

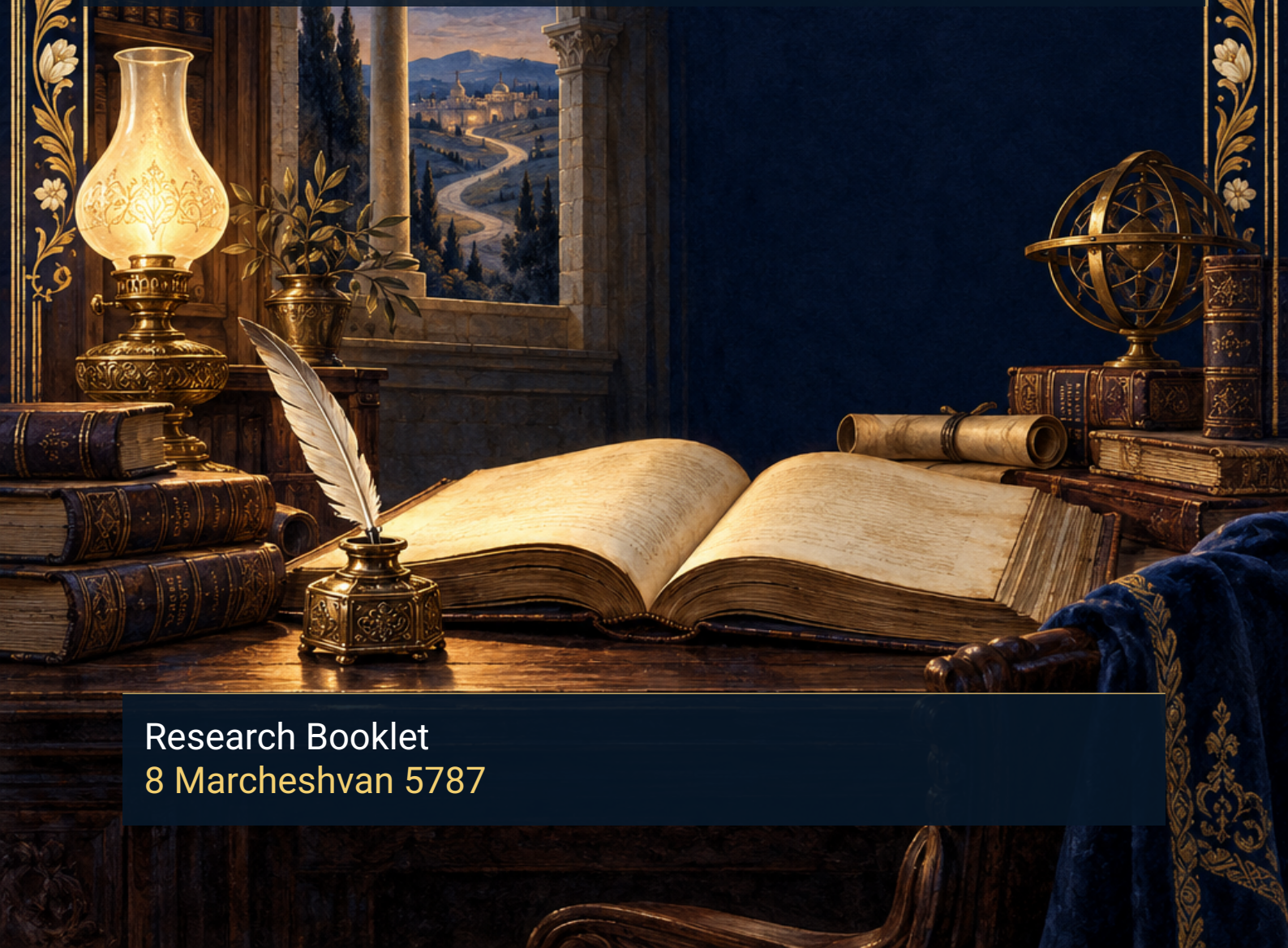
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The Shattering of the Vessels and the Sin of the Tree of Knowledge

Why Tikkun endures and what Adam was to
accomplish

Two explanatory approaches and the path of inquiry



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Introduction

Iggeret HaKodesh 26 places two descents within its account of the work of Malchut: sparks that fell through Adam's sin, and also the 288 sparks that fell in the shattering of the vessels. How are the two events related? If the world of Tikkun had already been built, what remained for Adam to rectify? If he could have completed his task without sinning, what would the first Shabbat have accomplished?

The inquiry must move from structure to service: distinguish light, vessel, and spark; understand why Tikkun endures; establish what Adam did in the Garden and what rose through his actions; and only then trace the descents caused by the sin and the possibility of completion on Shabbat. At every stage we must identify the subject: a soul, a garment, a sefirah, food, or an entire world.

Three findings stand at the center of this booklet. There is real continuity between the material of the two descents, but no proof that every individual element is identical. The endurance of Tikkun is explained through its relationship to the recipient and through interinclusion; refining the vessels prepares them to receive the excellence of the lights of Tohu as well. An explicit source also connects the completion of the refinement of the kings to the first Shabbat, had Adam waited. The number 288 does not appear in that paragraph.

This is a concluding study after three rounds and a supplementary round involving all five participants, including a special investigation of the Mitteler Rebbe's explanatory method. It preserves rejected approaches, distinguishes source testimony from interpretation, and identifies checks not performed. It closes by examining the contributions of the five participants and the editor, including what the documented inquiry would lack if a particular contribution were removed. The companion Reader Booklet (26) builds the explanation without the history of criticism. Both retain the same conclusion and degree of certainty.

The introduction sets out the reading route: foundational chapters develop the answer continuously; the methodological inquiry examines transitional formulations; these are followed by decision files, the history of each round, the book log, and participant comparisons. Each file examines the

proposal, its attraction, the source, the difficulty, and the wording retained. Readers can first follow the explanation and then examine how it was built.

The conclusion presented is the result of the documented inquiry, not a claim that every subsidiary question has been resolved. Archival gaps are identified in the research-history chapter; an interpretation still needed does not erase a positive source already found. The next improvement round concerns explanation, understanding, structure, readability, and design in both booklets. It is not a new source-verification round. Open questions are identified below without delaying a grounded account of what has been established.

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Map of Arguments and Decisions

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The Epistle's Wording and the Research Question

The sentence under investigation appears in the received text of the epistle, within its explanation of Malchut's descent into Nogah: כְּדִי לְבָרֵךְ הַנִּיצוּצוֹת שֶׁנִּפְּלוּ בַחֲטָא אָדָם הָרָאשׁוֹן וְגַם הָרַפָּח נִיצוּצִין שֶׁנִּפְּלוּ בַשְּׁבִירַת הַכְּלִים. It describes one task with two attributions of descent. The epistle does not pause here to give the complete history of each spark; its words presuppose concepts that must be opened through their sources.¹

The word “וְגַם”, “and also,” establishes conjunction. It proves neither that the groups are mutually exclusive nor that they coincide in every detail. To know whether something already refined fell again, we need a source describing its refinement and subsequent fall. To know whether the sin deepened an earlier descent, we need a source describing the change of state. The grammar of conjunction cannot replace the history of what is joined.

We therefore distinguish four questions. Event: what happened, and when? Root: from which order was this aspect emanated? State: where does it stand, how is it related to evil, and at what stature? Individual identity: is it

¹ Tanya, Iggeret HaKodesh 26, the discussion of Malchut's descent into Nogah and the refinement of the permitted and forbidden. The textual question is discussed in chapter 12 below.

actually the same spark? Two aspects can differ in function while remaining connected at their root; one root can appear in different states. The shattering of the vessels belongs to the order of Nekudim before the human being who was commanded. Adam's sin is a choice within a world where Tikkun had already been built. Between the events, refinements occurred, partzufim were built, and Adam was placed at his task. The sin cannot therefore be described as merely another name for the shattering. Conversely, their distance in sequence does not prove that the sin necessarily affected entirely new, unrelated material.

The epistle's own purpose remains practical: how Torah and mitzvot act in a world where good and evil are mixed. The permitted can rise through human service; Torah study separates and refines; the forbidden requires rejection. Kabbalistic distinctions must illuminate this order of service without turning sin itself into a permitted act of refinement.

“Spark” can mean light remaining in a vessel, and elsewhere a soul-spark that fell from Adam. We must preserve the distinction without treating it alone as proof of unrelated roots. The overlap of individual elements remains a separate question from what each source describes.

From Tzimtzum to Human Service: A Map of Hishtalshelut

The epistle begins with two attributions of descent, but understanding them requires seeing what preceded them. This is not a chronicle of physical time before creation. Tzimtzum, Adam Kadmon, Akudim, and Nekudim designate an order of source and transmission, concealment and revelation. When the sources reach the moon's diminution on the fourth day and Adam's creation on the sixth, they also connect this order with the days of Creation. Every level must not be made into another day on one calendar.

Tzimtzum, the Kav, and Adam Kadmon

The beginning of Etz Chaim describes the infinite light filling all reality and the tzimtzum that makes room for the order of worlds. It then describes a kav, a line of light, extending into the vacated space. “Space” here is not a hole formed in matter; it describes the condition for a finite

reality that would not be nullified by the preceding unlimited revelation. This implies neither a change in His Essence nor a place empty of Him, G-d forbid. Chabad teaching emphasizes that tzimtzum is not literal. This booklet uses the account of the order of revelation, not a proposed reality outside G-dliness.²

Adam Kadmon is a comprehensive level in the order of transmission, not Adam HaRishon, who received a command in the Garden. The illuminations called ear, nose, mouth, and eyes describe different modes of revelation in that order. References to body, forehead, and navel do not denote physical organs; the names indicate relationship and level. Distinguishing Adam Kadmon from Adam HaRishon is essential: confusing them turns the shattering into an event in Adam's life, whereas the entire inquiry depends on distinguishing what preceded his creation from his own choice.

Akudim and Nekudim

Akudim describes ten sefirot within one vessel. The light's withdrawal participates in the formation of the vessel, but is not the complete death described in Nekudim. This provides a counterexample to the claim that every withdrawal proves shattering: its manner, the recipient's bond with its source, and what remains must all be examined. The reshimu discussed in the discourses on Akudim belongs to this context; mentioning it alone does not substantiate every detail of the reshimu associated with the first tzimtzum.³

Before the emergence of Nekudim, a local tzimtzum within Adam Kadmon is described: the light from the navel downward rises, and the order of the parsa, the partition, is added. This is not the first tzimtzum of the Infinite described at the book's opening. Gate 8:2 describes three kinds of illumination: the new light issuing from the internal union and breaking through; the light emerging through the eyes; and the illumination associated with ear, nose, and mouth, from which the vessels are built. This distinction remains necessary even in a brief account. “Light of the

² Etz Chaim, Heichal 1, Gate 1, branch 2; Tanya, Shaar HaYichud VehoEmunah, chapter 7, rejecting a literal understanding of tzimtzum.

³ Etz Chaim, Gate 6, chapter 5. Distinguishing contexts prevents transferring an account from Akudim to the first tzimtzum solely because of a shared term.

eyes” and “light breaking through the parsā” are not two locations along one physical pipeline.⁴

Nekudim allows multiple vessels, but they do not yet possess the interinclusion characteristic of Tikkun. When they shatter, the principal light withdraws, the vessels descend, and sparks remain to sustain them. The kelipot arise from the dross; this does not simply identify every broken vessel with a kelipah. Already in the account of shattering, the remaining vitality makes return and rectification possible.

The New MaH and the Building of Tikkun

Tikkun is not the return of the same light to the same vessel without change. The new Name MaH, revealed from the forehead of Adam Kadmon, refines and joins aspects of BaN. Partzufim and relationships among aspects are built: Atik, Arich Anpin, Abba, Imma, Zeir Anpin, and Nukva. A partzuf expresses a structure in which each attribute gains its context within a whole. Upper aspects are refined before Adam's service; the mayin nukvin of Malchut are entrusted to those below. A world can thus be rectified in structure while its refinement remains incomplete.⁵

The Moon's Diminution: A Stage within Tikkun

The moon's diminution occurs within the already established order of Zeir Anpin and Nukva. On the fourth day Nukva's nine sefirot withdraw and rise to their roots in Zeir Anpin, leaving her a point. They have not fallen into the kelipot. Renewed growth back-to-back is described on the sixth day before Adam's creation. Adam's entire state in the Garden cannot therefore be reduced to the point of the fourth day. After the sin there is a further fall with a different destination: the kelipot.⁶

Beit Lechem Yehudah treats the moon's complaint as a cause distinct from Adam's sin: it preceded Adam, did not result from his sin, and in this interpretation even prepares the possibility of choice. This does not make choosing sin obligatory. A world in which sin is possible and a world in which sin is commanded are different things. Likewise, the comparison in

⁴ Etz Chaim, Gate 8, chapters 1-2.

⁵ Etz Chaim, Gate 10, chapters 1-2; Gate 39, discourse 1. “The new MaH” is a name within this system; it must not automatically replace every use of MaH in Chassidic discourses.

⁶ Etz Chaim, Gate 36, chapters 1-2; Shaar HaHakdamot, discourses on Atzilut, Beriah, Yetzirah, and Asiyah, distinguishing diminution not caused by those below from diminution caused by sin.

Chassidic writings between tzimtzum, shattering, diminution, and sin does not permit merging the events.⁷

Ten Stages and Their Relationships

Stage	What is introduced	Relationship to the next stage
First tzimtzum and kav	Possibility of an order of finite revelation	Explicit basis for the worlds; no event of sin
Adam Kadmon and its illuminations	Different aspects of transmission	Explicitly discussed as preparation for Akudim and Nekudim
Akudim	Ten in one vessel; withdrawal prepares a vessel	Explicit comparison with Nekudim; no complete death
Nekudim	Multiple vessels and kinds of illumination	Shattering is explicitly described within them
Shattering	Light rises, vessel descends, spark remains	Remaining vitality explicitly directed toward rectification
Building Tikkun	MaH refines BaN; partzufim	Structural condition for discussing Zeir Anpin, Nukva, and their diminution
Moon's diminution and renewed growth	Nine sefirot rise to Zeir Anpin; building on day six follows	Precede Adam's creation in the chapter's sequence
Adam in the Garden	Service, transmission, incomplete refinement	Several discourses explicitly describe possible completion on Shabbat
Sin of the Tree of Knowledge	Renewed mixture and descent	Subsequent service continues their refinement
Service until completion	Gradual refinement	Future completion explicit; not every detail mapped here

The table joins passages from several gates. Where a source describes the transition itself, the relationship is explicit; the complete sequence placing the passages alongside one another is editorial arrangement. No single source is quoted by the entire table. Shabbat without sin is a possible branch after the human stage, not an event that occurred between sin and subsequent service.

⁷ Beit Lechem Yehudah, vol. 2, on Etz Chaim 36:2, the discussion of the moon's complaint and Adam's sin, the source pages checked in IS1; Sefer HaMaamarim 5679 (עטר"ת), p. 206, following Grok Bot's reading and comparison with the print's text layer.

In the Shattering: Light, Vessel, and Spark

“Everything fell” erases the structure the sources explain. Etz Chaim distinguishes three outcomes: the principal lights withdraw and rise; the vessels shatter and descend; and sparks of light remain with the vessels, sustaining them with contracted vitality. A spark is not merely a piece of vessel, nor does the whole broken vessel become kelipah in the same sense.⁸

Withdrawal is not destruction of the light. Shattering is not the annihilation of every aspect of the vessel. The remaining spark explains the broken thing's continued existence and its capacity for repair. The account of crisis already contains a basis for continuity: without some illumination there would be nothing to elevate, and without distinguishing vitality from vessel it would be unclear what changes through refinement. Descent to a lower world is not always a fall into kelipah. Illumination passing through a screen and sustaining Beriah is an orderly transmission; Etz Chaim distinguishes it from uprooting from one's place, called death. “Below” is therefore relational and requires context: below Atzilut, outside the appropriate vessel, and within kelipah are not one statement.⁹

Three Different Questions about Shattering

Mechanism asks how the lights and vessels were built and which illumination was missing. Explanation asks why cleaving, forcefulness, and lack of interinclusion cannot settle into reception. Purpose asks why an order involving descent and rectification was chosen. Answering one does not eliminate the need for the other two.

Etz Chaim can connect the death of the kings with the possibility of choice, reward, and punishment; this does not mean that the human being was commanded to sin to fulfill that purpose. Establishing the conditions for choice and the act the human being chooses are different subjects. Basi LeGani explicitly maintains that the sins themselves oppose the supreme

⁸ Etz Chaim, Gate 18, chapter 1; on dross and kelipot, Gate 9, chapter 2.

⁹ Etz Chaim, Gate 42, chapter 12, distinguishing illumination through a screen from falling and separation from one's world.

will. The word “revealed” must not be added to the quotation as if it appeared there.¹⁰

What the Number 288 Counts

288 counts aspects within the system of lights remaining with the vessels. It does not count 288 physical objects that could be put into two boxes. A general category can divide into particulars, and particulars can be reincluded in their root. Without these rules of inclusion, the number misleads instead of explaining.

The detailed calculation in the Gate of Sparks gives 72, 73, 71, and 72, totaling 288. Four times 72 is a summary expression of the total, not a claim that the four components coincide in every detail. Even equal numerical values do not make the levels from which they were calculated identical.¹¹

Component	Value	What it teaches
ע"ב	72	Counts a particular aspect
ע"ג	73	The four rows are not identical
ע"א	71	Inclusion affects the calculation
ע"ב	72	Equal numbers do not identify the aspects
Total	288	The general category of the 288 sparks

When BaN is described as having more aspects fall within it, this must not immediately be translated into “the row's number is larger.” Multiplicity may concern the depth of levels participating in the descent, while the total follows different rules of inclusion. This illustrates why “more” requires identifying what is measured.

Torah Or, Vayeshev, describes general categories branching into levels and particulars in Beriah, Yetzirah, and Asiyah. This helps explain how the 288 relate to a vast range of souls, angels, and powers, without imposing a simple correspondence of one spark to one creature.¹²

¹⁰ Etz Chaim, Gate 39, discourse 1, on the kings and choice; Basi LeGani 5730, note 9.
¹¹ Etz Chaim, Gate 18, chapters 2-3. Study the selection of levels and rules of inclusion together with the arithmetic summary, rather than detaching the sum from the counting process.
¹² Torah Or, Vayeshev, Vehineh Anachnu Me'almim Alumim, the passages on the 288 and on souls, angels, and powers.

MaN, mayin nukvin, denotes a function in elevation and union. Souls can arise from refined mayin nukvin. 288, 320, and 325 are counts explained according to their respective aspects. They cannot be interchanged without explaining the calculation's basis; neither should they be declared completely unrelated merely because they are different words.

This distinction returns in the Shabbat question. A source speaking of the complete refinement of all the kings makes a comprehensive, powerful statement. If it does not name 288, the number must not be printed inside its quotation. The substantive relationship between kings, mayin nukvin, and sparks nevertheless requires examination. The missing number does not empty “all the kings” of meaning.

288, 315, 320, and 325: Calculation and Aspect

A count of sparks describes aspects within a particular system. The arithmetic must be correct, but a correct sum is insufficient: what is counted, what is included, and what is added must be established. This preserves the connection between counts without treating them as interchangeable names for one number.

