## **The Word of God February 2, 2025**

## **The “Word” here is the Hebrew word *MEMRA*.**

## **Early Rabbis taught 6 things abut the WORD.**

## **Distinct from God/Yet same as God vs 1-2**

## ***John 1:1 IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God.***

## **2. Agent of creation vs 3.**

## ***3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.***

## **3. Agent of Salvation**

## ***1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name…***

## **4. Means by which God takes on visible form.**

## ***1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,***

## ***and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.***

## **5. Means by which God signs His covenants**

## ***John 1:17 For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.***

## **6. Agent of Revelation**

## ***1:18 No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.***

## **God Is the great invisible God! In the past He has said,**

## ***Exodus 33:18 And he said, “Please, show me Your glory.” 19 Then He said, “I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.” 20 But He said, “You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live.”***

## **So how was God seen? For it is *written:***

## ***1 Tim 6:16 who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.***

## ***Exodus 3:2 And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. 3 Then Moses said, “I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn.”***

## **Abraham was visited**

## ***Gen 18:2 So he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing by him; and when he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground,***

## **Jacob wrestled**

## ***Gen 32:28 And He said, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed.”***

## **Moses saw him from behind the cleft in the cliff**

## ***Exodus 33:22 “So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by.***

## ***23 “Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen.”***

## **Isaiah saw Him on His throne**

## ***Isa 6:1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne,***

## ***high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. 2 Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.***

## ***3 And one cried to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!” 4 And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.***

## ***5 So I said: “Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts.”***

## **And then it all stops and becomes dry, the Shekinah glory departs. Ezekiel 10:18-19 400 years of silence**

## **Until…**

## ***Isa 53:1 Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? 2 For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant,***

## ***And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him.***

## ***Luke 2:8 Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.***

## ***9 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. 10 Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold,***

## ***I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. 11 “For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 “And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.”***

## ***13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 14 “Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”***

## ***Heb 1:1 GOD, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;***

## ***3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,***