

*Covenant to Abraham - Galatians 3:16,17

*The spiritual Rock was Christ - 1 Corinthians 10:4,9; and it was Christ they tempted.

Also, to Monoah (Judges 13:22); Gideon (Judges 6:11); and as the Captain of the Lord's host that appeared to Joshua at the beginning of the conquest of Canaan (Joshua 5:13-15).

*Because Christ was to be the revealer of God in His earthly ministry (John 1:18); and He Himself is the very exact image of the Godhead (Hebrews 1:3); we should not be surprised to discover that He visited the earth from time to time before His Incarnation (clothing with human flesh)

The word *angel*, in the Hebrew, means ambassador, angel, King, messenger; also a prophet, priest, or teacher.

The word *angel*, in the Greek, means angel of the Lord, a pastor or angel messenger.

FIRST STUDY

THE BEGINNING

Almost all things have a beginning. But what about our Savior, Jesus?

(Revelation 1:8) In the absolute beginning, Christ was there. Part of the divine Godhead, He always existed as part of the Trinity. Jesus did have a beginning, though, as God in the form of man. To prepare for His coming to earth, we have the prophecies and Messianic types. We should be prepared to share these divine promises and prophecies which have been fulfilled.

The Beginning:

God is eternal. Jesus was always with God

Theophany:

Theos is the Greek word for "god". Theology is the study of God.

Theophany is a visible manifestation of God. It is believed, Old Testament accounts of God appearing to people were actually appearances of Christ.

Messianic Prophecies:

In the Hebrew, Messiah means anointed, The Jews are still looking for their deliverer and king, but the prophecies have already been fulfilled. Jesus came after the last prophet, Malachi, of the Old Testament. *And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us* (John 1:14).



1. What does John 1:1,2 and Proverbs 8:22,23,30 say about the beginning of Christ? _____

2. (a) Who does Colossians 1:15,16,17 say was the Creator? _____
(b) What did He Create? _____

3. What does John 17:5,24 reveal about Christ and His Father? _____

4. (a) What is Jesus called in Revelation 13:8? _____
(b) From the same verse: how long has He had that name? _____

5. From Ephesians 1:4,5 How long ago did God have the plan to redeem us and make us into the Body of Christ? _____
6. From Psalm 90:2, how long has God been God? _____

7. Understanding that "Elohim" was used in the translation of the word, "God", from the Hebrew, in Genesis 1:1, does this mean that God the Father, God The Son, and God The Holy Ghost: all three, were involved in Creation? Yes___ or no___?

Fill in the Blanks / Questions 8 and 9 (a):

8. John 1:3 declares that ...all things were _____ by _____, and without _____ was not anything _____ that was _____. (KJV)
9. (a) Romans 11:36 ---- For of _____, and _____, and to Him are _____: to whom be _____ forever. Amen. (KJV)
(b) To Whom is this referring? _____
10. What is a THEOPHANY? (Study Guide p. 4)

11. John 12:41 tells us that _____ saw Christ's glory and spoke of Him (Isaiah 6:1).
Jesus, here, applies Isaiah 6 to Himself, proving His deity and pre-existence .
12. In Genesis 18:17-33 _____ interceded with Christ on behalf of Lot and Sodom.
13. It was Christ who wrestled with _____ until the break of day (Genesis 32:24-30).
14. It was _____ who _____ saw in Genesis 16:8,13.

OTHER APPEARANCES OF CHRIST IN THE OLD TESTAMENT:

- *Moses in the "Burning Bush" - Exodus 3:2-6
- *Moses on the mountain - Exodus 33:18-23
- *Moses - Hebrews 11:26,27 (Moses experienced a revelation of Christ, the coming Messiah, and looked forward to His day)