

THE WORD BECAME FLESH

John 1:1-14 Text – John 1:14

Word – A noun, it essentially means word, matter or thing. It is used more than 1,400 times in the Old Testament. It is translated into no less than 85 different English words in the King James Bible. In Exodus 34:28, it is translated as 'commandments'.

So if the word became flesh, then there had to be the word before the word became flesh.

The Hebrew that is used for 'word' is first used in Genesis 11:1 as 'speech'.

This is the chapter where God confounds their language.

I am not going to give you all the places where the Hebrew is found in the Old Testament.

I believe there is no beginning of the living word, which became flesh.

The translators could have been wrong on some of the words from Hebrew to English.

The first place the Hebrew word is translated as 'word' is in Genesis 15:1.

It is used as the word of the Lord.

The word of the Lord came unto Abram.

Notice the relationship between Abram and the Lord.

In Genesis 17:5, Abram's name was changed to Abraham.

In Genesis 18:²⁵~~12~~, the Hebrew word is translated after this manner.

This is the place where Abraham was pleading for the people of Sodom and Gomorrah.
Genesis 18:25

I think we can look at Abraham as a type of us pleading for the ungodly. The word 'manner' comes from the Hebrew as word.

Their sins were very grievous. Genesis 18:20

Joseph was a type of Christ. His brethren hated him for his words.

Let's look at Moses and Aaron in Exodus 4:27-31.

God is going to deliver Israel from Egypt.

God was working with Moses and Aaron to do what He purposed to do.

In Exodus 4:31, it tells us the people believed when they heard what? The word.

God said in Numbers 22:20, that which I say unto you, that shall thou do.

In Numbers 20:24, Aaron rebelled against God.

In Joshua 20:4, the slayer shall declare his cause or word in the ears of the elders of the city of refuge.

This is where the slayer is making his case known before the elders so that he might enter into one of the cities of refuge.

Paul said in Romans 15:4, the things that were written aforetime were written for our learning.

I believe he was having reference to the Old Testament. The living word was very much present in the Old Testament.

In Matthew ²²~~24~~:41-46, we find Christ making reference to Psalms 110, proving David wrote Psalms. He is also having reference to the living word.

If we cannot find Christ in the Old Testament, we have missed the teaching of the Old Testament. He is the seed of the woman. Genesis 3:15

So the word became flesh or was made flesh.

The Apostle Paul was one of the better scholars of his day.

Paul could see Christ in His glory before He became flesh.

Look at Philippians 2:5-11, I Timothy 3:16 and Titus 1:1-3.

Let's look at Titus 1:1. Paul was a servant of God. He was an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to God's elect or chosen.

Notice the second verse. God promised something before the world began.

The things you and I see did not exist at one time.

The plan had been arranged and settled from the beginning by divine wisdom. In Luke 22:22, the son of man goeth as it was determined. See John 6:38-39.

In Titus 1:3, God manifested his word through preaching. The same word is used here, as it was in John 1:1.

It was committed unto Paul something very precious – the preaching of the word.

When we say Paul, we don't mean him only. This man, Paul, met the word of God on the road to Damascus. Acts 9:1-6

Not only did the Lord save him on the Damascus road, he called him as a minister and a witness, but also as an apostle, in my opinion.

In Acts 26:16, Paul met the Lord or the word. The Lord has a purpose for this.
Numbers 1 – to save his soul.
Numbers 2 – to call him to be a minister.
Numbers 3 – to make him an apostle.

Look at Galatians 1:15-18.

See how the Lord does his work well. He was to deliver Paul from the people.

His mission was to open their eyes, through Paul's preaching.

Was Paul an eye doctor? Their eyes were closed to spiritual light, as every sinner is today.

Paul told the church at Corinth, "If our gospel is hid, it is hid to them that are lost."
Why?

Because the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, shine unto them.

Notice what he preached – not himself, but the Lord Jesus Christ. One of the worst things a minister can preach is himself.

This word that was made flesh must reach the heart of a person. The only way this can be done is that the Lord commands it to be done. II Corinthians 4:6

This earth was in darkness until God said, "Let there be light and there was light."
Genesis 1:2-3

In I Peter 1:23, Peter tells us "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."

This is the same word that is used in John 1 that was made flesh.

The Lord opened Lydia's heart that she was attended unto things which were spoken of Paul. Acts 16:14

What were the things that were spoken to her? My answer would be the word of life.

In John 6:63, Jesus said, it is the spirit that quickens, the flesh profiteth nothing, the words I speak unto you, they are the spirit and they are the life.

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life." John 14:6

John said, that which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our own eyes, which we have looked upon and our hands have handled of the word of life. I John 1:1

In Verse 4, John said, in him was life and the life was the light of man.

Paul tells us in Colossians 1:16-17 that by him were all things created. He is before all things and by him all things consist.

I cannot find a beginning of the living word, only that he was made flesh without sin.