

1. **Review** of the past four weeks:

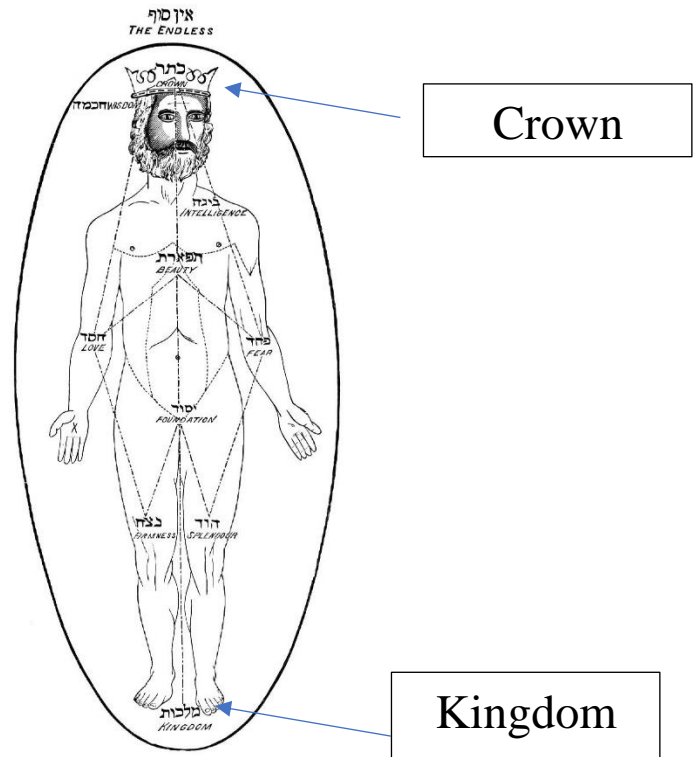
- Birth of a King – King Jesus
- Birth of the King in our soul – Meister Eckhart
- What does it mean to be a “King” – exist in ultimate freedom (even while in the world)
- Background image: church of San Giovanni in Villa, Bolzano, Italy.
- **Mandorla** – an oval shape that represents the connection of the spiritual and material realms.

2. **Heavenly Man:**¹

- In Jewish Mystical thought – Kabbalah – the universe or cosmos/God’s creation has the “likeness” of a King.
- Referred to as “*Adam Kadmon*” – translates “Original Man” or otherwise called the “**Heavenly Man.**”

3. “Heavenly Man.”

- 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



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4. Introduction to Philo of Alexandria³ -

- c. 20 BCE – c. 50 AD
- Jewish Philosopher who lived in Alexandria, Egypt
- Contemporary to Jesu, Paul, and John.
- Bringing Jewish ideas to a Greek world.
- Referred to the “Heavenly Man” as the Logos or “the Word”

¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adam_Kadmon

² <http://www.jewishencyclopedia.com/articles/761-adam-kadmon>

³ <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philo>

5. Ezekiel 1 – Ezekiel’s Heavenly (Mystical) vision

- Ezekiel 1:26 – a throne with a figure like a man.
- Ezekiel 1:27 – brilliant light
- Ezekiel 1:28 – “the appearance of the **likeness** (Heb: *demuth*) the glory of the Lord.”

6. Genesis 1:26 – Man (Adam) made in the **likeness** (Heb: *demuth*) of God (plural, “let us”)

7.

Heavenly Man (<i>Adam</i>)	Earthly Man (<i>Adam</i>)
Likeness of the glory of God	Likeness of God and the Heavenly Man

8. Philo of Alexandria⁴:

- Said this Heavenly Man was the Word – the Logos – through which all creation came into being.
- The Heavenly Man had no corruptible essence.
- **John 1:1-5** – John’s prologue –
- **Colossians 1:15-17**
- John and Paul are both correcting Philo of Alexandria and note that the “Heavenly Man” is the person of Jesus of Nazareth.

9. Jesus incarnation:

- The Heavenly Man descended – incarnation – and then ascended.
- Ephesians 4:10

(What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.)

10. In Jewish Mystical thought, the soul is in the “likeness” of the Adam Kadmon - the King.

- Spiritual Growth is the development of the soul to be more like the King – more like Christ.
- 1 Cor. 15:45-49

“and just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the **heavenly man**”

⁴ Boyarin, Daniel.
https://www.academia.edu/36254597/Daniel_Boyarin_Logos_a_Jewish_Word_John_s_Prologue_as_Midrash_in_Amy_Jill_Levine_and_Marc_Zvi_Brettler_eds_The_Jewish_Annotated_New_Testament_New_York_Oxford_University_Press_2011_546_549?pls=RHC94DMla