How the Calculation Reaches 288

In AB, an aspect valued at 72 is counted; in SaG, the numerical value of the spelled-out Name and its number of letters combine to 73; in MaH, 26 and 45 combine to 71; in BaN, an aspect of the backward expansion valued at 72 is discussed. The four rows total 288. The gate also discusses levels of letters and numbers, spelling-out and the spelling-out of that spelling, and rules of inclusion that prevent counting every branch as an independent addition. The summary formula must not become a claim that the Names AB, SaG, MaH, and BaN themselves all equal 72.¹³

Netzach, Hod, and Yesod join the sparks of MaH in Tiferet in the gate's account, rather than forming three further rows in the sum. Lower aspects included in an aspect already counted are not counted again simply because they have names. Asking “Why not count more and more?” first requires checking the counting unit. Detailed analysis can reveal many

¹³ Etz Chaim, Gate 18, chapters 2-4. Detailing inclusion matters more than presenting four numbers without the levels from which they were calculated.

multiplicities while the general total remains 288 because it counts comprehensive categories.

315 Plus Five Equals 320

Gate 18:5 gives another approach: seven kings, each in the aspect of Adam, valued at 45, equal 315 (שט"ו). Five new sparks join the old ones, making 320 (ש"ך). 315 plus five is not 325. This error appeared in Grok's supplements and was corrected in the fourth supplement; it must neither remain in the booklet nor be attributed to his final position.¹⁴

Calculation	Total	Meaning within this approach
Seven times Adam	315, שט"ו	The old sparks of the kings
315 and five new ones	320, ש"ך	Old and new joined in Zeir Anpin
Five times din	320, ש"ך	Another calculation of aspects of the severities
320 and five	325, שכ"ה	The sweetening approach explained subsequently
72 + 73 + 71 + 72	288, רפ"ח	The earlier chapters' approach of levels and inclusion

The gate's wording linking the numbers as "ענין אחד", "one matter," is a positive finding: they cannot be made wholly unrelated. But "one matter" does not mean 288 arithmetically equals 320. It requires tracing the counting method, new aspects, and sweetening. A variant in parentheses is likewise not a word that can be inserted unmarked into every textual witness.

Calculations of 325 must distinguish adding five corresponding to the severities from adding the full numerical value of מנצפ"ך. The latter equals 280, not five. Mentioning five severities does not instruct us to add 280 to that same calculation of 320 plus five. Two interpretive methods cannot be combined into a formula whose components are unmarked.

¹⁴ Etz Chaim, Gate 18, chapter 5, beginning "והנה היותן מספר ש"ך ניצוצין" and continuing "השט"ו ניצוצין הם ישנות".

What an Unexplained Equation Cannot Teach

320 minus 32 equals 288. That arithmetic alone provides no Kabbalistic explanation of the transition: a source must identify the remaining 32 and the subject of the separation. Grok's supplements mentioned the Baal HaSulam's approach without an adequate reference. The booklet therefore does not present the designation “heart of Malchut” from those supplements as a verified interpretation of Gate 18 itself. Another identified approach can be studied; it cannot be blended into the detailed calculation as though one quoted the other.

MaN remains a term of action and function. Aspects of sparks may rise as MaN, but “raising MaN” is not another number beside 288. Similarly, seven kings, eleven aspects that descended, and 288 sparks are not competing totals of the same subject. Seven describes kings; eleven includes the backs of Abba and Imma as well; 288 counts aspects of the illumination that remains. Distinguishing subjects is a condition for understanding their relationship, not a declaration that no relationship exists.

Why Tikkun Endures

“Abundant lights and few vessels” raises another question: why is the structure of Tikkun specifically capable of enduring? If the quantity of light explained everything, weakening it would suffice. The sources, however, describe changes in the illumination's source, the vessels' structure, receptivity, and the interinclusion of attributes.

The Illumination's Source and the Vessels' Structure

The discourses on Nekudim distinguish the light of the eyes, a new light from the internal union breaking through the parsa, and illumination associated with building vessels from ear, nose, and mouth. This is not one light compressed, emerging through the eyes, and ultimately breaking through the parsa along the same route. The absence of the ear's illumination in the vessels of the seven lower sefirot is a particular explanation within this account.¹⁵

¹⁵ Etz Chaim, Gate 8, chapter 2. The three modes of illumination were discussed separately in the early rounds; the account merging them into one chain was removed.

The gates on shattering and Tikkun describe a transition from separate points to lines, investiture, and partzufim. A partzuf is not merely a vessel enlarged from outside: it contains particulars and relationships, a higher level invested in a lower one, and each aspect also carries other aspects. Transmission follows an order connecting recipients.¹⁶

“Circles” alone are not a formula for shattering. Aspects of circles exist in Tikkun too, so the relationships and illumination must be examined rather than drawing a conclusion from shape alone. Likewise, “higher” is not the sole explanation of endurance: a lofty root, the capacity to contract and become vitality, and the degree of interinclusion are different axes.

How Multiple Particulars Make Reception Possible

Derech Mitzvotcha illustrates a broad mind able to accommodate an argument for acquittal and an argument for conviction. When one thought occupies the whole person, its opposite seems to threaten its very existence. A broad mind can see several aspects of one subject and give each its place. The analogy explains receptivity, not merely courtesy between people with different opinions.¹⁷

A point also contains particulars potentially, but they remain concealed rather than functioning as revealed multiplicity. In Tikkun they become revealed and connected. Gevurah within Chesed can limit giving for the recipient's benefit: restraint serves kindness itself. This differs from Gevurah standing against Chesed and opposing the giving as such.

The opposites are not erased. Interinclusion requires a power not confined to either line; Padah VeShalom attributes it to a transmission above them. That source allows each side to be true in its own place and both to function together.¹⁸

Akudim as a Counterexample

We cannot claim that wherever self-nullification exists, no withdrawal is possible. Akudim is described with “קצת ביטול” and “סותר על מנת לבנות” alongside its distinction from the death of Nekudim. The case teaches

¹⁶ Etz Chaim, Gate 9, chapter 8; Gate 10, chapters 1-3.

¹⁷ Derech Mitzvotcha, LeRoka HaAretz (5562), 161b; Beur VeShavtah (5562), 170b.

¹⁸ Padah VeShalom 5725, on the interinclusion of the lines and the transmission above them.

different degrees of withdrawal, nullification, and shattering. One vessel with many lights is not identical to points lacking interinclusion.¹⁹

Bittul and Yeshut: Vayitzer and the Parallel in Devarim

Torat Chaim, Vayitzer, initially teaches a measured relationship between light and vessel. The light must move toward transmission, and the vessel must be receptive. Light withdrawing to its source does not automatically become settled vitality; a vessel standing in its own selfhood does not receive according to the light's level. “More bittul” is not a rule usable without asking: whose nullification, toward what, and in what manner?²⁰

In the particular case of Tohu in section 40, the vessel has insufficient bittul relative to the light. Elsewhere in the discussion there is also a vessel with excessive bittul. Both illustrate mismatched relationships, but must not be interchanged by making excessive bittul the particular explanation given there for Tohu's shattering.

Section 44 Requires a Fresh Reading

The discourse itself asks: if a loftier light requires a more self-nullified vessel, why is a lofty soul placed in a human body coarser than an angel's? Section 44 answers by describing the lights of Tohu as forceful and self-assertive, and Tikkun as “אין ומה בעצם”, enabling abundant interinclusion. The change is marked “דלא כדלעיל”, “unlike the above”; the angels' placement within Tikkun is reconsidered too.²¹

Sections 37-42 therefore cannot be quoted as the discourse's sole conclusion. The later explanation fulfills a new role in answering the local difficulty; this does not invalidate the first explanation entirely. Both will be presented by name and within their limits, following the methodological inquiry below. Section 44 nevertheless does not erase the balance, the matkela: measured interinclusion remains explicit, now with a revised account of the distribution of MaH's power. MaH of Chochmah

¹⁹ Etz Chaim, Gate 6, chapter 5.

²⁰ Torat Chaim, Bereishit, Vayitzer Hashem Elokim, sections 37-42, especially 40.

²¹ Ibid., sections 43-44, 27a-27d. Both occurrences of “דלא כדלעיל” require preserving the movement of question and answer.

already appears in section 37; section 42 connects the angels' root with Tohu and their formation with Tikkun; section 43 already explains the soul's inwardness and power to transform a coarse body. Section 44 does not discover these for the first time; it changes their characterization and the explanation's application.

This does not prove a historical retraction by the author of every other description of the bittul of Tohu's lights. An argument's sequence within a discourse is not a date of doctrinal retraction. Establishing how these descriptions relate in his teaching required a parallel from the same author.

The Parallel Found

In Maamarei Admur HaEmtza'i, Devarim, vol. 3, Lehaven Shoresch Inyan Hishtalshelut DeGimel Olamot BiYA, a bittul is described that does not settle into contraction according to the vessel. An explicit reconciliation then links the descriptions of self-nullification and selfhood or kingship: "סיבת הישות באה מסיבת האיך". The light's cleaving to its source explains why it does not surrender itself as finite vitality to the recipient, and why its manifestation in the vessel is forceful.²²

The finding is not that the bittul is false. Nullification toward the source and settled reception within a vessel are different relationships. Precisely the cleaving that prevents the light from contracting can appear to the recipient as a forcefulness leaving no room for another. This connection is explicit in the source, not merely our proposed harmonization.

The finding's limits matter too. These two pages do not interpret every word of Vayitzer 44, supply a delivery date proving historical retraction, or authorize equating every occurrence of "מ"ה בעצם" with every other. An explicit bridge between the two movements has been found; their full usage still needs mapping.

²² Maamarei Admur HaEmtza'i, Devarim, vol. 3, pp. 895-896. Both pages were viewed in a scan by the editor following Dot in round three; this does not claim a reading of the whole discourse or manuscripts.

Ki Chelek 5732 and a Correction of Attribution

Ki Chelek Hashem Amo 5732 uses "היא הנותנת": cleaving to the true Existent is connected with the appearance of selfhood in kingship. The cleaving itself must be distinguished from descending to become settled vitality. The additional explanation of the vessels' bittul is marked as a possibility; that qualification must not be extended to the whole discourse.²³

An earlier report attributed wording about imperceptible cleaving to 5664, p. 10. In round three Dot withdrew the literal attribution: the wording is in Ki Chelek, whose note refers with "see" to 5664. A related passage on p. 65 of 5664 was discussed in connection with the lights of the reshimu. The page must not be silently replaced to make the error disappear. The reading of the 5664 scans remains the participant's reading here.²⁴

"Unlike the Above": Revising the Explanation and Reincorporating Earlier Material

The Analytical Question

Section 40 of Vayitzer describes the light of Tohu through its ayin and bittul; section 44 describes it through selfhood and forcefulness. The author himself marks "דלא כדלעיל". Reading this as erasing the entire first explanation is tempting, but reading the section to its end reveals a more precise structure: characterization and rationale change while measure, interinclusion, and their result in angels are explicitly retained. The question is not which explanation to believe, but which relationship each addresses and how the discourse itself joins them.

Stage One: Two Movements That Need Each Other

Sections 37-39 present light and vessel as two movements: light tends to be included in its source, while the vessel limits light to a particular existence. Their union requires downward movement in the light and receptive bittul in the vessel. Interinclusion does not eliminate either side;

²³ Ki Chelek Hashem Amo 5732, on the lights of Tohu, ana emloch, and the vessels.

²⁴ Dot's round-three report, correction R3-DT3 and records R3-C11-C13. The 5664 reference documents correction of the attribution, not a new direct quotation from that page by the editor.

it establishes a relationship enabling light to become settled vitality and the vessel to receive.

Section 40 adds a defined measure. Light that does not descend according to the recipient and a vessel that does not receive according to the light do not produce settled reception. Several cases appear: insufficient bittul in the vessel relative to the light, excessive bittul leaving no vessel for reception, and others. The particular Tohu example concerns relative insufficiency in the vessel. It must not be assigned the excessive bittul discussed as a different case.

Already in section 40 the author notes that elsewhere Tohu is explained from the opposite side, as selfhood in the light. The descriptions were not hidden from one another until a later commentator brought them together. Their difference is already present within the discourse. How their content can coexist still needs explanation; merely mentioning another approach does not explain the relationship.

Stage Two: The Question about the Human Body

Section 43 returns to the question: if lofty light requires a vessel correspondingly nullified, why does a lofty soul enter a body coarser than an angel's? The inward root of the soul and its power to transform a material body are explained. Section 44 nevertheless opens by maintaining that the question still needs explanation: how can the body serve as matter for form under the preceding rule?

The difficulty concerns whether relative correspondence alone adequately explains this case. It does not challenge the need to connect light and vessel. The new answer must therefore be read as deepening the source of the power, with attention to the particulars that change, rather than declaring every premise unnecessary.

Stage Three: The First Marker Concerns Tohu's Characterization

The section introduces the analogy of being soft as a reed or hard as a cedar: the forcefulness of a self-assertive attribute unable to include its opposite, versus intrinsic bittul allowing opposites together. Here אֶלֶף” כדלעיל” marks the account of light in Tohu. The difference cannot be

erased: selfhood now centers in the light itself, and the vessel is small relative to it.

Yet the matkela returns within that very paragraph. The author does not abandon measure; he explains how the Name MaH enables measured interinclusion. At the passage's end the measuring line returns as well, assigning measure and proportion to opposites in both lights and vessels. The need for measure remains; the inward power that accomplishes it is clarified.

Stage Four: The Second Marker Contains the Resolution about Angels

The second marker is more focused. Section 42 already links the angels' root to Tohu and their formation to Tikkun, and already discusses their interinclusion. Section 44 returns to this classification from the angle now required, remarking "ודלא כדלעיל שהמלאכים בבחי' התקון". How does their present characterization fit their interinclusion? Their interinclusion comes from the illumination of MaH upon them. The novelty is not the first mention of a root in Tohu, but the distinction's role between root and operative illumination in the answer.

This is the strongest anchor for an inclusive reading. The earlier fact of interinclusion remains; its explanation changes. One cannot infer from interinclusion alone that the angels' root is MaH itself: it may result from an illumination upon them. The human being, by contrast, is described in the current argument through MaH itself. The distinctions concern a thing's root versus the power acting upon it, and illumination versus essence.

The table summarizes changes in emphasis and explanatory function. MaH of Chochmah already appears in section 37, the angels' root in Tohu in 42, and the inwardness of the soul and its ability to transform a coarse body in 43. These concepts do not first appear in section 44.

Point	Earlier explanation	Section 44	Analytical result
Light of Tohu	Section 40 stresses ayin and nullification toward its source	Forcefulness and self-awareness in the light are stressed	Distinguish relation to source from appearance toward recipient

Point	Earlier explanation	Section 44	Analytical result
Interinclusion in angels	Connected to Tikkun; section 42 already distinguishes a root in Tohu from formation in Tikkun	Explained through MaH's illumination	The phenomenon remains; illumination's explanatory role is newly stressed
Human soul	Section 43 already explains its inward root and transformative power	MaH itself enters the revised answer about light and vessel	An earlier advantage gains a more precise role in the answer
Matkela and measuring line	Measured reciprocal relation of light and vessel	Measure returns in explaining interinclusion's power	The earlier foundation remains within the later account

Here “דלא כדלעיל” cannot be translated as “everything explained above is worthless.” It alerts the reader to a difference at a defined point. The continuation itself identifies what is reincorporated: interinclusion, measurement, and MaH's ability to act even upon something not rooted in MaH itself. We have not invented this to defend the first account; it is written in the author's answer to his own question.

Stage Five: Devarim Supplies a Positive Bridge

Maamarei Admur HaEmtza'i, Devarim, vol. 3, pp. 895-896, connects the cause of selfhood with the cause of ayin. The light's cleaving to its source is not identical to settling as finite vitality in a recipient. Light that does not contract according to the recipient can appear forcefully precisely because of that cleaving. “Nullified toward its source” and “forceful in its manifestation” need not be contradictory statements about the same relationship.

The parallel does not replace reading Vayitzer's particulars. It supplies a positive basis from the same author for connecting two aspects of light, rather than necessarily treating one as true and the other mistaken. Ki Chelek Hashem Amo 5732 builds a similar connection between cleaving to the true Existent and ana emloch. Particulars must be compared according to the discourses' subjects; the existence of a bridge is no longer an unsupported hypothesis.

What the Earlier Reading Lacked

Initially sections 37-42 were read without giving 43-44 their full weight. The gap was acknowledged in round two. The R2-R3 documents already ruled out erasing the matkela or inferring a historical retraction of every approach. A blanket rejection must therefore not be described as an established past fact. The present expansion develops the relationship: local characterization changes, inwardness already present in section 43, and illumination of MaH distinguished from its essential power.

A Method for Further Study

The explanation moves through premise, question, an additional approach, and return to earlier foundations in a more precise capacity. This distinction should guide study of further Mittler Rebbe discourses. At each "דלא כדלעיל", first establish its exact object; then ask what the following sentences retain, whether subject or relationship changes, and whether the author himself combines the approaches.

This inquiry establishes the structure within Vayitzer, assisted by the explicit bridge in Devarim. It is not a frequency survey across all the author's writings. The local conclusion is clear: the first account is not rejected wholesale; an additional account includes and explains aspects already stated.

Tetzaveh, Vayakhel, and Noach: An Independent Test of the Method

The following sample deliberately selects test cases rather than measuring frequency. Tetzaveh and Vayakhel were checked in the official transcription; Dot also checked Noach in a scan. Each case retains its role: two examples of preservation within change, and a counterexample involving actual rejection.²⁵

Tetzaveh: "Unlike the Above," Then an Earlier Possibility Returns in a More Complex Framework

Reading mode: official transcription with folio markers, not a scan.

²⁵ Torat Chaim, Shemot, vol. 2, Tetzaveh 319d-321b, especially 320d; Vayakhel 409a-411b; Bereishit, Noach, Vayehi Chol HaAretz Safah Achat, 64b and 78c-d.

1. Before: the advantage of ratzo and smallness over shov and expanded stature. At 319d, Divine vitality comes through ratzo and shov, ascent and return, generating a corresponding pattern in created beings. At 320a, Malchut's ascent to a point in Atzilut is higher than her extension into a full stature in Beriah. The analogy compares a student before his teacher with the student becoming a transmitter away from his teacher. Night, sleep, and smallness thereby gain an advantage: the ascent reaches a high root, and what is subsequently drawn depends on where the ascent reached. Locating phrases: "דִּזְנוּב לְאֲרִיּוֹת יוֹתֵר עֲלִיּוֹן ... מֵרֹאשׁ לְשׁוּעֵלִים"; "יֵשׁ בִּזְוֵה מֵעֵלָה יִתִּירָה".

2. The question: are descent and lowliness truly the advantage? At 320b, the discourse asks how falling from a level, poverty, or death can be called ascent. Another explanation follows: withdrawal and smallness prepare reception of greater elevation. No light comes without preceding darkness, but this does not mean darkness exceeds the light that follows in every respect. Short quotations: "אִ"כּ הִירִידָה עָלַי וְהֵעֵלִי יִרִידָה"; "אֵלֹא צָרִיךְ לוֹמַר דּוֹדָאִי זֶה אִמַּת דְּאִין אֹר בְּלֹא חֶשֶׁךְ וְצִמְצוּם קוֹדֵם".

