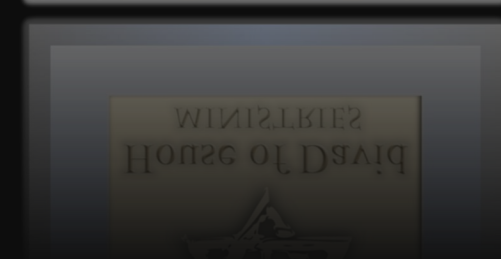


The Restoration of All Things

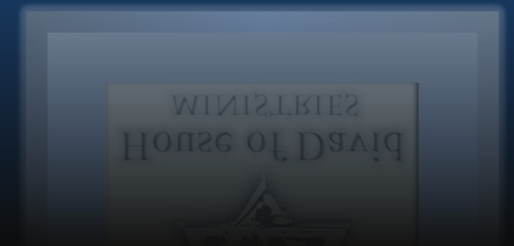
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Part 1
A Primordial Void



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In The Beginning



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❖ We begin our study from the creation and share the rabbinic allegorical and homiletic exegesis of scripture.

Only Infinite God



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- ❖ Nothing existed before the creation except for God; there was only infinite God and His eternal name.
- ❖ God is utterly invisible to the physical world because there is no created material substance in Him, and He has no corporeal (bodily) form.

The Primordial Void



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- ❖ As there is no place that God does not exist, the rabbis suggest that in the creation, God's infinite and endless Divine emanation had to first contract itself into a space that would be void of His presence, creating a “primordial void” within which finite and physical substance could become possible.

God's Light Concealed



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- ❖ In other words, they believe the infinite light of God (*Ein Sof*) was condensed and contracted (concealed) from this primordial void to such a degree that it could emanate and illuminate finitely.

God is Light



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α “God is light and in Him is no darkness at all”
(1 John 1:5, NKJV).

⌘ “Clouds and darkness surround Him;
Righteousness and justice are the foundation of
His throne” (Psalm 97:2, NKJV).

A Meeting Place with God



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❖ In this formed space, the infinite (*transcendent*) uncreated realm connects with the finite (*imminent*) created universe, a meeting place between God and His created beings.

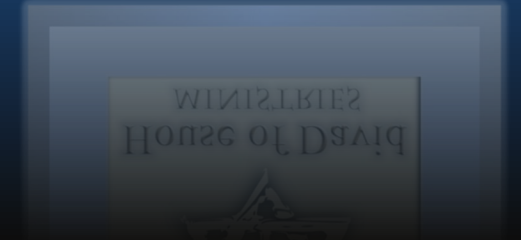
Tabernacle of Meeting



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✚ “Moses took his tent and pitched it outside the camp, far from the camp, and called it the tabernacle of meeting” (Exodus 33:7).

Part 2
Gods Absolute Unity



Knowledge, Knower, and Known



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- ❖ One of our great sages, Maimonides, said:
“God is the Knowledge, the Knower, and the Known. God is the means of comprehension (the *Knowledge*), and at the same time is He Who understands (the *Knower*) and is also that which is understood (the *Known*).”

His Essence and Being



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❖ “This is beyond the capacity of the heart or mind of man to apprehend. For the Holy One, blessed be He, His Essence and Being, and His Knowledge is all absolutely one, from every side and angle, and in every form of unity.”

He Knows All His Beings



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❖ Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi adds: “The Holy One, blessed be He, is a perfect unity. He and His knowledge are all absolutely one, and knowing Himself, He perceives and *knows* all the higher and lower beings.”

God is Impossible to Comprehend



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❖ “It is impossible for any creature in the world to comprehend the essence of the Creator and His Being, and impossible to comprehend the essence of His knowledge, which is One with God Himself.”

Only to Believe With Faith



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❖ “It is possible only to believe, with a faith that transcends intellect and comprehension, that the Holy One, blessed be He, is One and Unique.”

The Lord is One

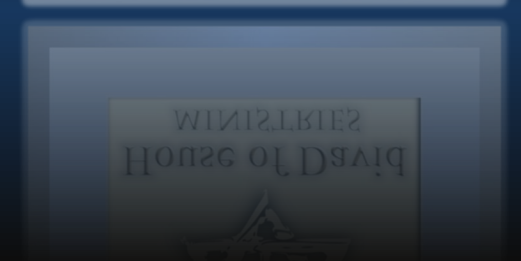


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α “Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is: ‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one’” (Mark 12:29).

Part 3

A Change in Gods Unity



God's Absolute Unity



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❖ Again, we read:

❖ “God’s essence and being and knowledge are all absolutely *one*.”

A Change in God's Unity



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❖ Yet, after the creation—*ex nihilo*—we find that something now exists in addition to God—the universe.

No Longer One & Unique



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- ❖ This addition effectively changes God's absolute unity because something now exists in addition to Him that prior to the creation did not.
- ❖ And if anything exists in addition to God, this infers that He is no longer One and Unique.

