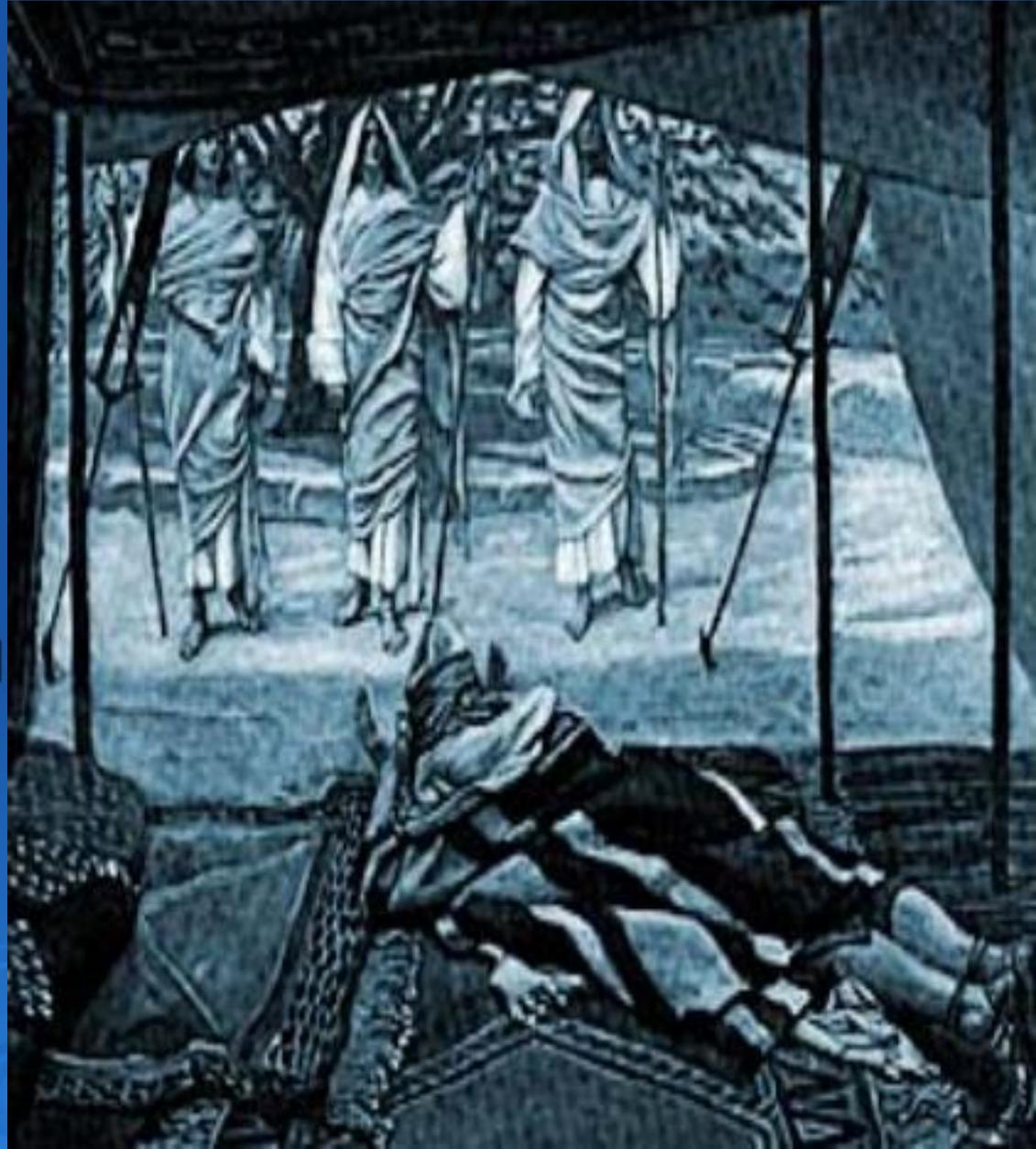


# 3 “MEN” APPEAR TO ABRAHAM

- There is no doubt this was a manifestation of God because He is identified in the passage as YHWH
- Could this have been Jesus?
- Nowhere in the Bible is Jesus ever called YHWH which is considered as the name of The Father
- Adonai is a plural
- Enosh = HUMAN men



