

The God of Glory

All Scripture is KJV: Acts 7

INTRODUCTION: WHAT DOES THE BIBLE HAVE TO SAY

- Today I want to preach about "The God of Glory"

When we read the scriptures we have to keep an open mind continuously about what we are reading.

1. It comes sometimes as a surprise that when we are reading scripture we don't stop to consider what we have in fact read.
2. People read the bible sometimes without even thinking or applying what they have just read.

We therefore have to consider that every time we open the scriptures something new is always going to jump out at us because of our limitations in understanding the whole bible.

Today I would like to try and highlight such a case in scripture, and many people have not understood what I am going to present to you today.

- Let's first begin by reading the account in the Book of Acts 7.

Acts 7 King James Version (KJV)

1 Then said the high priest, Are these things so?

2 And he said, Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken; **The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham**, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran,

3 And said unto him, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and come into the land which I shall shew thee. (*Genesis 12:1*) (*the LORD and God is used in the same context here*)

Genesis 12:1

Now the **LORD** had said unto **Abram**, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

1. So the God of Glory is the LORD.
2. So according to Acts 7 "The **God of glory appeared**" to Abraham.
3. This was before the Law and so before Moses was even born.

Acts 7 continued....verse 4...

4 Then came he out of the land of the Chaldaeans, and dwelt in Charran: and from thence, when his father was dead, he removed him into this land, wherein ye now dwell.

⁵ And he gave him none inheritance in it, no, not so much as to set his foot on: yet he promised that he would give it to him for a possession, and to his seed after him, when as yet he had no child.

⁶ And God spake on this wise, That his seed should sojourn in a strange land; and that they should bring them into bondage, and entreat them evil four hundred years.

⁷ And the nation to whom they shall be in bondage will I judge, said God: and after that shall they come forth, and serve me in this place.

⁸ And he gave **him** the covenant of circumcision: and so Abraham begat Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat the twelve patriarchs.

⁹ And the patriarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph into Egypt: but God was with him,

¹⁰ And delivered him out of all his afflictions, and gave him favour and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house.

¹¹ Now there came a dearth over all the land of Egypt and Chanaan, and great affliction: and our fathers found no sustenance.

¹² But when Jacob heard that there was corn in Egypt, he sent out our fathers first.

¹³ And at the second time Joseph was made known to his brethren; and Joseph's kindred was made known unto Pharaoh.

¹⁴ Then sent Joseph, and called his father Jacob to him, and all his kindred, threescore and fifteen souls.

¹⁵ So Jacob went down into Egypt, and died, he, and our fathers,

¹⁶ And were carried over into Sychem, and laid in the sepulchre that Abraham bought for a sum of money of the sons of Emmor the father of Sychem.

¹⁷ But when the time of the promise drew nigh, which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt,

¹⁸ Till another king arose, which knew not Joseph.

¹⁹ The same dealt subtilly with our kindred, and evil entreated our fathers, so that they cast out their young children, to the end they might not live.

- Then as we carry on reading Acts 7 we see another account of Moses seeing God.

Acts 7ff..... is an account of what happened in Exodus 3 and as well as Deuteronomy chapters 3-5 of the history of the Exodus...

- The appearance of God to Moses is recorded here in the book of Acts also.

²⁰ In which time Moses was born, and was exceeding fair, and nourished up in his father's house three months:

²¹ And when he was cast out, Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son.

²² And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.

²³ **And when he was full forty years old**, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel.

²⁴ And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended him, and avenged him that was oppressed, and smote the Egyptian:

²⁵ For he supposed his brethren would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them: but they understood not.

²⁶ And the next day he shewed himself unto them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying, Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye wrong one to another?

²⁷ But he that did his neighbour wrong thrust him away, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us?

²⁸ Wilt thou kill me, as thou diddest the Egyptian yesterday?

²⁹ Then fled Moses at this saying, and was a stranger in the land of Madian, where he begat two sons.

- It is at this point that we start to see the very well preserved account of God and the LORD in the OT being shown as Jesus.
- ✓ The book of Acts starts to connect the dots...for us to understand who it was that spoke to Moses out of the burning bush. We know it was God, but to which person of the Godhead was this attributed to.
- ✓ In other words was it God the Father speaking or was it Jesus speaking to Moses out of the burning bush.
- Well let's see.

