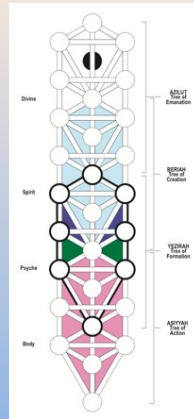


Kabbalah, You and the Cosmic Christ — Part Six

The Beatitudes

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Acknowledgment

I'm indebted to the work of
a fellow Kabbalist here –
Dr. Michael Hattwick

Michael first spoke of the
beatitudes in relation to
the Tree of Life in a talk
in London in 1996. He's
written about them in his
book *The ABBA Tradition*



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The Beatitudes

These blessings are from the Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Matthew

They also exist in Luke but, as with the Lord's Prayer are significantly different there. That version is known as *The Sermon on the Plane*



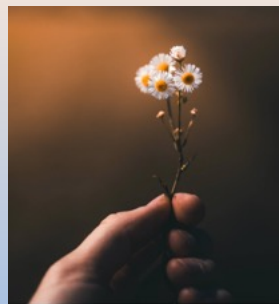
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Blessed or Happy?

The term *beatitude* comes from the Latin adjective *beātītūdō* which means "happy," "fortunate," or "blissful"

They are always translated as "blessed are" but the Greek is *Makarios* which also means "happy"



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5. The eight Beatitudes in Matthew 5:3-12 are:

Blessed are

- ...the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ...those who mourn: for they will be comforted.
- ...the meek: for they will inherit the earth.
- ...those who hunger and thirst for righteousness: for they will be satisfied.
- ...the merciful: for they will be shown mercy.
- ...the pure in heart: for they will see God.
- ...the peacemakers: for they will be called children of God.
- ...those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

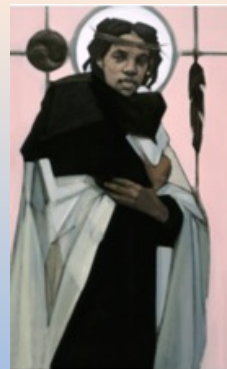
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The ninth Beatitude

In verses 5:11-12 Jesus expands on the eighth and changes it to to second-person "you"

- Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



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■ Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven

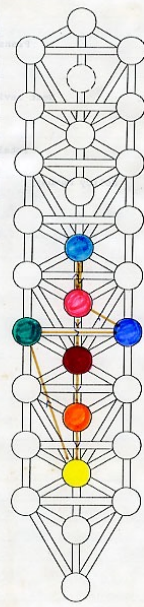
■ Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted.

■ Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth.

■ Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled.

positions in the Yeshuaic world





■ Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

■ Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.

■ Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God.

■ Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness sake for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven

Beatitudes on Jacob's Ladder

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The Jesus Prayer

(make straight the way of the Lord)

Our Father

Who art in Heaven

Hallowed by Thy name

Thy Kingdom come

Thy will be done

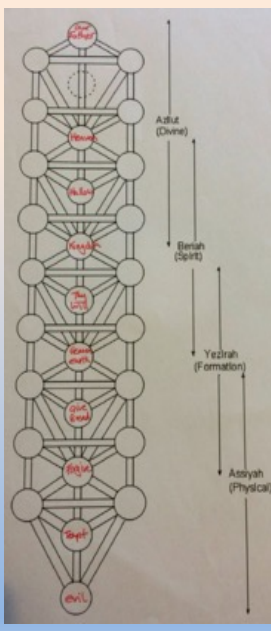
On Earth as it is in Heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

Forgive us as we forgive others

Lead us not into temptation

Deliver us from evil



Aduh (Divine)

Beriah (Spirit)

Yezirah (Formation)

Assyah (Physical)

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A priest 'after the order of Melchizedek'

Gen 14:18: And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth:

Psalms 110: The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies. Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth. The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

Nine mentions in the Book of Hebrews:

Hebrews 5:9: And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchizedek .

Hebrews 6:20: Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

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Hebrews calls us back to the First Temple

Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him;

To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;

Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually (Hebrews 7:1-3)

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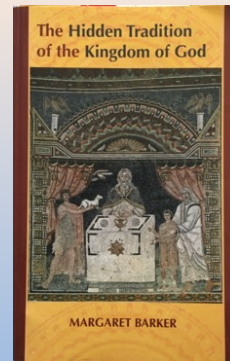
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Jesus is seen in Temple Theology as the return of 'God's High Priest'

- First Temple estroyed by King Josiah 500 years before Jesus' birth.
- Rebuilt by King Ezra with Persian money after the end of the Babylonian exile.

This teaching believes that the first Christians were focusing back on the theology of the First Temple – and the idea of heaven and earth being linked by humanity. In this case, Jesus. **WE are the Temple** ... It is not an external thing.

(Dr. Margaret Barker *The Hidden Tradition of the Kingdom of God*)



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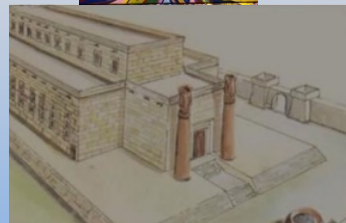
How did second temple differ?

Goddess (Elohim) gone

Equality of worship gone

The Law became the focus (Deuteronomy, Leviticus, Numbers)

The High Priest became a political appointment in the second temple



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Azilut, the World of Emanation

Beriah, the World of Creation

Yezirah, the World of Formation

Assiyah, the World of Manifestation



Eternal Father
Michael
John

Prince of Peace
Raphael
Luke

Mighty One of God
Gabriel
Mark

Wonderful Counsellor
Uriel
Matthew

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How does Christianity return us to the first temple?