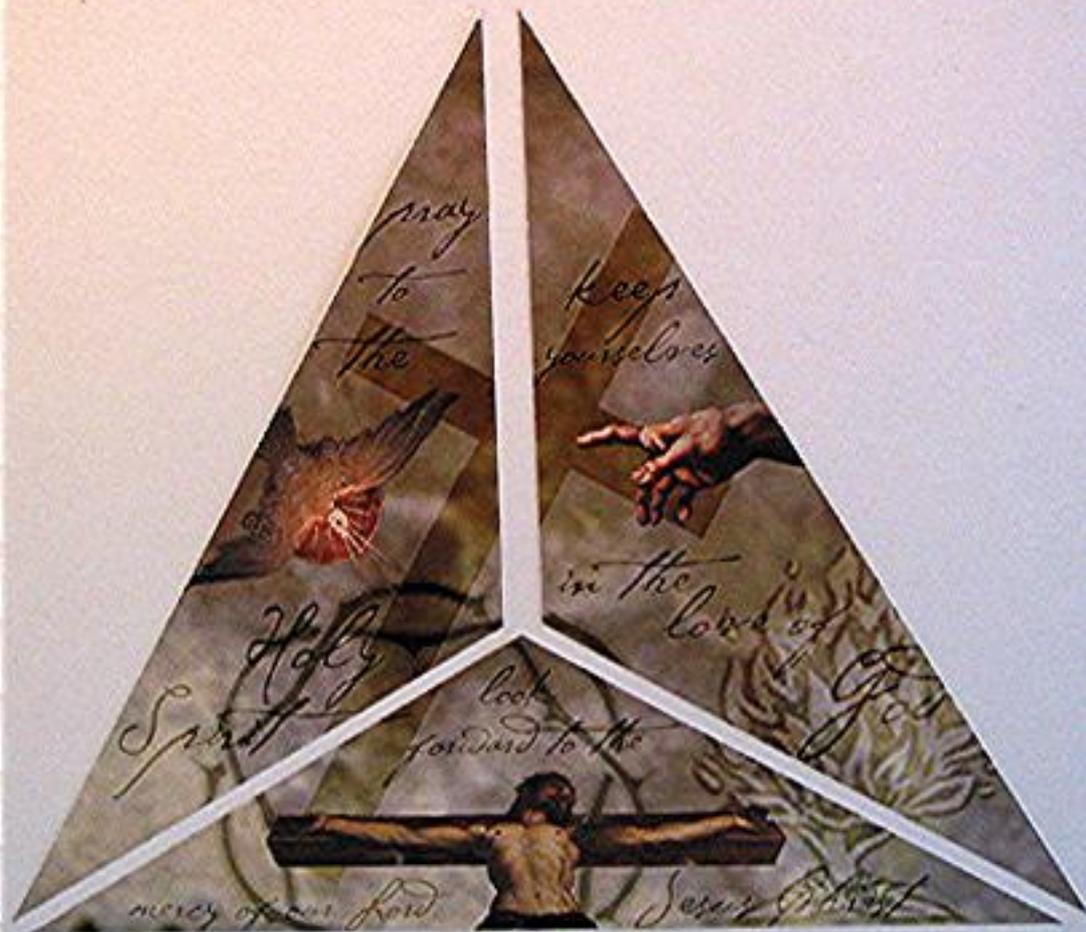
# TRINITY: REALITY VS. DOCTRINE

## DOCTRINE OF "3 PERSONS"

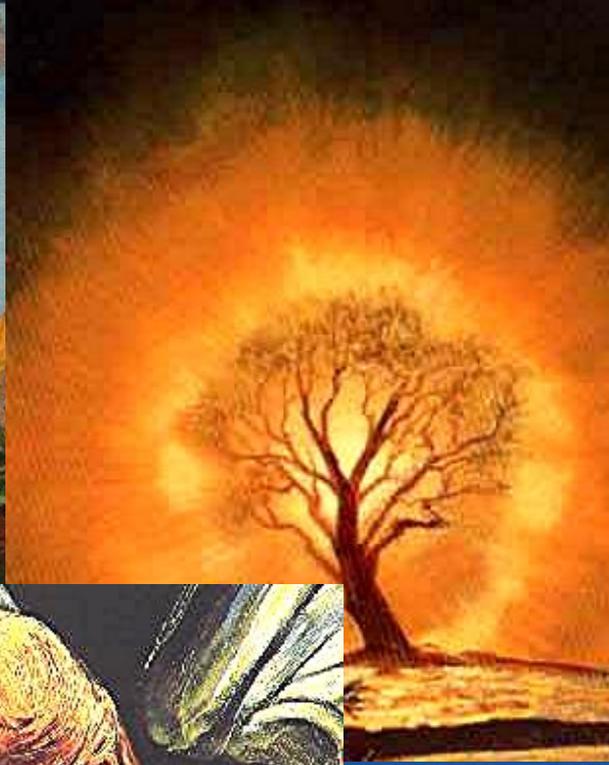
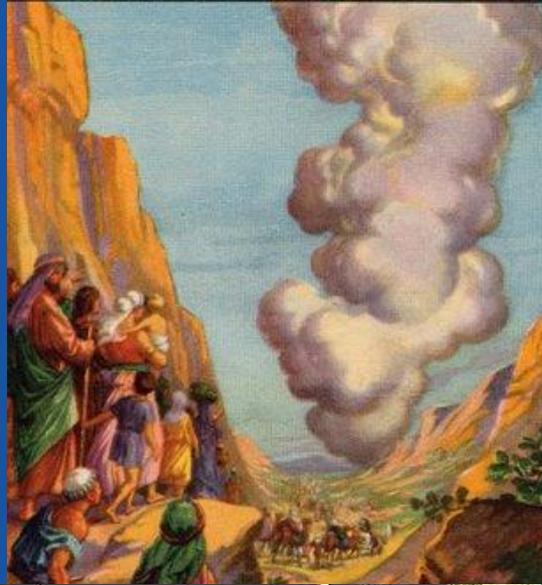


The Holy Trinity

## 3-PART GODHEAD



# MANIFESTATIONS OF GOD



WHAT DID  
THESE 3  
“MEN”  
REPRESENT

??????????

# THE PROPHETS SAW FAR INTO THE FUTURE HOW TO DESCRIBE WHAT THEY SAW??

**NO WORDS TO  
DESCRIBE GOD**



# “...WHERE IS YOUR WIFE, SARAH?”



- A rhetorical question
- Vs. 10: Sarah will give birth to a son in a year!
- Promises of Yahweh brought about step-by-step
- Gen 12:2, Gen.15:4, Gen.17:16-21, **NOW** Gen.18:10

