

THE EXISTENCE OF ELOHIM

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There are many theories that attempt to explain the existence of Elohim (Mighty One). There are many arguments for against Elohim's and existence. wisdom However, human cannot penetrate the divine. Human intelligence is like using a magnifying glass to study the constellations. There are two major sources of evidence for the existence of Elohim:

- 1. Nature (creation); and
- 2. The Scriptures.

1. Evidence From Nature (Creation).

Everyone can learn of Elohim through nature and human experience.

Psalms 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of Elohim; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

Romans 1:20-21 [20] For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood

by the things that are made, even his eternal power and *divine nature*; so that they are without excuse: [21] Because that, when they knew Elohim, they glorified [him] not as Elohim, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Acts 17:22-31 (human behavior: worshiping an unknown Elohim; Elohim winks at ignorance)

Romans 2:14-16 (human behavior: law written in heart of Gentiles)

2. Evidence from Scripture.

One concept needs to be made crystal clear: the Bible does not prove Elohim's existence. It assumes it. The opening texts declares, "In the beginning, Elohim created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). The Bible does not start with a diatribe or analytic persuasive argument explaining the existence of Elohim and how he came to exist.

- > The Bible describes Elohim as the Creator, Sustainer, and Ruler of all creation.
- ➤ Elohim's revelation through creation takes away any excuse for atheism which arises from a suppression of divine truth or from a mind that refuses to acknowledge the evidence that Elohim exists.

Psalms 14:1 The fool hath said in his heart, There is no Elohim. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.¹

Romans 1:18-28 (invisible things made clearly seen...Elohim gave them over to a reprobate mind).

There is more than enough evidence for Elohim's existence to convince those who are *seriously trying to discover* the **truth** about HIM.



ANSWER:

- **Psalms 119:151** (Law is truth)
- John 8:32 (Truth set you free)
- John 17:17 (Elohim's word is truth)
- 1 John 5:6 (Spirit is truth)
- ❖ 1 Samuel 12:24 (Serve YAH in truth)
- John 4:24 (Worship in spirit and truth)

The very first step and prerequisite to searching for the truth about Elohim is **FAITH** ... one must believe that HE is!



ANSWER:

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to Elohim must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Faith in Elohim is not blind. Faith is based on sufficient evidence found both in Elohim's revelations through Scriptures and through nature.

ELOHIM SPEAKS TO US

Hebrews 1:1,2 [1] Elohim, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,² [2] Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;³

1 John 5:20 And we know that the Son of YAH is come, and hath given us an

² See Numbers 12:6-8

³ See Genesis 1:3; Psalms 33:6; John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:16; Revelations 3:14

¹ See Psalms 53:1, Romans 3:9-12

understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Yahusha Messiah. This is the true Elohim, and eternal life.

John 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true Elohim, and Yahusha (erroneously called Jesus) Messiah, whom thou hast sent.

QUESTION: Why was the Son sent?

ANSWER: The Son was sent to redeem Israel from the curse penalty/punishment for violation) of the Law.

Daniel 9:11 Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of Elohim, because we have sinned against him.

Galatians 3:10, 13 [10] For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.⁴ [13] Messiah hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:⁵

ELOHIM'S QUALITIES

The Book reveals Elohim's essential qualities through His 1) name, 2) activities, and 3) attributes.

I. Elohim's Name הֹוָה (YAH)

Psalms 68:4 Sing unto Elohim, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name YAH⁶, and rejoice before him.

1 Chronicles 16:35 And say ye, Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather us together, and deliver us from the heathen, that we may give thanks to thy holy name, [and] glory in thy praise.

2 Chronicles 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Psalms 54:1 [To the chief Musician on Neginoth, Maschil, [A Psalm] of David, when the Ziphims came and said to Saul, Doth not David hide himself with us?] Save me, O God, by thy name, and judge me by thy strength.

Psalms 106:47 Save us, O YAH our Elohim, and gather us from among the heathen, to give thanks unto thy holy name, [and] to triumph in thy praise.

Jeremiah 14:9 Why shouldest thou be as a man astonied, as a mighty man [that] cannot save? yet thou, O YAH, [art] in the midst of us, and we are called by thy name; leave us not.

Daniel 9:19 O YAH, hear; O YAH, forgive; O YAH, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my Elohim:

⁴ See Deuteronomy 27:26; James 2:9-13

⁵ See Deut. 11:25; Deut. 21:22, Deut. 21:23; Acts 13:29; Gal. 4:4-5; 1 Pet. 2:2

⁶ The King James Version uses the letter "J" and states that Elohim's name is JAH. There is no letter J in the Hebrew language, and the letter "J" did not exist in the English language until approximately 1636. Additionally, the letter "j" is not used in the original 1611 version of the KJV. This will be covered in a later lesson.

for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.

Acts 2:21 And it shall come to pass, [that] whosoever shall call on the name of YAH shall be saved.

