

“Show us the Father!”

(The appearing of Yahweh)

*(When quoting scriptures, from the Rotherham Emphasized Bible New Testament,
I will substitute the Hebrew word Yahshua for Jesus, Yahweh and Elohim for God and Anointed for Christ.)*

Phillip longed to see the Father when he asked Yahshua to “show us the Father” (Jn. 14:8). This has also been the outcry of Yahweh’s sheep. The question arises, “Has any human seen Yahweh?” The answer to this question is “Yes” and “No”. First, we will deal with the “No” response.

“Thus, says Yahweh, The, heavens, are my throne, and The earth, is my footstool: Where then is the house which you can build me? Or where is my place of rest” (Is. 66:1)? We, as humans, are but dust and our life is but a vapor (Psalms 103:14, James 4:14). Who are we, to see Yahweh in His fullness? “And he [Moses] said,—Show me, I pray thee, thy glory. And he said,—I, will cause all my goodness to pass before thee. And will proclaim myself by the name Yahweh, before thee, And will show favor, unto whom I may show favor, And will have compassion on whom I may have compassion. But be said—**Thou canst not see my face, For no son of earth can see me, and live**” (Ex 33:18-20). Yahweh is spirit and fills the heavens and the earth (Jn 4:24, Jer. 23:24). Therefore we cannot experience in full His fullness because we are earthly while He is spirit. Yahweh must manifest Himself in earthly forms unless you have received the gift of holy spirit whereby He can manifest Himself by way of spirit (I Cor. 2:14,15). This is why He is referred to as the “Invisible Yahweh.” But if He is invisible, why are there accounts of Yahweh appearing to mankind?

Although we are dust, Yahweh has made us a little lower than Himself. “When I view thy heavens, the work, of thy fingers, moon and stars, which thou hast established, What was weak man, that thou should make mention of him? or the son of the earthborn, that thou should set him in charge? That thou should make him little less than Elohim, with glory and honor, should crown him? Should give him dominion over the works of thy hands,—All things, should have put under his feet” (Ps. 8:3-6). Yahweh has manifested Himself, to mankind, through the ages. In the Garden of Eden He was manifested as one walking in the cool of the day. He appeared as a human being to Abraham among the Oaks of Mamre. He has appeared as fire and a cloud to Israel in the wilderness. He also appeared through the powerful works of His only begotten Son, which were being performed in love. Phillip asked Yahshua to, “show him the Father,” when Yahshua answered him and said, “He that hath seen [horao] me, hath seen [horao] the Father. How art, thou, saying, Show us the Father” (Jn. 14:19)?

Yahshua showed us the Father, not by his physical appearance, but by his walk in love and power, which is a manifestation of Light, which is Yahweh (I Jn. 1:5). Yahweh’s glory was reflected in Moses face. “And it came to pass, when Moses came down out of Mount

Sinai, with the two tables of testimony in the hand of Moses, when he came down out of the mount, that, Moses, knew not that the skin of his face shone, through his having spoken with him. And Aaron and all the sons of Israel saw Moses, and lo! the skin of his face shone, and they stood in awe of drawing nigh unto him” (Ex. 34:29,30). Yahweh’s glory was reflected in Yahshua. “And, after six days, Yahshua took with him Peter and James and John, and brought them up into a high mountain, apart, alone,—and he was transformed before them; and his garments became brilliant, exceeding white, such as, no fuller on the earth, is able, so, to whiten” (Mk. 9:2,3). Reflecting the glory of Yahweh is still available today. “And, we all, with unveiled face, receiving and reflecting, the glory of Yahweh, into the same image, are being transformed, from glory into glory” (II Cor. 3:18). How are we transformed? “Manifesting yourselves that ye are a letter of Christ, ministered by us,—inscribed—not with ink, but with the spirit of a Living Elohim, not in tablets of stone, but in tablets *which are hearts of flesh*” (II Cor. 3:3). The glory reflected may not be as bright as what appeared on Moses and Yahshua but we can so let our light shine among men (Phip. 2:15). By letting our light shine, our Father is manifested. By prophesying, we reveal the Father. “But, if, all, be prophesying [words from Yahweh]... the secrets of his [one being prophesied to] heart, become manifest, And, so, falling down upon his face, he will do homage unto Yahweh, reporting that, in reality, Yahweh is, in you” (I Cor. 15:24,25). Manifest the spirit!

Let us examine the various forms that Yahweh has appeared or presented Himself to mankind.