³⁰ And when forty years were expired, **there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sina an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush.**

³¹ When Moses saw it, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to behold it, **the voice of the LORD came unto him.**

³² **Saying, I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.** Then Moses trembled, and durst not behold.

- If Jesus told the disciples thatno man has seen the Father.

John 5:37 King James Version (KJV)

³⁷ And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. **Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.**

John 1:18

No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

John 5:37

And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. **Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.**

- So if that is the case what Jesus said is true, and we know it is true.....
- Then who was it in the burning bush? – because he was visible to Moses

³³ **Then said the Lord to him,** Put off thy shoes from thy feet: for the place where thou standest is holy ground.

- Who is speaking here? – it says it is the Lord.

³⁴ I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, **and am come down to deliver them.** And now come, I will send thee into Egypt. (*come down from heaven*)

³⁵ **This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? the same did God send to be a ruler and a deliverer (judge) by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush.**

- The hand of the angel has to be Jesus. It cannot be anyone else. Because God the Father is never referred to in scripture as an angel but Jesus is.
- Nor is God the Father ever referred to as coming down from heaven to dwell on earth.
- It would be **the hand of the angel** that would send Moses to be the **judge** over the people.

- It follows that it is **this “hand of the angel”** that is responsible for parting the Red sea, and for the signs and wonders (the 10 plaques on pharaoh) and other signs and wonders in the wilderness for the 40 years.

³⁶ **He brought them out, after that he had shewed wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red sea, and in the wilderness forty years.**

- ✓ The wonders and signs is what Jesus did.
- ✓ The parting of the sea was done by Jesus.
- ✓ We know this because of 1 Corinthians 10:1-4

1 Corinthians 10 King James Version (KJV)

1 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, **how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea:**

²And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

³And did all eat the same spiritual meat;

4And did all drink the same spiritual drink: **for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.**

- ✓ It was Jesus who was following them all the time right up to crossing the red sea.
- ✓ Therefore.....the angel is Jesus.

³⁷ **This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, **like unto me; him shall ye hear.****

- Moses was in the church in the wilderness with this angel which we now know is Jesus.
- Then the book of Acts 7:38 which is the very next verse 38 in our text, then tells us of the event that took place in Deuteronomy 5 where Moses received the 10 commandments, of whom Moses spoke to. This was obviously Jesus. Because it could not have been the Father because no man has seen or heard the Father at any time Jesus said.

³⁸ **This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:**

- THIS IS THE VERSE THAT SAYS IT ALL FOLKS.
- THIS IS HE (Moses), THAT WAS IN THE CHURCH IN THE WILDERNESS WITH THE ANGEL (Jesus) WHICH SPAKE TO HIM (Moses) IN THE “MOUNT SINA”, AND WITH OUR FATHERS:WHO RECEIVED THE LIVELY ORACLES (10 COMMANDMENTS) TO GIVE UNTO US:
- **This means that it was Jesus who (by the hand of the angel), the angel in the burning bush, and not GOD the Father, but GOD the Son who is Jesus; is the one that gave the 10 commandments to Moses.**
- **This means it was Jesus who wrote those 10 commandments in stone. Written with His finger in stone, just as he had done in the NT when he wrote on the ground with the woman caught in adultery.**
- If that is not significant then I don't know what is?
 1. Stephen had cut deep into the heart of the Jews and they did not like it.
 2. If it was not for Stephen's message we might not have known these precious facts about Jesus.

³⁹ **To whom our fathers would not obey**, but thrust him from them, and in their hearts turned back again into Egypt,

- They rejected Jesus then....and they still reject him now.

⁴⁰ **Saying unto Aaron, Make us gods to go before us**: for as for this Moses, which brought us out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

⁴¹ And they made a calf in those days, and offered sacrifice unto the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands.

⁴² Then **God turned, and gave them up to worship the host of heaven**; as it is written in the book of the prophets, O ye house of Israel, have ye offered to me slain beasts and sacrifices by the space of forty years in the wilderness?

⁴³ **Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, figures which ye made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.**

⁴⁴ **Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness** in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking unto Moses, that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen.

⁴⁵ Which also **our fathers that came after brought in with Jesus into the possession of the Gentiles**, whom God drave out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of David;

46 Who found favour before God, and desired to find a tabernacle for the God of Jacob.

47 But Solomon built him an house.

48 Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet,

49 Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest?

