

x. ARCHE' "In the Beginning"

1. Parallels Genesis [bereshith]
2. Pre-existence of "the Word"

EIN -- "was"...indefinite...no precise

beginning implied

tense

(not case)

1 'Εν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος, καὶ ὁ λόγος

LOGOS - (see back)

ἦν πρὸς τὸν θεόν, καὶ θεὸς ἦν ὁ λόγος.

PROS -- "with"

- From or Forth...
- With someone, or at their side
- In Relation to...
- "Face to Face"

Dynamic

2 οὗτος ἦν ἐν ἀρχῇ πρὸς τὸν θεόν.

3 πάντα δι' αὐτοῦ ἐγένετο, καὶ χωρὶς

EIN -- "was"

Existence... Relation... Predication (Chrysostom)

- Identical with...same nature, substance, essence
- [Temporal meaning as well]
- Kohwell's Rule...not to be translated "a god" Noun in Predicate Nominative position does not take a definite article...its understood.

αὐτοῦ ἐγένετο οὐδὲ ἓν ὃ γέγονεν. 4 ἐν

αὐτῷ ζωὴ ἦν, καὶ ἡ ζωὴ ἦν τὸ φῶς

EKENETO -- "came to be"...not "ein"

And God said...

(8X) there was

τῶν ἀνθρώπων. 5 καὶ τὸ φῶς ἐν τῇ

SOE' -- "life"

- "I came that they might have life, and have it to the fu
- Used 35X in JN...[verb "sen" -- "to live" 15X

σκοτία φαίνει, καὶ ἡ σκοτία αὐτὸ οὐ

κατέλαβεν. 6 Ἐγένετο ἄνθρωπος, ἀπεσταλμένος

PHOS -- "light" [photos]

- Parallels Genesis..."Let there be Light"
- In JN 21X
- "I am the Light of the World"

παρὰ θεοῦ, ὄνομα αὐτῷ Ἰωάννης. 7 οὗτος

ἦλθεν εἰς μαρτυρίαν, ἵνα μαρτυρήσῃ περὶ

SKOTIA -- "darkness"

- That which is not of God
- Dull ignorance or wilful ignorance which blinds...

τοῦ φωτός, ἵνα πάντες πιστεύσωσιν δι

MARTURIAN -- "to witness"

PISTEUSIN -- "to believe"

motive for writing Gospel [JN 20:30ff]

αὐτοῦ. 8 οὐκ ἦν ἐκεῖνος τὸ φῶς, ἀλλ' ἵνα

KOSMOS -- "the world"

- Created Good, not evil
- In JN, word frequently encompasses those elements opposed to Jesus...but this is not a condemnation of Creation!!!

τὸ ἀληθινόν, ὃ φωτίζει πάντα ἄνθρωπον,

ἐρχόμενον εἰς τὸν κόσμον. 10 ἐν τῷ

κόσμῳ ἦν, καὶ ὁ κόσμος δι' αὐτοῦ

ἐγένετο, καὶ ὁ κόσμος αὐτὸν οὐκ ἔγνω.

11 εἰς τὰ ἴδια ἦλθεν, καὶ οἱ ἴδιοι αὐτὸν

οὐ παρέλαβον. 12 ὅσοι δὲ ἔλαβον αὐτόν,

SARX -- "flesh"

- Not just skin...but entire Human Nature
- Genesis Parallel...Man peak of Creation Incarnation peak of New Creation

ἔδωκεν αὐτοῖς ἐξουσίαν τέκνα θεοῦ γεν

έσθαι, τοῖς πιστεύουσιν εἰς τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ,

13 οἱ οὐκ ἐξ αἱμάτων οὐδὲ ἐκ θελήματος

σαρκὸς οὐδὲ ἐκ θελήματος ἀνδρὸς ἀλλ'

ESKE' NOSEN -- "pitched his tent" or "tabernacled"

[eskene...shkinah] see Sir 24:8-12

- He is the shekinah...
- Destroy this "naos"...shrine [rather than temple] [JN 2:19..."hieron" refers to whole temple.]

ἐκ θεοῦ ἐγεννήθησαν. 14 Καὶ ὁ λόγος

σὰρξ ἐγένετο καὶ ἐσκήνωσεν ἐν ἡμῖν,

DOXAN -- "glory" Heb -- "kabod" "weightiness", "gravity"

MONOGENOUS -- "only begotten"

PATROS -- "Father"

PLERE'S -- "fulness" - only place in JN

CHARITOS -- "Grace" Heb "hesed" - used only in Prologue

ALE'THEIAS -- "Truth" Heb. "emeth"

καὶ ἐθεασάμεθα τὴν δόξαν αὐτοῦ, δόξαν

ὡς μονογενοῦς παρὰ πατρός, πλήρης χάριτος

καὶ ἀληθείας.

THE PROLOGUE

GOSPEL OF JOHN

JN 16:33 - I have overcome the world

NOT same word ΝΕΝΙΚΗΚΑ

19:27

Same phrase used desc. John taking Mary to Mother

LOGOS → Only in Prologue...

A. "the Word": the Mind of God which imposes order on all things

1. Greek and Hebrew word, pregnant with meaning

a. Hebrew: "dabar"

i. not just spoken words, but comb. words and actions...full expression

ii. Hebrew mind in time of Jesus especially open to this term b/c/ Hebrew no longer accessible to masses...TARGUMS, widely circulated translations of Hebrew to Aramaic used "Word of God" as circumlocution for the Holy Name.

iii. Wisdom tradition was preparing Hebes for idea of Mind personified... [ECCLESUS: 24:3-5] "mistlike"...

b. Greek: "logos"

i. Mind of God which imposes Order on all things

[see Liddell p. 596-7].

→ e.g. The Bible

Philo → OT Wisdom
@ 50 AD
Alexandria

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