where you made a vow to Me." – Genesis 31:11-13 NKJ

And there He spoke to us — That is, the Lord YHWH God Elohiym of hosts. The Lord YHWH is His memorable name. [We just read how He said that to Moses] So you, by the help of your God Elohiym, return; observe mercy and justice, and wait on your God Elohiym continually. ... I am the Lord YHWH your God Elohiym, ever since the land of Egypt; ... I have given symbols through the witness of the prophets. [But remember how Jesus said, “The time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father” (in the OT) (Jn 16:25)] ... I am the Lord YHWH your God Elohiym ... and you shall know no God Elohiym but Me; for *there is no savior besides Me*. ... I will be your King; ... I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. – Hosea 12:3-6, 9-10; 13:4-14 NKJ

[On his death bed] [Jacob] blessed Joseph, and said: “God Elohiym, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God Elohiym who has fed me all my life long to this day, the Angel who has redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads;” – Genesis 48:15-16 NKJ

But, **they never did know His name**. However, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob **all prayed to YHWH in heaven**. Just not the Angel YHWH they kept bumping into along the way.

[Later] Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you **continue** in My word, [His authoritative OT teachings and revelations] then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, [concealed in the OT and unlocked in the NT] and the truth [revealed in the OT] will make you free.” – John 8:31-32 NAS

At the Last Supper, Jesus prays for His disciples, saying:

Holy Father, you have given me your name; [YHWH, which He shares with no one by the way (Is 42:8)] now protect them by the power of your name so that they will be united just as we are. ... Make them holy by your truth; [in the OT] teach them your word, [the OT] which is truth. – John 17:11, 17 NLT

[Just after Jesus’ befuddled followers left Him high and dry in Capernaum, He said] My [OT] doctrine is not Mine, but His [the Father] who sent Me. If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority. – John 7:16-17 NKJ

Thankfully, the Father makes His will quite clear in the OT.

Son of Man, receive into your heart all My words that I speak to you, [in the OT] and hear with your ears.” – Ezekiel 3:10 NKJ

[Jesus says] He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit [of Prophecy (Rev 19:10)] says ... To him who overcomes [As the Angel instructs the prophet Zechariah: “Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit” (Zec 4:6)] I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. – Rev 2:17 NKJ

It appears to be the prize for harmonizing the Gospels! And, I’m here to tell you: **Jesus stars in every story in the OT!** And, we’ve never seen it. And by “we” I basically mean mankind.

But, we’re sure going to! Wait till you see the Son of Man ascend to where He was before! **Return. Observe.** And **wait**. Because, **the Father’s Work is to be continued ... in the OT.**