

## Parashat Bereshiyth- The Lost Radiance



**Torah:** Bereshiyth [Genesis] 1:1-6:8

First reading Bereshiyth 1:1-9 3:1-20

### **Introduction:**

We have now completed the reading **cycle of Torah** & we now find ourselves right back to the start from which man **[Adam]** fell that we may once again be encouraged to renew our journey of return (**Teshuvah**) with new hope. The entire creation and the **Gan Eden** [Garden of Eden] scene is truly the journey that relationship takes, so we need to see just what sort of devotion it takes to see that relationship restored because **YHWH** is our perfect example. We know that Scripture informs us of the true nature of Yahweh in:



**Yahuchanan Aleph [1 John] 1:5** This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that Elohim is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

What we come understand from this and pictures of Yeshua that reveal his glory is that it is always

represented by **radiant light** as in his blinding light as Yahuchanan [John] reveals in:



**Hitgaluth [Revelation] 1:16** He [the Messiah] had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.

It is with this concept of exceedingly glorious radiance that we will look to our teaching.

### **The Glorious Creation:**

To fully grasp how traditions may in some way hide the truths of scripture we will look how the glory of Yahweh is revealed first in the creation week. Any understanding must come from a fervent desire for truth. What is extremely clear in our reading is that the beginning of creation was when Yahweh the Almighty spoke as said:

**“let there be light and there was light.”**

We need first to understand that Erev & Boker [Evening & morning] relate to a mixture of light and darkness however Day 1 began with light.

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**Gen 1:5 Summary for Day One ONLY**

**Yahusha's**  
**Light**  
**Began**  
**the Day**



**Literal Event**

Evening  
Twilight  
Followed



**The End of**  
**Darkness**  
**Completed ~**



**Definitions**

**The First Full 24 Hour Cycle**



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Day therefore began with the light of Yahweh creative force followed by **Erev** [evening] & **Lailah** [the night] which was followed by **Boker** [Morning].

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This truth does not need to hinder one’s keeping of **Erev Shabbat** as we can observe it as the eve before shabbat and a welcoming of the coming Shabbat at **Dawn**.

### **The Dawn of Our Salvation:**

We can now begin see the significance of verses like this found in:



**Matithyahu**  
**[Matthew] 28:1**  
Now after the Shabbat, toward dawn on the first day of the week, Miryam from Maḡdala and the other Miryam came to see the tomb.

We can also see how Yeshua fulfils the Passover Lamb so gloriously with these words:

**Shemoth [Exodus] 12:10** You shall let none of it remain until morning, and what remains of it until morning you shall burn with fire.

Just as the Lamb had to be consumed & in Judaism buried by morning, we see this thought with Yeshua who was buried during the night, as preparation surely took many hours so we see this from this reading about the time that Pilate authorized removal of Yeshua's body:

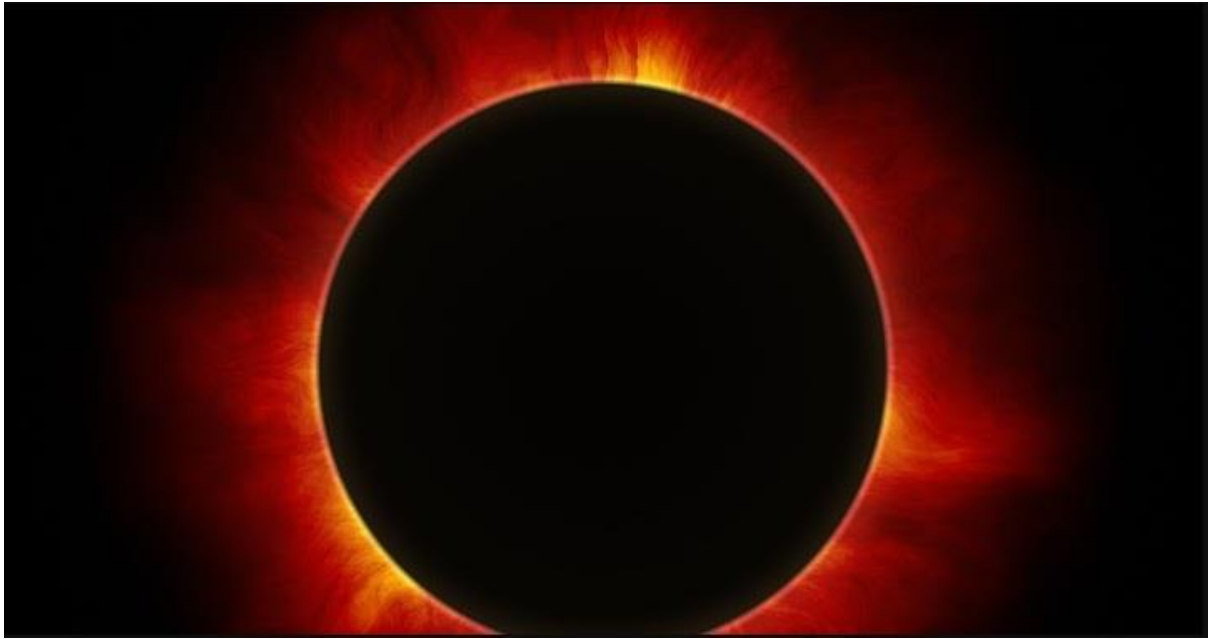


**Matithyahu [Matthew] 27:57** And when evening came, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Yosëph, who himself had also become a taught one of Yeshua [Yahusha]. **58** He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Yeshua. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given. **59** And having taken the body, Yosëph wrapped it in clean linen, **60** and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock. And he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb and went away.

What is so powerfully revealed in the Creation week is this revelation as found from:

**DaniEl: 9:27** Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the midst [middle] of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.

This relates to Yeshua being Crucified on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of the week when the Sun was commissioned to give light & with the crucifixion, we read this:

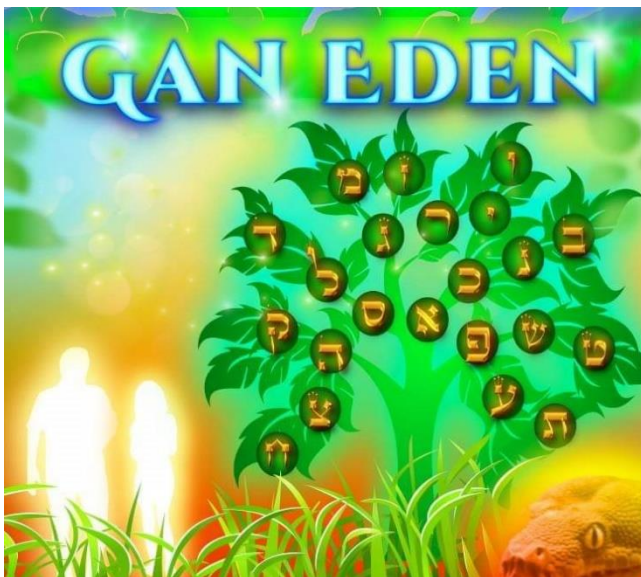


**Matithyahu [Matthew] 27:45** And from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land, until the ninth hour. **46** And about the ninth hour Yeshua [Yahusha] cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Ēli, Ēli, lemah sheḇaqtani?” that is, “My Ēl, My Ēl, why have You forsaken Me?”

This should I hope give us some inspiration in revealing the truth that the **light of Yahweh** brings illumination and reveals His nature so we can now turn to our second part of our Torah:

### **Mankind’s Lost Radiance**

We know that when YHWH created **Adam & Chavah** (Eve) it was in his likeness, in a state of glory and not precisely in a state of nakedness for according the great sage **Rashi** they were clothed in special **dignified** and **beautiful** garments but not as we would think but rather that of the **cloud of YHWH’s glory** or what could be said as a **glorious radiance** where innocence without shame resonated.



However, as soon as they ate of the Tree of Knowledge they lost that great honour. If then they were in such a heightened state of Glory how then was it possible for them to sin. They were also thought not to have an active “**Yetzar Ha Ra**” or evil inclination, but they did have the understanding of obedience and to understand that we need to look to our Master who is called the second Adam as we read in:

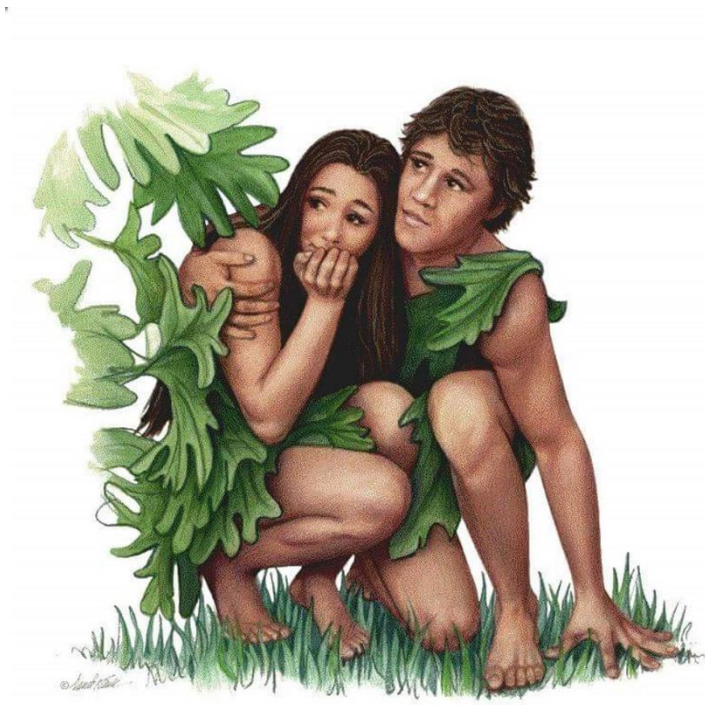
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The Master was therefore tempted too but by choosing righteous obedience he succeeded where Adam failed. How then can we explain the idea of the **evil inclination** that has ruled mankind since Adam's sin? If we were to think of a drug addict, we see that his **initial state** was that of a normal person with a clear choice but once he indulged, he no longer had a **clear-thinking** choice but had a strong physical urge and inclination to submit to that desire. **Chavah** [Eve] had made the error of thinking that Yahweh had said not to touch the fruit and so believed the mere touch would bring death so when it did not it may have added to the inclination that eating would also not bring death and under the coercing of **HaSatan** she then went further and not only ate but also gave to her Husband who should have known better because he was the one who **walked with Elohim** in the midst of the garden and received glorious instruction.

Therefore, when we read that their eyes were opened it was more about their **understanding** than just sight. They now felt exposed as they lost the radiance of their sinlessness and they truly saw their nakedness and felt exposed because of their failure to fulfil the **one Mitvah** or instruction given by Yahweh and this sense of guilt and fear caused them to hide from the **radiant presence** of YHWH that had so enriched them. The following is a translation that brings that thought across:



**Bereshiyth (Genesis) 3:7** Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they knew that now they were Naked and no longer clothed in the magnificence of Yah. They sewed fig leaves together and made themselves shields to protect themselves (no longer freely, honestly transparently loving Yahweh nor each other)

All in all, the sin in the Garden was all about a break in **relationship** with YHWH, orchestrated by **HaSatan** who himself had lost a most prestigious position & name and thereby through jealousy

towards the Most High he had found himself cast from the presence after his rebellion. He had formally such a glorious name being **Haylale Ben Shakhbar Yalal** (Bright boisterous Star of the Morning) not Lucifer which was Babylonian. He is generally however referred to as **Ha Satan (the Adversary)** after losing a most honoured place with the **Most High** as we read in:



**Yechezchel (Ezekiel) 28:14** "You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of Elohim; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones.



To further add to the idea of a deep intimate relationship that man & woman were meant to have with YHWH we can see a uniquely interesting fact revealed by how scripture speaks of Adam **walking with Yahweh** in the Midst of the Garden but in our readings a further revelation can be discovered in the depths of the very words used in Hebrew for **Man** & **Woman** which are:

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*the Mystery in the Hebrew*

Man אִישׁ pronounced "Iysh"

Woman אִשָּׁה pronounced "Ishah"

יה or Yah

אֵשׁ "Esh" meaning "Fire"

Within both words is a letter of the name of the Almighty, being "יה" or **Yah**

Yah then through the written word is revealing to us his intimate desire to join himself to his beloved creation so we can say that when both Adam & Chavah were in **fellowship with Yah** there existed a fiery passion being the fire of Yahweh revealing the unselfish love of the **Most High** & having "Echad" oneness or unity with Him & each other but the break in fellowship firstly caused the removal of the **cloud of Glory** and the union with Yah with the implication that the removal of these two letters produces the word as written being:

אֵשׁ "Esh" which is where we get the term Ash from, being the results of destructive fire. This word now is the Word for fire, so the idea is that now they had inherited only destructive fire that caused all the trouble that the curse would bring them. The ground would not yield its **fruitfulness** and Chavah would bring forth **off-spring** in pain.