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Romans 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of YAH shall be saved.

II. Elohim's Activities

A. He is the **Creator**.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning Elohim **created** the heaven and the earth.

Isaiah 45:7 I form the light, and **create** darkness: I make peace, and **create** evil: I YAH do all these things.

Isaiah 65:17-18 [17] For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. [18] But be ye glad and rejoice forever in that which I **create**: for, behold, I **create** Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

B. He is **upholder** of everything.

Hebrews 1:1-3 [1] Elohim, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, [2] Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he

hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; [3] Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, **and upholding all things by the word of his power**, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

C. He is a redeemer.

Exodus 6:6 Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am YAH, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will **redeem** you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments:

Deuteronomy 5:6 I am YAH thy Elohim, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

- **2 Samuel 7:23** Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am YAH, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will **redeem** you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments:
- 1 Chronicles 17:21 And what one nation in the earth is like thy people, even like Israel, whom Elohim went to redeem for a people to himself, and to make him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible, for thy land, before thy people, which thou redeemedst to thee from Egypt, from

the nations and their elohims (mighty ones)?

Psalms 25:22 Redeem Israel, O Elohim, out of all his troubles.

Psalms 26:11 But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: **redeem** me, and be merciful unto me.

Psalms 49:15 But Elohim will **redeem** my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me. Selah.

Psalms 130:8 And he shall **redeem** Israel from all his iniquities.

Isaiah 49:7 Thus saith YAH, **the Redeemer of Israel**, and his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because YAH is faithful, and the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose thee.

D. He sees the end from the beginning; his counsel shall stand, he makes plans and executes them.

Isaiah 46:9-11 [9]Remember the former things of old: for I am Elohim, and there is none else; I am Elohim, and there is none like me, [10] Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure: [11] Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I will

also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.

E. He makes promises.

Deuteronomy 15:6 For YAH thy Elohim blesseth thee, **as he promised** thee: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, but thou shalt not borrow; and thou shalt reign over many nations, but they shall not reign over thee.

1 Kings 8:56 Blessed be YAH, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that **he promised**: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which **he promised** by the hand of Moses his servant.

Psalms 77:8 Is his mercy clean gone for ever? doth **his promise** fail for evermore?

Psalms 105:42 For he remembered **his holy promise**, and Abraham his servant.

Acts 13:23 Of this man's seed hath Elohim according to **his promise** raised unto Israel a Saviour, Yahusha:

- **2 Peter 3:9** YAH is not slack concerning **his promise**, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.
- **2 Peter 3:13** Nevertheless we, according to **his promise**, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

1 John 2:25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.

F. He forgives sins.

Exodus 34:6-7 [6] And YAH passed by before him, and proclaimed, YAH, YAH El, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, [7] for **Keeping** mercy thousands. forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.

2 Chronicles 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Jeremiah 31:34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know YAH: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith YAH: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Jeremiah 36:3 It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them; that they may return every man from his evil

way; that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.

G. He deserves our worship.

Exodus 34:14 For thou shalt worship no other Elohim: for YAH, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous Elohim:

2Kings 17:36 But YAH, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and a stretched out arm, him shall ye fear, and him shall ye worship, and to him shall ye do sacrifice.

1Chronicles 16:29 Give unto YAH the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship YAH in the beauty of holiness.

Psalms 22:27 All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto YAH: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.

Psalms 86:9 All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O YAH; and shall glorify thy name.

Psalms 95:6 O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before YAH our maker.

Psalms 96:9 O worship YAH in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

III. Elohim's Attributes.

A. He is self-existent.

John 5:26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself.

B. He is independent in will.

Daniel 4:35 And all the inhabitants of the earth [are] reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and [among] the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?

John 9:31 Now we know that Elohim heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of Elohim, and doeth his will, him he heareth.

1John 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

C. He is our (Israel's) help and shield.

Psalms 115:9-11 [9] Israel, trust thou in YAH: he [is] their help and their shield. [10] O house of Aaron, trust in YAH: he [is] their help and their shield. [11] Ye that fear YAH, trust in YAH: he [is] their help and their shield.

D. He is all knowing (omniscient).

Psalms 147:5 Great is our Sovereign, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.

Isaiah 46:9-11 [9]Remember the former things of old: for I am Elohim, and there is none else; I am Elohim, and there is none like me, [10] Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure: [11] Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.

1John 3:20 For if our heart condemn us, Elohim is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

E. <u>He transcends all space</u> (omnipresent).

Psalms 139:7-12 [7]Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? [8] If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. [9] If I take the wings of the morning, [and] dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; [10] Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. [11] If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. [12] Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

Hebrews 4:13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things [are] naked and opened

unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

F. He is eternal.

Psalms 90:1-2 [1] YAH, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. [2] Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art Elohim.

Isaiah 44:6 Thus saith YAH the King of Israel, and his redeemer YAH of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no Alahiym.

Revelation 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith YAH, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

HalleluYAH