3. The new explanation. At 320b-c, nullification of yesh to ayin prepares a new transmission from ayin to yesh. The rotting seed, study, and prayer illustrate how loss of the earlier level permits reception of a higher one. Malchut's ascent to Atzilut is now explained as a passage from the partzuf in Beriah to new building in Atzilut; ratzo prepares a shov higher than itself. Short quotations: "וְאִחֲכָה נִבְנִית בְּבִנְיָן חֹדֶשׁ בְּאֲצִי"; "מָה דִּקְאֲרִי נִהוּרָא תִּתָּאָה לְנִהוּרָא עֵילָאָה בְּבַחֲיָי רְצוּא לְמִטָּה מְבַחֲיָי שׁו"ב בְּאֲצִי".

4. Local rejection and explicit return. The end of 320c qualifies the interpretation of "הָאֵל כַּמְלִקְדָּמִין". At the opening of 320d it means renewed extension within Beriah, Yetzirah, and Asiyah, not new building in Atzilut. Here precisely it says "דְּלֹא כְּדִלְעִיל שְׁנִבְנִית בְּנִין חֹדֶשׁ בְּאֲצִי עֲצָמוֹ". What is rejected is the location of renewed building in this particular interpretation, not the entire principle of smallness preceding greatness. Immediately, possibilities open: perhaps the "mighty in strength" are angels of Atzilut; perhaps "שְׁעוּשִׁים דְּבִרוּ בְּבִנְיָן חֹדֶשׁ בְּאֲצִי" וְהָדָר לְשִׁמוּעַ בְּקוֹל. Even new building in Atzilut, just rejected in one application, returns within a more complex alternative. The same page

adds: "וּאִמְנָם יְהִי אִיךְ שִׁיחִי יִכּוֹל לִהְיוֹת שִׁיחִי יִתְרוֹן מַעֲלָה לְבַחִי הַרְצוּא עַל בַּחִי" "הַשּׁוֹב כְּדִלְעִיל". This explicitly returns to the earlier account: the point and building in Atzilut exceed Malchut's condition as crown of Beriah.

5. Inclusion does not cancel distinctions. The end of 320d also retains the reverse explanation: ratzo and descent are needed for shov and ascent. At 321a, for Malchut as the worlds' source, ascent to Atzilut is the higher ratzo, while return to sustain the lower worlds is descent. The transmitter-recipient reversal is explained as an inverted seal. Yet the author adds that Malchut's own ascent also belongs to reception, and in that relation גַּם "בְּמַלְיָ רְצוּא לְמַטָּה מְשׁוֹב כְּמוֹ בְּנוֹבְרָאִים". At 321a-b, the transmitter's mati velo mati is further distinguished from the recipient's ratzo and shov. The end of 321b leaves further discussion of love, fear, and joy; the difficulties have not all ended with one sentence.

What remains? Two relational structures: returning to a root higher than extension, and the new transmission that nullification prepares one to receive. They are not declared identical in the same sense. The continuation sorts them by subject, relationship, and level. What changes? The local interpretation of "הָאֵל כְּמַלְקָדְמִין", the identification of angels, and shov's place in the framework. What cannot be inferred? The author does not "retract his retraction" in a way erasing the negative statement, nor does he reinstate every earlier detail unconditionally. Evidentiary weight: strong, because "כְּדִלְעִיל" and the returning alternative stand immediately beside "דְּלֹא כְּדִלְעִיל", rather than depending solely on a distant comparison.

Vayakhel: A Question about Painful Immersion and the Mechanism's Return after Distinguishing Levels

Reading mode: official transcription with folio markers, not a scan. This illustrates an additional explanatory approach, not another occurrence of "דְּלֹא כְּדִלְעִיל".

1. Before. At 409a, the River of Fire emerges from transmission and descent of essential delight into its opposite, severities and fire. Immersion before ascent to the higher Garden of Eden is discussed as pain enabling greater delight, like pleasure after labor and bitterness. The author already distinguishes essential delight from delight arising through reversal.

Locating phrase: "שֶׁלֹּפֶ"ע הַשֶּׁכֶר בַּעֲוֹנָה הַנִּפְלֵאָה צָרִיךְ לִהְיוֹת בַּהֲכָרָה הַצֶּעֶר תַּחֲלָה".

2. The question. At 409b: if this is punishment and pain, why do souls already elevated from the lower Garden require it? Immersion seems purification rather than punishment. Moreover, the River had been described as a transmission giving creatures existence, whereas immersion nullifies existence. Short phrases: ... "אך עדיין י"ל"; "כטובל במקוה לטהרה לבד"; "היפוך הביטול" ולא לעונש ולצער"; "היפוך הביטול".

3. The distinguishing explanation. First the lower River of Fire, between Gehinnom and the lower Garden and formed from the chayot's perspiration, is separated from the upper River. At 409c-d, consuming actual evil in Gehinnom is distinguished from cleansing subtle coarseness and permitted desires. Not all pain is punishment: "וזהו לא לעונש רק כדי שיוכשר לעלות בעילוי". The analogy is scouring hot water rather than consuming fire. At 410a, the chayot's perspiration is rooted in fear and bittul after ratzo, with implications for bitterness rectifying extensions of permitted desire.

4. Return to the upper River and the earlier principle. At 410b, the author explicitly turns: "ע"ד כל הנ"ל בנה"ד התחתון ... כך ממש יובן ברוחניות הרבה יותר בבחי' נה"ד העליון". Physical coarseness has already been removed; now the self-awareness within spiritual delight and comprehension in the lower Garden must be removed. At 410c, he returns to defining the upper River as "גבו' שבעונג העליון העצמי' דזיו השכינה כנ"ל", descending into its opposite, pain, referring to the earlier extended explanation. At 410d, pain of actual distance is distinguished from pain at lack of closeness, like a son awaiting his father. At 411b, the application returns to "לפום צערא אגרא".

What remains? Preparation through nullifying the earlier level, and the connection between higher delight and its opposite in pain and bitterness, explicitly return. What is rejected or restricted? Upper immersion cannot be equated with punishment for outright evil or cleansing already rectified physical materiality. The kind of pain, what is cleansed, the River's source, and the level of bittul are differentiated. What cannot be inferred? Punishment, sufferings of love, bitterness at distance, and absence of closeness cannot be indiscriminately equated. The example's force lies in preserving the principle while distinguishing levels. Evidentiary weight: good for deepening and inclusion after a question, but weaker than

Tetzaveh for the precise meaning of "דלא כדלעיל", which does not appear here.

Counterexample: Noach, an Actual Local Correction about a Share in the World to Come

Reading mode: official transcription; the end of section 60 was also checked in the Kehot 5753 sixth-edition scan, printed p. 156, PDF p. 161. In that scan section 3 corresponds to 64a-b, PDF p. 134. This is not a critical manuscript edition.

1. Before. Section 3 explicitly says that the generation of the Dispersion attacked the fundamental principle and therefore has no share in the World to Come, whereas the Flood generation, despite severe sins, does have a share because it did not attack that principle. In earthly survival, by contrast, the Flood generation perished through division and strife, while the Dispersion generation survived through external peace.
2. The question or corrective pressure. Section 60 contains no independent question phrased "but this is difficult." It directly confronts the Mishnah in Chelek, according to which neither generation has a share in the World to Come. An unwritten questioning stage must not be invented: the pressure is the contradiction between the earlier assertion and the source cited at the close.
3. The new explanation and rejection. Section 60 denies the Flood generation a share as well. At 78d the wording is sharp: "אבל לענין עוה"ב ... (דלא כדלעיל)" שניהם שוים. The Flood generation's loss is then explained through corruption of its conduct and human image, although unlike the Dispersion generation it did not attack the fundamental principle.
4. What returns and what does not. The distinction concerning earthly survival remains: peace and unity versus theft and strife. A Zohar view granting the Flood generation a share is also mentioned parenthetically, but as a distinct opinion within a source discussion, not as reinstating a conclusion shared by the Mishnah and every view. This is not inclusion of contradictory claims as true in the same sense. The earlier claim that the Flood generation has a share is rejected in the Mishnah-based account; other elements remain, and the different view receives a defined place.

Evidentiary weight: a very strong counterexample to any claim that the author's "דלא כדלעיל" merely deepens without ever rejecting an assertion.

A Useful Addition from the Same Noach Discourse: An Insufficient Interpretation Returns within a Broader Explanation

This is not another statistically independent example, since it occurs in the same discourse as the third case. It is useful precisely as an internal check: one text contains both actual correction and inclusion. At the opening of section 1, 63c-d, Ibn Ezra's interpretation presents the tower as a sign enabling distant people to gather. The discourse asks how "let us make ourselves a name" fits "lest we be scattered," and why G-d objects to their unity or making a name on earth. Later, section 55 at 77c explicitly returns to "דפי' הפשוט הוא כמ"ש הראב"ע כנ"ל", but interprets gathering as forming a vessel for unity and drawing the Name MaH. Section 57, 77d-78a, returns to the two reasons and explains their unity within this framework. The return does not certify the initial natural explanation as sufficient alone; it employs one component within an additional explanatory level.

The conclusion is to check exactly what the rejection concerns and what the author restores later. There is no rule that "דלא כדלעיל" always erases everything, and no rule that it never rejects a claim. The sample also cannot replace independent reading of Vayitzer itself.

Lights of Tohu in Vessels of Tikkun: What Service Changes

The explanation of Tikkun's endurance is incomplete until it addresses the future: how can the lights of Tohu be revealed in vessels of Tikkun without another shattering? Merely reducing light does not explain reception of its great excellence. Merely returning to the same vessels does not explain what changed in the relationship that produced shattering.

Torat Chaim, Beshalach, answers through a change in the recipient. Charity comes from human labor and things rooted in vessels that fell into

Nogah. The mitzvah makes them vessels for holiness; as they rise, they become broad vessels able to receive Tohu's great lights.²⁶

“Broad” does not mean only more empty space. Service changes the vessel's affiliation with holiness and its capacity to bear revelation. The root's excellence need not be canceled to prevent crisis; a different relationship between revelation and recipient must be prepared. Building a partzuf, interinclusion, and refinement thus join without becoming synonyms.

The source does not teach that every fallen material automatically becomes a broad vessel. It describes a mitzvah and the ascent it effects. This avoids two extremes: material being intrinsically lost, and service being unnecessary because the lofty root already guarantees rectification. From this perspective the connection between Tohu and Tikkun becomes understandable: the vessels broaden to receive the great light, which does not return in the same form of a self-assertive point negating another. It is received in a vessel built and refined. This broadening is explicit in Beshalach; a complete mapping to all the terms in Vayitzer and Ki Chelek remains an interpretive arrangement requiring further checking.

Nukva's Diminution and Growth: Seven Aspects, Not Two Names for One State

“A point” and “a partzuf from the chest downward” do not describe the same stature. Etz Chaim 36:1 says that at the extreme of diminution she has no partzuf and stands below Yesod. The next aspect already has a complete partzuf of ten sefirot, extending from Zeir Anpin's chest downward. The difference concerns not only height but whether a partzuf has been built.²⁷

²⁶ Torat Chaim, Beshalach, 250b, Ulehavin BeTosefet Beur. The editor read the page's transcription and notes following Dot's continued investigation.

²⁷ Etz Chaim, Gate 36, chapter 1, detailing back and face aspects; chapter 2 applies them to Creation and history.

Aspect	Structure and relationship	What is still missing
1	A point comprising ten, below Yesod	No partzuf
2	A ten-sefirah partzuf back-to-back, chest downward	Lights of the first five not yet drawn into her
3	Additional illumination from behind	Not yet face-to-face
4	Face-to-face partzuf, chest downward	Upper facial lights not yet drawn
5	Upper illumination within partial stature	Stature and crowns not yet equal
6	Face-to-face through his entire stature	His crown greater; she receives through him
7	Two kings with one crown	Full growth; receives from Imma without Zeir Anpin's mediation

“Equal in stature” need not mean “one crown.” The sixth aspect retains a difference in crown and manner of reception. An abridgment erasing this loses the very distinction at issue in Shabbat: what waiting would have enabled and what actually returned after the sin.

The nine sefirot feature in several events: during the moon's diminution they rise to Zeir Anpin; through sin they descend into kelipot. Etz Chaim uses the distinction in explaining the two destructions. The first is compared to the moon's diminution; the second to Adam's sin. These are explicitly related developments, yet destination and form of damage remain different.

“Ascent” and “descent” thus require identifying their subjects. Nukva may remain a point when the higher sefirot rise, and remain a point when they fall. A similar condition in the recipient does not prove identical movement in the departed aspects. The sin likewise cannot become another name for diminution or shattering.

The World before the Sin and Adam's Service within It

Tikkun preceded Adam but was not completed before him. Etz Chaim describes upper aspects refined of themselves, in contrast to Malchut's mayin nukvin left for refinement below. A world rectified in the sense of structural building is not a world with every refinement complete.²⁸

Nor did all evil first arise through the sin. Kelipot and mixed sparks existed outside Adam's level in the Garden. Etz Chaim compares Nogah before the sin to a separate peel easily removed, and afterward to an attached peel. The sin changes how the mixture adheres, rather than merely renaming an unchanged world.²⁹

Knowledge of evil's existence, inward knowledge, and actual mixture must be distinguished. A source denying mixture in Adam does not eliminate the possibility of warning or temptation. The serpent and command remain. A statement locating evil in garments requires identifying when and in what aspect; every statement about the lower worlds cannot automatically be dated before the sin.

Adam Draws Down; the Sparks Rise

Torah Or, Hen HaAdam, asks the question itself: how can sparks be refined if Adam does not know evil? It answers by increasing light in the Garden. Abundant revelation elevates mixed sparks and consumes kelipot without the struggle in which the refiner enters the mixture's location.³⁰

“Memeila,” of itself, describes how the thing being refined rises. It does not describe an inactive human being. A great torch includes even a distant candle; distance does not itself require Adam to go out to each spark. Adam acts through drawing down, and the revelation acts through elevation.

This corrects an approach tried in round one: “outside the Garden” in Vayikach 5712 does not establish a planned involvement there even without sin. Its context follows the sentence of expulsion. Torah Or

²⁸ Etz Chaim, Gate 39, discourse 1, from “כל אותה בחינה של מעלה” through the explanation of Nukva's mayin nukvin.

²⁹ Etz Chaim, Gate 49, chapter 2, the separate and attached peel analogy; Torah Or, Bereishit, 5d-6a.

³⁰ Torah Or, Bereishit, Vayomer Hashem Elokim Hen HaAdam Hayah KeAchad Mimenu, 5c-6a.

explicitly explains how distant sparks rise without such departure. The proposal was abandoned rather than retained as an equally supported possibility.³¹

Mitzvah, Prayer, and Cutting Off the Grip

Shaar HaKavanot describes Adam performing a mitzvah, praying, and severing the kelipot's grip on the backs. Nesirah, separation, and return face-to-face follow removal of that grip. Nesirah itself is attributed to Imma's supreme kindness; in HaMapil it is the Emanator's action. Human and higher action concern two stages and need not compete.³²

This offers a useful comparison with Torah Or: the human being prepares and revelation acts. But similarity does not turn Chassidut's “memeila” into a glossary for every ascent and nesirah in the Ari's writings. Similar structures still require distinct subjects. The supplementary round added Leshem, explicitly describing the possible first Shabbat's rectification as automatic through its sanctity; the term need not be treated as exclusively Chassidic.

Shaar HaHakdamot limits Adam's described capacity at that stage to the end of Yetzirah, leaving Asiyah back-to-back. This explicit limit must be respected, but not converted into a rule for every possible moment or act, certainly not a denial of completion on Shabbat.³³

A parallel in Etz Chaim 39:3 describes rectifying animals through naming and the task in plant and mineral through working the soil and eating before the account of sin. Working the soil alone therefore does not prove a post-expulsion setting. Place of work and manner of refinement require separate checks; this parallel does not prove planned departure outside the Garden had Adam not sinned.³⁴

³¹ Vayikach Hashem Elokim Et HaAdam 5712, in the context of expulsion and the principal refinements outside the Garden.

³² Shaar HaKavanot, Rosh Hashanah discourses, discourse 1; night discourses, the blessing HaMapil.

³³ Shaar HaHakdamot, discourses on the four worlds, discourse 2, the passage on three unions and Adam's rectification.

³⁴ Etz Chaim, Gate 39, discourse 3, beginning “והנה כשנולד אדם וחווה”. Checked as transcription by Dot in IS1.

Eating, Offerings, and Three Periods

Etz Chaim 49:3 says mineral and plant had not finished being refined, and therefore they ate to refine them. This positively describes an act of refinement before sin. It states action and purpose without explicitly calling it refinement through struggle or automatic refinement.³⁵

Tzav 5711, by contrast, says offerings in the Garden drew down G-dliness rather than refining. Its subject is offerings, not a denial of every refinement in every action of Adam. Eating and an offering are different acts; a contradiction must not be manufactured before identifying the subject.³⁶

Further Detail in Shaar HaPesukim

A passage collected from omissions and marked "מזולתו" describes rectifying animals through naming, and plants and mineral through eating and transforming them into human flesh. The prohibition of meat is explained because animals were already rectified. After sin, altar, offering, and repentance rectify again; after the Flood generation's corruption, meat is permitted to Noah for its refinement.³⁷

The passage also details Temple service: the human being through repentance and confession, animal through offering, plant through meal-offerings and libations, mineral through salt. It supplies a positive map of subjects without equating them all with the human soul. It strengthens eating as refinement, but still is not a direct Chabad interpretation of how eating in 49:3 operated.

Round three proposed inferring "no meat and no offering" before sin from the prohibition on eating meat. The inference was rejected: prohibition of eating is not prohibition of offering, and Tzav 5711 explicitly discusses offerings in the Garden. No invented historical list of offerings is needed to preserve the distinction.

³⁵ Etz Chaim, Gate 49, chapter 3, beginning "ודע כי באדם הראשון".

³⁶ Tzav Et Bnei Yisrael 5711, sections 3-5, an unedited transcript.

³⁷ Shaar HaPesukim, Bereishit, discourse 4, the ASh gloss "מצאתי בהשמטות", from "כוללים" through the Temple explanation. Its status remains a collected omission, not continuous text of the preceding discourse.

Two Changes across Three Periods

Before sin: drawing light, guarding, cutting off a grip, and eating to refine what was unfinished. After sin: work within a differently adhering mixture. The giving of the Torah adds another change in the quality of transmission, distinct from the passage from Garden to working the soil.

Period	Focus of service	Limit of inference
Before sin	Drawing down; guarding; eating for refinement	No invented schedule of all 613 performances
After sin, before Sinai	Refinement within mixture	Not yet the transmission introduced at Sinai
After Sinai	Refinement through Torah and mitzvot, higher transmission	No permission to transgress for refinement
Future	Transmission without the same need to refine evil	Sinai's advantage remains

Tzav 5711 calls pre-Sinai transmissions “fragrances” relative to the subsequent innovation. This does not make the earlier transmission worthless; the comparison explains a new advantage. The future combines absence of the mixture requiring refinement with post-Sinai transmission's excellence.

