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• The term, word in the Scriptures most frequently translates the Hebrew and Greek words *da-var'* and *lo'gos*. These words in the majority of cases refer to an entire thought, saying, or statement rather than simply to an individual term or unit of speech. In Greek a single word is expressed by *rhe'ma*.

• Yet he did not answer him, no, not a word, so that the governor wondered very much. (Matthew 27:14)

• Though it, too, can mean a saying or spoken matter. Any message from the Creator, such as one uttered through a prophet, is the word of God. In a few places *Lo'gos*, meaning, Word, is a title given to Jesus Christ.

### • The Word Of God

• The word of Yehowah is an expression that, with slight variations, occurs hundreds of times in the Scriptures. By the word of Yehowah the heavens were created. God said the word and it was accomplished.

• By the word of Yehowah the heavens themselves were made, and by the spirit of his mouth all their army. (Psalms 33:6)

• And God proceeded to say; Let light come to be. Then there came to be light. (Genesis 1:3)

• It should not be understood from this that Yehowah himself does no work.

• But he answered them; My Father has kept working until now,

and I keep working. (John 5:17)

- But he does have myriads of angels that respond to his word and carry out his will.
- Bless Yehowah, O you angels of his, mighty in power, carrying out his **word**, by listening to the voice of his **word**. (Psalms 103:20)
- Creation, animate and inanimate, is subject to God's **word**, and can be used by him to accomplish his purposes.
- Bless Yehowah, O you angels of his, mighty in power, carrying out his **word**, by listening to the voice of his **word**. (Psalms 103:20)
- You fire and hail, snow and thick smoke, you tempestuous wind, accomplishing his **word**. (Psalms 148:8)
- His **word** is dependable, what God promises he also remembers to do.
- It is not for your righteousness or for the uprightness of your heart that you are going in to take possession of their land, in fact, it is for the wickedness of these nations that Yehowah your God is driving them away from before you, and in order to carry out the **word** that Yehowah swore to your forefathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. (Deuteronomy 9:5)
- For he remembered his **holy word** with Abraham his servant. (Psalms 105:42)
- So he brought out his people with exultation, this chosen ones even with a joyful cry. (Psalms 105:43)
- And gradually he gave them the lands of the nations, and they kept taking possession of the product of the hard work of national groups. (Psalms 105:44)
- To the end that they might keep his regulations and observe his own Laws. Praise Yah, you people! (Psalms 105:45)
- As he himself has said, his **word** will last to time indefinite, it will never return without accomplishing its purpose.

- The green grass has dried up, the blossom has withered, but as for the **word** of our God, it will last to time indefinite. (**Isaiah 40:8**)
- For just as the pouring rain descends, and the snow, from the heavens and does not return to that place, unless it actually saturates the earth and makes it produce and sprout, and seed is actually given to the sower and bread to the eater. (**Isaiah 55:10**)
- So my **word** that goes forth from my mouth will prove to be. It will not return to me without results, but it will certainly do that in which I have delighted, and it will have certain success in that for which I have sent it. (**Isaiah 55:11**)
- But the saying of Yehowah endures forever. Well, this is the **saying**; this which has been declared to you as Good News. (**1 Peter 1:25**)
- Yehowah is a communicative God, in that he reveals to his creatures in a variety of ways what his will and purposes are. God's **words** were spoken, doubtless through an angel, to such men as Adam, Noah, and Abraham.
- And Yehowah God kept calling to the man and saying to him; Where are you? (**Genesis 3:9**)
- Finally he said; Your voice I heard in the garden, but I was afraid because I was naked and so I hid myself. (**Genesis 3:10**)
- At that he said; Who told you that you were naked? From the tree from which I commanded you not to eat have you eaten? (**Genesis 3:11**)
- And the man went on to say; The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree and so I ate. (**Genesis 3:12**)
- With that Yehowah God said to the woman; What is this you have done? To this the woman replied; The serpent, it deceived me and so I ate. (**Genesis 3:13**)
- And Yehowah God proceeded to say to the serpent; Because you have done this thing, you are the cursed one out of all the

- domestic animals and out of all the wild beasts of the field. Upon your belly you will go and dust is what you will eat all the days of your life. (**Genesis 3:14**)
- And I shall put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her seed. He will bruise you in the head and you will bruise him in the heel. (**Genesis 3:15**)
  - To the woman he said; I shall greatly increase the pain of your pregnancy, in birth pangs you will bring forth children, and your craving will be for your husband, and he will dominate you. (**Genesis 3:16**)
  - And to Adam he said; Because you listened to your wifes voice and took to eating from the tree concerning which I gave you this command, You must not eat from it, cursed is the ground on your account. In pain you will eat its produce all the days of your life. (**Genesis 3:17**)
  - And thorns and thistles it will grow for you, and you must eat the vegetation of the field. (**Genesis 3:18**)
  - In the sweat of your face you will eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken. For dust you are and to dust you will return. (**Genesis 3:19**)
  - After that God said to Noah; The end of all flesh has come before me, because the earth is full of violence as a result of them, and here I am bringing them to ruin together with the earth. (**Genesis 6:13**)
  - And Yehowah proceeded to say to Abram; Go your way out of your country and from your relatives and from the house of your father to the country that I shall show you. (**Genesis 12:1**)
  - At times he used holy men like Moses and Aaron to make known his purposes.
  - And afterward Moses and Aaron went in and proceeded to say to Pharaoh; This is what Yehowah the God of Israel has said; Send my people away that they may celebrate a festival to me in the wilderness. (**Exodus 5:1**)

- Every **word** that Moses commanded Israel was in effect **the word of God** to them.
- Every **word** that I am commanding you is what you should be careful to do. You must not add to it nor take away from it. (**Deuteronomy 12:32**)
- God also spoke through the mouth of prophets such as Elisha and Jeremiah, and prophetesses such as Deborah.
- Elisha now said; Listen, you men, to the word of Yehowah. This is what Yehowah has said; Tomorrow about this time a seah measure of fine flour will be worth a shekel, and two seah measures of barley worth a shekel in the gateway of Samaria. (**2 Kings 7:1**)
- And the **word of Yehowah** proceeded to occur to me, saying; (**Jeremiah 2:1**)
- Go, and you must call out in the ears of Jerusalem, saying; This is what Yehowah has said; I well remember, on your part, the loving-kindness of your youth, the love during your being engaged to marry, your walking after me in the wilderness, in a land not sown with seed. (**Jeremiah 2:2**)
- Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel at that particular time. (**Judges 4:4**)
- And she was dwelling under Deborah's palm tree between Ramah and Bethel in the mountainous region of Ephraim, and the sons of Israel would go up to her for judgment. (**Judges 4:5**)
- And she proceeded to send and call Barak the son of Abinoam out of Kedesh-naphtali and to say to him; Has not Yehowah the God of Israel given the command? Go and you must spread yourself out on Mount Tabor, and you must take with you ten thousand men out of the sons of Naphtali and out of the sons of Zebulun. (**Judges 4:6**)
- And I shall certainly draw to you at the torrent valley of Kishon Sisera the chief of Jabin's army and his war chariots and his crowd, and I shall indeed give him into your hand. (**Judges 4:7**)

- Many of the divine commandments were committed to writing from the time of Moses forward. The Decalogue, commonly called the Ten Commandments and known in the Hebrew Scriptures as, the Ten **Words**, was first delivered orally and later written by the finger of God on stone tablets.
- Now as soon as he had finished speaking with him on Mount Sinai he proceeded to give Moses two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone written on by God's finger. ([Exodus 31:18](#))
- And he continued there with Yehowah forty days and forty nights. He ate no bread and he drank no water. And he proceeded to write upon the tablets the words of the covenant, the **Ten Words**. ([Exodus 34:28](#))
- And he proceeded to state to you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, the **Ten Words**, after which he wrote them upon two tablets of stone. ([Deuteronomy 4:13](#))
- These commandments were called the **Words** at;
- These **Words** Yehowah spoke to all your congregation in the mountain out of the middle of the fire, the cloud and the thick gloom, with a loud voice, and he added nothing, after which he wrote them upon two tablets of stone and gave me them. ([Deuteronomy 5:22](#))

### See Also TEN WORDS

- Joshua wrote additional **words** in the book of God's Law under divine inspiration, and this was true with other faithful Bible writers.
- Then Joshua wrote these **words** in the book of God's Law and took a great stone and set it up there under the massive tree that is by the sanctuary of Yehowah. ([Joshua 24:26](#))
- And Jeremiah himself took another roll and then gave it to Baruch the son of Neriah, the secretary, who proceeded to write upon it at the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book that Jehoiakim the king of Judah had burned in the fire, and there were added to them many more words like those. ([Jeremiah 36:32](#))

- Eventually all such writings were collected together and made up what is called the Sacred Scriptures or Holy Bible. All Scripture inspired of God would include, today, all the canonical Biblical books.
- All Scripture is inspired of God and beneficial for teaching, for reproving, for setting things straight, for disciplining in righteousness. (2 Timothy 3:16)
- For you know this first, that no prophecy of Scripture springs from any private interpretation. (2 Peter 1:20)
- For prophecy was at no time brought by man's will, but men spoke from God as they were borne along by Holy Spirit. (2 Peter 1:21)
- In the Christian Greek Scriptures, God's inspired word is often spoken of as simply, the word.
- However, become doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves with false reasoning. (James 1:22)
- And, as newborn infants, form a longing for the unadulterated milk belonging to the word, that through it you may grow to salvation. (1 Peter 2:2)
- There are many synonyms for God's word. For example, in (Psalms Chapter 119), where references to Yehowah's word(s) occur more than 20 times, synonyms are found in poetic parallelisms such terms as law, reminders, orders, regulations, commandments, judicial decisions, statutes, and sayings of Yehowah. This also shows that the expression, word, means a complete thought or message.
- The word of God is also described in a number of other ways that give it breadth and meaning. It is the word or saying, rhe'ma, of faith.
- But what does it say? The word is near you, in your own mouth and in your own heart, that is, the word of faith, which we are preaching. (Romans 10:8)
- The word or message, form of lo'gos of righteousness.
- For everyone that partakes of milk is unacquainted with the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. (Hebrews 5:13)

- And the **word of the reconciliation**.
- Namely, that God was by means of Christ reconciling a world to himself, not reckoning to them their trespasses, and he committed the word of the reconciliation to us. (**2 Corinthians 5:19**)
- God's **word or message** is like seed, which, if planted in good soil, brings forth much fruitage
- Now the illustration means this. The seed is the word of God. (**Luke 8:11**)
- Those alongside the road are the ones that have heard, then the Devil comes and takes the word away from their hearts in order, that they may not believe and be saved. (**Luke 8:12**)
- Those upon the rock-mass are the ones who, when they hear it, receive the word with joy, but these have no root, they believe for a season, but in a season of testing they fall away. (**Luke 8:13**)
- As for that which fell among the thorns, these are the ones that have heard, but, by being carried away by anxieties and riches and pleasures of this life, they are completely choked and bring nothing to perfection. (**Luke 8:14**)
- As for that on the fine soil, these are the ones that, after hearing the word with a fine and good heart, retain it and bear fruit with endurance. (**Luke 8:15**)
- His sayings are also said to run with speed.
- He is sending his saying to the earth, with speed his **word** runs. (**Psalms 147:15**)

## •• Preachers And Teachers Of The Word

- The greatest exponent and supporter of Yehowah's inspired **word** of truth was the Lord Jesus Christ. He astounded people by his methods of teaching
- Now when Jesus finished these sayings, the effect was that the crowds were astounded at his way of teaching. (**Matthew 7:28**)



- For he was teaching them as a person having authority, and not as their scribes. (**Matthew 7:29**)
- The officers replied; Never has another man spoken like this. (**John 7:46**)
- Yet he took no credit to himself, saying, the **word** that you are hearing is not mine, but belongs to the Father who sent me.
- He that does not love me does not observe my **words**, and the word that you are hearing is not mine, but belongs to the Father who sent me. (**John 14:24**)
- I have given your **word** to them, but the world has hated them, because they are no part of the world, just as I am no part of the world. (**John 17:14**)
- On an occasion when the crowd was pressing close upon him and listening to the word of God, he was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret. (**Luke 5:1**)
- Faithful disciples of Christ were those who remained in his **word**, and this, in turn, set them free from ignorance, superstition, and fear, also from slavery to sin and death.
- And so Jesus went on to say to the Jews that had believed him; If you remain in my **word**, you are really my disciples. (**John 8:31**)
- And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. (**John 8:32**)
- Often it was necessary for Jesus to take issue with the Pharisees, whose traditions and teachings made void the **word** or declaration of God.
- He must not honor his father at all. And so you have made the word of God invalid because of your tradition. (**Matthew 15:6**)
- And thus you make the word of God invalid by your tradition which you handed down. And many things similar to this you do. (**Mark 7:13**)

- **It is not just a matter of hearing the **word** of God preached. Rather, acting upon and showing obedience to that message is also essential.**
- **In reply he said to them; My mother and my brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it. (Luke 8:21)**
- **But he said; No, rather, Happy are those hearing the word of God and keeping it! (Luke 11:28)**
- **However, become doers of the **word**, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves with false reasoning. (James 1:22)**
- **For if anyone is a hearer of the **word**, and not a doer, this one is like a man looking at his natural face in a mirror. (James 1:23)**
- **After being well trained for the ministry, the apostles and disciples, in turn, obeyed the word and took up the preaching and teaching themselves.**
- **And when they had made supplication, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were one and all filled with the Holy Spirit and were speaking the word of God with boldness. (Acts of Apostles 4:31)**
- **However, those who had been scattered went through the land declaring the Good News of the word. (Acts of Apostles 8:4)**
- **When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they dispatched Peter and John to them. (Acts of Apostles 8:14)**
- **And he was with the proconsul Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man. Calling Barnabas and Saul to him, this man earnestly sought to hear the word of God. (Acts of Apostles 13:7)**
- **The next Sabbath nearly all the city gathered together to hear the word of Yehowah. (Acts of Apostles 13:44)**
- **Now after some days Paul said to Barnabas; Above all things, let us return and visit the brothers in every one of the cities in which we published the word of Yehowah to see how they are. (Acts of Apostles 15:36)**

- So he stayed set there a year and six months, teaching among them the word of God. ([Acts of Apostles 18:11](#))
- This took place for two years, so that all those inhabiting the district of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks. ([Acts of Apostles 19:10](#))
- As a result, the **word** of God went on growing, and the number of the disciples kept multiplying.
- Consequently the word of God went on growing, and the number of the disciples kept multiplying in Jerusalem very much, and a great crowd of priests began to be obedient to the faith. ([Acts of Apostles 6:7](#))
- Now the apostles and the brothers that were in Judea heard that people of the nations had also received the word of God. ([Acts of Apostles 11:1](#))
- But the word of Yehowah went on growing and spreading. ([Acts of Apostles 12:24](#))
- And when they got to be in Salamis they began publishing the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. They had John also as an attendant. ([Acts of Apostles 13:5](#))
- Furthermore, the word of Yehowah went on being carried throughout the whole country. ([Acts of Apostles 13:49](#))
- Thus in a mighty way the word of Yehowah kept growing and prevailing. ([Acts of Apostles 19:20](#))
- The apostles and their associates were no peddlers of the Scriptures, as the false shepherds were. What they preached was the straight, unadulterated message of God.
- We are! For we are not peddlers of the word of God as many men are, but as out of sincerity, yes, as sent from God, under God's view, in company with Christ, we are speaking. ([2 Corinthians 2:17](#))
- But we have renounced the underhanded things of which to be ashamed, not walking with cunning, neither adulterating the word of God, but by making the truth manifest recommending

ourselves to every human conscience in the sight of God. (2 Corinthians 4:2)

- The apostle Paul told Timothy;
- Do your utmost to present yourself approved to God, a workman with nothing to be ashamed of, handling the **word of the truth** aright. (2 Timothy 2:15)
- Preach **the word**, be at it urgently in favorable season, in troublesome season, reprove, reprimand, exhort, with all long-suffering and art of teaching. (2 Timothy 4:2)
- Paul also counseled Christian wives to watch their conduct, so that the **word of God** may not be spoken of abusively.
- To be sound in mind, chaste, workers at home, good, subjecting themselves to their own husbands, so that the word of God may not be spoken of abusively. (Titus 2:5)
- Ever since the Devil contradicted what God had said in the garden of Eden, there have been many satanic opponents of God's word. Many persons who have upheld **God's word** have lost their lives for doing so, as both Bible prophecy and history testify.
- And when he opened the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those slaughtered because of the word of God and because of the witness work that they used to have. (Revelation 6:9)
- It is also a fact of history that persecution has failed to stop the proclamation of God's **word**.
- Now I desire you to know, brothers, that my affairs have turned out for the advancement of the Good News rather than otherwise. (Philippians 1:12)
- So that my bonds have become public knowledge in association with Christ among all the Praetorian Guard and all the rest. (Philippians 1:13)
- And most of the brothers in the Lord, feeling confidence by reason of my prison bonds, are showing all the more courage to speak the word of God fearlessly. (Philippians 1:14)

- What then? Nothing, except that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is being publicized, and in this I rejoice. In fact, I will also keep on rejoicing. (**Philippians 1:18**)
- In connection with which I am suffering evil to the point of prison bonds as an evildoer. Nevertheless, the **word of God** is not bound. (**2 Timothy 2:9**)

## • The Power Of God's Word And Spirit

- God's word exerts tremendous power upon its hearers. It means life. God demonstrated to Israel in the wilderness that not by bread alone does man live but by **every expression** of Yehowah's mouth does man live.
- So he humbled you and let you go hungry and fed you with the manna, which neither you had known nor your fathers had known, in order to make you know that not by bread alone does man live but by **every expression of Yehowah's mouth** does man live. (**Deuteronomy 8:3**)
- But in reply he said; It is written: Man must live, not on bread alone, but on **every utterance coming forth through Yehowah's mouth**. (**Matthew 4:4**)
- It is the **word of life**.
- Keeping a tight grip on the **word of life**, that I may have cause for exultation in Christ's day, that I did not run in vain or work hard in vain. (**Philippians 2:16**)
- Jesus spoke the words of God, and he said,
- It is the spirit that **is life-giving**, the flesh is of no use at all. The **sayings that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life**. (**John 6:63**)
- The apostle Paul wrote;
- For the **word of God** is alive and exerts power and is sharper than any two-edged sword and pierces even to the dividing of soul and spirit, and of joints and their marrow, and is able to discern thoughts and intentions of the heart. (**Hebrews 4:12**)

- It reaches the heart and reveals whether one is actually living according to right principles.
- Therefore, if the whole congregation comes together to one place and they all speak in tongues, but ordinary people or unbelievers come in, will they not say that you are mad? (**1 Corinthians 14:23**)
- But if you are all prophesying and any unbeliever or ordinary person comes in, he is reproved by them all, he is closely examined by all. (**1 Corinthians 14:24**)
- The secrets of his heart become manifest, so that he will fall upon his face and worship God, declaring; God is really among you. (**1 Corinthians 14:25**)
- The **word of God** is the truth and can sanctify one for God's use.
- Sanctify them by means of the truth, your word is truth. (**John 17:17**)
- It can make a person wise and happy. It can accomplish whatever work God purposes for it.
- The Law of Yehowah is perfect, bringing back the soul. The reminder of Yehowah is trustworthy, making the inexperienced one wise. (**Psalms 19:7**)
- The orders from Yehowah are upright, causing the heart to rejoice, the commandment of Yehowah is clean, making the eyes shine. (**Psalms 19:8**)
- The fear of Yehowah is pure, standing forever. The judicial decisions of Yehowah are true, they have proved altogether righteous. (**Psalms 19:9**)
- For just as the pouring rain descends, and the snow, from the heavens and does not return to that place, unless it actually saturates the earth and makes it produce and sprout, and seed is actually given to the sower and bread to the eater. (**Isaiah 55:10**)
- So my **word** that goes forth from my mouth will prove to be. It will not return to me without results, but it will certainly do that

in which I have delighted, and it will have certain success in that for which I have sent it. (**Isaiah 55:11**)

- It can equip a person **completely** for every good work and can enable him to conquer the wicked one.
- All Scripture is inspired of God and beneficial for teaching, for reproving, for setting things straight, for disciplining in righteousness. (**2 Timothy 3:16**)
- That the man of God may be fully competent, completely equipped for every good work. (**2 Timothy 3:17**)
- I write you, fathers, because you have come to know him who is from the beginning. I write you, young men, because you are strong and the **word of God** remains in you and you have conquered the wicked one. (**1 John 2:14**)
- Of Jesus preaching it is said,
- Namely, Jesus who was from Nazareth, how God anointed him with Holy Spirit and power, and he went through the land doing good and healing all those oppressed by the Devil, because God was with him.
- Namely, Jesus who was from Nazareth, how God anointed him with Holy Spirit and power, and he went through the land doing good and healing all those oppressed by the Devil, because God was with him. (**Acts of Apostles 10:38**)
- The apostle Paul accomplished conversions of persons, even pagans, not with **persuasive words** of men's wisdom but with a demonstration of **spirit** and **power**.
- And **my speech** and what I preached were not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a **demonstration of spirit and power**. (**1 Corinthians 2:4**)
- The **words** that he spoke by God's Holy Spirit, based on the Scriptures, the **Word of God**, worked powerfully to make the conversions. He told the congregation at Thessalonica:
- Because the Good News we preach did not turn up among you with speech alone but also with power and with Holy Spirit and

strong conviction, just as you know what sort of men we became to you for your sakes. (**1 Thessalonians 1:5**)

### · John The Baptizer Came With Elijah's Spirit And Power

- He had Elijah's spirit, his drive and force. Yehowah's spirit also directed John, so that he spoke the **words of God**, **words** that exerted strong power, he was able very successfully to turn back the hearts of fathers to children and the disobedient ones to the practical wisdom of righteous ones, to get ready for Yehowah a prepared people.
- Also, he will go before him with Elijah's spirit and power, to turn back the hearts of fathers to children and the disobedient ones to the practical wisdom of righteous ones, to get ready for Yehowah a prepared people. (**Luke 1:17**)
- The message of the Good News from **God's Word the Bible** should therefore not be underrated. These **words** are more powerful than any **words** men can devise or speak.
- The ancient Bereans were commended for carefully examining the Scriptures to see whether what an apostle taught was correct.
- Now the latter were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for **they received the word with the greatest eagerness of mind**, carefully examining the Scriptures daily as to whether these things were so. (**Acts of Apostles 17:11**)
- God's ministers, speaking God's **powerful Word**, are energized and backed up by power of Holy Spirit.
- May the God who gives hope fill you with all joy and peace by your believing, that you may abound in hope with power of Holy Spirit. (**Romans 15:13**)
- With the power of signs and portents, with the power of Holy Spirit, so that from Jerusalem and in a circuit as far as Illyricum I have thoroughly preached the Good News about the Christ. (**Romans 15:19**)

### · The Word As A Title

- In the **Christian Greek Scriptures** **the Word**, **Greek**, *ho Lo'gos*, also appears as a title.



- In the beginning **the Word** was, and **the Word** was with God, and **the Word** was a god. (**John 1:1**)
- So **the Word** became flesh and resided among us, and we had a view of his glory, a glory such as belongs to an only-begotten son from a father, and he was full of undeserved kindness and truth. (**John 1:14**)
- And he is arrayed with an outer garment sprinkled with blood, and the name he is called is **The Word of God**. (**Revelation 19:13**)
- The apostle John identified the one to whom this title belongs, namely, Jesus, he being so designated not only during his ministry on earth as a perfect man but also during his prehuman spirit existence as well as after his exaltation to heaven.

## •• The Word Was A God

- Regarding the Sons prehuman existence, John says; In the beginning **the Word** was, and **the Word** was with God, and **the Word** was a god.
- In the beginning the Word was, and the Word was with God, and the Word was a god. (**John 1:1**)
- The **King James Version** and the **Douay Version** read; **In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**
- This would make it appear that **the Word** was identical with Almighty God, while the former reading, in the **New World Translation**, indicates that the Word is not **the** God, Almighty God, **but is a mighty one, a god**. Even the judges of ancient Israel, who wielded great power in the nation, were called gods.
- I myself have said; You are gods, and all of you are sons of the Most High. (**Psalms 82:6**)
- Jesus answered them; Is it not written in your Law; I said; You are gods? (**John 10:34**)
- If he called gods those against whom the word of God came, and yet the Scripture cannot be nullified. (**John 10:35**)

- Actually, in the **Greek** text, the definite article *ho*, **the**, appears before the first **God**, but there is no article before the second.
- Other translations aid in getting the proper view. The interlinear word-for-word reading of the Greek translation in the **Emphatic Diaglott** reads; **In a beginning was the Word, and the Word was with the God, and a god was the Word.**
- The accompanying text of the **Diaglott** uses capital and small capital letters for **the** God, and initial capital and lowercase letters for the second appearance of **God** in the sentence; **In the Beginning was the LOGOS, and the LOGOS was with GOD, and the LOGOS was God.**
- These renderings would support the fact that Jesus, being the Son of God and the one used by God in creating all other things;
- He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. (**Colossians 1:15**)
- Because by means of him all other things were created in the heavens and upon the earth, the things visible and the things invisible, no matter whether they are thrones or lordships or governments or authorities. All other things have been created through him and for him. (**Colossians 1:16**)
- Also, he is before all other things and by means of him all other things were made to exist. (**Colossians 1:17**)
- And he is the head of the body, the congregation. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that he might become the one who is first in all things. (**Colossians 1:18**)
- Because God saw good for all fullness to dwell in him. (**Colossians 1:19**)
- And through him to reconcile again to himself all other things by making peace through the blood he shed on the torture stake, no matter whether they are the things upon the earth or the things in the heavens. (**Colossians 1:20**)
- Is indeed a **god**, a mighty one, and has the quality of mightiness, but is not the Almighty God. Other translations reflect this view.

- **The New English Bible** says; **And what God was, the Word was.** The **Greek** word translated, **Word** is *Lo'gos*, and so **Moffatt's** translation reads: **The Logos was divine.**

- The **American Translation** reads; **The Word was divine.** Other readings, by German translators, follow. By **Böhmer**: **It was tightly bound up with God, yes, itself of divine being.**

- By **Stage**: **The Word was itself of divine being.** By **Menge**: **And God (= of divine being) the Word was.** And by **Thimme**: **And God of a sort the Word was.**

- All these renderings highlight the **quality** of **the Word**, not his identity with his Father, the Almighty God. Being the Son of Yehowah God, he would have the divine quality, for **divine means, godlike.**

- Because it is in him that all the fullness of the divine quality dwells bodily. (**Colossians 2:9**)

- Through these things he has freely given us the precious and very grand promises, that through these you may become sharers in divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world through lust. (**2 Peter 1:4**)

- Where **divine nature** is promised to Christ's joint heirs.

- **The Four Gospels A New Translation**, by **Professor Charles Cutler Torrey**, says:

- In the beginning the Word was, and the Word was with God, and the Word was a god. (**John 1:1**)

- This one was in the beginning with God. (**John 1:2**)

- All things came into existence through him, and apart from him not even one thing came into existence. What has come into existence (**John 1:3**)

- Note that what the Word is said to be is spelled without a capital initial letter, namely, **god**.

- This **Word**, or *Lo'gos*, was God's only direct creation, the only-begotten son of God, and evidently the close associate of God to whom

**God was speaking when he said; Let **us** make man in **our** image, according to **our** likeness.**

- **And God went on to say; Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have in subjection the fish of the sea and the flying creatures of the heavens and the domestic animals and all the earth and every moving animal that is moving upon the earth. ([Genesis 1:26](#))**
- **Hence John continued, saying; This one was in the beginning with God. All things came into existence through him, and apart from him not even one thing came into existence.**
- **This one was in the beginning with God. ([John 1:2](#))**
- **All things came into existence through him, and apart from him not even one thing came into existence. What has come into existence ([John 1:3](#))**
- **Other scriptures plainly show that the Word was God's agent through whom all other things came into existence. There is one God the Father, out of whom all things are, and there is one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things are.**
- **There is actually to us one God the Father, out of whom all things are, and we for him, and there is one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things are, and we through him. ([1 Corinthians 8:6](#))**
- **The **Word**, God's Son, was the beginning of the creation by God, otherwise described as the firstborn of all creation, because by means of him all other things were created in the heavens and upon the earth.**
- **And to the angel of the congregation in Laodicea write. These are the things that the Amen says, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation by God. ([Revelation 3:14](#))**
- **He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ([Colossians 1:15](#))**
- **Because by means of him all other things were created in the heavens and upon the earth, the things visible and the things invisible, no matter whether they are thrones or lordships or governments or authorities. All other things have been created through him and for him. ([Colossians 1:16](#))**

## ·· Earthly Ministry And Heavenly Glorification

- In due time a change came about. John explains;
- So **the Word** became flesh and resided among us, and we had a view of his glory, a glory such as belongs to an only-begotten son from a father, and he was full of undeserved kindness and truth. ([John 1:14](#))
- By becoming flesh, **the Word** became visible, hearable, feelable to eyewitnesses on earth. In this way men of flesh could have direct contact and association with **the word of life**, which, John says, was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have viewed attentively and our hands felt.
- That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have viewed attentively and our hands felt, concerning the word of life. ([1 John 1:1](#))
- Yes, the life was made manifest, and we have seen and are bearing witness and reporting to you the everlasting life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us. ([1 John 1:2](#))
- That which we have seen and heard we are reporting also to you, that you too may be having a sharing with us. Furthermore, this sharing of ours is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ([1 John 1:3](#))
- The glorified Lord Jesus Christ continues to carry the title, **the Word**, as noted in;
- And I saw the heaven opened, and, look! A white horse. And the one seated upon it is called Faithful and True, and he judges and carries on war in righteousness. ([Revelation 19:11](#))
- His eyes are a fiery flame, and upon his head are many diadems. He has a name written that no one knows but he himself. ([Revelation 19:12](#))
- And he is arrayed with an outer garment sprinkled with blood, and the name he is called is **The Word of God**. ([Revelation 19:13](#))
- Also, the armies that were in heaven were following him on

white horses, and they were clothed in white, clean, fine linen.  
([Revelation 19:14](#))

- And out of his mouth there protrudes a sharp long **sword**, that he may strike the nations with it, and he will shepherd them with a rod of iron. He treads too the winepress of the anger of the wrath of God the Almighty. ([Revelation 19:15](#))
- And upon his outer garment, even upon his thigh, he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords. ([Revelation 19:16](#))
- There in a vision of heaven John says he saw a white horse whose rider was called, **Faithful and True, The Word of God**, and upon his outer garment, even upon his thigh, he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

### · Why God's Son Is Called The Word

- A title often describes the function served or the duty performed by the bearer. So it was with the title **Kal-Hatzé**, meaning, **the voice or word of the king**, that was given an Abyssinian officer.
- Based on his travels from **1768 to 1773 C.E**, **James Bruce** describes the duties of the **Kal-Hatzé** as follows. He stood by a window covered with a curtain through which, unseen inside, the king spoke to this officer.
- He then conveyed the message to the persons or party concerned. Thus the **Kal-Hatzé** acted as **the word** or voice of the Abyssinian king. [Travels to Discover the Source of the Nile, London, 1790, Vol. III, p. 265][Vol. IV, p. 76]
- Recall, too, that God made Aaron **the word** or **mouth** of Moses, saying,
- And he must speak for you to the people, and it must occur that he will serve **as a mouth to you**, and you will serve as God to him. ([Exodus 4:16](#))
- In a similar way God's firstborn Son doubtless served as the **Mouth, or Spokesman**, for his Father, the great King of Eternity. He was **God's Word** of communication for conveying information and instructions to the Creators other spirit and human sons.

- It is reasonable to think that prior to Jesus coming to earth, on many of the occasions when God communicated with human's he used **the Word** as his angelic mouthpiece.
- Later Yehowah's angel found her at a fountain of waters in the wilderness, at the fountain on the way to Shur. (**Genesis 16:7**)
- And he began to say; Hagar, maidservant of Sarai, just where have you come from and where are you going? To this she said; Why, from Sarai my mistress I am running away. (**Genesis 16:8**)
- And Yehowah's angel went on to say to her; Return to your mistress and humble yourself under her hand. (**Genesis 16:9**)
- Then Yehowah's angel said to her; I shall greatly multiply your seed, so that it will not be numbered for multitude. (**Genesis 16:10**)
- Further Yehowah's angel added to her; Here you are pregnant, and you shall give birth to a son and must call his name Ishmael, for Yehowah has heard your affliction. (**Genesis 16:11**)
- But Yehowah's angel began calling to him out of the heavens and saying; Abraham, Abraham! To which he answered; Here I am! (**Genesis 22:11**)
- Then the angel of the true God said to me in the dream, Jacob! To which I said; Here I am. (**Genesis 31:11**)
- Then Yehowah's angel appeared to him in a flame of fire in the midst of a thorn bush. As he kept looking, why, here the thorn bush was burning with the fire and yet the thorn bush was not consumed. (**Exodus 3:2**)
- At this Moses said; Let me just turn aside that I may inspect this great phenomenon, as to why the thorn bush is not burnt up. (**Exodus 3:3**)
- When Yehowah saw that he turned aside to inspect, God at once called to him out of the midst of the thorn bush and said; Moses! Moses! To which he said; Here I am. (**Exodus 3:4**)
- Then he said; Do not come near here. Draw your sandals from off your feet, because the place where you are standing is holy

ground. (**Exodus 3:5**)

- Then Yehowah's angel went up from Gilgal to Bochim and said; I proceeded to bring you up out of Egypt and to bring you into the land about which I swore to your forefathers. Furthermore, I said; Never shall I break my covenant with you. (**Judges 2:1**)
- And for your part, you must not conclude a covenant with the inhabitants of this land. Their altars you should pull down. But you have not listened to my voice. Why have you done this? (**Judges 2:2**)
- So I, in turn, have said; I shall not drive them away from before you, and they must become snares to you, and their gods will serve as a lure to you. (**Judges 2:3**)
- And it came about that as soon as Yehowah's angel had spoken these words to all the sons of Israel, the people began to raise their voices and weep. (**Judges 2:4**)
- Later Yehowah's angel came and sat under the big tree that was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abi-ezrite, while Gideon his son was beating out wheat in the winepress so as to get it quickly out of the sight of Midian. (**Judges 6:11**)
- Then Yehowah's angel appeared to him and said to him, Yehowah is with you, you valiant, mighty one. (**Judges 6:12**)
- In time Yehowah's angel appeared to the woman and said to her; Look, now, you are barren and have borne no child. And you will certainly become pregnant and give birth to a son. (**Judges 13:3**)
- Since the angel that guided the Israelites through the wilderness had Yehowah's name within him, he may have been God's Son, **the Word**.
- Here I am sending an angel ahead of you to keep you on the road and to bring you into the place that I have prepared. (**Exodus 23:20**)
- Watch yourself because of him and obey his voice. Do not behave rebelliously against him, for he will not pardon your transgression, because my name is within him. (**Exodus 23:21**)



- However, if you strictly obey his voice and really do all that I shall speak, then I shall certainly be hostile to your enemies and harass those who harass you. (**Exodus 23:22**)
- For my angel will go ahead of you and will indeed bring you to the Amorites and the Hittites and the Perizzites and the Canaanites, the Hivites and the Jebusites, and I shall certainly efface them. (**Exodus 23:23**)

**See Also JESUS CHRIST (Prehuman Existence)**

- Showing that Jesus continued to serve as his Fathers **Spokesman**, or **Word**, during his earthly ministry, he told his listeners;
- Because I have not spoken out of my own impulse, but the Father himself who sent me has given me a commandment as to what to tell and what to speak. (**John 12:49**)
- Also, I know that his commandment means everlasting life. Therefore the things I speak, just as the Father has told me them, so I speak them. (**John 12:50**)
- Do you not believe that I am in union with the Father and the Father is in union with me? The things I say to you men I do not speak of my own originality, but the Father who remains in union with me is doing his works. (**John 14:10**)
- Jesus, in turn, answered them and said; What I teach is not mine, but belongs to him that sent me. (**John 7:16**)
- If anyone desires to do His will, he will know concerning the teaching whether it is from God or I speak of my own originality. (**John 7:17**)