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THE TRINITY IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

The triune Godhead, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, is revealed throughout the Old Testament. We find in Genesis 1:26, “ *Then God said: ‘Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and the cattle, and over all the wild animals and all the creatures that crawl on the ground’.*” (New American Bible). This verse reveals that a plurality of persons in the Godhead existed from the beginning.

Genesis 3:22 discloses the Trinity. “²²*And the LORD God (please read Article GE-48-Who Is Jehovah Elohim) said, “The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.”* (New International Version)

After observing the wickedness of mankind, Jehovah is quoted in Genesis 11:7 as saying, “*7 Let us then go down and there confuse their language, so that one will not understand what another says.*” *8 Thus the LORD scattered them from there all over the earth, and they stopped building the city.* (New American Bible).

Psalm 2:2 records the fact that the kings of the earth would rise up against both the Lord (translated from the Hebrew word pronounced “Jehovah’ in English) and against Jehovah’s Anointed (translated from a Hebrew word that was used to refer to the Messiah). Please note that two persons of the Divine Godhead are mentioned, Jehovah and His Anointed (the Messiah).

“The kings of the earth rise up, and the princes conspire together against the Lord and against His Anointed.” Psalm 2:2 Confraternity–Douay Version (Saint Joseph New Catholic Edition)

There is a scripture in the book of Isaiah that is read every Christmas that was a prophecy about the future birth of Immanuel, Jesus Christ. It informed the people that when the Son of God was born, He would be Mighty God and Everlasting Father in human flesh. In our next article, GE-61, we will examine that scripture in more detail.