Yahweh appearing, possibly, in human form

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1b) (Niphal)

1b1) to appear, present oneself 1b2) to be seen 1b3) to be visible

Gen. 3:8 Then heard they [Adam and Eve] the sound of Yahweh Elohim, walking to and fro in the garden at the breeze of the day,—so he hid himself—the man with his wife, from the face of Yahweh Elohim, amid the trees of the garden

Gen. 12:7 And Yahweh appeared [7200 Niphal] unto Abram, and said: To thy seed, will I give this land,—And he built there an altar, unto Yahweh who appeared unto him.

Gen. 17:1 ¶ And it came to pass that, when Abram was ninety and nine years old, Yahweh appeared [7200 Niphal] unto Abram, and said unto him, I, am El Almighty,—Walk, thou before me and become thou blameless:

Yahweh appearing, in human form

Gen. 18 1 ¶ And **Yahweh** appeared [7200 Nipal] unto him among the oaks of Mamre,—as, he, was sitting at the opening of the tent in the heat of the day. And he lifted up his eyes and looked, and lo! three men, standing over against him,—so he looked and ran to meet them from the opening of the tent, and bowed himself to the earth; and said,—**O My Adonay!** if, I pray thee, I have found favor in your eyes, do not I pray thee pass on from thy servant. Let there be fetched, I pray thee a little water, and bathe you your feet,—and rest yourselves under the tree. And let me fetch a morsel of bread, and stay you your heart, Afterwards, you may pass on, For on this account, have you passed by, over against your servant. And they said, Thus, shall thou do as thou hast spoken. So Abraham hastened towards the tent unto Sarah,—and said, Hasten thou three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make hearth-cakes. And unto the herd, ran Abraham,—and took a calf tender and good and gave unto the young man, and he hastened to make it ready. And he took butter and milk and the calf that he had made ready, and set before them,—while, he, was standing near them under the tree, they did eat. ¶ And they said unto him, As to Sarah thy wife... And he said Lo! *She is* in the tent. And he said, I will, surely return, unto thee at the quickening season,—and lo! A son for Sarah thy wife. Now Sarah was hearkening at the opening of the tent, it, being behind him. But Abraham and Sarah were old, far gone in days,—it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So then Sarah laughed within herself, saying: After I am past age, hath there come to me pleasure, my lord, also being old? And **Yahweh** said unto Abraham,—Wherefore now did Sarah laugh saying. Can it really and truly be that I should bear, seeing that have become old? Is anything, too wonderful for Yahweh? At the appointed time, I will return unto thee, at the quickening season and Sarah, shall have a son. And Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not, For she was afraid. And he said—Nay! But thou didst laugh! ¶ And the men rose up from hence, and looked out over the face of Sodom,—Abraham also going with them to set them on their way. Now, **Yahweh**, had said,—Am I going to hide from Abraham what I do, when, Abraham, shall surely become, a great and mighty nation,—and all the nations of the earth, shall be blessed in him? For I have become his intimate friend, To the end that he may command his sons and his house after him, so shall they keep the way of Yahweh, by doing righteousness and justice. To the end that Yahweh may bring in for Abraham, what he hath spoken concerning him. So **Yahweh** said, The outcry of Sodom and Gomorrah, because it hath become great,—And their sin, because it hath become exceeding grievous, Let me go down, pray, and let me behold, whether according to their outcry which hath come in unto me, they have done altogether, And if not. I must know! And the men turned from thence, and went their way, towards Sodom,—but, **Yahweh** was yet standing before Abraham. ¶ So then Abraham drew near and said, Wilt thou really sweep away, the righteous with the lawless? Peradventure there are fifty righteous, in the midst of the city, Wilt thou really sweep away, and not spare the place, for the sake of the fifty righteous, which are therein? Far be it from thee! To do after this manner. To put to death the righteous with the lawless! Then should righteous and lawless be alike, Far be it from thee! Shall, the Judge of all the earth not do justice? And Yahweh said, If I find in Sodom fifty

righteous in the midst of the city, then will I spare all the place for their sake. And Abraham responded and said,—Behold I pray thee I have ventured to speak unto **My Adonay**, though I am dust and ashes: Peradventure there may lack, of the fifty righteous, five, Wilt thou destroy for five all the city? And he said, I will not destroy, if I find there forty and five. And he added, yet once more, to speak unto him, and said, Peradventure there may be found there—forty. And he said—I will not do it, for the sake of the forty. And he said Let it not, I pray thee, be vexing to **My Adonay**, but let me speak, Peradventure there may be found there—thirty And he said, I will not to it, if I find there—thirty. And he said Behold, I pray thee, I have ventured to speak unto **My Adonay**, Peradventure there may be found there—twenty. And he said I will not destroy it, for the sake of the twenty. And he said, Let it not, I pray thee, be vexing to **My Adonay**, but let me speak only this once, Peradventure there may be found there—ten. And he said, I will not destroy *it*, for the sake of the ten! And **Yahweh** went his way, when he had made an end. of speaking unto Abraham,—Abraham, also returned to his place.

