

# WORD IN MOTION

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## BIBLE READING FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

### WEEK 1 (SEPTEMBER 1-7)

☐ PSALM 135-150, PROVERBS 1-21, II CORINTHIANS 12-16

### WEEK 2 (SEPTEMBER 8-14)

☐ PROVERBS 3-21, II CORINTHIANS 1-7

### WEEK 3 (SEPTEMBER 15-21)

☐ PROVERBS 22-31, ECCLESIASTES 1-9, II CORINTHIANS 8-13

### WEEK 4 (SEPTEMBER 22-28)

☐ ECCLESIASTES 10-12, SONGS OF SOLOMON, ISAIAH 1-6, GALATIANS, EPHESIANS 1

### WEEK 5 (SEPTEMBER 29-30)

☐ ISAIAH 7-10, EPHESIANS 2-3

## BOOKS OF THE MONTH

### GENERAL :

“A TALES OF THREE KINGS” BY GENE EDWARDS

### ADVANCED :

“THE WARS OF THE JEWS” BY FLAVIUS JOSEPHUS

### FRENCH :

“FAIRE CROIRE UNE ÉGLISE” BY DAVID K. BERNARD



## TEACH, AND TEACH SOME MORE...

*Everyone needs a Bible study. You should have the desire to teach someone a Bible study. First and foremost, prayer is essential before any Bible study. How should you pray? Many people from a Catholic background know the "Hail Mary" and Our Father prayers. However, it's important to note that "Hail Mary" is not biblical; instead, read Luke 1:39-45, and for Our Father, read Matthew 6:7.*

**Always begin by praying about the Bible study.**



Introduce the Bible itself— not the church or your pastor, but the Bible. This is a Bible study, not a denomination-specific study. Read *Revelation 22:18-21*. Now you're prepared, and your participants won't feel misled. If they have their own Bible in their language, encourage them to read it. Remember the old reliable trick: the number of letters in 'Old Testament' (3 in 'Old' and 9 in 'Testament') and 'New Testament' (3 in 'New' x 9 in 'Testament') equals  $3 \times 9 = 27$ , totalling 66 books. If their Bible contains more than 66 books, don't criticize it; instead, explain that those additional books are called "*Apocrypha*" Apo means add crypha is scripture in Greek, meaning they were added later and aren't considered Scripture.

If someone doesn't have a Bible, consider buying one for them— it's crucial for belief and action. Don't hesitate to ask questions or allow them to interrupt with questions related to the topic. For instance, during a Bible study with a woman years ago, her 8-year-old son asked me the name of Moses' father. Instead of guessing, I promised to find the answer for our next session. Thanks to resources like the internet, I learned that Moses' father was Amram, mentioned only twice in the Bible. No question is too insignificant; people need answers.

Sometimes, we mistakenly push for them to be baptized in Jesus' name; this should be covered in lesson #8. We can't expect immediate transformation; it takes time. If someone does accept Acts 2:38 and receives the Holy Ghost, thank God, but continue the Bible study.

Don't be discouraged if people cancel or reschedule Bible studies. Remember, you're there for them; they're not there for you. Patience pays off; be patient.

When teaching someone of the opposite sex, if you're a man, bring a fellow brother; if you're a woman, bring a sister. This helps avoid misunderstandings. As children of God, we should reflect His character.

If the Bible study is at your place, feel free to provide food. If it's at their place, keep it brief, even if they're friendly. Alternatively, meet in a public location— it's always their choice.

Remember, the people in front of you could become pastors, Sunday school teachers, or musicians. Every soul matters to the Lord, and they'll end up in Heaven or hell one day.

*So teach, teach, and keep teaching until there's no one left to teach. Amen.*

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# THE FULLNESS OF THE ONENESS OF GOD

BY SIMON VALENCIANO-MARTEL

**Deuteronomy 6:4 KJV - Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:**

**Colossians 2:9 KJV - For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.**

*The word "trinity" comes from the Latin word "trinus," meaning "threefold." The concept of the Trinity was first formally addressed at the First Council of Nicaea (in modern-day Iznik, Turkey) in 325 AD, during that Council, it led to an extensive debate over several months and years. However it is important to note, no one can find any Scriptures that reference the word "trinity" yet we can find many who still believe in the concept of the trinity. In this text, we will explore these topics and address questions that many have been asking, such as the complete Deity of Christ, the Oneness of God, and the Name above all names.*

## 1. The complete Deity of Christ

First of all, it's important to understand the history behind the Council of Nicaea. Though many presume that the original reason of that historical Council was to address the concept of the *trinity*. However, in reality the meeting's primary focus was to address the Arian controversy, their belief was Jesus was a created god, in other words a junior god. The Council rejected the teachings of the arians yet this belief is still found in many various religions such as the Jehovah's Witnesses who still practice these teachings. The word "deity" came from the Latin word "deus" which is translated to : God. The title use of "The great God and Savior Jesus Christ" is used multiple times in the New Testament, in John 20:28, Thomas proclaims Jesus as both his Lord and his God.

