

“Unity & Diversity of God”

Trinity Revealed: A Biblical Blueprint

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I. Foundations of the Trinity

A. Definition of the Trinity:

1. *Within the one Being that is God, there exists eternally three coequal and coeternal persons, namely, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.* - Dr. James White, The Forgotten Trinity

B. Trinitarian Truth Claims:

1. **Level #1:** There is Only One God
2. **Level #2:** There Are Three Divine Persons
3. **Level #3:** The Persons Are Coequal and Coeternal

C. Law of Noncontradiction

A. **Essences:** What is God? The one, undivided divine essence.

B. **Persons:** Who is God? The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

II. Hammer in Monotheism (The Unity of God)

A. **The Shema: God is One** (Deut 6:4-6; Mark 12:28-29)

B. **Trial of the False Gods** (Isaiah 40–48)

1. **No Other God Before Me** (Isa 43:10)
2. **No God Besides Me** (Isa 44:6-8)
3. **None Except Me** (Isa 45:21-22)

C. **Progressive Revelation** (Warfield, Heb 1:1-2)

1. *“The Old Testament may be likened to a chamber richly furnished but dimly lighted; the introduction of light brings into it nothing which was not in it before;*

but it brings out into clearer view much of what is in it but was only dimly or even not at all perceived before.” - Benjamin B. Warfield, “The Biblical Doctrine of the Trinity,” in Biblical Doctrines

III. Hints of Plurality (The Diversity of God)

A. The Name "Elohim"

1. Plural noun with singular verbs (Gen 1:26)

B. The Angel of the LORD – Speaks and acts as God

The Angel of the LORD – Trinitarian Hints			
Passage	Key Statement	Divine Claim	Trinitarian Hint
Gen 16:7–13	“I will greatly multiply your descendants” – a divine promise (v10).	Angel speaks as God, receives worship, and is called “the God who sees me” (v13).	Acts as God yet is distinct—foreshadowing the Son.
Gen 21:17–18	“I will make a great nation of him” – divine speech (v18).	Angel speaks with authority and control over Ishmael’s destiny, echoing divine promises.	Again shows divine authority and distinction from the Father.
Gen 22:11–18	“You have not withheld... from Me” and “By Myself I have sworn” (vv12, 16).	Angel speaks with divine authority, swears by Himself—acts reserved for God alone.	A divine person who is God and with God—hinting at John 1:1 fulfillment.

C. Theophanies – Bodily appearances of God.

1. **Joshua 5:13–15** – Commander of the LORD’s Army (Echo of Exo 3)

a) **Other texts:** Gen 18-19; Gen 32:24–30; Exo 3:1–6; Dan 3:24–25

D. Trinitarian Conversations (Prosopological Texts)

1. **Psalm 110:1** – “The LORD says to my Lord”

a) **Other texts:** Psa 2:7-9; Psa 45:7-8; Isa 6:3