The Creation Appears Separate



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- ❖ We recognize that while the creation *appears* to exist separately from God, He and His creation are *inseparably* one.
- ❖ And since God created the worlds out of nothing, they cannot continue to exist unless they are sustained by the One who made them.

The Separation of Man



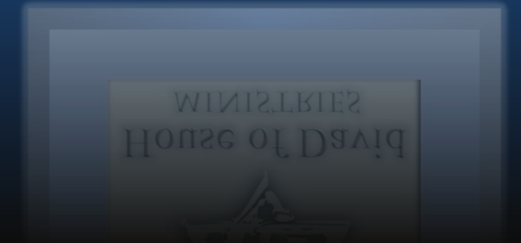
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✂ “So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate” (Genesis 3:6).

❖ Adam and Eve’s sin was not just that they disobeyed God but sought to become equal with God and violate His absolute unity.

Part 4

The Source, Blueprint & Life



All Things Were Made Through Him



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α“All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made [Him being the Christ]” (John 1:3, NKJV).

The Blueprint for Creation



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- ❖ We surmise that Jesus-Yeshua is more than just the *author* of our salvation.
- ❖ He is the *blueprint* for the entire creation, as all things were made through Him, and without Him nothing created can exist.



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The Father is the Source

❖ If Jesus-Yeshua is the blueprint, then God the Father is the source for all that exists.

α “There is one God, the Father, of whom are all things”
(1 Corinthians 8:6).

Holy Spirit is the Power



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❖ And the Holy Spirit is the life-sustaining power of God that provides life to the whole body.

α “It is the Spirit who gives life” (John 6:63).



All Sent Forth from the Father

❖ Both the Son and Holy Spirit were sent forth from the Father.

α “There are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one” (1 John 5:8).



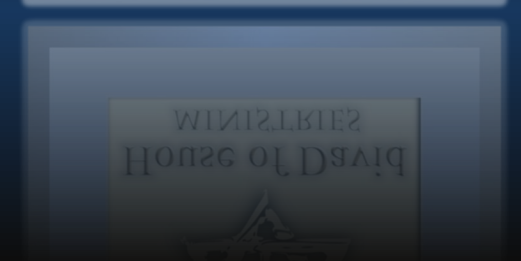
Two Emanations of God

α “This is He who came by water and blood—
Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water
and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears
witness, because the Spirit is truth” (1 John 5:6).

❖ Thus, two emanations of God exist in the
creation—The Son and the Holy Spirit.

Part 5

Concealed from The Creation



Man as an Independent Being



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- ❖ In concealing Himself from the creation, God initially created a space where man could *perceive* himself as an independent being.

The Freedom to Believe



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- ❖ I say *perceive* because we know that man cannot live apart from God.
- ❖ This initial concealment was necessary for man to consider himself a separate being, and have the volition and freedom to believe, by faith, that God exists.

Separated from the Creation



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- ❖ In concealing Himself, we also find that the invisible unseen God (*uncreated* realm) initially separated Himself from the world (*created* realm).



Separating the Spiritual & Natural

❖ The Lord further divided the created heavenly (*spiritual*) from the physical (*natural*) worlds.

✎ “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1).

Division of the Waters



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✚ “Then God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so” (Genesis 1:6-7).

Division of Light & Darkness



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❖ And the Lord separated the light from the darkness.

✠ “Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness” (Genesis 1:3-4).

God's Light Temporarily Replaced



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- ❖ In this separation between light and darkness, God's infinite light, for now, is condensed and concealed from the world and has been temporarily replaced by the sun and the stars.

Division of the Nations



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❖ God also separated the dry land from the waters and divided the nations.

✎ “These were the families of the sons of Noah, according to their generations, in their nations; and from these the nations were divided on the earth after the flood” (Genesis 10:32).

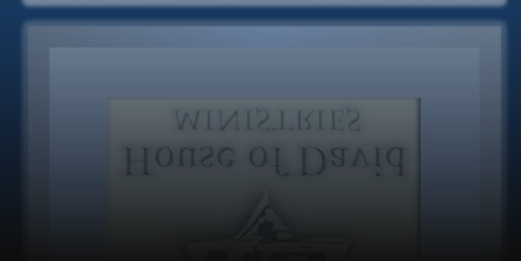
Every Kingdom Divided



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α “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?” (Matthew 12:25-26).

Part 6
Removing the Divisions



God is Removing the Separation



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- ❖ We perceive that God is removing those things that separate Himself from His creation, beginning with man's sin.
- ❖ The rabbis call this restoration "*Tikkun Ha'nefesh*," meaning restoration of the soul, and culminates in "*Tikkun Ha'olam*," the restoration of the universe.

The Universe is Finite



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- ❖ While the universe might appear infinite, we know from scripture and science that it is not.
- ✎ “Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, Measured heaven with a span and calculated the dust of the earth in a measure? It is He who sits above the circle of the earth” (Isaiah 40:12 & 22).

Divine Unveiling of God's Immanence



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❖ Jewish mystics believe in the Divine unveiling (revealing) of the spiritual realm, with God's immanence descending at successively increasing levels of reality.

α “When the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman” (Galatians 4:4).