**Zechariah 14:9 KJV - And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: on that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.**

*Notice how the book of Zechariah spells the "LORD"? This form of use is very different from the regular and common usage of Lord. The regular term "Lord" is commonly used as a title of respect or nobility, in a sense of political context, we use the term "House of the Lords" as a term of respect in order to refer to its members. When reading the Bible, we will notice numerous occasions the term "LORD", which put into context it can emphasise the Deity and supreme being. There can only be one LORD, not two, not three but only one LORD who will be king over the earth, whose name shall be one and His name is Jesus!*

**Revelation 17:14 KJV - These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.**

## 2. The Oneness of God

Secondly, from the beginning of the Old Testament until the end of the New Testament, the Scriptures clearly teach that there is only one God. Hosea 13:4 proclaims: "For there is no saviour beside Me." There can only be one Saviour, one Lamb, and one God.

**John 10:30-33 KJV - I and my Father are one. [31] Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. [32] Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? [33] The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.**

*The reason the Jews picked up stones to stone Jesus was that they considered His proclamation to be blasphemous; they recognized that Jesus was claiming to be God. With this in mind, it is essential to understand that Jesus was God manifested in the flesh, meaning He was revealed or made visible to mankind. Before the birth of Jesus, there was no image of God; He was not visible to man because God is a Spirit. Since Jesus came into the world, He became the image of God. To see Jesus is to see God, and to know Jesus is to know God. Jesus was God made visible and God made flesh in other words, the Spirit of God became flesh and dwelt in Jesus.*

**1 Timothy 3:16 KJV - 16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.**

### 3. The Name above all names

The Hebrew name of God in the Old Testament is Yahweh (יְהוָה) meaning the Self-sufficient One. We can also reflect when God identified Himself as the “I AM THAT I AM” to Moses in Exodus 3:14. Though the KJV uses mostly the term “LORD” to represent the name “YHWH”, we can also see in a few places the term “Jehovah”, the latinized word can be translated to “Adonai” (Lord).

The various names of God:

**Isaiah 9:6 KJV - For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.**

#### Old Testament :

- Yahweh (יְהוָה) : LORD, Exodus 3:14
- Elohim (אֱלֹהִים) : God's majesty and power, Genesis 1:1
- El Shaddai (אֱלֹהֵי שַׁדַּי) : God Almighty, Genesis 17:1
- El Elyon (אֱלֹהֵי עֶלְיוֹן) : Most High God, Genesis 14:18-20
- El Olam (אֱלֹהֵי עוֹלָם) : Everlasting God, Genesis 21:33
- Adonai (אֲדֹנָי) : Lord or Master, Psalm 110:1
- Yahweh Jireh (יְהוָה יִרְאֶה) : The LORD Will Provide, Genesis 22:14
- Yahweh Rapha (יְהוָה רֹפֵא) : The LORD Who Heals, Exodus 15:26
- Yahweh Nissi (יְהוָה נֹסִי) : The LORD Is My Banner, Exodus 17:15
- Yahweh Shalom (יְהוָה שָׁלוֹם) : The LORD Is Peace, Judges 6:24
- Yahweh Tsidkenu (יְהוָה צְדִיקָנוּ) : The LORD Our Righteousness, Jeremiah 23:6
- Yahweh Shema (יְהוָה שִׁמְעָה) : The LORD Is There, Ezekiel 48:35

#### New Testament :

- Jesus (Ἰησοῦς) : Yeshua (Joshua) The LORD Saves, Matthew 1:21
- Christ (Χριστός) : Anointed One or Messiah, Matthew 16:16
- Emmanuel (Ἐμμανουήλ) : God with us, Matthew 1:23
- Father : Title, John 14:9
- Son of David : A messianic title describing Jesus Christ as man, a savior of His people who would bring Israel the full enjoyment of God's promises, 2 Samuel 2
- Holy Ghost : His Spirit, Acts 1:8
- Son of Man : Title to emphasise His identification with humanity, Matthew 8:20
- Son of God : Jesus Divine nature, John 1:34
- Lord (Κύριος) : Jesus' authority and Divinity, Philippians 2:11
- Lamb of God : Symbolising Jesus' sacrificial role for the redemption of humanity, John 1:29
- Alpha and Omega : Signifying Jesus as the beginning and end of all things, Revelation 22:13

