

1. **Review:**

- Birth of a King – King Jesus
- Birth of the King in our soul – Meister Eckhart
- What does it mean to be a “King.”
- “**Heavenly Man**” (1 Cor. 15:49) or “the Word” (John 1:1-5) = the King (Ezekiel 1:26)

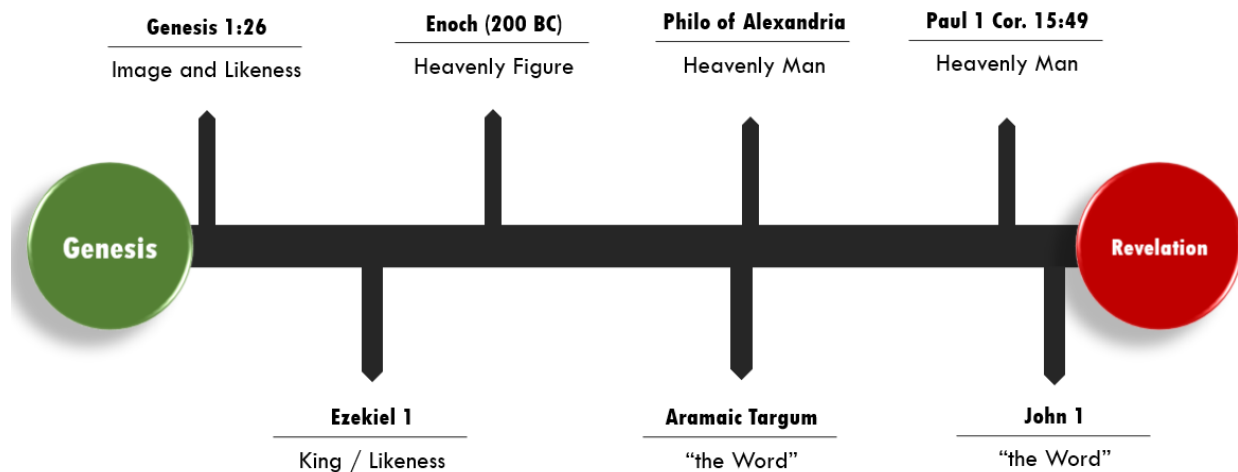
2. **Mystical**

- Bible has depth
- As finite beings, we have difficulty with an Infinite God
- “No graven Image” (Ex. 20:3) is so that we don’t inadvertently reduce God.

3. **Review:** Introduction to Philo of Alexandria¹ -

- c. 20 BCE – c. 50 AD
- Referred to the “Heavenly Man” as the Logos or “the Word”

4. **Scripture Timeline:**



Genesis 1:26

Humanity made in the “image and likeness” of a “heavenly man.”

Ezekiel 1:26-28

A vision of Divine Glory Throne like “a man.”

John 1:1-5 – the **Word**

1 Cor. 15:49 – heavenly man

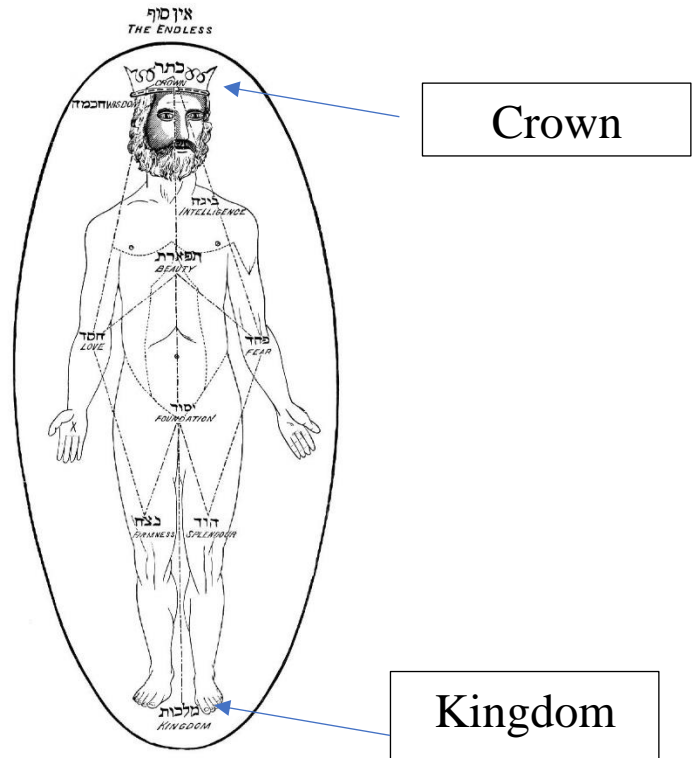
Revelation 1 and 4

¹ <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philo>

5. **Review:** Jewish Mysticism² Heavenly Man:³

- Preexisting (eternal)
- All worlds – spiritual and material were created through him.
- King holds all things together
- Not part of creation itself
- Was there at the beginning with God
- Referred to as “The Word” – Logos
- Pure Manifestation of God’s attributes
- Pure light
- Mediator between God and the Universe

- Depicted as a King



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6. We were created in the “image and likeness” of the Heavenly Man.
We are called to be transformed into that “image and likeness” –

- 1 Cor. 15:45-49 – “bear the image of the heavenly man.”
- 2 Cor. 3:17-18 – “transformed into his image.”

7. **John** –

John 1:1-5	John 19:1-5
The “Word” synonym for the preexisting man	‘The Man’ – (Hebrew: <i>ha Adam</i>)
Both Philo and Aramaic translations of the OT	‘the man’ – the Adam – is presented as a King

² Lawrence Kushner, *Honey From the Rock: An Easy Introduction to Jewish Mysticism* (1990).

³ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adam_Kadmon