Yahweh appearing in some form

Gen. 26:2 And Yahweh appeared [7200 Niphal] unto him [Isaac], and said, do not go down towards Egypt,—Make thy habitation in the land, which I may name unto thee.

Ex. 3:16 ¶ Go—and thou [Moses] shall gather together the eiders of Israel and shall say unto them-Yahweh. Elohim of your fathers, hath appeared [7200 Niphal] unto me, the Elohim of Abraham Isaac, and Jacob saying,—I am, concerned, for you, and for what is done to you in Egypt;

Ex. 6:3 I appeared [7200 Niphal], therefore, unto Abraham unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, as El Shaddai,—although, by my name Yahweh was I not made known to them;

I Sam. 3:21 Thus did Yahweh again appear [7200 Niphal] in Shiloh,—for Yahweh had revealed himself unto Samuel in Shiloh, in the word of Yahweh.

II Chron. 3:1 ¶ Then began Solomon, to build the house of Yahweh, in Jerusalem, in Mount Moriah, where he had appeared [7200 Niphal] unto David his father,—in the place which David had prepared, in the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

Jer. 31:3 From afar, Yahweh hath appeared [7200 Niphal] unto me [Jeremiah] Yea with an age-abiding love, have I loved thee, For this cause, have I prolonged to thee loving kindness.

Num. 12:8 Mouth to mouth, do I speak with him [Moses] And plainly—not in dark sayings, And the form of Yahweh, doth he discern,—Wherefore then, were you not afraid to speak against my servant—against Moses?

Yahweh appearing in a dream or a vision

Gen. 28:12 And he dreamed, and lo! a stairway, planted earthwards, with, its top, reaching towards the heavens,—and lo! messengers of Elohim, ascending and descending thereon; and lo! Yahweh, standing by him,—and he said, I, am Yahweh, Elohim of Abraham thy father and Elohim of Isaac,—The land whereon, thou, art lying, to thee, will I give it and to thy seed; Gen. 32:30 So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel; For I saw Elohim face to face; and my soul was delivered. Gen. 35:1,7,9; 48:3

Ex. 24:9 ¶ Then went up Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel; and they saw the Elohim of Israel,—and under his feet, like a pavement of sapphire, and like the very heavens for brightness; and against the nobles of the sons of Israel, put he not forth his hand,—so then they had vision of Elohim, and did eat and drink,

I Kings 3:5 ¶ In Gibeon, Yahweh appeared [7200 Niphal] unto Solomon, in a dream by night,—and Elohim said, Ask, what I shall give thee.

I Kings 9:2 Then appeared [7200 Niphal] Yahweh unto Solomon, a second time,—as he appeared unto him, in Gibeon.

II Kings 22:19 Then he said, Therefore, hear thou the word of Yahweh,—I saw Yahweh, sitting upon his throne, and all the host of the heavens, standing by him, on his right hand, and on his left.

Is. 6:1-5 ¶ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw My Adonay, sitting upon a throne high and lifted up, and, his skirts, did fill the temple, Seraphim, were standing above him; six wings severally, had each one,—With twain, he covered his face And with twain, he covered his feet And with twain, he did fly. And they continued crying out one to another, and said, Holy—holy—holy, is Yahweh of hosts,—the fullness of the whole earth, is his glory. And the foundations of the porch, were moved at the voice of him that cried,—and the house, was filled with smoke.

Dan. 7:9 ¶ I continued looking, until that, thrones, were placed, and, the Ancient of days, took his seat,—whose, garment, like snow, was white, and, the hair of his head, like pure wool, his throne, was flames of fire, his wheels, a burning fire. A stream of fire, was flowing on and issuing forth from before him, a thousand thousand, waited upon him and, ten thousand times ten thousand, before him, stood up,—Judgment, took its seat, and, books, were opened. I continued looking, then because of the sound of the great words which the horn was speaking, I continued looking, until that the wild beast, was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning of the fire. As concerning the rest of the beasts, their dominion, was taken away,—but, a lengthening of life, was given to them, until time and season. I continued looking in the visions of the night, when lo! with the clouds of the heavens, one like a son of man, was coming,—and, unto the Ancient of days,

he approached, and, before him, they brought him near; and, unto him, were given dominion and dignity and kingship, that all peoples, races and tongues, unto him, should do service,—his dominion, was an age-abiding dominion, which should not pass away, and, his kingdom, that which should not be destroyed.