50 Hath not my hand made all these things?

51 Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.

52 Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers:

53 Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it.

54 When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth.

55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,

58 And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.

59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

- The scripture of Moses seeing God in the burning bush comes from the book of Exodus 3.

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Exodus 3 King James Version (KJV)

1 Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb.

2 **And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush:** and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.

3 And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

4 **And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush,** and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.

5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.

6 Moreover he said, **I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.** And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.

7 **And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt,** and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;

8 **And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians,** and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.

10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

11 **And Moses said unto God,** Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?

12 **And he said, Certainly I will be with thee;** and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

¹³ **And Moses said unto God**, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, **What is his name? what shall I say unto them?**

¹⁴ **And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.**

¹⁵ And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, the LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.

¹⁶ Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt:

¹⁷ And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, unto a land flowing with milk and honey.

¹⁸ And they shall hearken to thy voice: and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him, **The LORD God of the Hebrews hath met with us: and now let us go, we beseech thee, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.**

¹⁹ And I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not by a mighty hand.

²⁰ And I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go.

²¹ And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty.

²² But every woman shall borrow of her neighbour, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: and ye shall put them upon your sons, and upon your daughters; and ye shall spoil the Egyptians.

- So the account of Acts is the same account of Exodus 3.

Deuteronomy 5:24 And ye said, Behold, the LORD our **God** hath shewed us his **glory** and his greatness, and we **have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire:** we have seen this day that **God** doth talk with man, and he liveth.

Deuteronomy 5 King James Version (KJV)

1 And Moses called all Israel, and said unto them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and keep, and do them.

2 The LORD our God made a covenant with us in Horeb.

3 The LORD made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, even us, who are all of us here alive this day.

4 The LORD talked with you face to face in the mount out of the midst of the fire,

5 (I stood between the LORD and you at that time, to shew you the word of the LORD: for ye were afraid by reason of the fire, and went not up into the mount;) saying,

6 I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

7 Thou shalt have none other gods before me.

8 Thou shalt not make thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters beneath the earth:

9 Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me,

10 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

11 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain: for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

12 Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee.

13 Six days thou shalt labour, and do all thy work:

14 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; that thy manservant and thy maidservant may rest as well as thou.

15 And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the LORD thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the LORD thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath day.

¹⁶ Honour thy father and thy mother, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

¹⁷ Thou shalt not kill.

¹⁸ Neither shalt thou commit adultery.

¹⁹ Neither shalt thou steal.

²⁰ Neither shalt thou bear false witness against thy neighbour.

²¹ Neither shalt thou desire thy neighbour's wife, neither shalt thou covet thy neighbour's house, his field, or his manservant, or his maidservant, his ox, or his ass, or any thing that is thy neighbour's.

²² These words the LORD spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice: and he added no more. And he wrote them in two tables of stone, and delivered them unto me.

²³ And it came to pass, when ye heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, (for the mountain did burn with fire,) that ye came near unto me, even all the heads of your tribes, and your elders;

²⁴ And ye said, Behold, the LORD our God hath shewed us his glory and his greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire: we have seen this day that God doth talk with man, and he liveth.

²⁵ Now therefore why should we die? for this great fire will consume us: if we hear the voice of the LORD our God any more, then we shall die.

²⁶ For who is there of all flesh, that hath heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived?

²⁷ Go thou near, and hear all that the LORD our God shall say: and speak thou unto us all that the LORD our God shall speak unto thee; and we will hear it, and do it.

²⁸ And the LORD heard the voice of your words, when ye spake unto me; and the LORD said unto me, I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken unto thee: they have well said all that they have spoken.

²⁹ O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!

³⁰ Go say to them, Get you into your tents again.

³¹ But as for thee, stand thou here by me, and I will speak unto thee all the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which thou shalt teach them, that they may do them in the land which I give them to possess it.

³² Ye shall observe to do therefore as the LORD your God hath commanded you: ye shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.

³³ Ye shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be well with you, and that ye may prolong your days in the land which ye shall possess.

- The account of God in the OT was recorded so that every believer through the ages of reading the scriptures could be assured of who Jesus is.

PRAYER.....