

**Believer - It is vital you know
what the word “**Son**” means
when it is used as a ‘**Semitic Idiom**’**

In the Bible, the word ‘**son**’ has several definitions.

One of these definitions refers to **biological descent**, or *“the descent from parent to child.”* In today's culture, this is the definition most people think of.

However, in the **Hebrew culture** two thousand years ago, the word ‘**son**’ in the scriptures **John 3:16, John 20:31, Matthew 16:16, Matthew 26:63, 1 John 4: 9-10**, and many others, were not denoting a **parent-child relationship**, but had the meaning of being ‘**Human**’ or ‘**mortal**.’

The use of the word ‘**son**’ with this ‘**Hebrew**’ **cultural meaning** is called a ‘**Semitic idiom**.’ Understanding the word ‘**son**’ when it is used as a ‘Semitic idiom’, *is crucial for grasping the true meaning of these scriptures.*

For example, in Ezekiel 2:1 the word ‘**Son**’, in the term ‘**Son of Adam**’ is referring to being ‘**a human made of flesh**’, and is not referring to a **parent-child** relationship.

In the term the ‘**Son of David**’, the word ‘**Son**’ is referring to **the ‘flesh’ of David** according to genealogy, and is not referring to a **parent-child** relationship.

In the term ‘**Son of Man**’, the word ‘**Son**’ is used to denote **a human being** and is referencing Yahshua’s **humanity**; it is not referring to a **parent-child** relationship.

In the term ‘**Son of God**’, the word ‘**Son**’ is used to describe The Almighty Father **coming to us as a ‘human’ made of flesh.**

Question:

Does the Jewish Semitic idiom '**Son**' differ from the meaning of the word '**Son**' in our modern day culture today?

Answer:

Yes, the Jewish Semitic idiom '**son**' refers to a human being or mortal, rather than denoting a **parent-child relationship**. In contrast, modern usage typically emphasizes biological descent, or a **parent-child relationship**.

In Jewish culture, the term '**Son**' refers to **a 'human being'** rather than implying a **parent-child relationship**.

Understanding the Term '**Son**' in Jewish Semitic Context Semitic Idiom vs. Modern Interpretation

The term '**son**' in Jewish Semitic culture often carries a different connotation than in contemporary usage. In modern culture, '**son**' typically refers **to a biological relationship between a parent and child**. However, in the Jewish context, particularly in Biblical texts, '**son**' is frequently used as a **Semitic idiom** that signifies a human being or mortal, rather than indicating a parent-child relationship.

Key Differences

Jewish Semitic Context	Refers to humanity or a mortal being
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Modern Interpretation	Refers to a biological child
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In Biblical texts, phrases like '**Son** of Man' or '**Son** of God' are understood to denote a 'human', rather than denoting a 'parent-child' relationship.

The Bible **defines** what the term **'Son of God'** means

The Bible actually **defines** what the term **'Son of God'** means in John 10:31-36.

The passage tells us that some of the Jewish people wanted to kill Yahshua Messiah by stoning Him to death because He called Himself the **'Son of God'**.

Yahshua said,

*"For which of those works do you stone me?"
The Jews answered Him, saying,
"For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy,
and because **You, being a Man, make Yourself God.**"*

The Jewish leaders, understood what Yahshua meant by the term **'Son of God'**. They knew that when Yahshua proclaimed to be the **'Son of God'**, He was proclaiming to be **The Almighty Father Himself manifested in flesh.**

We must always remember that these Jewish leaders were strictly **monotheistic**; they were **not** Trinitarians. When they said, **"You, being a Man make Yourself God"**, they were **not** talking about a **'second person'** in the Trinity Doctrine. They were talking about the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; the **"I AM"**.



Isaiah's Prophecy – The Almighty Father will be born as a “**Son**” (**human**) made of flesh

Isaiah prophesied that the coming Messiah would be The Almighty Father **Himself** born into this world as a ‘**son**’ (**human**) made **of flesh**.

*For unto us **a Child is born**, Unto us **a Son** is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Isaiah 9:6

Isaiah calls Him “**a son**” because He will be **born of a woman** and would be **a man made of flesh**. He would be **human just like us!**

He will be, **at one and the same time, a human like us** and our **Mighty God** and **Everlasting Father** in His deity.