Torah Or describes agriculture, eating, and saying “אֶחָד וְאַהֲבַת” in explaining refinement. This uses the language of Jewish service. The prayer wording must not be dated to historical Adam or placed in a table as a documented pre-Sinai act. A difference in manner of service does not establish a prayer book preserved from Adam.

How Many Commands Did Adam Receive?

Torah Or explicitly mentions 248 positive mitzvot in connection with “לַעֲבֹדָה” and drawing light. Roots of transmission and guarding do not prove that Adam physically performed every detail of the 613 mitzvot in his time.³⁸

³⁸ Torah Or, Bereishit, 5d; compare Zohar I, 27a, on “לַעֲבֹדָה וְלִשְׁמֶרָה”.

In the 5670 scan the words "רק ז"מ" were viewed. Their count remains unresolved. Rambam lists six subjects for Adam, adding a limb from a living animal for Noach; Tosafot in Sanhedrin exclude the meat and tree prohibitions from their count because they do not apply for all generations. They help distinguish a temporary command from a lasting count but do not explicitly interpret the Rebbe Rashab.³⁹

"Seven, one of them the tree prohibition" must therefore not be printed as established in 5670. An attractive six-plus-one calculation cannot replace a source for that particular count. The words were viewed; their precise meaning remains a focused research target.

An Explicit Source for Automatic Refinement in the Garden, and the Limit of Connecting It to Eating

Vayikach 5712 says refinement in the Garden occurred automatically, while the main work followed expulsion. This positively identifies the manner of Garden refinement but does not quote the eating sentence in 49:3. Applying it to that eating is therefore contextually grounded synthesis, not an explicit quotation about the same action. Chayei Sarah 5712 describes post-sin refinement at the spark's location, from below upward. Torah Or, Chayei Sarah 15c, explains eating as refinement of a mixture produced by the Tree; its entire account of desire cannot be transferred to Garden eating.⁴⁰

What Changed through the Sin: A Map of Descents

The sin changes several aspects, each with its own action and direction. Shedding, withdrawal, descent, and mixing are not synonyms. Their paths must be established before discussing spark identity.

³⁹ Sefer HaMaamarim 5670, Eichah Yashvah Badad, pp. 215-217; Rambam, Hilchot Melachim 9:1; Tosafot, Sanhedrin 56b, beginning "לא נצטווה אלא על ע"ז", in the discussion of Rabbi Yehudah.

⁴⁰ Vayikach Hashem Elokim Et HaAdam 5712, section 5; Vayihyu Chayei Sarah 5712, section 5; Torah Or, Chayei Sarah 15c. Both 5712 discourses are unedited transcripts.

Aspect	Earlier state and change	Main source
Souls and animals	Refined back-to-back; returned to kelipot	Etz Chaim 49:3
Chashmal garments	Refined; mixed again into Nogah	Etz Chaim 49:4
Soul-sparks	Fell away and sank into kelipot	Shaar HaGilgulim, introduction 7
Supernal radiance, zihara ila'ah	Withdrew upward	Shaar HaPesukim, Bereishit
Nukva's nine sefirot	Descended and became invested in kelipah	Etz Chaim 36:2; 48:3
Nogah	From separate peel to attached peel	Etz Chaim 49:2
Worlds	Descended from their earlier place	Shaar Maamarei Rashbi, Kedoshim

The map does not necessarily divide all roots into mutually exclusive groups. It separates subjects of description. Withdrawing radiance does not prove a category of “sparks that fell only through sin”; it does not follow that path into kelipah. Nine sefirot describes Nukva's stature, not another number to add to 288.⁴¹

Refined Material That Returned

49:3-4 describe return after refinement: souls and animals, alongside garments requiring a second refinement. This is actual evidence of continuity. Earlier refinement being back-to-back rather than face-to-face does not cancel it; it defines what occurred and what remained missing. Pri Etz Chaim adds, in the context of Adam's sin, that Imma's already refined mayin nukvin became damaged and mixed into kelipot again. An extension to Atik and Arich Anpin appears later in a paragraph beginning “וכפי הנלע”ד” and ending with a need for further examination. This qualified extension must not be printed as the discourse's unqualified assertion.⁴²

⁴¹ Etz Chaim, Gate 36, chapter 2; Gate 48, chapter 3; Gate 49, chapters 2-4; Shaar HaGilgulim, introduction 7; Shaar HaPesukim, Bereishit, discourse 3.

⁴² Pri Etz Chaim, Gate of Rosh Hashanah, chapter 2, from “זוה סוד נחש” through “וכפי הנלע”ד”.

Another Fall and Greater Materiality

The 5562 discourses describe two kinds of refinement in Nogah and a further fall of 288 through sin. The deepening is also explained psychologically: a natural power of desire versus pursuit and conscious relish of evil that increase its nourishment. This concerns intensification of mixture and materiality.⁴³

The passage does not map every detail's whole history. “Only 288 that had not been refined” therefore cannot be added as a proven denial of refined material returning; conversely, “second fall” alone does not prove every element had been refined before. Sources on refined material returning explicitly establish that side.

Grok Bot expanded his reading to pp. 269-275, noting an omission, a gap, and the editor's proposed assignment to another discourse. These transmission conditions require caution in arguing from silence. They neither cancel explicit statements nor permit filling a gap with a preferred theory. A discourse by the Alter Rebbe must also be distinguished from its transcript by the Mittlerer Rebbe; no autograph of the discourse's author is claimed here.

The positive conclusion: some material of service has explicit continuity, sometimes repeated refinement. What is unproven: an identity map of every detail in the epistle's two clauses. The two attributions of descent differ, and Malchut's refinement encounters a world changed by both events.

A further dating difference needs marking: Pri Etz Chaim connects the return of Imma's mayin nukvin to Adam's sin, whereas the early-version passage in Etz Chaim 39:1 discusses Binah's returning mayin nukvin in connection with the Second Temple's destruction and the Ten Martyrs. Both support the possibility of refined material returning; they do not authorize a combined chronology without explanation. Another return or different aspects remain interpretive possibilities, not words written in the source.⁴⁴

⁴³ Maamarei Admur HaZaken 5562, the explanation of “ושבית שביו” pp. 273-274. Dot and Grok Bot reported reading a scan; the editor did not view these pages again.

⁴⁴ Pri Etz Chaim, Gate of Rosh Hashanah, chapter 2; Etz Chaim, Gate 39, discourse 1, the passage marked מ”ק.

“All One Matter”: Shared Purpose without Erasing Differences

IS1 added a source not available to every participant in the early rounds: Sefer HaMaamarim Atarat links tzimtzum, shattering, diminution of the moon, and sin as “ענין א' והא בהא תלי””. The comparison is therefore not merely the editor's synthesis: a Chassidic explanation connects all four names. The printed volume is titled עטר”ת in that letter order; this is the year תרע”ט, 5679, not two different years.⁴⁵

What is “one”? Here the names connect to the purpose of service, Torah, and bittul. Created multiplicity and felt existence establish the need and possibility of returning yesh to its source. This does not make tzimtzum a sin, shattering Adam's act, or diminution a descent into kelipot. A shared final cause is not identity of actor, time, or subject.

Etz Chaim also compares Adam's sin to the destruction, using “all one” or “one matter.” It itself details what fell, where, and what had already been built in each event. The broader comparison should be read similarly: learn what it connects while preserving the differences the sources detail. A general statement does not permit claiming that every spark in every event followed the same route.

This clarifies “וּגַם” in the epistle. It joins two attributions of fall within one system of service. It fits a profound connection between the orders, but alone does not prove every spark's identity. Continuity is proved by passages describing what was refined and returned; shared purpose explains why their joint discussion is not accidental.

⁴⁵ Sefer HaMaamarim Atarat (5679), p. 206. Scan reading in Grok Bot's report; the editor's supplement also retrieved the source page's text layer. Parallels supplied from the 5672 series and Maamarim Melukatim retain the reported reading status of each in the IS1 register.

The Shabbat Not Attained: Permission, Rectification, and Completion

Waiting for Shabbat appears in several claims, each requiring its own source. Permission to eat the fruit does not itself prove completed refinement; comprehensive rectification does not quote the number 288; an account of the post-sin Shabbat does not refute a scenario without sin.

The Fruit's Permission and Kiddush over Wine

Or HaChaim interprets premature eating through the analogy of orlah and describes waiting for Shabbat and making Kiddush over wine. Elsewhere he stresses that the prohibition was not permanent. This is an explicit tradition about the time of permission, not an inference from a vague rule that every prohibition rises on Shabbat.⁴⁶

The Shelach 5719 talk explains that on Shabbat the Tree of Knowledge rises and is included in the Tree of Life. This gives content to the ascent, but the talk is unedited. A reference to Likkutei Sichot vol. 24 does not automatically make the entire talk edited; the original source on that page was not opened in this study.⁴⁷

We do not have a verified identification of an early rabbinic source for the entire wording “he would have made Kiddush over wine.” Traditions of waiting three hours, the fruit's sanctity, timely eating, and Kiddush cannot be entered as one quotation from Chazal without tracing their transmission.

Rectification of the Worlds and Its Endurance

Shaar HaKavanot conditions rectification on avoiding sin and premature union and waiting until Friday night. It describes the worlds remaining rectified in their original place and existence with enduring permanence. This comprehensive language must not be emptied into some minor ascent.⁴⁸

⁴⁶ Or HaChaim, Vayikra 19:26, attributing the tradition to Midrash Talpiyot; the Midrash itself was not checked in this study. Also Bereishit 1:29. On the fruit's sanctity and waiting, compare Likkutei Torah, Kedoshim, 29a.

⁴⁷ Torat Menachem, vol. 26, Shabbat Shelach 5719, sections 6-8; Likkutei Sichot, vol. 24, p. 133, remains a source-checking target. Grok Bot read a translation and notes.

⁴⁸ Shaar HaKavanot, Rosh Hashanah discourses, discourse 1, from its opening and the continuation “ולבאר המאמר הזה”.

Etz Chaim 36:1-2 describes Nukva's full growth: face-to-face, one crown, receiving from Imma without Zeir Anpin's mediation. Had Adam not sinned, he would have raised MaN on the first Shabbat and aroused union at this level. This positively describes an attainable level beyond the restoration of stature that actually occurred afterward.⁴⁹

In these sources “eating” can also denote union. Or HaChaim speaks of fruit; the Lurianic discourses explain an order of union. They share waiting for the proper time; their subjects cannot automatically be identified or interpretation replaced by an additional unwritten historical narrative.

A Source Connecting Completion to Shabbat Was Found

The inquiry changed in round three. Pri Etz Chaim, Gate of Rosh Hashanah, chapter 2, says only Malchut's face-to-face MaN remained to be refined, connecting its refinement to the first Shabbat had Adam waited. The same passage states: **לגמריי” הויו כל המלכים נבררין**.⁵⁰

The source connects four links: what was refined, what remained, waiting for Shabbat, and completion on that Shabbat. It then contrasts completion possible at once with gradual refinement in every union until Mashiach. The difference between scenario and reality is written in the source itself.

The previous wording “no source connects completion to a date” is therefore withdrawn. An explicit source connects the full refinement of all the kings to the first Shabbat under the described condition.

Acknowledging this need not await resolution of every numerical issue.

What remains to explain? The number 288 is absent from this paragraph. The connection among kings, sparks of shattering, and MaN is established within the corpus, but counts of aspects cannot be interchanged without explanation. The precise formulation is: completion of all the kings is explicit; its connection with the 288 system gains an anchor in the kings' remaining material in 49:3 and Rabbi Yehudah Petaya's Beit Lechem Yehudah, which names the number within the Shabbat scenario. This

⁴⁹ Etz Chaim, Gate 36, chapter 1 on full growth; chapter 2, **”ואלו לא חטא אדם הראשון”**.

⁵⁰ Pri Etz Chaim, Gate of Rosh Hashanah, chapter 2, beginning **”אמנם צריך שתדע כי כל זה אשר נעשה מיה”כ עד ש”ע”**. The transcription was read in round three; in IS1 the editor also checked the Korets print scan, and Dot checked Jerusalem 5721 in a scan. The completion sentence precedes **”וכפי הנלע”ד** and is not retroactively qualified by that paragraph's ending.

neither equates every count nor quotes the number from that paragraph. See the Shabbat interpretations below.

The scenario cannot be refuted from what remained unfinished before sin in 49:3. An incomplete state does not establish the limit of what could later have been completed. Nor do Shlomo's limits or millennia of post-sin service prove waiting without sin could not have worked. Each statement's conditions must remain intact.

The Shabbat Bereishit 5743 talk repeats the tradition of waiting and Kiddush over the Tree of Knowledge's wine. The page checked is marked unedited. It strengthens the Chabad tradition of waiting and Kiddush, but does not name 288 or replace Pri Etz Chaim's wording about the kings' completion.⁵¹

The First Shabbat: Three Readings and an Unresolved Disagreement

After sin, Etz Chaim 36:2 describes return face-to-face at the sixth level, without the crown; Shaar HaKavanot describes union delayed until Shemini Atzeret. A sound comparison begins neither by declaring contradiction everywhere nor by declaring everything resolved. It first sets out four axes: stature, place, union, and permanence. A chapter may describe one without stating all the others in that sentence.

Distinguishing State from Action

Pri Etz Chaim discusses return face-to-face after Yom Kippur, and union on Shemini Atzeret. Face-to-face therefore does not always prove union has already occurred. Etz Chaim 36:2 can accordingly be read as an account of stature without attributing to it an explicit assertion of union that Shabbat. This is the editor's organizing reading, not a statement the source makes about itself.⁵²

⁵¹ Torat Menachem, Hitvaaduyot 5743, vol. 1, Shabbat Bereishit, the discussion of the Tree of Knowledge and waiting for Shabbat. Unedited; page checked in IS1.

⁵² Pri Etz Chaim, Gate of Rosh Hashanah, chapters 1-2; Shaar HaKavanot, Rosh Hashanah discourses, discourse 1.

Yafeh Shaah: The First Shabbat Fit for Union

A commentator directly addressing the difficulty was found. Yafeh Shaah sets Etz Chaim alongside Sefer HaKavanot, concerning both delayed union and the timing of face-to-face return, proposing the first Shabbat fit for union. He stresses that the chapter concerns levels and identifies the time as Simchat Torah that year. This is an identified interpretation of the sentence itself; the earlier historical statement that no commentator had been identified no longer describes the evidence.⁵³

The solution is not a textual variant: the commentator does not claim another print has different words. He interprets “first.” The calendar question also remains: if Rosh Hashanah was Friday, 22 Tishrei was Friday and 23 Tishrei Shabbat. Diaspora Simchat Torah on the second festival day may explain the term, but cannot silently become an assertion that Shemini Atzeret itself was Shabbat.

Beit Lechem Yehudah: Two Distinct Causes

Rabbi Yehudah Petaya reads the Shabbat restoration as union, distinguishing the moon's complaint from Adam's sin. Concerning the complaint, union is described lacking level seven; concerning Adam's sin, delay until Shemini Atzeret. He assigns the complaint to Hod and the sin to Yesod. This is his proposed interpretation, not words supplied inside Etz Chaim.⁵⁴

“Face-to-face without union” therefore cannot be the sole reading. One reading separates state and action; Yafeh Shaah changes the identification of the Shabbat; Petaya distinguishes causes of damage. Each proposal must be assessed by what it resolves and leaves unresolved. The general distinction of comprehensive and particular partzuf, found in Emet LeYaakov and other books, may help; applying it to the historical Shabbat is a further interpretive combination, not an explicit interpretation found in each of them.

⁵³ Yafeh Shaah on Etz Chaim, vol. 2, Gate 36, chapter 2, note 1, beginning “ואח”כ כשבא יום השבת הראשון”; Warsaw 5651, 56a. Read in a scan by Dot and verified in a scan by the editor in IS1.

⁵⁴ Beit Lechem Yehudah, vol. 2, on Etz Chaim, Gate 36, chapter 2, “כשבא יום שבת ראשון”. The checked print reads “ינוודוגה עם ז”א בליל שבת”. The report that reversed the word order was corrected in the editorial record, not silently rewritten.

Conditional Scenario and Reality

Without sin, Etz Chaim describes raising MaN on Shabbat and union with one crown. Pri Etz Chaim describes the final MaN's refinement and permanent completion of all the kings. Leshem says rectification would have occurred automatically through Shabbat's sanctity, warning against reading "היה גורם" as though union itself alone generated every rectification. These describe different axes of one possibility; none should become a literal duplicate of all the others.⁵⁵

Petaya explicitly names 288 within the scenario, relating their refinement to Friday's mitzvot and prayers and the restoration of Zeir Anpin and Nukva to Adam and Chavah's union on Friday night. This is another positive anchor: the connection with Shabbat can no longer be presented as lacking an identified source. Nevertheless, "all the kings" in Pri Etz Chaim and "all aspects of the 288" in the commentary remain two quotations from two works, not one combined quotation.⁵⁶

Recurring Permanence after Sin

The end of 36:2 describes a schedule of states: sixth stature on Shabbat and second on weekdays, change at the Exodus, another permanence during the First Temple, withdrawal at destruction, and changes in and after the Second Temple. The seventh aspect remains the future goal of growth. Post-sin rectification is not the completion possible without sin, but is not without results. Temporary permanence, weekly recurrence, historical level, and complete stability must be distinguished.

Temporary Permanence, Weekly Permanence, and the Worlds' Place

The Shabbat interpretations clarify stature, time, and union. We must now establish what post-sin permanence means and how ascent of place differs from change of stature.

⁵⁵ Leshem Shevo VeAchlamah, Sefer HaDeah, vol. 2, the discussion of the first Friday and the note on Pri Etz Chaim, Rosh Hashanah 2. Scans at scanner pages 303-304 were checked; scanner references remain only in the working file.

⁵⁶ Beit Lechem Yehudah, vol. 2, on Etz Chaim 36:2, explaining what Adam could have refined on his creation day and Friday night. The editor also checked the scan.

Etz Chaim 39 describes return face-to-face during union; Shaar HaHakdamot describes ascent and rectification in prayer followed by renewed diminution. This must not become “no rectification endures after sin.” The sources themselves describe weekly states, a remaining impression, and levels built. The comprehensive state possible without sin did not become permanent; service since then is nevertheless effective.⁵⁷

Shaar Maamarei Rashbi adds the worlds' location: before sin they stood above their present place; afterward they descended, and on Shabbat rise again to a boundary defined in relation to the first Friday. Ascent of place must not be confused with equal crowns or an act of union. The three maps combine only when each retains its measure.⁵⁸

The Epistle's Text and the Map of Garments

Questions of content and wording are related but distinct. Even if other sources explicitly describe both descents, that does not prove the long sentence stood in the epistle's manuscript. An abbreviated quotation lacking it likewise does not cancel its content in other sources.

Textual Witnesses and Their Implications

The received text includes both descents. Quotations in Likkutei Torah, Shir HaShirim, and Or HaTorah, Shelach, omit the words at issue. In round three Grok Bot added Or HaTorah, Masei, with a brief quotation and an editorial “added” note comparing it with the epistle. The editor read the additional passage's transcription.⁵⁹

According to Grok Bot's scan reading, note 71 in Kehot identifies absence in the first edition as well. This is editorial testimony read by a participant; the editor did not open the first edition itself. The sons' approbation describes editing from copies but provides no detailed stemma for each passage of epistle 26.⁶⁰

⁵⁷ Shaar HaHakdamot, discourses on the four worlds, discourse 4, on the point and ascent in every prayer; Etz Chaim, Gate 39, discourse 1.