Even worse, when they were found out their response was to cast blame firstly **Adam** blamed **Chavah** [Eve] who blamed the **serpent** but more importantly they pointed their blame towards **YHWH** since Adam implied that YHWH had caused the sin by giving him the

**Woman.** In asking where they were **YHWH** was opening dialogue for Adam to repent but their response surely was the result of the now active **Yetza Ha Ra [the evil inclination]** which has plagued Humanity ever since.

This curse also brought division between Adam and Chavah (Eve) since **the curse** pronounced to Chavah (Eve) also related to rule. Though most scriptures say that Chavah would be ruled over because of her passion for her husband one Scripture version puts it another way:

**Bereshiyth (Genesis) 3:16 and you will desire to control your husband, but he will rule over you.” NLT**

This verse suggests a passion to rule and this same division in relationship was then extended to their sons **Cain & Abel**



For we know that **Cain** out of jealousy kills **Abel** because he felt himself **inferior** to Abel which is what comes from jealousy which when acted on leads to severe **consequences**. That breach in relationship has now extended to the whole human race, all because man sinned & listened to **Satan** the instigator of the broken relationship with **Elohim** which we could say was out of jealousy towards the **beloved** of **YHWH**. Today this same curse is tearing families & nations apart.

However, the sense of the covering plays a significant part in Yahweh's plan for all time.

Firstly, Scripture speaks of Yahweh making **coverings of skins** again a picture of him giving a more appropriate covering for the inferior covering of **Fig leaves** that Adam & Chavah had chosen, so it is **He** that provides the Animal sacrifice to cover their shame since we read in:

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## Sacrificial Lamb taken for slaughtering

**Hebrews 9:22**  
According to the Torah (law) almost all things are purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.



This covering of sin was a picture of the ultimate sacrifice for sin which would come through the death of his son Yeshua [Yahusha]. To grasp some further truth, we are aware that the glory cloud is a picture of the light of his presence that radiated from Adam but seen as radiating from Yeshua as happened on the Mount of transfiguration but what is also amazing is the words used for both light and the animal skin that Adam & Chavah were covered with by Yah as these words in Hebrew reveal something strange:

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Light – אור

Skin - עור



Both words for **Light** and for **Skin** in the Hebrew have the same pronunciation but are spelled differently. Is this telling us something with the Aleph meaning first & the Ayin meaning eye or seeing. Something to ponder!

The coming of Yeshua then is the coming of the **lost Glory** for He is the “**Shekinah**”, the Glory of Yahweh. The reading in Yahuchanan (John) reveals him to be Elohim the artisan of creation through whom all things were made and are upheld. He is the light of the Glory of Yahweh that enlightens every man. Though he is so wonderful Scripture teaches how he so lowered himself in the will of Yahweh the Eternal Father in:

**Philippians 2:5** Let this mind be in you which was also in Messiah Yahshua, 6 who, being in the form of Elohim, did not regard equality with Elohim a matter to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a bondservant, and came to be in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the execution tree.

It is through him that the breach in relationship with Yahweh our great Elohim and now Eternal Father is restored. Just as sin destroyed relationship so too Yahshua restores relationship firstly with the Father through faith in Him and then this hopefully enables other broken relationships to be mended as the Ruach Ha Kodesh (the Holy Spirit) works in the lives of his redeemed and forgiven people.

### **Conclusion:**

The last part of our reading speaks of the covering that Yahweh provides through an animal skin & this speaks of the covering of Sin which was to be until the promise of verse **Bereshiyth (Genesis) 3:15** being the promise of the Woman’s seed whom we know to be the Messiah that would crush the serpent’s head. It is through faith in Yahshua that we know our broken relationship with Yahweh the Eternal Elohim has once again been restored so we can call Him Abba (Father) as we read:

**Romans 8:15** For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”

May we rejoice in our restored relationship and may the power of the **Ruach Ha Kodesh** (the Holy Spirit) continue to work in us to empower us to restore those relationships that still need mending to the praise of His name. May all glory and Honour go to **YAHWEH**.

**Amen.**