# COVENANTS BUILT UPON COVENANTS



Yeshua's Covenant



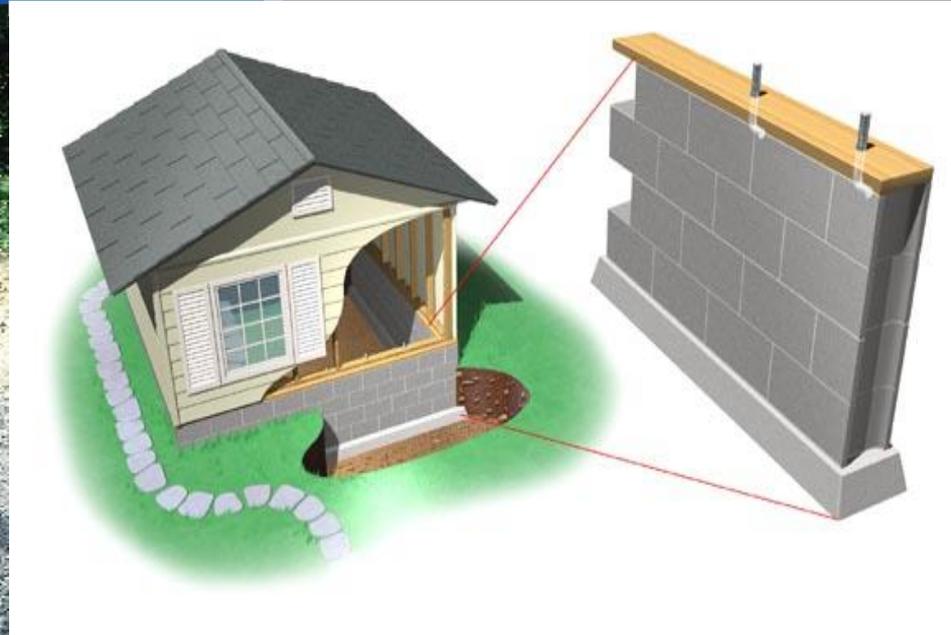
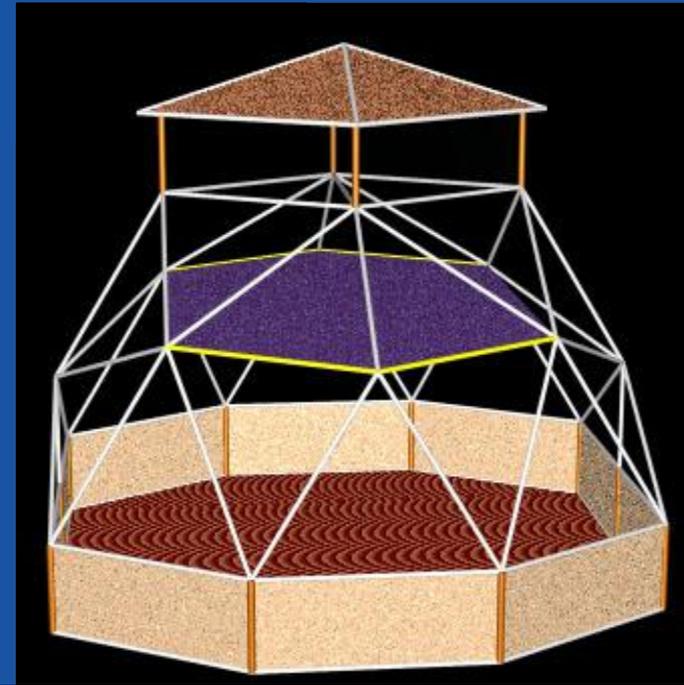
Moses' Covenant