⁵⁸ Shaar Maamarei Rashbi, Kedoshim, explanation of Sitrei Torah folio 83, on the worlds before and after Adam's sin.

⁵⁹ Likkutei Torah, Shir HaShirim 28a; Or HaTorah, Bamidbar vol. 2, Shelach p. 523; Bamidbar vol. 4, Masei p. 1381, Vayisu MiMarah, quotation and publisher's notes.

⁶⁰ Tanya, Kehot 5762, p. 568, note 71 and textual variants; symbol key p. 52, following Grok Bot's round-three report. Participant's scan reading, not fresh viewing by the editor.

Three quotation sites are not necessarily three independent witnesses. They may rely on the same copy or have relationships of copying and abbreviation. Differences between quotations do not prove independence either: a copyist may adapt wording. Locations and possible relationships must be recorded before drawing a transmission tree.

“Added” in the Masei note describes a difference between texts, not the date of a later addition. Omission through similar wording is possible but does not prove originality. A sale description of a later copy reproducing 5574 on its title page does not prove two editions were actually printed that year.

In IS1, Bot's reading located the long wording in Vilna Romm, folio 144, an edition identified as 5660 through catalog information and printing indications. Mondshine documents an errata table and omissions leaf for Iggeret HaKodesh in Shklov 5574, based on the Schocken copy, and correction of 5660 from a Tzemach Tzedek manuscript. The first edition and omissions leaf were not opened, so originality remains unresolved; locating the later wording is no longer an unfulfilled target.⁶¹ Until the first edition and omissions leaf are opened, the booklet explains the received wording and marks its transmission question, without deciding “original” or “addition” from conjecture.

Garment, Skin, and Encompassing Light

Etz Chaim explicitly warns against identifying the chashmal garment with Zeir Anpin's encompassing light. The same order distinguishes actual chashmal, something like chashmal, skin, Binah's garment, and the encompassing lights of yosher. Two aspects surrounding something within the description are not thereby “encompassing light” in one technical sense.⁶²

Nor does “וּלְעֵד” accompanying one identification with the 288 render every connection of garment to shattering's sparks doubtful or prove every garment in every source the same individual spark. Subject and transmission must be traced each time.

⁶¹ Yehoshua Mondshine, *Torat Chabad: Bibliographies*, vol. 1, Likkutei Amarim Hu Sefer HaTanya, pp. 26 and 60, Shklov 5574 entry; Tanya, Vilna Romm, “new and corrected edition,” folio 144. Scans read by Grok Bot in IS1; the date identification is marked as an inference.

⁶² Etz Chaim, Gate 42, chapters 4 and 11-12, especially “וְאֵל תַּטְעָה לומר כי זהו האור המקיף”.

Within Adam, soul itself, radiance, and garments differ. A garment can be built from refinements of Tohu, given to Adam, and return to Nogah: an important continuity route. It does not cancel the difference between garment and wearer or exclude continuity along other routes.

Kehot note 71 is not solely textual variants: its first part is a content note linking the sin's descent with Malchut's nine sefirot on the basis of 5651. The link is the editor's; the reference does not make 5651 a quotation of that equation. A fourth short quotation was added from Or HaTorah, Vayikra vol. 2, p. 663. All the quotations abbreviate; their number alone determines neither their weight for precise reconstruction nor their mutual dependence.⁶³

Countertests and Rejected Approaches

A complete study must preserve why an initially plausible proposal did not remain in the conclusion. The following tests collect decision points; full reasoning appears in the relevant chapters.

Two Unrelated Groups because the Epistle Says “And Also”

Proposal: two objects require mutually exclusive populations. Difficulty: garments, souls, and animals return after refinement, as do already refined mayin nukvin that mix again. Decision: two attributions of descent remain; complete separateness does not follow from conjunction. The correction is not complete identity of every detail, which also remains unproven.

Involvement outside the Garden as a Sinless Plan

Proposal: if sparks were outside, even a sinless Adam had to go to them. Difficulty: Torah Or explicitly supplies drawing light and automatic ascent; Vayikach 5712 concerns post-sin expulsion. Decision: the proof failed and the proposal was removed.

⁶³ Tanya, Kehot 5762, note 71; Or HaTorah, Vayikra vol. 2, p. 663; detailed witnesses and editions in Grok Bot's IS1 report.

More Bittul Always Prevents Shattering

Proposal: quantity of bittul is the sole measure of endurance. Difficulty: relationships differ; nullification toward source need not mean transmission to recipient; Vayitzer itself asks a question and changes characterization of the root. Decision: explain light-vessel relationship, root, and interinclusion; Devarim supplies an explicit bridge without erasing the local difficulty.

“No Refinements” Cancels Adam's Eating

Proposal: all Garden service drew down, so no eating refined. Difficulty: 49:3 is explicit, while Tzav 5711 concerns offerings. Decision: distinguish acts and subjects. The technical manner of eating in 49:3 still requires direct commentary, not an unmarked import of “automatic” from elsewhere.

Long Post-Sin Service Refutes Completion on Shabbat

Proposal: since refinement continues until Mashiach, it could not have ended on the first Shabbat. Difficulty: Pri Etz Chaim itself contrasts the unrealized condition with subsequent gradual refinement. Decision: the refutation changes conditions. Completion of the kings is explicit in the scenario; the numerical question is separate.

Return Face-to-Face Proves Actual Union

Proposal: 36:2 asserts union and Shaar HaKavanot denies it. Difficulty: the sentence concerns stature; face-to-face without union is documented elsewhere. Decision: literal contradiction was not established. The opposite closure, “a complete explicit reconciliation has been found,” also exceeds that evidence, because an interpretation applying the distinction everywhere was still lacking.

Prohibition of Meat Proves No Offering

Proposal: no meat eating before sin means no offering. Difficulty: two laws and acts, while Tzav 5711 explicitly discusses Garden offerings. Decision: rejected. This error must not disappear because the same report brought the important source on completion of the kings.

Sin Is Desired because Ascent Resulted

Proposal: later purpose makes transgression the original service.

Difficulty: completion was possible through obeying the command, and sins themselves oppose the will. Decision: rectification's excellence does not authorize sin. Using the permitted, studying prohibition, and rejecting prohibition are different refinement paths.

Decision Files: Proposal, Attraction, and the Test of the Source

Status: documentation of R1-R3. IS1 findings and later corrections are collected in the supplementary-round chapter and the main explanation. “Not yet found” here describes the documented round's state.

These files preserve analytical transitions, not just conclusions. Their T identifiers belong to the final booklet and do not replace historical report identifiers. Where priority is undocumented, discussion is described as shared rather than assigning fictitious first discovery. Full references appear in the main chapters and notes.

T1 | Two Falls and Two Unrelated Repositories

The proposal arises from “and also”: if Malchut refines these and those, apparently there are two distinct groups. Its strength is fidelity to the sentence's two attributions of descent. Its weakness is moving from linguistic distinction to an inventory of identities: an object can be described by its origin and by what later happened to it without becoming two objects.

The editor's initial research already proposed a garment route from refined 288 that fell again. R1 required distinguishing this from the soul itself; R2 added 49:3-4 and 5562; R3 added Pri Etz Chaim's refined MaN mixing again. Complete unrelatedness therefore fails the evidence. The opposite extreme, identity of every spark detail in every statement, was not proved either.

Decision: two events and attributions, explicit continuity routes, and incompletely mapped overlap. A direct epistle commentary explicitly defining each clause's scope could change the conclusion, but would still

need comparison with the source map rather than erasing different subjects.

T2 | “Everything Fell” as a Single Mechanism

Its attraction is simplicity: great light breaks a vessel and everything becomes material for service below. Gate 18:1, however, separates withdrawal of light, breaking of vessel, and remaining spark. The proposal loses precisely what explains the broken vessel's existence and what can be refined.

Reports repeated the three outcomes, but Grok also used “reshimu.” The editor did not turn the image into a comprehensive identity. Letters of a word separating illustrate loss of arrangement, not Divine light as material cut into particles. The later stage added 42:12's distinction between illumination through a screen and falling from a world.

Decision: the distinction is grounded; analogies serve it only without replacing terms. Each “descent” must be tested for subject and action rather than automatically assigned to kelipah.

T3 | Four Times 72 Explains All 288

The proposal has correct arithmetic. It still does not explain why each level was chosen, how double counting is avoided, or why more is said to fall from BaN. The reports' 72, 73, 71, 72 demanded better checking than four equal rows.

Round two distinguished the depth of falling aspects from a row's numerical size, and the general category from particulars branching below. The 288 are therefore not a quota of 288 rectifying acts, and a different count does not immediately establish unrelated material.

Decision: the total belongs to a particular rule system. Its relationship to 320, 325, MaN, and kings needs detail wherever it changes a conclusion, especially Shabbat. Numbers alone cannot reconstruct an entire ontology of souls.

T4 | Three Illuminations as One Pipeline

4.7's R1 proposal joined compression, eyes, and parsa into one cause of forcefulness. A continuous story is attractive, but 8:2 distinguishes eye-light, new light, and vessel-building illumination. Proximity within a gate is not identical routing.

The editor opened the chapter and 4.7 withdrew the combination in R2. Sources about forceful emergence or circles do not restore the chain without identifying the subject. Chassidic explanations of cleaving likewise do not explicitly bridge these paths merely through similar wording.

Decision: Gate 8 remains a foundation for the mechanism of vessel-building; the merger is removed. Repetition of the analogy elsewhere does not turn it into the Ari's wording.

T5 | Nullification toward Source Equals Settling within Recipient

Attraction: if shattering concerns selfhood, more bittul should solve it. The first Torat Chaim approach presents particular reception relationships; section 44 adds another account; Ki Chelek links cleaving to ana emloch; Devarim explicitly links ayin and yesh. Bittul proved not to be one variable on a quantitative scale.

The sound criticism is not “the bittul is unreal.” It can be real toward the source yet fail to settle in measure according to the recipient. Forcefulness toward the recipient may arise precisely from cleaving. The vessel itself needs receptivity as well as absence of selfhood.

Decision: the bittul-yeshut bridge is grounded in a parallel by the same author, not an identification of every MaH and ayin everywhere. The methodological inquiry explains why moving between approaches does not automatically cancel the first.

T6 | “Unlike the Above” Erases the Entire First Explanation

The problematic wording grew from successfully discovering section 44's end: to correct partial reliance, the later account was given too sweeping a rejection. The requester identified the excess and demanded examining the author's own method. This inquiry joins the research rather than being presented as pre-R1 work.

Test: section 44 retains matkela and explains angels through MaH's illumination upon them. Devarim supplies a positive bridge. These prevent treating a transition phrase as erasing everything before it, without erasing the local difference the author marks.

Decision: two approaches with defined scope; specify what remains and changes. No survey across all Mittlerer Rebbe books has yet been made. Avoiding a universal claim does not retreat from the established local correction.

T7 | Tikkun Is Merely Weaker Light

The proposal preserves numerical proportion but does not explain eventual reception of Tohu's lights. Partzufim, broad vessels, particulars, and interinclusion explain change in the recipient; transmission above the lines explains unifying power. Beshalach 250b connects broadening to a mitzvah refining fallen vessels.

The future is the counterexample: strong light returning to the same small vessel would restore the problem. The source does not say nothing changed, but that service prepares different reception. Broadening need not mean volume; it means affiliation with holiness and capacity to bear revelation.

Decision: reduced light is a component of Tikkun's description, not its entirety. A complete technical mapping of Beshalach onto Gate 8 remains unproved; the combined explanatory levels are not presented as one glossary.

T8 | Automatic Means No Human Work

The proposal follows the ordinary sense of “of itself.” Torah Or asks how refinement is possible without knowledge of evil and answers through drawing light in the Garden. Adam acts; revelation produces ascent in what is refined. “Service” and “automatic” do not conflict when assigned to different subjects.

Claude added positive sources for offerings, prayer, and guarding; Bot added eating in 49:3. Conversely, “לעבדה ולשמרה” did not establish a complete schedule of all 613 actions. Both extremes, no work and all Sinai details physically performed, were rejected.

Decision: real service of drawing down and guarding, with elevation of sparks without the same involvement required after sin. The particular manner of eating in 49:3 still needs direct commentary if technically identified with automatic refinement.

T9 | The Spark's Location Proves Planned Human Descent

Claude's R1 T14 proposed that “outside the Garden” establishes a plan even without sin. Vayikach is correctly cited but concerns post-expulsion. Torah Or's torch analogy supplies action at a distance without going to the candle.

The check changed the source's scope and led to explicit withdrawal in R2. There is no need to assert Adam could never leave in any way, a claim neither asked nor proved. It suffices that proof of necessary departure in the sinless scenario failed.

Decision: excluded from the accepted explanation. A new explicit source for such a plan would be assessed independently, without returning to the same out-of-context wording.

T10 | Eating and Offerings Are the Same Test

Initially 49:3's eating was presented as a comprehensive counterexample to “no refinements.” This usefully criticizes a sweeping summary but does not directly contradict Tzav's statement about offerings. Later, “no meat and no offering” was inferred from meat's prohibition. That too exchanges two acts.

Subject, action, and purpose must match before constructing a contradiction. Eating mineral and plant for refinement, an offering as transmission, and meat eating to sustain a human are not one statement. Shaar HaPesukim adds animal rectification by naming and post-sin continuation; an event after sin cannot disprove every offering before it.

Decision: a refining act before sin is explicit, its form not established simply by the act's name. Absence of offerings was not proved; a Chabad source explicitly discusses them. No imaginary historical inventory was supplied.

T11 | Six Plus the Tree Proves the Abbreviation in 5670

Simple arithmetic and matching initials attract. Rambam, however, lists six subjects for Adam and Tosafot distinguish nonpermanent commands. Neither identifies this as the 5670 count. Verifying the letters in a scan does not verify their interpretation.

The editor prepared pp. 215-217 for R3 viewing. 4.7 added a real classification anchor from Tosafot. The discussion thus moved beyond OCR, but two combined facts did not solve it. The abbreviation cannot be corrected without a witness or made to generate 613 acts.

Decision: the wording exists; precise interpretation remains open. A decisive parallel or explanation must address the Rebbe Rashab's count in context.

T12 | Permission on Shabbat Proves Possible Completion

The fruit's permission strongly establishes a time-bound prohibition and Shabbat sanctity, but not by itself a calculation completing all sparks. Fruit permission, world rectification, and completed refinement were therefore separated from the outset. Etz Chaim 39 strengthened completion without a date; Pri Etz Chaim in R3 explicitly joined completion of the kings to a date.

This distinction was not meant to weaken new evidence. Once “all the kings” was found with the first Shabbat, retaining “no source for dated completion” because 288 is absent would be wrong. Inserting 288 into the quotation would also be wrong.

Decision: completion under waiting's condition is explicit; the counts' relationship needs explanation. This is a stronger conclusion than R2, not merely revised wording.

T13 | Long Post-Sin Service Refutes Completion without Sin

The proposal uses a true fact: refinement continues until Mashiach. Its mistake is exchanging conditions. Pri Etz Chaim itself places conditional completion against post-sin “little by little.” The supposed counter-source may instead explain why completion did not actually occur.

Likewise, what remained unfinished before sin does not establish the limit had service continued; Shlomo's post-sin achievement does not establish

Adam's limit in another scenario. Participants must withdraw the refutation, not every account they gave of the future.

Decision: refutation rejected. A new question must compare identical conditions and subjects, or supply a source explicitly limiting the waiting scenario.

T14 | Face-to-Face Proves Union; Missing the Word Proves No Union

Opposite proposals use the same shortcut. 36:2 describes face-to-face stature; Shaar HaKavanot and Pri Etz Chaim discuss delayed union. Face-to-face without union is documented around Yom Kippur and Shemini Atzeret. Identity of the two actions is unproved. Yet a sentence about stature remaining silent is not evidence against union.

Claude broadened the times-and-actions map in R3. The result is a supported harmonizing reading, not explicit commentary on every passage. Place, Friday versus Shabbat, stature, and level remain for examination. “No real gap” was limited so it would not contradict questions left open within that report.

Decision: the proposed literal contradiction was not proved; complete closure was not proved either. A commentary applying the distinction to the particular sentence in 36:2 could change its status.

T15 | A Short Text Proves Later Addition, or an Omission Note Proves Originality

Both approaches seek a quick transmission solution. A short quotation is not necessarily a full copy of the epistle; “added” describes a difference between texts. Conversely, omission through similar words explains a possibility, not evidence it occurred.

Bot added locations and editorial data; the editor verified Masei in transcription. The first print and the long wording's entry were not directly compared. The sons' approbation supplies background, not a sentence-by-sentence stemma. A year copied on a later title page is not the later printing's date.

Decision: explain the received wording while leaving originality open. The content of both descents has independent evidence and does not depend solely on that textual decision.

T16 | A “See” Reference Is a Quotation from Its Target

Dot's R2 attributed particular wording to 5664, p. 10. Rechecking found it in Ki Chelek 5732, whose note says “see” 5664. Related material on p. 65 does not allow silently replacing the page while retaining the quotation claim.

The attraction is familiar: an idea in a discourse is immediately followed by a note, and the reader attributes the sentence to its target. Checking must open the target and identify subject and wording. A related source may be important without validating the original attribution.

Decision: the old literal attribution was withdrawn, the reference retained as a reference, and the related source recorded separately. Correcting an error cannot count as an independent new discovery without recording the error.

T17 | Descent's Purpose Makes Sin the Service

The later result may be lofty, but this does not command transgression. The distinction between shattering's order and human choice is fundamental: shattering establishes possibility; sin is an act under a command. Basi LeGani 5730 says sins themselves oppose the supreme will.

Summaries sometimes added “revealed.” That is interpretation, not a word to print inside the source's wording. Pri Etz Chaim also offers conditional completion through obedience, so transgression need not be the sole original condition for rectification.

Decision: purpose can be explained without canceling choice, responsibility, or prohibition. In the epistle, permitted service, clarifying law, and rejecting the forbidden do not become transgression for refinement.

T18 | Model Agreement Proves a Source and Independence

Five reports may depend on one input, transcription, or editorial note. Repetition is not five witnesses; length is not coverage. A peer's source can aid criticism, but locating, independent reading, and integration still differ.

The positive example is R3's chain: Dot located a parallel, the editor verified its scan, and it changed the explanation. Claude brought Pri Etz Chaim, the editor checked it, and the date conclusion changed. This adds evidence, not votes. Conversely, a source unread by one participant is not absent from the entire file.

Decision: contribution claims follow documented paths. The final absence test concerns that path alone, not a future experiment or models' general abilities.

The Full Research History: From the Question through Three Rounds

Status: R1-R3 documentation. IS1 findings and later corrections appear in the supplementary-round chapter and main explanation. “Not yet found” describes the documented round's state.

Starting Point: Why Further Investigation Was Needed

The study grew from Iggeret HaKodesh 26 and continued the “New Souls” inquiries. The difficulty exceeds translating “shattering” and “sin”: if Adam was created after the worlds' rectification, what remained to refine, and what did sin add to the 288's earlier descent? The requester also sought the reason Tikkun endures beyond “abundant lights and few vessels,” and possible completion without sin at Shabbat's entrance.

