

# This World, the Afterlife, and Beyond

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*The Flow of Our Lives and History in General*

## **The Path of the Soul:**

**This World** – The opportunity to build

**After Death** – *The Soul World*

- Temporary State – Dependent on one's deeds
  - Either “Gan Eden” or “GeHenom”
  - Lower vs. Upper Gan Eden

**Coming Back** – *The World To Come*

- Permanent State – Dependent on one's deeds
- We will get back to this below

## **The Path of the World:**

**Creation, Revelation, and Ultimate Redemption:**

**The Path of Redemption:**

**1. The Footsteps of the Messiah** - NOW

**2. The Era of Messiah**

(Subject of a future class) ☺

**3. T'chiat HaMaitim (The Resurrection)**

- The Great Day of Judgment
- The *Neshamah* which was allowed to soar in Gan Eden can now re-enter and purify body
- Gan Eden will serve as transition for the world to the new Phase of Olam HaBah

**4. Olam Habah – The World To Come**

- The ultimate goal of creation and the individual
- Many Changes, some of which are:
  - The Hidden Light will be restored
  - No more suffering
  - No more death
- Will Have some physicality – but it will survive on spirituality
- Ever-greater understandings
- No eye has seen it, L-rd, beside You...(Isaiah 64:3)

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| <p>Rabbi Yakov says; This world is like a vestibule to the World to Come. Prepare yourself in the vestibule so as to enter the palace!</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- Avot 4:16</p> | <p>(טז) רבִּי יַעֲקֹב אָמַר, הָעוֹלָם הַזֶּה דוֹמֶה לְפָרוּזְדוֹר בְּפָנֵי הָעוֹלָם הַבָּא. הִתְקַו עֲצֻמָּךְ בְּפָרוּזְדוֹר, כְּדִי שֶׁתִּכְנַס לְטִרְקָלֶיךָ:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">משנה מסכת אבות פרק ד</p> |
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| <p>Every righteous person will have his own 'world'. As the verse says; "For a person goes to his eternal home" (<i>Ecclesiastes</i> 12:5)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Medrash Rabbah Shmot 52:3</p> | <p>כל צדיק וצדיק הוה ליה עולם בעצמו שנאמר (קהלת יב) כי הולך האדם אל בית עולמו</p> <p style="text-align: right;">מדרש רבה שמות פרשה נב פסקה ג</p> |
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| <p>And many of those sleeping in the dust will awaken, some to everlasting life and others to shame and everlasting contempt</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Daniel 12:3</p> | <p>(ב) וְרַבִּים מִיִּשְׁנֵי אֲדָמַת עֹפָר יִקְיִצּוּ אֱלֹהִים לְחַיֵּי עוֹלָם וְאֱלֹהִים לְחַרְפוֹת לְדָרְאוֹן עוֹלָם:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ספר דניאל פרק יב</p> |
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| <p>No eye has seen it, except Yours, G-d.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Isaiah 64:3</p> | <p>עֵינַי לֹא רָאִתָּה אֱלֹהִים זולתך</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ספר ישעיה פרק סד</p> |
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