

Development of the Old Testament

850 BC – Yahweh, Jehovah or Lord God – Jehovistic document – Southern Kingdom

750 BC – Elohim – Elohistic document – Northern Kingdom

721 BC – Assyria sacked the Northern Kingdom

? BC – JE Document formed

621 BC – Deuteronomic document discovered in the Temple. Written during the reign of King Manasseh who drove the prophets into hiding.

597 BC – Ezekiel took the two great documents with him into captivity in Babylon.

550 BC – Yahweh and Elohim used in higher way – Priestly Document

Prophets combined the two documents, and created a new beginning by adding the 7 days of creation story to the beginning.

400 BC – The prophets combined the writings of history and law with the Priestly Document to form the Hexateuch. Ezra gave it to the people.

250 BC – Old testament as we know it, had been gathered around the Hexateuch and was translated into the Greek – The Septuagint

Development of Biblical names for God in the Old Testament

- 1. Jehovah, Yahweh, the Lord our God – used in the Jehovistic document
Israelites ancestral God or tribal Deity
El Shaddai – God Almighty – all sufficient one**
- 2. Elohim – used in the Elohistic and Priestly documents
created all spiritually, the one and only true God**
- 3. I Am that I am – God reveals himself to Moses as unchanging identity**
- 4. Lord Saboath – the Lord of hosts – or General of the Armies
In first and second Samuel**

1. Let there be Light

Mind is the creator and manifests itself as a creation of ideas

2. Let there be a firmament

Spirit imparts the understanding which distinguishes between the real and the unreal

3. Let the dry land appear with the seed within itself

Soul bestows on every idea definable, unchanging and self-reproducing identity

4. Let there be lights in the firmament for signs, seasons, days and years

Principle unites all identities into a system of ideas

5. Let the waters bring forth abundantly moving creatures that have life and fowls that fly above the earth

Life individualizes infinitely through the multiplication of ideas

6. Let the earth bring forth living creatures, cattle, creeping things, beasts of the earth and man in our image and likeness, male and female

Truth is conscious of itself as its own perfect creation (True manhood)

7. Heavens and earth finished and God rested

Love is fulfilled in its creation

The demonstration of the Son of man (Rev. 1:13-

Mind: **clothed with a garment down to the foot (Rev. 1:13)**

Spirit: **head and hair: white (Rev. 1:14)**

Soul: **feet like fine brass, burned in a furnace (Rev. 1:15)**

Principle: **in his hand, he had seven stars (Rev. 1:16)**

Life: **I fell at his feet as if dead (Rev. 1:17)**

Truth: **I was dead, but am alive for evermore (Rev. 1:18a)**

Love: **I have the keys of hell and of death (Rev. 1:18b)**

LORD GOD. Jehovah.

This double term is not used in the first chapter of Genesis, the record of spiritual creation. It is introduced in the second and following chapters, when the spiritual sense of God and of infinity is disappearing from the recorder's thought, — when the true scientific statements of the Scriptures become clouded through a physical sense of God as finite and corporeal. From this follow idolatry and mythology, — belief in many gods, or material intelligences, as the opposite of the one Spirit, or intelligence, named Elohim, or God.

CREATOR. Spirit; Mind; intelligence; the animating divine Principle of all that is real and good; self-existent Life, Truth, and Love; that which is perfect and eternal; the opposite of matter and evil, which have no Principle; God, who made all that was made and could not create an atom or an element the opposite of Himself.

HEAVEN. Harmony; the reign of Spirit; government by divine Principle; spirituality; bliss; the atmosphere of Soul.

EARTH. A sphere; a type of eternity and immortality, which are likewise without beginning or end. To material sense, earth is matter; to spiritual sense, it is a compound idea.

GOOD. God; Spirit; omnipotence; omniscience; omnipresence; omni-action.

DAY. The irradiance of Life; light, the spiritual idea of Truth and Love.

**"And the evening and the morning were the first day."
(Genesis i. 5.) The objects of time and sense disappear in the illumination of spiritual understanding, and Mind**

measures time according to the good that is unfolded. This unfolding is God's day, and "there shall be no night there."

NIGHT. Darkness; doubt; fear.

EVENING. Mistiness of mortal thought; weariness of mortal mind; obscured views; peace and rest.

MORNING. Light; symbol of Truth; revelation and progress.

FIRMAMENT. Spiritual understanding; the scientific line of demarcation between Truth and error, between Spirit and so-called matter.

RESURRECTION. Spiritualization of thought; a new and higher idea of immortality, or spiritual existence; material belief yielding to spiritual understanding.

SUN. The symbol of Soul governing man, — of Truth, Life, and Love.

YEAR. A solar measurement of time; mortality; space for repentance.

"One day is with the Lord as a thousand years."

(II Peter iii. 8.)

One moment of divine consciousness, or the spiritual understanding of Life and Love, is a foretaste of eternity. This exalted view, obtained and retained when the Science of being is understood, would bridge over with life discerned spiritually the interval of death, and man would be in the full consciousness of his immortality and eternal harmony, where sin, sickness, and death are unknown. Time is a mortal thought, the divisor of which

is the solar year. Eternity is God's measurement of Soul-filled years.