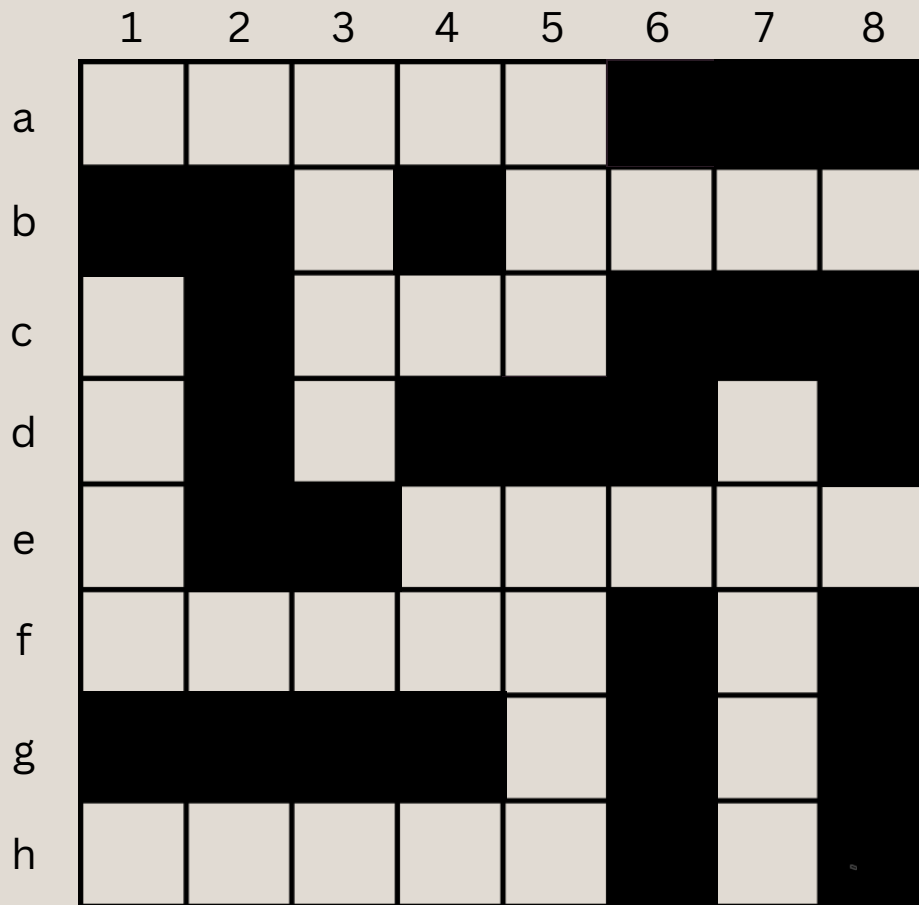
Moreover, it is quite interesting that both the names of Jesus, Yeshua and Emmanuel can be translated to the LORD Saves (Yahweh Saves) and God with us meaning that His name is a reminder that God was and still is amongst men and that His name can save.

Though God had many distinct names and titles, only one of His names can save us from our sins, *Acts 4:12 KJV - “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved”*. The name of Jesus can save us from our sins, His name can wash away our sins, through His name old things are passed away and new things become new, His name casts out demons and by the power of His Name we can pray over the sick and they shall be healed.

In conclusion, the Scriptures affirms the complete Deity of Christ, from the book of Genesis until the book of Revelation the Bible continues to emphasise the Oneness of God and there is only one name that is above all other names and that is Jesus!

The world we live in uses the name of Jesus as a mockery or to curse it but nevertheless we must remember there is Salvation in His Name, Healing in His Name and Power in His Name.

# Crosswords puzzle



## HORIZONTALLY

**A-1** : Who reign involve both significant military conquests and personal family strife, including a rebellion led by one of his sons? (2 Samuel 15)

**B-5** : Who was the first human murdered in the Bible (Gen. 4)

**C-3** : What was the name of Joshua father, who's name meant "perpetuity" and "eternity"? (Numbers 13, Psalms 72)

**E-4** : What was the name of the ancient city in the region of Canaan whose king was Melchizedek, later known as Jerusalem?(Gen. 14)

**F-1** : Who dug wells and prospered in the land of Gerar, despite facing opposition and conflict with the Philistines? (Genesis 26)

**H-1** : Who is often referred to as "the brother of Jesus" and is mentioned in the New Testament as one of the prominent leaders in the early Christian church? (Matthew 13)

## VERTICALLY

**1-c** : What was the only Israelite tribe permitted to enter the Tabernacle? (Numbers 18)

**3-a** : Jesus used a metaphor in John 15:5 comparing Himself to which part of a tree?

**5-a** : Which tribe is described as a serpent by the roadside, a viper along the path, that bites the horse's heels so that its rider tumbles backward? (Gen. 49)

**5-e** : What is the title of the other book written by the author of the Gospel of Luke?

**7-d** : Who did Paul rebuke for segregating himself and only eating with Jews, rather than with Gentile believers, during a visit to Antioch? (Galatians 11)



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