

## *Parashat Bereshiyth (Genesis) 1:1-6:8*

### **The Lost Radiance**

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**Bereshiyth (Genesis) 2:20-3:21**

**Introduction:** We have now completed the cycle of Torah reading but this full circle now seems an extension of last week because we 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 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 and teacher.

#### **The Initial Picture:**

We know that when YHWH created Adam & Chavah (Eve) it was in his likeness, in a state of radiant glory and not precisely in a state as we have come to think of, such as dwelling in 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 his (YHWH's) glory or what could be said as a glorious radiance where innocence without shame resonated, but as soon as they ate of the Tree of Knowledge they lost that great emanating

glory cloud that was a covering of exceeding 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 thinking and 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.

To add to the precarious situation of Chavah a renowned teacher “Rabbi Nossan” suggests that Adam may have added a fence around the prohibition of Yahweh, adding not to touch, but the Talmud criticizes this as taking away from Elohim's word since this was not his word and therefore this gave opportunity to the serpent to coerce Chavah into disobedience even by proving that a touch did not bring death. Chavah 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

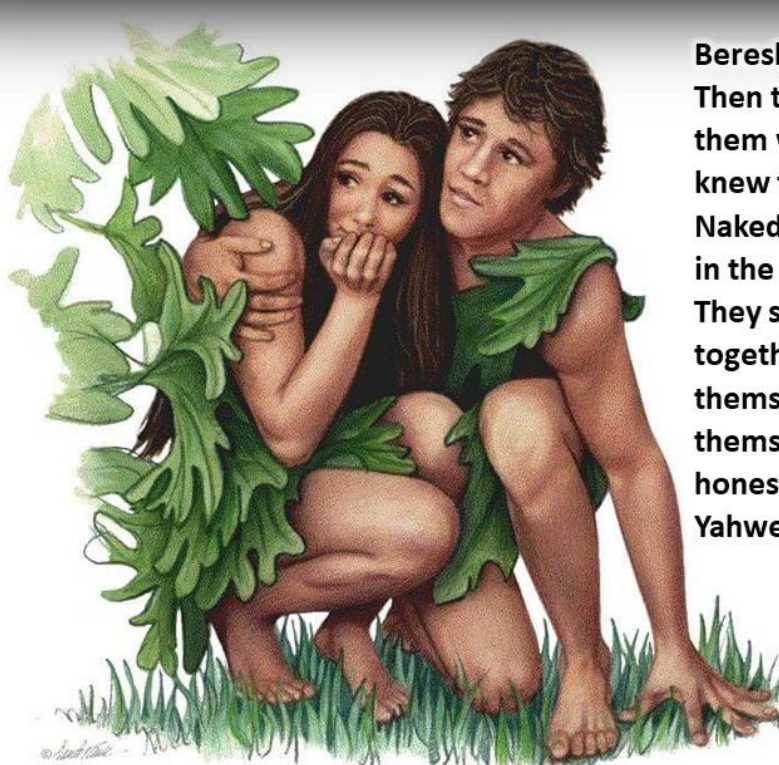


when it did not it may have added to the inclination that eating would also not bring death and under the coercing of HaSatan she then went further and not only that but also gave to her Husband who should have known better because he was the one who walked with Elohim in the midst of the garden and received the instruction.

Therefore, when we read that their eyes were opened it was more about their understanding than purely 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:

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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 had found himself cast from His presence after his rebellion. He had formally such a glorious name being Haylale Ben Shakhar Yalal (Bright boisterous

Star of the Morning) by which he is generally not referred to but rather Ha Satan (the Adversary) having formally 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”

                    יָהּ or Yah

אֵשׁ “Esh” meaning “Fire”

Man    אִישׁ    Iysh

Woman    אִשָּׁה    Ishah

Within both words is a letter of the name of the Almighty, being “ יָהּ ” 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:

**אש** “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 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 beneath or inferior to Abel which is what leads often to 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:

## Sacrificial Lamb taken for slaughtering

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This covering of sin was a picture of the ultimate sacrifice for sin which would come through the death of his son Yahshua. To grasp some further truth, we are aware from last teaching that the glory cloud is a picture of the light of his presence that radiated from Adam but seen as radiating from Yahshua 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:



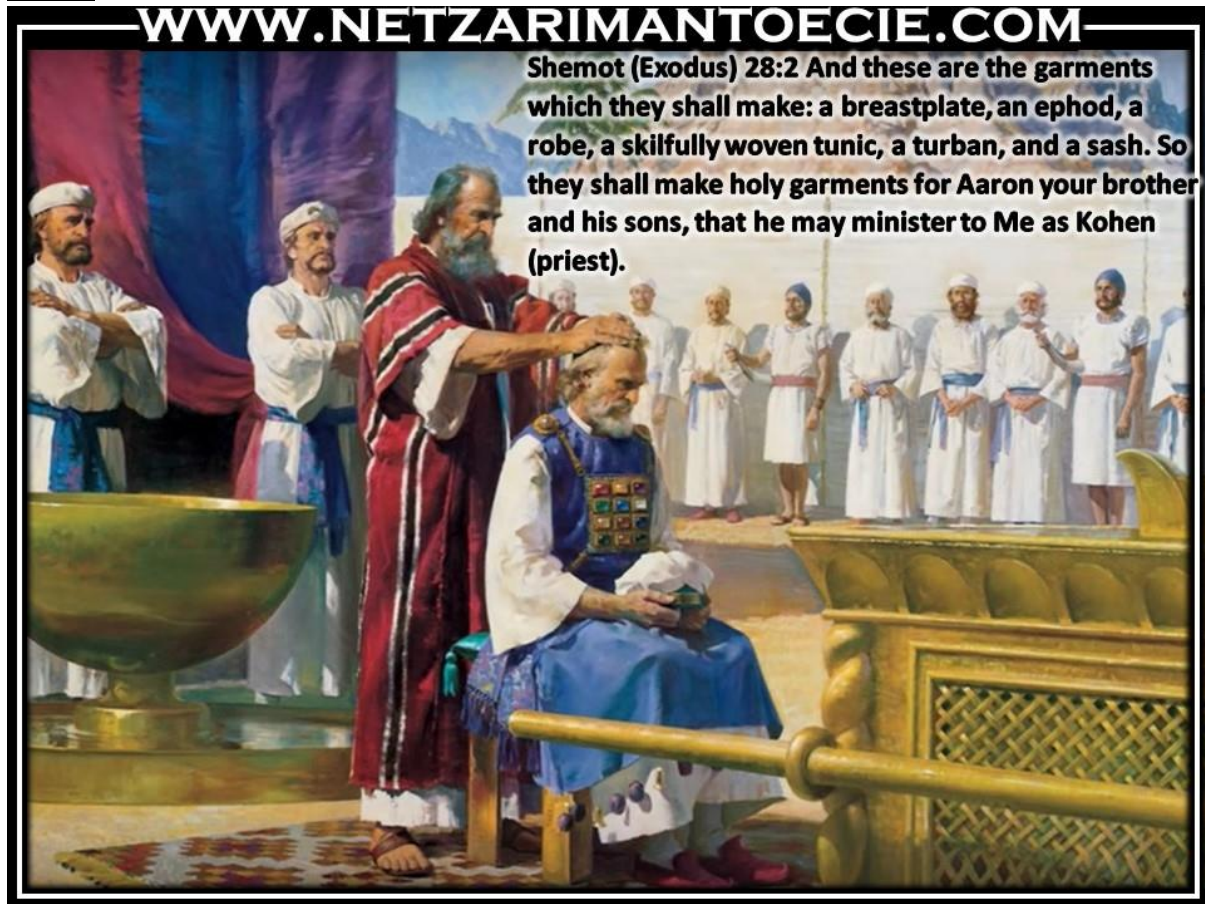


Light – אור

Skin- עור

Both are actually pronounced as “or” one for light and one for animal skin as though the skin replaced the loss of the glorious radiance they formerly had.

Clothing therefore has the role of providing “Kevod Ha Adam” glory to the man, which can be best seen in the clothing of the Kohen (the Priest) which covered him that he was able to enter the Beyit Ha Mikdash (the Tabernacle of the presence) to minister to Yahweh as we read in:



**Shemot (Exodus) 28:2 And these are the garments which they shall make: a breastplate, an ephod, a robe, a skilfully woven tunic, a turban, and a sash. So they shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother and his sons, that he may minister to Me as Kohen (priest).**

In fact, it was only these garments or coverings that made the Kohen (Priest) Kadosh (Holy) for without it he was an ordinary man and could not enter the Kadosh (Holy)Tabernacle.

The coming of Yahshua then is the coming of the lost Glory for He is the Shekinah, the Glory of Yahweh. The reading in Yochanan (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.**

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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 serpents 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 even 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.