The editor's pre-R1 research proposed continuity through a garment built from Tohu's refinements, distinguished light, vessel, and spark, and contrasted automatic pre-sin refinement with post-sin involvement. It contained twelve explanatory units; the prompts expanded them into eighteen common questions. The detailed 288 count, textual history, Adam's particular acts, and Shabbat completion were not presented as settled. This is the baseline for assessing new contribution: repeating input is not first discovery.

Earlier soul material supplied conceptual continuity: first entry into the world differs from descent for refinement, which differs from falling through sin. A garment source does not decide the soul's own root. No new decision about the Alter Rebbe's soul was opened here. The background prevents silently changing another file's conclusions.

The R1 Question Map and Its Outcome

Question	Required inquiry	Answer and continuation
Q1	What withdrew, broke, remained?	Three outcomes; chapter 2
Q2	288 and rules of subdivision	Calculation and inclusion; chapter 3
Q3	Few vessels quantitatively and qualitatively	Reception, structure, interinclusion; chapters 4-6
Q4	Root of the lights' forcefulness	Cleaving and transmission to recipient; chapter 5
Q5	Bittul and ana emloch	Two approaches and bridge; chapter 5 and methodological inquiry
Q6	Why Tikkun endures	Partzufim, MaH, opposites; chapters 4-6
Q7	Akudim as a test of height	Withdrawal is not Nekudim's death; chapter 4
Q8	Mechanism, meaning, purpose	Purpose does not authorize sin; chapters 2, 13
Q9	What preceded Adam's refinement?	Building is not completion; chapters 7, 9
Q10	Adam's acts and automatic ascent	Adam draws down; sparks rise; chapters 7-8
Q11	Serving, guarding, 613	Roots of service and command count; chapter 8
Q12	Guarding, Shabbat, completion	Pri Etz Chaim changed the conclusion; chapters 10-11
Q13	Sin's consequences	Distinct subjects and verbs; chapters 9, 12
Q14	Meaning of “and also”	Conjunction, not identity census; chapters 1, 9
Q15	Evil before and after sin	Mixture's scope and adherence; chapters 7, 9
Q16	Refinement today	Use, law, rejection; chapters 1, 9, 13
Q17	Purpose and human choice	Responsibility and command retained; chapters 2, 13

Question	Required inquiry	Answer and continuation
Q18	Continuous explanation and map	Main text and decision map

R1: Shared Input and Conditions of Independence

Each participant received the initial research, source and continuity index, delivery rules, and eighteen questions, with an individual additional focus. R1 reports were initial investigations in this file; absence of “retractions” was neither advantage nor defect. Their task was to test proposals, open sources, and define what could change a conclusion, not endorse the editor.

Grok's text was retained under a historical filename with another label, but the requester identified the participant as Grok. The booklet uses that updated identification. Grok Bot and Grok 4.7 are distinct; an old filename does not create another participant.

R1 - Grok: Useful Orientation without Adequate Investigation of Targets

A brief response addressed all eighteen questions, preserving light-vessel-spark distinctions, two periods of descent, and shedding versus withdrawal. Its strength was concise organization of the framework. No new source beyond the opening package was documented, and no coverage declaration distinguished complete and partial reading for each book.

Q1 proposed identifying spark and reshimu. The editor did not adopt this lexical identity unchecked: vitality remaining with a vessel may be called an impression in an analogy, but not every Kabbalistic reshimu is that spark. Q2's four times 72 summarized arithmetic rather than opening the levels' calculation. In Q4-Q6, naming a root in infinity, Chochmah, MaH, and partzufim did not explain each one's function.

Q11's “root framework” of Adam's mitzvot remained a direction without sources for particular acts. Q12 marked Shabbat as conjectural within his material, not a report that literature contains no source. Q14's one work of

Malchut did not itself prove the overlap's extent. Result: partial support for the framework, no new decision on central proof demands.⁶⁴

R1 - Grok Bot: Transmission of the Epistle and Further Descent Routes

A central contribution moved from “what can be interpreted” to “which text is before us”: Kehot's variants note and short Tzemach Tzedek quotations. Raising this required separating textual originality from Kabbalistic content. The first print was not opened at this stage. The result was a witness-checking task, not “late long text” or “corrupt short text.”

5651 p. 197 and Etz Chaim 36:2 added Malchut's nine sefirot descending. The editor checked in transcription the difference between the moon's diminution, where they rise, and Adam's sin, where they descend into kelipot. This prevented reducing all consequences to soul-sparks and garment alone.

Conversely, a sweeping rule that anything rooted in Atzilut cannot descend into kelipah was rejected: it does not follow from Shaar HaGilgulim's particular radiance and conflicts with the nine sefirot in this discussion. Source scope required correction, not another absolute rule. The garment route strengthened continuity after refinement, not every spark's identity.⁶⁵

R1 - Dot: Light-Vessel Relationship and a Counterexample to Simplistic Bittul

Dot referred to Torat Chaim, Vayitzer 37-42. It distinguishes the light's nullification toward source from the vessel's reception, including a case where excessive vessel-bittul prevents reception. This weakened “more bittul always sustains.” The first report did not yet give 43-44 their weight; the editor likewise integrated the account before completing the passage. This shared weakness emerged in the next round.

The report strengthened explaining Tikkun structurally rather than by light quantity alone, distinguished kinds of descent, and cited Shaar HaKavanot on conditional Shabbat rectification. Akudim required

⁶⁴ Editorial intake assessment of Grok, round one, “gaps and decisions” Q1-Q18; the abbreviated report is retained separately.

⁶⁵ Round-one intake assessment of Dot and Grok Bot, sections A-C and “points not accepted without correction.”

precision: Etz Chaim 6:5 has “some nullification” and “demolishing to build,” though not Nekudim's death. The editor verified this in transcription. “No nullification at all” was rejected; different kinds remained distinguished.

This stage did not establish that both accounts of Tohu were reconciled. It framed the question through precise relationships and a substantial source rather than a slogan. That question later led to section 44 and Devarim's parallel.

R1 - Grok 4.7: Detailed Count and Structure, alongside a Light-Chain Requiring Correction

The report arrived in three delivery parts joined into one sequence; Q1-Q18 and T1-T25 were checked for continuity. Detailing the four Divine Names and anti-double-counting rules went beyond arithmetic. Gate 8 was proposed for vessel-building and absent ear-illumination. The editor opened 8:1-2 in transcription and confirmed this core.

However, the account of compressed light emerging through eyes and breaking through the parsa merged different paths. Q4 and the continuous explanation needed to distinguish eye-light from the new light breaking through. R2 explicitly corrects this. The guest-and-chair analogy was also discarded: it exchanged light, vessel, and breakage relationships without explaining cleaving's selfhood.

“And also” required a logical limit: repeated attribution of a fall does not prove different individual elements. On Shabbat the report respected its reading limits, while the editor integrated sources found by others. Personal inaccessibility is not absence from the whole file. “Revealed” was added in summarizing the will; although precise wording appeared elsewhere, the addition was removed wherever presented as part of the source.⁶⁶

⁶⁶ Round-one Grok 4.7 assessment, T5, T18, T24 and the supplement following Q1-Q18.

R1 - Claude: Adam's Service Positively Explained, and Context Changing a Proposal

Claude expanded Adam's service through Tzav 5711, Vayikach 5712, and Chayei Sarah 5712, and Tikkun's account through Etz Chaim 9:8 and Gate 10. “Serve and guard” became more than a heading: Torah, mitzvot, offerings, transmission, and guarding were proposed while distinguishing Sinai's advantage. The editor verified 9:8 and Or HaChaim, Vayikra 19:26, on waiting and Kiddush over wine in transcription.

T14 proposed that “principal refinements outside the Garden” could establish a sinless plan. The editor returned to Vayikach's context, after the expulsion sentence. It does not prove planned descent without sin: a correct source had been applied too broadly. In R2 Claude completely withdrew that expansion; it cannot remain equally evidenced.

Nor did connecting holy Tohu with selfhood make ordinary arrogance holy. “Precisely for that reason” required identifying the relationship in which cleaving becomes forcefulness. Material about mixture in lower-world garments required checks of scope and time; a particular state did not date every mixture before sin.⁶⁷

R1 Decision: What Remained and Required Round Two

Voting among five answers was pointless. More than one route was established, but the 288 calculation, Adam's service, and relationship of bittul approaches remained incomplete. The editor set five focuses: epistle text; mechanism and bittul; Adam's service; three Shabbat claims; and descent-mixture map. Correcting “11 Nissan talk” to the discourse BeYom Ashtei Asar Yom 5732 entered the bibliography. R1 input remained unaltered retrospectively.

R2: New Input and Focuses Testing R1

R2 research followed evaluation, with a source register, R1 summary, and available reports. Individual focuses did not replace core questions. The round aimed at actual changes in proofs and formulations, not five more versions of one introduction.

⁶⁷ Claude's round-one assessment, “targeted independent verification” and “contributions to advance”; report T12-T18 and T21-T28.

R2 - Grok: Honest Access Limits without Verification of Central Targets

The full report supplied on October 20, 2026 confirms ten answers, a short explanation, and table. Grok reported reading the editor's research, register, and index but not complete peer reports. The 5562, Tanya note, and Or HaTorah targets remained unopened. Strength: unread pages were not presented as scan readings. Weakness: no grounded replacement completed the textual focus.

He retained distinct events with possible overlap and fruit permission distinct from completing the 288. "Partial involvement" before Sinai remained unexplained. He did not verify the first print and himself treated 5651 as background and parallel, not direct commentary on the epistle; the opposite claim must not be attributed to him. General reading declarations alone do not reconstruct coverage of each source.

R2 - Grok Bot: 49:3 and 5562 Changed the Service Map

Adding Etz Chaim 49:3 was substantial: not only a garment fell again; refined souls and animals returned into kelipot. The same chapter describes eating to refine unfinished mineral and plant. The editor read the transcription. "No refinement at all before sin" became impossible.

Bot reported a scan reading of 5562 pp. 273-274 describing greater materiality of the 288 through sin. After that report these were no longer sources nobody had opened; the editor's status remained detailed peer reading without fresh personal viewing. Likewise an Or HaTorah editorial proposal of omission through similar wording was verified as a proposal, not as a historical event.

Three transitions required correction. Eating in Etz Chaim does not directly contradict offerings in Tzav; subjects must match. Future animal refinement in the post-sin world does not refute completion without sin. "Fell further" does not mean "only unrefined." The positive 5562 statement remains; unwritten exclusivity is removed.

Also corrected were dating "אחד ואהבת" before Sinai, making the whole Temple period automatic refinement, and declaring Etz Chaim and Shaar

HaKavanot in dispute before separating stature and union. These scope corrections do not cancel the sources' contribution.⁶⁸

R2 - Dot: Completing Vayitzer Required Correcting the Editor's Framework

Dot completed 43-44 and identified the human-body question, Tohu as selfhood of light, Tikkun as MaH, and two revision markers. The editor opened the continuation in transcription. Adding “another interpretation exists” to a model presented as uniform was insufficient; the difficulty prompting another approach had to be shown.

Derech Mitzvotcha 161b and 170b supplied a positive bridge from multiple particulars to reception. The editor read both: a broad mind sustains two sides; a point contains particulars concealed, Tikkun includes them openly. Gevurah within Chesed serves giving, unlike opposing Gevurah. A broad vessel could now be explained beyond volume.

Dot also reported opening 5568 and 5664 targets in scans. But a literal attribution to 5664 p. 10 would prove wrong in R3. The current register does not immunize every earlier report. R3's remaining task was relating approaches and attribution precision, not generically requesting first opening of pages already read.

R2 - Grok 4.7: Explicit Retraction of the Light-Chain and Three Periods Distinguished

In the complete report now supplied, answer 5 separates eight arrows concerning eye-light, new light through the parsa, and vessel-building light; answer 7 details ascent, descent, and inclusion in the count. This is a reasoned retraction of R1's mistaken chain, partly personal correction rather than new discovery. Comparison with Dot distinguishes vessel-building from interinclusion.⁶⁹

The report also distinguished human acts from sparks' elevation, post-sin from pre-Sinai and post-Sinai. Torat Chaim and 5562 remained inaccessible to him, not the whole file, since Dot and Bot reported reading

⁶⁸ Grok Bot's round-two assessment, sections A-D; ten answers and register C1-C25.

⁶⁹ Grok 4.7, round two, answers 5-7, especially answer 5's eight arrows; compare Dot's round-two assessment, B.3.

them. His torch-and-wick analogy remained his own and had to preserve withdrawing principal light versus remaining vitality.

Ana emloch was distinguished from cleaving and from a tentative explanation of vessel-bittul; “precisely for that reason” alone is not the whole interinclusion mechanism. Conversely, distinguishing garment and sefirot does not establish unrelated roots, and radiance withdrawing is not a fallen spark. R2 statements about completion and Shabbat are tested against R3 sources.

R2 - Claude: Completion's Scope, Retraction of Planned Departure, and Coverage Limits

Claude expanded Etz Chaim 39:1 with a positive account of MaN and souls until kelipot lose vitality. The question changed from whether sinless completion is possible to what it includes and whether dated to Shabbat. He explicitly withdrew planned departure outside the Garden without sin and necessarily unrelated soul roots versus 288.

He brought Shelach 5719 on the Tree of Knowledge rising into the Tree of Life and Shabbat permission, and Or HaChaim, Bereishit 1:29, on nonpermanent prohibition. Yet his Torat Chaim reading covered only 38-42, so its combination with 5732 did not confront 44's end. Wording marked synthesis in the register sometimes became established in the explanation. The evaluation required consistent status throughout.

He obtained “רק ז”מ” in 5670 through OCR; the editor later viewed pp. 215-217. The words were verified, but interpreting seven and including the tree prohibition was not. The Shabbat gap was then a candidate for distinctions of stature, union, and level, not an identified commentary. At intake the literal report had not been exported to a file. Both Claude reports were completed and reread in the present conversation; see the supplement chapter.⁷⁰

R2 Decision and Independent Preparation for R3

Several corrections ceased to be open questions: the three light routes in 8:2, the scope of “no refinements,” refined material returning in 49, particulars enabling reception, and three service periods. Five conclusion-

⁷⁰ Claude's round-two assessment and conversation response summary, section C.

changing focuses remained: Vayitzer's approaches; actual Shabbat; completion and counts; Adam's eating and the abbreviation; epistle text and waiting tradition.

The editor expanded Gate 42 to prevent chashmal-encompassing-light identity, viewed 5670, and retained R3 research as new input. R2 was not changed after reviewers had received it. Criticism is thus assessed against the version read, not an unseen later text.

R3: Five Parallel Investigations and Integration after Intake

Participants did not read each other's same-round answers before submission. Leaving a question open therefore does not ignore a simultaneous finding. After intake the editor must update from verified evidence rather than preserve five positions as though knowledge had not changed.

R3 - Grok: Ability, Scope, and Date Kept Distinct, but Counts Briefly Investigated

The focus was MaN/souls, 320/325, and 288, and completion's scope without sin. The received response was complete as an abbreviated text with five answers and register R3-1-R3-3, but did not supply the requested full map. Its strength was preserving conditions and avoiding refutation through the post-sin world.

At intake Claude's Pri Etz Chaim source had not arrived. “No date proved here” correctly described this report, but after verification no longer concludes the whole file. Grok neither discovered it nor refuted an unread source.

R3 - Grok Bot: Masei Witness, 5562 Gaps, and Notes' Status

Bot expanded the textual map with Or HaTorah, Masei p. 1381, verified by the editor in transcription. A short quotation and “added” note yield another quotation site, not a date of addition. Dependence among three quotations remained unresolved; different wording does not prove independence.

Expanding 5562 to pp. 269-275 documented gaps and an editor's proposed reassignment of part of the passage. A gap limits argument from silence without canceling an explicit preceding sentence. Despite added qualifications, “288 that had not been refined” remained in the report and could not become an exclusive proven division.

The Kiddush tradition was separated into waiting, fruit sanctity, the Tree's ascent, and Kiddush over wine. Reading a Likkutei Sichot translation is not reading the edited original. Rabbi Chaim Vital's Kuntres Etz HaChaim chapter 10 and Or HaTorah, Bereishit 46a, were targets, not read content.⁷¹

R3 - Dot: Two Source Passages Changed the Explanation

Dot brought Maamarei Admur HaEmtza'i, Devarim vol. 3, pp. 895-896, and the editor viewed them. An explicit reconciliation of bittul and selfhood was found. Torat Chaim, Beshalach 250b, then answered how Tohu's lights enter Tikkun's vessels: refinement makes broad vessels. The editor read the transcription. Both changed the explanation, rather than merely extending a bibliography.

The 5664 correction was explicit: imperceptible-cleaving wording came from Ki Chelek 5732; “see 5664” was not a literal quotation. Related material on p. 65 concerned another subject. The error remains in the history while corrections enter notes and body; page numbers are not silently shifted.

Dot also corrected 5562 exclusivity and observed that 36:2's Shabbat sentence describes face-to-face state rather than an act of union in that sentence. This does not prove no union; it prevents quoting one statement as the other. The additional methodological inquiry now expands ״לֵאמֹר כְּדִלְעִיל״ beyond R3's finding.⁷²

⁷¹ Grok Bot's round-three assessment, B-E; report W1-W10 and chapters 8-9.

⁷² Dot's round-three report, chapter C, corrections R3-DT1-R3-DT4 and register R3-C8-R3-C17; intake assessment.

R3 - Grok 4.7: Tosafot as an Anchor, and Complete Report versus Complete Checking

4.7 distinguished eating from offerings and temporary command-count from permanent count. The editor verified Tosafot, Sanhedrin 56b, beginning "לֹא נִצְטוּוּהָ אֶלָּא עַל עֵזִי": tree and meat prohibitions are excluded from that count because not permanent. This supports classification, not an explicit explanation of the Rebbe Rashab's abbreviation.

The report reached its final line, but the participant declared partial reading of required reports and no viewing of 5670. Its entire focus was therefore not completed. The table still placed "אֶחָד וְאַהֲבַת" before Sinai despite a body-text qualification. The editor removed that dating: a caveat in one place cannot repair a contradictory table. An unfinished state likewise does not prove inability to complete.

R3 - Claude: Pri Etz Chaim Changed the Decision without Erasing Report Errors

Intake records a complete report A-L, L1-L44 table, and T66-T87 claims. The decisive finding is Pri Etz Chaim, Rosh Hashanah 2: waiting for Shabbat, remaining MaN, and full refinement of all kings then. The editor read the transcription and compared two text displays; these are not independent textual witnesses. Chapter 10 changes the conclusion retained after R2.

The finding also strengthened continuity: refined MaN became damaged again. Extending this to Atik and Arich Anpin occurs in "וּכְפִי הַנִּלְעָד" with a final question, not automatically the same status as the main explanation. The stature-place-action-time table helped organize the Shabbat gap, but "identified reconciliation" was too broad: no commentary yet addressed 36:2 and resolved every particular difficulty. "No meat and no offering" before sin was rejected. Eating's prohibition is not offering's prohibition, and Tzav explicitly discusses Garden offerings. Withdrawn radiance likewise does not prove a group falling only through sin. One decisive source does not validate every other conclusion unchecked.