Who Has Ascended into Heaven?



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✚ “Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name, and what is His Son’s name, If you know?”
(Proverbs 30:4).

Christ Is the Culmination of Truth



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❖ I believe that Christ is the culmination of this reality and truth within God's creation.

❖ Jesus-Yeshua said:

α "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6).

Present Limitations



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- ❖ Yet, we are aware that God's revealing of Himself through the present creation has limitations.
- ❖ A finite creation can only comprehend a constrained or limited God, yet God is anything but limited.

Much More to Make Known



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❖ This infers that God has much more of Himself to make known to us.

α “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him”

(1 Corinthians 2:9).

In The Resurrection



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- ❖ In the resurrection, God will recreate us in a glorified body of material substance that is capable of existing beyond the limits of this finite creation.

God Dwelling With His People



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❖ And this is the perfect will and purpose of God, to bring the transcendence and infinite nature of God into this finite imminent creation to intimately dwell with and within His people.

Carried Into the Eternal Realm



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- ❖ In other words, God wants to carry us beyond this limited creation into His endless and eternal realm.
- ❖ Thus, we have become a “new creation.”

God's Unity Temporarily Altered



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- ❖ We resolve that God's absolute unity has been *temporarily* altered in this present creation.
- ❖ God's infinite transcendence is momentarily separated from this finite realm.

Spiritual & Natural Separation



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- ❖ And within the creation, the spiritual and natural worlds are also temporarily divided.
- ❖ However, these created worlds are not intended to remain separate, but joined as *one* so that in Christ all may be *one*.

Designed To Function as One



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❖ The physical and spiritual realms were designed to function as one interdependent unit.

α “When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him” (Matthew 3:16).

Unified As One Perfect Incarnation

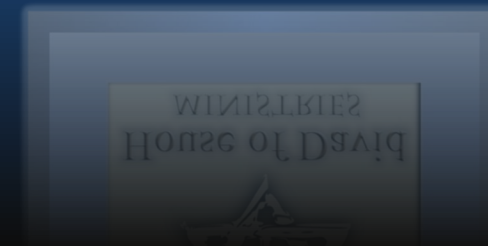


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❖ At Christ's baptism, these two emanations of God within the creation—Christ and the Holy Spirit—were unified as *one* perfect incarnation of the Father.

α “He who has seen Me has seen the Father” (John 14:9).

Part 7
A New Creation



God's Restoration Has Begun



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❖ God's restoration of His creation has begun, and the divisions and separations within it are gradually being removed.

α “Behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split” (Matthew 27:51).

In The Fullness of Time



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α “In the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him” (Ephesians 1:10).

A New Creation Coming



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- ❖ There is a new heaven and earth coming where the infinite realm of God will be fully united with His created one.
- ❖ And we are presently being gathered together, in Christ, to ultimately inhabit this transcendent realm for all eternity.

Christ Delivers the Kingdom



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❖ At the end of this age, Christ will deliver the kingdom back to God the Father.

α “Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power”

(1 Corinthians 15:24).

❖ Again, God is removing all things that *separate* Himself from His creation.

The Creation No Longer Limited



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- ❖ No longer will the creation be limited to a “primordial void,” but the new creation will be infinite as God is infinite, and the spiritual and material worlds will also be *one* as God is *one*.
- ❖ And we also will be *one* with God, born again and recreated into the perfect image (blueprint) of His Son.

No Division of People



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❖ There will be no ocean, no separation of land, and no division of people and nations.

α “Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea” (Revelation 21:1).

No Night or Darkness



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❖ We will have no need for the sun or stars and even night and darkness will be removed.

α “There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever” (Revelation 22:5).

Darkness Represents Death



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❖ We understand that darkness represents a *temporary* dispensation when we sleep both at night and in our graves until the resurrection.

We Will Shine Like the Stars



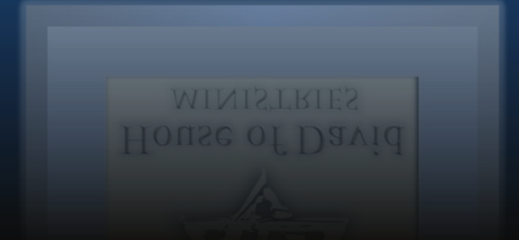
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❖ But in the resurrection, we will shine like the stars for eternity.

✎ “Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever” (Daniel 12:3).

Part 8

The Restoration of All Things.



All Returned to the Father



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- ❖ As the Father is the source of all that exists, so it will also be in the end when all is returned to the one from which everything came.
- ❖ Hence Jesus-Yeshua prayed that we also would be *one* as He and the Father are *one*.

That We All May Be One



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α“That they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one” (John 17:21-23).

One New Man in Christ



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❖ Hence, Paul said:

α “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus”

(Galatians 3:28).

❖ For we are now “one new man” in Christ.

God's Absolute Unity Perfected



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❖ Only then, in the new heaven and earth and the new Jerusalem will God's absolute unity be perfectly restored so that nothing will ever be separated from Him ever again.

❖ Amen!

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