Restores us to direct communion with God
 Restores us to love over law
 Restores the Goddess – the Virgin Mary, “Queen of Heaven”

Jeremiah 44:18:
But since we left off to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, we have wanted all things, and have been consumed by the sword and by the famine



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'Official' line on the Queen of Heaven

This title referred to Ishtar, an Assyrian and Babylonian goddess also called Ashoreth and Astarte by various other groups. She was thought to be the wife of the false god Baal, also known as Molech. The motivation of women to worship Ashtoreth stemmed from her reputation as a fertility goddess, and, as the bearing of children was greatly desired among women of that era, worship of this "queen of heaven" was rampant among pagan civilizations. Sadly, it became popular among the Israelites as well.

(www.gotquestions.org, Christian website).



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Dr. Margaret Barker – Temple Theology

- The Queen of Heaven, also known as Wisdom, had been part of the original Temple cult as Virgin Mother of the Messiah.
- Humans could become angels. This was known as resurrection or *theosis*.
- The Temple was remembered as Eden.
- Adam was the original high priest, and leaving Eden was losing the Temple.
- The New Testament reverses the story of Eden and brings Christians back to the original Temple.
- Pythagoras knew this system of thought and it appears in Plato's *Timaeus*.
- A way to recover the original Christian understanding of the Old Testament.
- A way to recover the original Christian understanding of atonement, incarnation, resurrection.
- A way to recover the Temple roots of the Eucharist.
- A way to identify the roots of belief in the Trinity.
- A setting for Apocalyptic writings.
- An understanding of the role of angels.
- A setting for the Wisdom tradition.
- An explanation for the Temple elements in Islam and for references to Christians and the Scriptures in the Koran.

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Margaret Barker believes that Christian theology matured so quickly because it was a return to a far older faith. Those who preserved the ancient tradition rejected the second temple and longed for the restoration of the original true temple

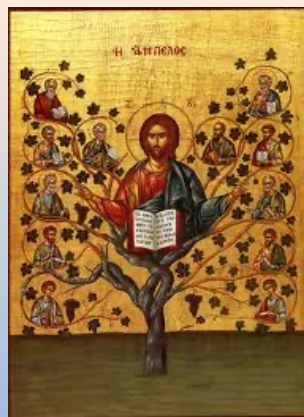


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Modern Christianity insists on making Jesus the idol not the icon

No one knows the Divine but you. You are both God and in relationship with God. Just as Jesus was both God and in relationship to God. Jesus is the way-shower, not the destination



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Toledano Kabbalah

Kabbalah became 'Lurianic' after the Spanish Inquisition, working on the theory that creation included 'a mistake.'

Jacob's Ladder was hidden. It returned in the 1970s when the wider world became re-aware of the idea that we created our own reality

But it was always available in the Bible if we wanted to find it



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20. We have a choice...

See the World as perfect — with all its oddities

Or see the World as flawed from the beginning



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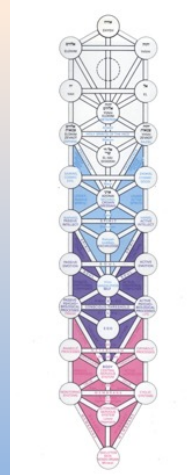
We are on four journeys

Incarnation

Growth

Teaching

Return



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Jacob's Ladder

- The bringing down of the Sky Goddess to meld with the Earth God
- Humanity is the linking key between the two
- Gives us the knowledge that we *are* Divine and *seek* the Divine



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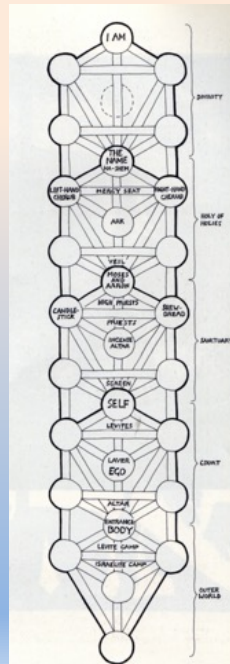
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Structure of the Temple

Pretty much everything
Biblical will fit this design.

Interestingly, the stories of the women fit it even better than those of the men. No coincidence that the Books of Ruth and Esther are written in four and ten chapters respectively.

See *A Woman's Worth – the Divine Feminine in the Hebrew Testament*.



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Divine Dichotomy

The drop of water both *is*
and *is not* the ocean

"No matter what you do it will never amount to anything more than a single drop in a limitless ocean"

"But what is an ocean but a multitude of drops?"
David Mitchell, *Cloud Atlas*



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Thoughts with which to end...

- Jesus isn't 'Mr Christ'
- Creation works in repeating patterns; the Tree of Life and Jacob's Ladder are diagrams of those patterns
- Kabbalah is scaffolding, not a religion
- We are both Divine and human
- We are both perfect and flawed
- We are the Only Begotten of God – billions of souls, each a vital part of God's unborn baby
- We will perfect – eventually
- Humanity is approximately two years old
- Christianity is about *following* Jesus' teachings, not about worshipping him



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And finally...

Don't believe a word I say.

Your truth, your journey, your faith.

**COMING NEXT YEAR:
Kabbalah and Healing.
Kabbalah and the Feminine.**

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