Completeness of Documentation and the Present Edition

Files retain R1 reports by Dot, Bot, Claude, and 4.7, and Grok's abbreviated response. R2 files contain Dot and Bot; on October 20, 2026 the requester supplied Grok and 4.7, preserved as delivered and read. Claude's R2 and R3 reports were completed and read in conversation, but literal exports are not in the file package. R3 files contain Dot, Bot, 4.7, and Grok. An editorial summary is not literal primary report text; completing reports is not rereading their source scans.

For this expansion, preparation studies, three-round summaries, all available intake assessments, and relevant claim/source units in file reports were checked. This is no fresh declaration that every source image reported by a peer was viewed again. Delivery includes available material for rechecking, not a complete export of all conversations.

After R3: Why Move to a Booklet and Focused Criticism?

Two broad gaps now had positive sources: bridging bittul and selfhood, and completion of the kings on conditional Shabbat. Remaining questions do not erase the entire explanation: specific Vayitzer mapping, actual Shabbat's union level, counts, eating in 49:3, and epistle transmission. Accordingly Research V2, explanation and path together, was written for the requester. This did not reopen general research from zero; at that stage there was not yet a Reader booklet or translation.

Book Log: Why Each Source Was Opened and What It Changed

Status: R1-R3 documentation. IS1 and later corrections appear in the supplement chapter and main explanation; “not yet found” refers to the documented round.

This log distinguishes reading during the three rounds from reading for the present edition. “The editor read” concerning R1-R3 refers to checks documented then, not a claim every check was repeated during layout. Locating links, scan mappings, and participant declarations remain in the working file. Only details useful for understanding the inquiry follow.

Etz Chaim: Checking Mechanism before Merging Concepts

Gate 6:5 tested whether Akudim contradicts “the higher it is, the more it shatters.” It distinguished some nullification from Nekudim's death, correcting two generalizations: not every withdrawal is shattering, and Akudim is not without all nullification.

Gate 8:1-2 was opened following 4.7 to check illumination's root and missing ear-illumination. Eye-light, new light, and vessel-building illumination remained distinct. Chapter 2 alone does not prove every formulation attributed to the whole gate. The editor read transcription; Dot reported some scans.

Gate 9:2 and 9:8 and Gate 10:1-3 added dross, investiture, lines, and partzufim, preventing every descent becoming kelipah and explaining structure beyond “more space.” They do not explicitly identify every psychological analogy detail with every ear-illumination. Gate 18:1-3 supplied shattering's outcomes and the 288 calculation; most technical investigation used transcriptions and reported crosschecks.

Gate 36:2 addressed sinless possibility and actual Shabbat; Gate 39:1 addressed completion's possibility and union-location terminology. The editor distinguished stature from action in transcription. Displayed early and later versions were retained as transmission differences, not one witness verified against prints.

Gate 49:2-4 supplied separate and attached Nogah, souls and animals returning, refining through eating, and garments requiring second refinement. The editor verified chapter 3 when assessing Bot's R2. Gate 42:4 and 42:11-12 entered R3 preparation for chashmal, something like chashmal, and encompassing light, also distinguishing screened illumination from fall. An online display gap is not a proven map of omissions across all prints.

Other Gates of Rabbi Chaim Vital: Date, Place, and Action

Shaar HaKavanot, Rosh Hashanah 1, addressed Adam's prayer, cutting the grip, nesirah, and rectification through waiting. It does not say Adam was inactive; some higher action is attributed to the Emanator. Comparison with automatic refinement is useful but does not identify every term.

Pri Etz Chaim, Rosh Hashanah 2, was opened following Claude R3. The waiting-and-completion passage was reread in transcription for this edition. It changed E3 from completion without date to conditional completion of kings on the first Shabbat. No print scan was opened for that check; different online displays are not two manuscripts. The subsequent qualified gloss remains qualified.

Shaar HaHakdamot's four-world discourses, Shaar Maamarei Rashbi, Kedoshim, and Shaar HaPesukim, Bereishit, expanded Claude's map of stature, place, and eating. Their use here relies on context and quotations documented in his assessment, not fresh editorial opening of every passage. Shemen Sasson, Nekudot HaKesef, and Shaarei Rachamim remained reported OCR finds, not closed classical reconciliations read in scans.

Torah Or, Likkutei Torah, and 5562

Torah Or, Vayeshev, supplied division and combination, and generality branching into multiplicity. Letters' analogy does not establish light's physics. Bereishit 5c-6a directly answered how sparks rise without knowing evil: increasing Garden light. It is a direct Chabad explanation of refinement's manner, not merely our application of Shlomo's model.

Likkutei Torah, Bamidbar, detailed automatic refinement and involvement; Shlomo's limits remain, rather than treating the entire Temple period as one condition. Nitzavim supplies positive and negative mitzvah counts; Kedoshim 29a supplies waiting and fruit sanctity. Kiddush specifically over wine still needs an appropriate source such as Or HaChaim, not silent expansion of every Shabbat source.

The 5562 explanation Lehaven Shorshei HaDevarim HaNal, p. 269 onward, especially 273-274, was read in scans by Dot and Bot. The previous editor did not view the entire unit again. It supplies two refinements in Nogah and added materiality, also in the human soul. Gaps limit argument from silence. The discourse beginning on 269 was distinguished from the earlier one on 266; digital-file page numbers were not converted into printed numbering.

The Mittler Rebbe's Writings and Derech Mitzvotcha

Torat Chaim, Vayitzer, was first opened at 37-42, then 43-44. Changed coverage is itself part of the research: an answer seemingly uniform from half a passage needs correction when its continuation is read. The additional inquiry checked both revision markers and returning principles. Beshalach was first opened at 249c on attributes and intellect, then expanded by Dot to 249b-250d. The editor verified 250b, where service broadens vessels. The previous editor viewed Devarim vol. 3, pp. 895-896 following Dot, obtaining an explicit bridge without dating a doctrinal retraction.

Earlier documentation also recorded Tetzaveh 320d. It was not reread at source for that edition; its decision relied on Vayitzer and Devarim. No full corpus survey of Imrei Binah, Shaarei Orah, Peirush HaMilot, or Shaarei Teshuvah was made for that booklet. Their appearance among review targets is a research plan, not a completed-work report.

The editor opened Derech Mitzvotcha 161b and 170b following Dot: breadth of mind, concealed particulars, Gevurah within Chesed, receptivity. Dot also read adjacent passages. He reported scans of 5568 pp. 5-10 and 5631 vol. 2, pp. 555-556, adding forceful attributes and settled reception. 5664 pp. 9-11 and 65 remained two checks; the old attribution was withdrawn.

The Rebbe's Discourses, Commands, and the Fruit Tradition

Tzav 5711, Vayikach and Chayei Sarah 5712 were checked on drawing down, offerings, expulsion, and automatic refinement. Vayikach's context changed the “outside the Garden” proposal; Tzav limited the denial of refinement and refuted no-offerings. Padah VeShalom 5725 supplied unifying power above the lines. Basi LeGani 5730, note 9, preserved sin versus descent and purpose versus command.

Ki Chelek 5732 was read with notes: “precisely for that reason” in the body, vessel-bittul tentatively explained, and references requiring separate reading. BeYom Ashtei Asar Yom 5732 was identified as a discourse, not a talk; it contributed a garment from the 288's refinements. Misnaming that unit does not prove there was no other talk that day.

The editor viewed 5670 pp. 215-217 in R3 preparation. "רק ז"מ" was seen, not merely OCR, but remains uninterpreted. Rambam, Melachim 9:1, and Tosafot, Sanhedrin 56b, supplied count tests. Tosafot was reread following 4.7; it explains its own count exclusions, not the Rebbe Rashab.

Or HaChaim, Vayikra 19:26, and Shelach 5719 sections 6-8 supplied fruit permission, Kiddush, and the Tree's ascent. Bot used Likkutei Sichot vol. 24, p. 133 in translation and notes, not the edited original language. An early rabbinic source for every Kiddush detail remained unresolved; "our Sages said" is not an exact early-work identification.

Epistle Witnesses and Negative Results

Kehot p. 568 note 71 and symbol key p. 52 were viewed in scans according to Bot; the editor had not opened the first edition. Shir HaShirim, Shelach, and Masei quotations supply comparison sites; only Masei was newly verified in transcription in R3. No dependency map was proved.

Searches without suitable text, image-access barriers, and unopened OCR finds were retained as verification gaps, not evidence a source does not exist. This distinction supports efficient continuation: search what the file lacks, rather than repeatedly requiring each participant to open what another already checked.

Rereading Claude's Reports: What Was Confirmed and What Needed Correction

Status: R1-R3 documentation. IS1 and later corrections appear in the supplementary-round chapter and main account; "not yet found" refers to that round.

Source Status after Complete Delivery

On 9 Marcheshvan 5787, Claude's complete R3 and then R2 reports were supplied again in conversation. All units were read: R2's nine parts, ten answers, explanation, tables, fourteen corrections, T29-T65, and R2-S1-S31; R3's A-L, five answers, focus investigation, L1-L44, explanation, timetable, T66-T87, and R3-CS1-CS24. Both have end markers. This declares reading of reports, not reopening every source they enumerate.

Completion permits checking actual wording rather than only the earlier editor's summary. Intake assessments remain historical: when written, reports had arrived in conversation but were not copied into source files. Their full text is now again in this conversation and substantial details enter the inquiry below. The historical file limitation does not mean Claude's response never arrived or remained unread for this edition.

Three Stages in the Completion Claim

R1 accepted fruit-permission tradition without proving completion of every refinement. R2, especially Q4, Q8-Q10 and T58-T60, added Etz Chaim 39: possible completion of MaN without sin but without Shabbat dating. This positive addition already changed the inquiry. Yet Q4 and Q10 also used 49:3 and Shlomo's limits as restrictions. Criticism was needed: unfinished at the moment of sin does not prove impossible to finish through continued service under another condition.

R3, D.4 and T72, brought Pri Etz Chaim joining remaining MaN, waiting, and all kings' completion. Claude explicitly withdrew refutation from the post-sin world and updated T60. Three different decisions follow: permission at the proper time, possible completion, and completion of kings on the conditional date. The last result must neither be retrojected into R1 nor displaced by R2's outdated absence conclusion.

L1-L44: Its Actual Contribution and Limits

The table's value is not row count but six separated fields: pair, place, stature, action, date, duration. L1-L3 distinguish growth levels in 36:1. L4-L10 distinguish union producing Adam, the sinless Shabbat scenario, sin's diminution, and actual Shabbat's restoration. L11-L18 add union in Abba and Imma's embrace and limited permanence after sin. “Face-to-face” is revealed not to describe the same action everywhere.

L19-L27 preserve Shaar HaKavanot, especially “לא נעשה זיווג”; L28-L34 set Pri Etz Chaim alongside it, separating post-Yom-Kippur return from Shemini Atzeret union. L35-L40 add temporary union and two face-to-face modes; L41-L44 add worlds' place and Kayin-Hevel union at Leah's place. This classification enables precise questions instead of harmonizing sentences about different subjects.

R3 itself, however, uses two evidentiary levels. Its opening and D.6 say “identified reconciliation within the corpus”; D.3.1 calls applying the distinction to the first Shabbat a “supported reading,” not identified reconciliation. D.1.3 and T76 leave first face-to-face timing and pre-Shemini-Atzeret Shabbatot open. The booklet accepts classification and support without turning a strong heading into closure of details the report leaves open.

Three Proposals and Three Evidentiary Statuses

Distinguishing face-to-face from union: Pri Etz Chaim has such a state after Yom Kippur, while 36:2 discusses stature without saying “she united.” This genuinely supports distinct subjects. Conversely, absence of the verb does not prove nonoccurrence; applying the distinction to that particular sentence remains grounded interpretation.

Another union level: Leah's place, borrowed MaN, and chest-limited union are described in sources. Multiple levels are proven. Assigning each unspecified sentence to the level required for reconciliation needs more evidence. Unions cannot simply be renamed because a solution requires it.

Shabbat within the Ten Days of Repentance: the calendar follows Friday Rosh Hashanah, but the source explains delay by increased judgments from sin, not the calendar as first-Shabbat cause. Pri Etz Chaim also describes the annual cycle as repeating the original event. The repetition cannot become the original cause without a source. This proposal is excluded from the decision.

Corrections Strengthened by the Full Reading

“No meat and no offering” appears in R3 both 3.3 and E.7, though R2-Q3 correctly separated eating and offerings and cited Garden offerings in Tzav. This is an actual regression in the participant's report, not merely poor editorial summary. Prohibition of eating does not prohibit offering; both locations require correction.

R3-1.1, 1.2, and T81 sometimes try to prove distinct groups through nine sefirot, radiance, and garments. But radiance did not fall into kelipah, and the garment is itself a continuity route of refined 288. They distinguish subjects, not unrelated repositories. “Fell further” in 5562 likewise does

not prove only previously unrefined material; that exclusivity is added without evidence.

R3-3.3 and E.7 introduce a Shaar HaPesukim sentence as “in the epistle's wording.” The literal attribution is wrong: it is a conceptual parallel, not a Tanya quotation. D.2.3 says “stable text in two witnesses” from transcription and OCR. Typed text and recognition layer are not two independently checked transmission witnesses; dependence was undetermined. Both corrections remain tests of attribution and independence.

“Until the end of Yetzirah” belongs to a specific source and stage of world-rectification. Claude broadens it in several summaries to all pre-sin service. That would require coordinating it with plant/mineral eating and Shabbat ascents not yet occurred. The booklet retains the contextual limit, not an eternal ceiling on ability in another scenario.

What Changed for Vayitzer after Integrating R3

In R3-2.2 Claude says interinclusion is not erased but shifts from cause to mode. Helpful, but “subordinated” alone does not explain the entire relationship. Rereading Vayitzer 44 shows the author retaining angelic interinclusion as MaH's illumination and true human interinclusion as MaH itself. This is an internal anchor beyond recurrence of matkela and measuring line.

Claude left E1 and T41 open because same-round peer reading was prohibited. He was not ignoring Dot's simultaneous Devarim parallel. Once editorially verified, the integrated file's bridge changes status even while Claude's historical report remains unchanged. The report must not be rewritten; the booklet's conclusion must be updated.

Delivery Rules and Dates

R2's heading paired 27 Tishrei with October 19, 2026, whereas series rules give 8 Marcheshvan for that day. The report's supplied date is preserved; editorial account uses its explicit civil date and the edition's verified Hebrew date, without making a heading error a new event.

R3's final claim of a permanent no-Drive instruction does not match the requester's requirement to store material there. It explains the participant's statement without changing the editor's destination. End marker, complete

text, and uploaded file are distinct facts: both complete reports have now been read in conversation; an edited summary is not their literal copy.

The Supplementary Round: What Each Participant Added and What Changed

IS1 followed the three research rounds and expanded methodological inquiry. All five participants were asked to examine the whole booklet alongside an individual focus; the order of hishtalshelut was later added. All reports were received before this edition's completion. Model agreement is not evidence: each change was tested by source, context, and explanatory function. Full submissions remain separate; this editorial account does not replace them.

Grok: Calculations, Sequence, and Nukva's Distinct States

The first report and supplements reopened detailed counts and the overall sequence. A later supplement added tzimtzum and the moon's diminution but initially confused the diminished point with a chest-downward partzuf. The final supplement explicitly separated them. This records correction rather than treating every earlier error as the final position.

A numerical error labeled seven times Adam plus five as 325. The editor rejected it; supplement four corrected it to 320. Gate 18:5 was accepted as a positive source connecting the aspects while preserving different calculations and sweetening. Neither complete unrelatedness nor numerical identity is appropriate.

Another contribution pointed to 18:4, detailing Netzach-Hod-Yesod joining Tiferet without separate counting; the transcription was checked. The method attributed to Talmud Eser Sefirot, 320 minus 32, lacked an adequate reference and is not printed as verified Gate 18 interpretation. Correct arithmetic differs from Torah identification of its units.

Absence test: without Grok's supplements the numerical file would have less detail and less documentation of correcting arithmetic. This is not the only source capable of yielding the count; the contribution opened the passage and demanded explanation. Its limits were depth and initial precision, not ignorance of simultaneously discovered peer material.

Claude: Identified Commentators Replace Conjectural Harmony

The central innovation was Beit Lechem Yehudah on 36:2: directly addressing the first Shabbat and delayed union, and naming 288 in the possible Friday-night scenario. Leshem added explicit “automatic” first-Shabbat rectification and a warning about Pri Etz Chaim's wording. Identified commentators now exist; R3's absence can no longer remain the present conclusion.

Claude explicitly declared OCR rather than scan reading. The editor subsequently obtained prints and viewed decisive pages. Evidence status improved without retrospectively changing the submitter's coverage declaration. A quotation inaccuracy was also found: the source reads “וַיִּזְדוּגָה עִם ז' אַ בְּלִיל שַׁבָּת”, while the report changed word order and added supplied wording. The principal content remained; editorial quotation was corrected.

His stature-place-union-permanence distinctions and the historical schedule at the end of 36:2 were accepted. “All kings” becoming “288” as a self-sufficient numerical definition was not. Petaya supplies a positive interpretive anchor, but each wording must remain within its work. Comparing fruit-waiting and union-waiting likewise does not erase different subjects.

The hishtalshelut map was accepted with corrections: Akudim's reshimu does not establish every detail of the first tzimtzum's reshimu; day-four diminution is not Nukva's whole state at Adam's creation, since renewed growth follows; day four is already explicit in Etz Chaim and does not require only Leshem's testimony. These correct the map's arrows rather than canceling its value.

Absence test: without Claude the documented path would lack Petaya's 288-Shabbat connection and Leshem's explanation through Shabbat sanctity. These are substantive findings, not merely wording improvements. A conclusion-changing source does not validate every synthesis in the report.

Grok Bot: The Epistle's Text and "One Matter"

Both Bot files were downloaded and read completely. His scan reading located the long wording no later than Vilna Romm's "new and corrected edition," folio 144. 5660 was inferred from printing indications and the censor's date; the chronogram was not deciphered. Edition research must distinguish locating a page from determining its year.

Mondshine supplied bibliographical testimony for Shklov 5574's errata and omissions leaf, based on the Schocken copy, and correction of 5660 from a Tzemach Tzedek manuscript. No open 5574 scan was found. Kehot's "absent in the first edition" therefore does not alone establish the omissions leaf's contents. The question remains specifically defined, not generalized doubt about the entire epistle.

Kehot note 71 was separated into content linking the sin's fall to Malchut's nine sefirot, and textual variants. The first link is editorial; juxtaposition in 5651 must not become an explicit identification. Or HaTorah, Vayikra vol. 2, p. 663 added a fourth Tzemach Tzedek quotation. All four abbreviate, and possible dependence prevents automatic counting as four independent witnesses.

5562 remains a source for the 288's second fall and greater materiality. The damaged passage decides neither that every fallen element was previously refined nor that refined material could not return. Referring to the same type of sparks is not an inventory of every individual. The supplement confirmed the booklet's existing limit.

Beyond textual history, the central content discovery was Atarat p. 206, joining tzimtzum, shattering, diminution, and sin as one matter. It entered the main study with event and purpose distinguished. Different dating of Binah's returning MaN in Etz Chaim 39 and Pri Etz Chaim was recorded as a real gap, not hidden under continuity.