Abraham's Covenant

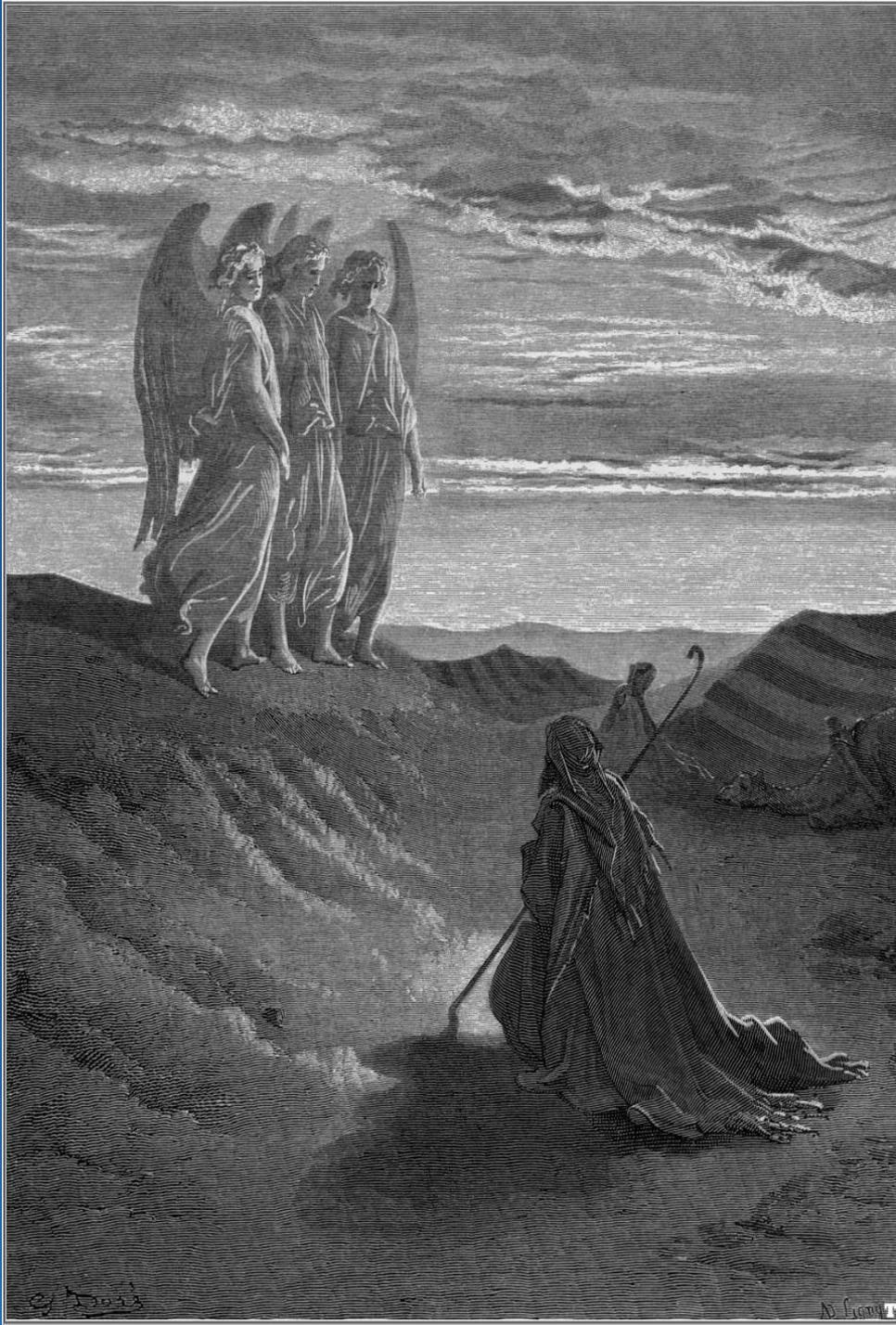


Noah's Covenant



# A RARE GLIMPSE INTO GOD'S MIND

- Yehoveh lets Abraham in on His plans for Sodom
- Important PRINCIPLES:
  - 1) He does not hide His reasons for judgments
  - 2) He does not hide His reasons for blessing
  - 3) God will reveal through the HEBREW PEOPLE!



# A MIDDLE EASTERN BARGAINING SESSION

- Abraham cares about more than just Himself
- We see God's definition of justice and righteousness
- We see God's mercy in action
- We see that REPENTANCE does not play a role thus far in the Torah!
- At this point, the wicked remain wicked, and the righteous remain righteous
- This indicates that a UNIVERSAL STANDARD for human behavior already exists

# The Sin of Sodom

- The sin was moral in nature
- The people of Sodom crossed over some line as defined in the 7 Noachide Laws
- Sodom was a city, but also a district of 5 cities
- ***PRINCIPLE: God does NOT destroy the righteous along with the wicked***