Yahweh manifesting Himself in a cloud and by fire

Exodus 13:21 Now, Yahweh, was going before them—by day, in a pillar of cloud to lead them the way, and by night, in a pillar of fire to give them light,—that they might journey day and night:

Exodus 34:5 And Yahweh descended in the cloud, and took his station with him there,—and proclaimed himself by the name Yahweh.

1 Kings 8:10,11 And so it was, when the priests came forth out of the holy place, that, a cloud, filled the house of Yahweh; so that the priests could not stand to minister, because of the cloud,—for, the glory of Yahweh, filled, the house of Yahweh.

Luke 9:34, 35 Now, while he [Peter] was saying these things, there came a cloud, and it began to overshadow them,—and they were overcome with fear as they entered into the cloud. And a voice, came out of the cloud, saying—This, is my Son, the Chosen One: Unto him, be hearkening.

Acts 2:3 And there appeared unto them—parting asunder—tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each one of them;

Seeing Yahweh's Glory

Ex 33:18-20 And he said,—Show me, I pray thee, thy glory. And he said,—I, will cause all my goodness to pass before thee. And will proclaim myself by the name Yahweh, before thee, And will show favor, unto whom I may show favor, And will have compassion on whom I may have compassion. But he said—Thou canst not see my face, For no son of earth can see me, and live.

Acts 7:55 But he, being already full of Holy Spirit, looking steadfastly into heaven, saw the glory of Yahweh, and Jesus standing on the right hand of Yahweh;

Invisible Yahweh

Deu. 4:15-18 You must take diligent heed, therefore unto your own souls, for you saw no manner of form, on the day Yahweh spoke unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire; lest you should break faith, and make you an image, a form of any likeness,—a model of

male or female; a model of any beast that is in the earth,—a mode of any winged bird, that flies in the heavens; a model of any thing that creeps on the ground,—a model of any fish that is in the waters beneath the earth; or lest you should lift up your eyes towards the heavens and see the sun and the moon, and the stars—all the host of the heavens, and should be seduced, and should bow thyself down to them and he led to serve them,—the which Yahweh thy Elohim hath assigned unto all the peoples under all the heavens;
Rom. 1:20 For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world, by the things made being understood, are plainly seen, both His eternal power and Godhead—to their being inexcusable;

Ex. 33:20-23 But he said—Thou canst not see my face, For no son of earth can see me, and live. And Yahweh, said, Lo! a place near me,—So then you shall station thyself upon the rock: And it shall be while my glory passes by, I will put thee in the cleft of the rock,—and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by: Then will I take away my hand, and you shall see behind me, But, my face, must not be seen.

Col. 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible Yahweh, first-born of all creation,

I Tim. 1:17 And to the King of the ages, the incorruptible, invisible, only wise Yahweh, is honor and glory—to the ages of the ages! Amen.

Heb. 11:27 By faith he [Moses] left Egypt behind, not having been afraid of the wrath of the king, for, as seeing the Invisible One—he endured;

No one has seen [horao] Yahweh

(Seen (horao) can also mean to know)

3708 ὁραω horao hor-ah'-o properly, to stare at [cf 3700];

AV-see 51, take heed 5, behold 1, perceive 1, not tr 1; 59

1) to see with the eyes 2) to see with the mind, to perceive, know

3) to see, i.e. become acquainted with by experience, to experience

4) to see, to look to 4a) to take heed, beware 4b) to care for, pay heed to

5) I was seen, showed myself, appeared

For Synonyms see entry [5822](#)

John I:18 Yahweh no one hath ever seen [3708]; the only begotten Son, who is on the bosom of the Father—he did declare.

John 6:46 Not that any one hath seen [3708], the Father, save he who is from Yahweh,—this one, hath seen [3708] the Father.

John 8:38 ¶ I [Jesus]—that which I have seen [3708] with my Father do speak, and you [Pharisees], therefore, that which you have seen [3708] with your father [the devil]—you do.

No one has seen [theaomai] Yahweh

2300 theaomai *theh-ah'-om-ahee* a prolonged form of a primary verb;

AV-see 20, behold 2, look 1, look upon 1; 24

1) to behold, look upon, view attentively, contemplate (often used of public shows)

1a) of important persons that are looked on with admiration

2) to view, take a view of 2a) in the sense of visiting, meeting with a person

3) to learn by looking, to see with the eyes, to perceive

I John 4:12 Yahweh no one hath ever seen [2300]; if we may love one another, Yahweh in us doth remain, and His love is having been perfected in us;

Verses of interest

James 2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled which said—And Abraham believed Yahweh, And it was reckoned to him as righteousness, and, **Yahweh's friend**, was he called: