

The Memra and the Proclamation of the Word

John 1:1-18

God is Spirit

And the LORD said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.”

So what is in a word?

[But God] has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the ~~worlds~~ [the ages].

HEBREW 1:2

The Memra

By the word [dabar] of the LORD were the
heavens made; and all the host of them
by the breath [ruah] of his mouth.

PSALM 33:6

The Aramaic word Targum
means “translation”

logos

First, the Memra, the Word is the
Same but Distinct From God

Second, the Memra, the Word is
the Agent of Creation

Third, the Memra, the Word
is the Agent of Salvation

Fourth, the Memra, the Word is the
Visible Manifestation of God's Presence

Fifth, the Memra, the Word
is the Seal of the Covenants

For the law was given through Moses;
grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

JOHN 1:17

Sixth, the Memra, the Word is the
Ultimate Agent of Revelation

but these [what he wrote] are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

JOHN 21:31

The Proclamation of the Logos

John 1:1-18

In ~~the~~ beginning was the Word

JOHN 1:1A

The imperfect verb tense: is where the writer portrays an action in process or a state of being that is occurring in the past with no assessment of the action as beginning or in completion.

The concept of Beginning

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God, who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus **BEFORE TIME BEGAN**,

2 TIMOTHY 1:8-9

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds [aionios, ages];

HEBREWS 1:1-2

Before there was any beginning of time or substance, there was the Logos, the Word,
[the Memra]

and the Word was with [or facing God]
God

JOHN 1:1B

and the Word was God

JOHN 1:1C

He was in the beginning with God.

JOHN 1:2

All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made

JOHN 1:3

In Him was life, and the life was the light
of men

JOHN 1:4

And the light shined in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend [or overcome] it.

JOHN 1:5

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him [the Light's witness] might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

JOHN 1:6-8

That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

JOHN 1:9

He was in the [inhabited] world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him

JOHN 1:10

He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

JOHN 1:11

But as many as [individuals within the rejecting nation] received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.

JOHN 1:12

who were born [a second time, differently],
not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh,
nor of the will of man, but [born] of [and
by] God.

JOHN 1:13

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

JOHN 1:14

skeinei

And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell [skeinei] with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.

REV. 21:3

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JOHN 1:14

John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.’

JOHN 1:15

And of His fullness we have all received,
and grace for [more] grace. For the law
was given through Moses, but the grace
and the truth came through Jesus Christ.

JOHN 1:16-17

No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared [revealed] Him.

JOHN 1:18

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

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The Rest of John's Gospel is the Revealing
of the Word, the Logos, the Memra