# GENESIS 19: THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION?

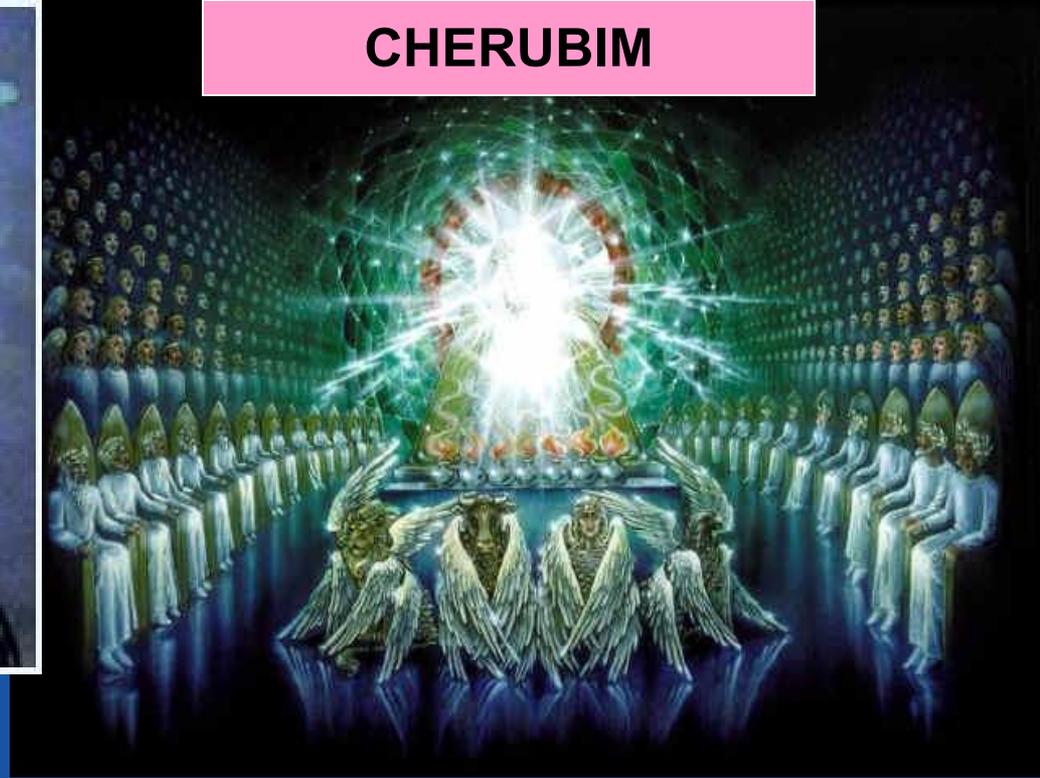


- One “man” was YHWH
- The other 2 were “malach” messengers
- Angels
- We learn that angels have the ability to take on human form
- Usually, humans don’t realize the “men” they’re talking to are Angels
- ***REASON: Angels in their real form are too scary!***



ANGEL

CHERUBIM



- Angels are just ONE type of spirit being
- A “lower” spirit being, without freewill to the extent of humans
- They were created to carry out tasks, and transport messages
- Cherubim at the “upper” end of spirit beings, protectors of God’s throne
- Cherubs are NOT Angels!

