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The Light of Creation & Revelation

I. The Very Essence of God

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.
1 John 1:5

II. The First Order of Divine Creation

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. God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.
Genesis 1:3-5

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. James 1:17

III. Our Sin Brought the Darkness

The way of the wicked is like darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble. Proverbs 4:19

IV. The Greatest Gift: Light

By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, in Galilee of the Gentiles. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Those who dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined... For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And, His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this. Isaiah 9:1-2 & 6-7

V. The Progressive Revelation of Light

Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
Psalm 119:105

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. John 1:14

Jesus: "I AM the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." John 8:12



Light Enters the Dark World: Part 2

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I. When God shows Himself/Creates

The Light of Transition

II. To Authenticate a God-Ordained Transition

- Creation: From Nothing to Everything
- Noah: From Conscience to Human Law
- Moses: From Patriarchs to God's Law/Prophets

Spiritual Darkness: Idolatry, Prophets, Exile, Return, Legalism

- Christ(mas): From Law to Grace

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. John 1:6-9

For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son... John 1:17-18

- From Death to Life: Paul

As [Saul] journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads." So he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?" Acts 9:3-6

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. 1 Peter 2:9

- From Creation into Eternity

Jesus: "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars of heaven will fall, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. Mark 13:24-26



Light Enters the Dark World: Part 3

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- I. When God shows Himself & Creates
- II. To Authenticate a God-Ordained Transition

The Light of Declaration

- III. In Making a Holy Announcement

Zacharias: "And you, child, [John the Baptist] will be called the prophet of the Highest; For you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways, to give knowledge of salvation to His people by the remission of their sins, through the tender mercy of our God, with which the Dayspring from on high has visited us; To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." Luke 1:76-79

Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. 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. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" Luke 2:8-14

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." Matthew 2:1-2

Simeon: "For my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel." Luke 2:30-32

Transfiguration & Resurrection

As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening...And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!" Luke 9:29 & 35



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The Light of Culmination (and Celebration)

IV. At Conclusions & the Glorious End

1. The Fulfillment of Sin's Price

Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. Matthew 27:45

So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.
John 19:30

2. The End of Spiritual Blindness

Illumination vs. Suppression of the Gospel

But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

- The Reformation Motto: Post Tenebras, Lux
Translation: After Darkness, Light

3. The Exposing of Hidden Things

Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God. 1 Corinthians 4:5

4. The Ceasing of All Darkness

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

5. The Removal of Darkness Lovers

Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Isaiah 5:20