He will be the **Messiah... the God-man!**

We see Isaiah's prophecy fulfilled in Matthew 1:23,

*“Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a **Son**,
and they shall call His name Immanuel,”
which is translated, “**God with us**.”*

Isaiah 9:6

*unto us a **child** is **born**... Unto us a **Son** is given...
His name... Mighty God, Everlasting Father*

Matthew 1:23

*the virgin shall be with **child**, and bear a **Son**...
His name... God with us*

John The Baptist

John the Baptist *(and according to Yahshua the greatest prophet)* further confirms the words of Isaiah for his message to the people was...

“Prepare the way for Yahweh.”

It is important to see that John the Baptist did **not** say, prepare the way for Yahweh’s **son**. John’s message was, *“Prepare the way for Yahweh”*.

Many Believer’s today fail to comprehend that **The Almighty Father** can be in Heaven filling the universe with His majesty and yet, *at the same time*, He can manifest **Himself** among us *in the tent of a human body*. **(Yahshua Messiah)**

The word **“Son”** in John 3:16 is a **Semitic idiom**

The Apostle John tells us in John 3:16,

*For Yahweh so loved the world that He gave
His only begotten (unique) **Son**,
that whoever believes in Him should not perish
but have everlasting life.*

The word **“Son”**, in the term ‘**Son** of God’, does **not** mean what most Believer’s in **today’s culture thinks it means**.

In John 3:16, the word **“Son”** is a ‘**semitic idiom**’ meaning ‘**human**’ and is **not referring to a child, or a ‘parent-child’ relationship**.

In John 3:16, the Apostle John is describing Yahweh coming to us **as a man of flesh, a human being**. The Apostle John is **not** talking about **Yahweh's child**. The Apostle John uses the word '**Son**' to describe The Almighty Father coming to us as a '**human being**' made of flesh.

God was manifested in the flesh

The Apostle Paul... 1 Timothy 3:16

In John 3:16, the Apostle John uses the word "**Son**" to denote The Almighty Father coming to us **as a human being made of flesh**; John is **not** referring to a '**parent-child**' relationship.

The word "**Son**" in the term "**Son** of God", is **not** denoting that Yahshua is the **offspring** of God, as in a **parent-child relationship**.

The word '**Son**', in the term '**Son** of God', is describing Yahweh, The Almighty Father, coming to us **as a human being born of flesh**. The Almighty Father '**in human flesh**' was '**called**' the '**Son**' of God.

In like manner, the word "**Son**" as used by the Apostle John in John 3:16, is a '**Semitic idiom**' and is **not** referring to a **child**, or to a **parent and child relationship**.

When the the Apostle John said in John 3:16, "*For Yahweh so loved the world that He gave His only unique **Son**, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life*", John was using the word "**Son**" in the form of a '**Semitic idiom**' used in the Jewish culture to denote **a human**. The Apostle John is describing Yahweh coming to us **as a man made of flesh, a 'human being'**. John is **not** talking about **Yahweh's child**.

John was describing Yahweh coming to us **as a human being made of flesh**, and that Yahweh gave His only unique '**human**' **body** on our behalf.

Believer, comprehending the word "**Son**" as a **Semitic idiom** in John 3:16, **is crucial for understanding the true meaning of the Apostle John's words to us**.

The invisible Father in the Old Testament, became our visible Savior in the New Testament

The Bible tells us The Almighty Father manifested Himself in flesh as a man, to do for us what we could **NEVER** do for ourselves. He fulfilled the demands of the Law **as a perfect man of flesh**, so that He could be our perfect sacrifice, 'kinsman redeemer' and Savior.

On the cross He took **ALL** of our sins (**past, present and future**) and put them upon Himself, paying our price, and thereby making us **holy, blameless, and without a single fault in His eyes**. This is the gospel. **This is the Good News**.

Salvation is a gift we receive when we call upon Yahshua Messiah, The Almighty Father manifested in flesh. The gift of salvation cannot be earned by our deeds, works, or fruitless self-righteous attempts at keeping the law. We cannot obtain it by being 'a good person' or by attending church.

Ephesians 2:8 tells us,

*"God saved you by His grace when you believed,
and you can't take credit for this,
it is a gift from God.
Salvation is not a reward for the good things we
have done, so none of us can boast about it."*

We can only receive our salvation as a gift from Yahshua Messiah... **to us**.

Everyone who calls upon the name of Yahshua **will be saved**, so call upon Him now for tomorrow is not assured.

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