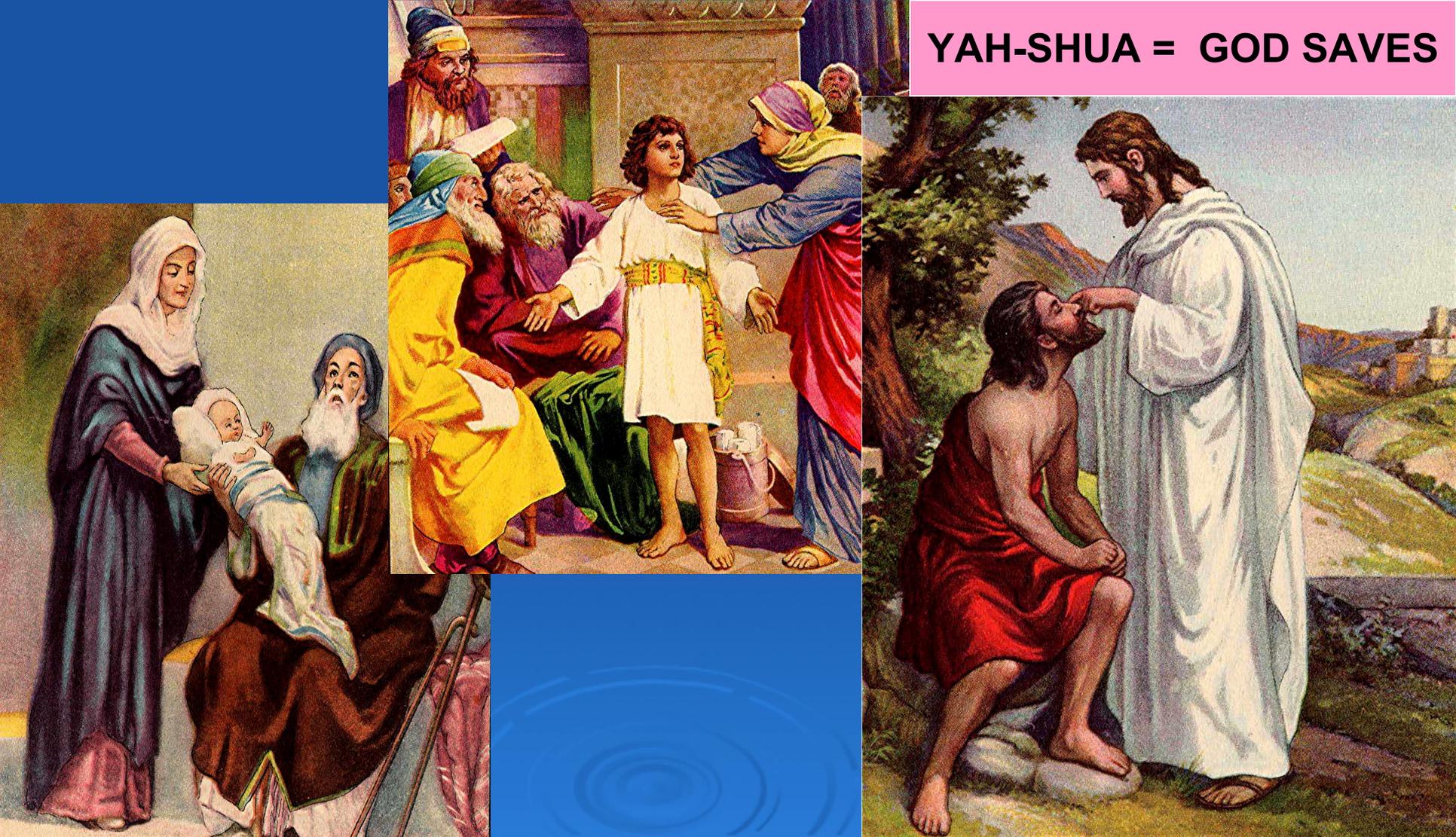
# YHWH TAKES ON HUMAN FORM



- Angel forms were NOT real men
- YHWH nor the Angels took possession of an already living human person
- YHWH was an apparition of a man, but apparently a flesh and blood apparition

# YESHUA WAS BORN OF A WOMAN, AND GREW INTO A MAN THERE HAS ONLY BEEN ONE YESHUA!

YAH-SHUA = GOD SAVES



- 3 PERSONS CONCEPT
- CREATES ***“MOTHER-SHIP WITH SMALLER VESSELS”*** MENTAL IMAGE
- Idea is that the mother-ship (or father-ship) controls the smaller vessels from a distance
- The smaller vessels project the power and authority of the mother-ship
- Fine for Sci-Fi, not a true understanding of God



**RSV John 14:9 “Jesus said to him, .....He who has seen me has seen the Father.....”**



- We think in 4 dimensions
- God is not “in pieces”
- God is not the “sum of the parts”
- This “structure” is NOT Scriptural
- God is ONE .... echad

# THE IMPORTANCE OF PRESERVING GOD'S NAME

- God's name is spelled out in the O.T. over 6000 times!
- Yahweh, Yehoveh, Yah.... or Jehovah?
- **God** or **Lord** is substituted for His name
- Earliest Bible name for God is El Shaddai
- If Yahweh is called "Lord", and Jesus is called "Lord", how do we tell who is who?
- 99% of the time when we see "LORD" in the O.T., it actually says **YHWH!**