Absence test: without Bot, the later-print anchor, 5574 omissions question, note 71's internal distinction, and source joining four orders would be missing. Reported scans remain his reading testimony unless rechecked by the editor; the editor is not credited with viewing every reported image.

Grok 4.7: Connecting Action with the Manner of Refinement

At the requester's explicit request, delivery was checked: all seven parts, six questions, four focus units, correction table, and S1-S16 register were continuous through end markers. No evidence of truncation was found. This does not mean every investigation target was completed: some sources remained unopened, and visual criticism had limited page coverage.

The positive contribution was Vayikach 5712, explicitly calling Garden refinements automatic. The statement need no longer rest only on comparison with Shlomo. Yet it does not quote "היו אוכלים לבררם" in 49:3. Connecting general Garden refinement to eating remains integrated interpretation, not an explicit statement about that eating.

Torah Or, Chayei Sarah 15c, usefully counters overextension: it explains food becoming human and discusses mixture after eating the Tree. Its entire account of desire cannot be copied onto pre-sin Garden food. Chayei Sarah 5712 describes post-expulsion service at the spark's place, below upward, unlike Shlomo's automatic refinement. These sources define different conditions and manners, rather than duplicate one another. 4.7 also corrected his R2 wick analogy: light merely departing erases the remaining spark. Torah Or's torch and candle remain an analogy of distant refinement, not the shattering mechanism. Acknowledging personal error is not a new source but cleans the explanation.

Absence test: this path would lack Vayikach's explicit sentence, the boundary supplied by Chayei Sarah, and separation of the two light analogies. Coverage limits remain, especially the unread 5670 abbreviation and Kiddush source chain. He cannot be faulted for ignoring Shabbat commentaries discovered under a prohibition on reading peers' reports.

Dot: Vayitzer's Sequence, a Counterexample Sample, and Yafeh Shaah

Dot developed 42-43 as part of the transition to 44: the angels' Tohu root, MaH, and the soul's inwardness already precede 44. The picture of the later account discovering them for the first time was corrected.

Characterization, distribution of power, and interinclusion's scope change while matkela remains.

Tetzaveh, Vayakhel, and Noach entered the methodological inquiry. Tetzaveh directly tests "דלא כדלעיל" and a returning earlier possibility; Vayakhel distinguishes levels and restores a mechanism without that phrase; Noach supplies actual rejection. This is not a statistical sample or a universal rule for the Mitteler Rebbe's writings.

Yafeh Shaah independently changed the Shabbat file: it interprets which Shabbat, rather than only causes of damage. The editor also opened the scan. Calendar difficulty remains; nowhere was Shemini Atzeret itself proved to be Shabbat.

Derech Mitzvotcha's titles were corrected: 161b is LeRoka HaAretz, 170b Beur VeShavtah, not both Shoresch Mitzvat HaTefillah. Etz Chaim 39:3 added a pre-sin human-service parallel, particularly agriculture. It does not plan departure from the Garden, but agriculture cannot automatically be dated after expulsion.

The fairness criticism was accepted: archived R2-R3 documents already rejected erasing the entire first approach. The paragraph suggesting wholesale editorial invalidation was replaced by the documented shortcoming: initially incomplete 43-44, then an underdeveloped relationship. Note 49 and Grok's grading rationale were corrected too: absence of a simultaneous unknown finding is not personal failure; turning missing proof into a presumption against the claim is criticizable within his report.

Absence test: without Dot, the internal expansion of Vayitzer's sequence, counterexample sample, discourse-title corrections, Yafeh Shaah, and historical-attribution corrections would be missing. These distinct contributions cannot be reduced to "another source" or mere layout.

Cross-Cutting Decisions: Accepted and Limited

Proposal	Editorial decision	Reason
Hishtalshelut chapter from tzimtzum	Accepted before detailed shattering	Explains what preceded Adam and what was entrusted to him
Expanded counts	Accepted with arithmetic correction	315 plus five is 320; aspects do not merge

Proposal	Editorial decision	Reason
“All kings” lacks any connection with 288	Rejected as sweeping absence	Corpus bridge and Petaya explicitly naming 288
“All kings” quotes 288	Rejected	Number absent from that Pri Etz Chaim paragraph
No direct Shabbat commentator	Outdated, corrected	Yafeh Shaah and Beit Lechem Yehudah address the difficulty
Automatic means no work	Rejected	Adam acts; result is automatic
Eating in 49:3 explicitly called automatic	Limited	Link with Vayikach is integrated interpretation
Akudim's reshimu proves first-tzintzum details	Rejected	Unexplained transfer between levels
Every diminution falls into kelipot	Rejected	Source distinguishes ascent to Zeir Anpin from descent
Every “unlike above” preserves every claim	Rejected	Noach is an explicit counterexample
Returning Imma MaN has one date everywhere	Open	Adam's sin versus Second Temple destruction
Layout corrections require smaller type	Rejected	Improve flow, navigation, and unit division

Programmatic Quotation Checking and Human Review

Claude's report and register were concatenated and compared against independently collected transcriptions and OCR excerpts. The register supplied 67 marked strings: 30 were located through matching or structured abbreviation, 35 required review, and two were search text or unopened references. These are not counts of verified claims: quotation marks also mark headings, and finding wording does not prove correct interpretation.

Approximate similarity was not treated as verified quotation. Failure to find a string does not prove invention, particularly in OCR. The program located anomalies; decisive Petaya, Leshem, Pri Etz Chaim, Torat Menachem, and Yafeh Shaah pages were then viewed. Images, strings, code, and decisions remain in a separate evidence package. The booklet presents results needed for understanding rather than every output line.

Quality and Contribution Scores after the Round

The assessment tables concern R3 reports and their original weights. Arithmetic was checked and correct. Scores must neither be read as IS1 measurements nor penalize an error corrected before that report. This chapter assesses IS1 by documented changes and remaining limits. No new numerical scores were invented to fill a table.

Readers can thus examine both how conclusions emerged in each round and what changed after criticism. The Research booklet is neither pasted reports nor an erasure of the path that built the explanation.

Model Contributions and the Absence Test

Status: R1-R3 documentation; IS1 and later corrections appear in their chapter and main text. “Not yet found” describes the documented round.

Assessment is limited to the documented path and material available at editing. It is not an experiment rerunning research without a participant. Future discovery, hours saved, or success rates cannot be known here.

Removing a final report differs from removing the contribution chain originating with it. Once a model's source was editorially read and verified, deleting its last report does not delete that check. Removing the whole locating-and-checking path can leave a substantial gap. Scores 0-4 concern documented chains, separately from writing quality.

ChatGPT Dot: Mechanism, Parallel, and Self-Correction

In round two Dot required reading Vayitzer 44 and distinguishing concealed particulars from revealed interinclusion. In round three, chapter C and R3-C8-C17, he brought Devarim's bridge and Beshalach's broadening vessels. R3-DT1-DT4 articulate the changes. These contribute to explanatory structure, not merely bibliography.

The editor verified both source centers; other reports repeated the problem without an adequate same-author explicit parallel. Removing only R3 now leaves editorial verification. Removing Dot's chain leaves Ki Chelek and Vayitzer, but weakens the Mitteler Rebbe bridge and explicit vessel-broadening answer. Documented contribution: 4.

Limit: Dot earlier misattributed wording to 5664 p. 10 and withdrew it. Correction improves reliability but is not another independent discovery to

count as if no error occurred. Devarim also does not fully solve every local Vayitzer change.

Claude: Adam's Service and the Shabbat Corpus

R2 expanded Adam's service, Etz Chaim 39's limits, and face-to-face return versus delayed union. R3, D.4 and T66-T87, decisively added Pri Etz Chaim: completion of all kings on the first Shabbat's date. L01-L44 also separated pair, place, stature, action, and time.

Removing R3 alone leaves editorial reading. Removing his chain leaves strong sources for comprehensive rectification and possible completion, but the documented path lacks explicitly joining kings' completion to a date. The central Shabbat conclusion would remain weaker. Documented contribution: 4.

Limit: “identified reconciliation” exceeded the gap's evidence; joining parallels remains interpretation. “No meat and no offering” was rejected. 5562 did not prove exclusive unrefined material, and OCR is not an independent scan witness. Precision of the decisive source does not prove every report conclusion.

Grok Bot: Text, Transmission Conditions, and Descent Routes

R1 raised Kehot and short quotations; R2 expanded garment, eating, and repeated-fall routes. R3 chapters 8-9 and W1-W10 added Masei p. 1381, body-versus-editorial-note distinction, and 5562's damaged context. The editor verified Masei; Kehot and 5562 scans remained Bot's reading, alongside Dot for part of the latter.

Removing the final report leaves the existing textual question and 49:3-4 routes. Removing the whole chain substantially harms epistle-witness documentation and care about 5562 transmission, but not the main explanation of two descents, endurance, and Shabbat, which have other sources. Documented contribution: 3.

Limit: first print unopened; possible quotation dependence unproved; “added” supplies no date. Some exclusive “unrefined” language remained despite corrections and needed editorial repair. Likkutei Sichot translation notes are not the original page.

Grok 4.7: Distinct Subjects and a Command-Count Anchor

Reports sharpened eating mineral/plant versus offerings as transmission, and chashmal versus encompassing light. R3, C.2 and R3-12-R3-14, added Tosafot's distinction between temporary commands and permanent counts. The editor opened and verified it.

Removing R3 alone leaves eating-offering distinctions discussed by others. Removing the chain preserves them through sources and editor but reduces independent wording checks and a detailed count-classification anchor. The main answer would not reverse; several local connections would be less precise. Documented contribution: 2.

Limit: some required reports only partly read; scan targets unopened. ךֿןא” ןאָהבֿת” remained under an early period in the table despite body qualifications; editorial dating was removed. Personal access limits are not absence across the entire project.

Grok: Inference Criticism and the Limits of Brevity

R3 focuses A-E and R3-1-R3-3 repeated possible completion versus proving date, and the failure of post-sin reality to refute a sinless scenario. Useful tests, but no new source closed a gap. MaN-count mapping remained too brief.

Removing the final report changes no central conclusion; input and other reports already support those distinctions. Removing his available contribution chain likewise leaves no decisive source without a documented substitute. Reinforcement and wording checks remain.

Documented contribution: 1, not a claim about ability on another task.

Limit: “not proved in this report” cannot become “evidence against.” A complete concise text does not complete deep investigation merely by ending “end of report.” Partial coverage also cannot count as reading all required input.

The Editor and the Requester

The requester demanded mechanism rather than collected quotations, asking how Tohu's lights endure in Tikkun's vessels, what Adam did, and what Shabbat would complete. Insistence on source versus synthesis and an absence test required structural change, not merely phrasing.

The editor built round questions, returned to sources, viewed 5670 and two Devarim pages, checked Beshalach, Pri Etz Chaim, Masei, and Tosafot, and decided integration. Without this chain no verified, critically combined result existed. Structural contribution: 4, self-assessment of editorial function rather than an external comparative score for a “sixth model.”

Editorial mistakes are also recorded: excessive reliance on Vayitzer 37-42, temporary retention of the wrong 5664 attribution, and absence language about date/completion until the new source arrived. Editing is not immune to the failures it checks. Proven correction enters the body, not just the log.

Who Influenced Whom

Documented chain	Effect on wording
Editor's demand for mechanism → Dot → editor	Explicit parallel and broad vessels integrated after verification
Claude → editor → integrated research	Absence claim about completion and date withdrawn after Pri Etz Chaim
Grok Bot → editor	Text and 5562 transmission separated from explanation
Grok 4.7 → editor	Command classification supported by Tosafot without resolving the abbreviation
Editorial input → all five reports	Repeated existing distinctions not counted as new discovery

R3 prohibited reading same-round peers before submission. A source found by Dot or Claude does not become Bot's or 4.7's discovery through agreement with a neighboring conclusion. The integrated research must nevertheless update after intake.

Quality Assessment: Ten Criteria

Status: R1-R3 documentation; later findings are in IS1 and the main explanation. “Not yet found” refers to that round.

The following are reasoned editorial assessments of received R3 reports on a 1-10 scale, not an empirical test of the models generally. They are separate from absent-contribution scores. A report may be high-quality while mainly verifying; an important finding may arrive in an error-containing report.

No retrospective numerical score was calculated for every R1-R2 report. Both Claude reports were completed and reread in the current conversation; R3 assessment was checked against them. Scores remain provisional editorial judgments submitted with the booklet for criticism. Their development was described above through identified corrections, avoiding fictitious averages of complete coverage, unarchived conversation material, and abbreviated reports.

Criterion and weight	Dot	Claude	Bot	4.7	Grok	Editor*
Accuracy 15%	8	7	8	8	7	8
Attribution/ context 15%	9	8	8	8	6	8
Evidence distinctions 15%	9	7	8	8	6	8
New sources 10%	10	10	9	7	3	8
Coverage transparency 10%	9	9	9	9	6	9
Reasoning depth 10%	9	9	8	8	5	8
Consistency/ correction 10%	9	8	8	7	6	8
Criticism of predecessors 5%	9	8	8	7	5	8
Clarity 5%	8	7	8	8	7	8
Limits of conclusions 5%	9	7	8	8	7	8
Weighted average	8.9	8.0	8.2	7.9	5.8	8.1

* The editor's column is self-assessment of handling the file through this manuscript, not external review of the booklet or a score for a future review round. All ten weights remain; contribution scores 0-4 are not combined with them.

Dot scores highly for sources and depth because two identified passages changed the explanation, and for correction because he withdrew the 5664

attribution. Accuracy is not perfect: mapping limits and the earlier error remain part of the path.

Claude stands out in corpus expansion and the completion source, but accuracy and evidence scores are lower because of denying offerings and overclosing the Shabbat gap. Tables aid research, but many rows and repetitions burden explanation.

Grok Bot is strong in witness documentation and transmission limits. First-edition bibliography and exclusive unrefined material were not settled and earn no uncompleted decisions. Grok 4.7 is clear and transparent, but partial reading and unopened targets limit critical weight. Grok supplied useful brevity but not the new sources and technical investigation required by his focus. Brevity itself is not penalized twice; missing reasoning and transition tests are the gap. Missing declarations do not prove a source unread, but do not earn verified coverage.

The editor is strong in verification and integration but not full marks: not every witness or participant scan was opened, and the integrated arrangement remains reviewable. Writing a booklet does not prove every quotation and interpretation closed.

Evidence for Each Score

The tables state what earns and limits each score. They measure neither time, price, nor general success; missing literal source material still limits assessment.

ChatGPT Dot

Criterion	Score	Reason and limit
Accuracy	8	Devarim's bridge and vessel broadening verified; not every Vayitzer mapping settled.
Attribution/context	9	Sections 37-44 and parallels contextualized; literal 5664 attribution corrected openly.
Evidence distinctions	9	Scan and transcription distinguished; explicit bridge separated from full interpretation.
New sources	10	Devarim 895-896 and Beshalach 250b changed central explanatory pillars in this file.
Coverage transparency	9	Units, pages, and unopened material identified; no claim of reading all the long Devarim discourse.

Criterion	Score	Reason and limit
Reasoning depth	9	Source relation, recipient relation, reception, and interinclusion separated; Tohu-in-Tikkun test proposed.
Consistency/correction	9	5664 attribution explicitly withdrawn; 5562 preserved without unrefined-only exclusivity.
Criticism of predecessors	9	Source continuation and editorial framework tested; broader method still needs study.
Clarity	8	Continuous explanation, but dense terms and references need accessibility work.
Limits of conclusions	9	Explicit bridge distinguished from limited local mapping; no invented historical retraction.

Claude

Criterion	Score	Reason and limit
Accuracy	7	Decisive Pri Etz Chaim; offerings denial, radiance, and 5562 generalizations needed correction.
Attribution/context	8	Vital's gates expanded; glosses and collected omissions require care.
Evidence distinctions	7	Stature/union classification useful, but closed reconciliation exceeded evidence.
New sources	10	Pri Etz Chaim joined completion and Shabbat, added returning refined MaN, and changed a conclusion.
Coverage transparency	9	Coverage and OCR limits detailed; full text reread after conversational delivery.
Reasoning depth	9	Pair-place-action-time table improved definition of the difficulty.
Consistency/correction	8	Planned departure withdrawn in R2; new R3 conclusions still needed limits.
Criticism of predecessors	8	Editorial map tested and real parallels found; some harmony remained synthesis.
Clarity	7	Rich expansion, but numerous tables and repetition need continuous-study editing.
Limits of conclusions	7	Completion/date distinguished; Shabbat closure and end-of-Yetzirah limit sometimes too broad.

Grok Bot

Criterion	Score	Reason and limit
Accuracy	8	49:3 and Masei added facts; some unsupported unrefined-only wording remained.
Attribution/context	8	Body, editor note, quotation, translation separated; first-edition identification incomplete.
Evidence distinctions	8	Transmission distinctions useful; different quotations alone do not prove independence.

Criterion	Score	Reason and limit
New sources	9	Masei, 5562 context, and waiting tradition substantially expanded inquiry.
Coverage transparency	9	Scan ranges, gaps, targets marked; first print not claimed opened.
Reasoning depth	8	Descent routes and service counts separated; exclusive conclusions needed narrowing.
Consistency/correction	8	Atzilut rule limited; criticism of post-sin refutation preserved.
Criticism of predecessors	8	Text witnesses and editorial assumptions checked; eating/offerings critique needed matching subjects.
Clarity	8	Reconstructable organization, with some heavy transmission detail.
Limits of conclusions	8	Originality, print, witness dependence, and 5562 scope left open.

Grok 4.7

Criterion	Score	Reason and limit
Accuracy	8	Eating and offerings accurately separated; prayer placement in the table needed correction.
Attribution/context	8	Tosafot identified by opening and context, not a direct interpretation of 5670's abbreviation.
Evidence distinctions	8	Temporary command versus permanent count, and unread versus missing source distinguished.
New sources	7	Tosafot adds important classification, not a source deciding 49:3's eating manner.
Coverage transparency	9	Partial required-input reading and no 5670 viewing declared instead of claiming completeness.
Reasoning depth	8	Action-subject map useful; endurance mechanism incomplete without other sources.
Consistency/correction	7	Gate 8 chain corrected in R2; table and caveat still inconsistent in R3.
Criticism of predecessors	7	Partial reading of required reports limits critical weight.
Clarity	8	Three periods accessible; table needs historical-context adjustment.
Limits of conclusions	8	No invented direct eating commentary; “no harmony” and automatic-refinement limits needed narrowing.

Grok

Criterion	Score	Reason and limit
Accuracy	7	Basic distinctions retained; insufficient technical development to check every connection.
Attribution/context	6	Central targets unopened and not replaced by decisive sources.

Criterion	Score	Reason and limit
Evidence distinctions	6	Unproved material identified; some scope needed limiting.
New sources	3	No documented conclusion-changing source beyond input and available reports.
Coverage transparency	6	Access barriers acknowledged without a full source-reading map.
Reasoning depth	5	MaN/288/320/325 investigation too brief for required explanation.
Consistency/correction	6	Several basic corrections retained, not every focus completed.
Criticism of predecessors	5	Mainly confirmation and wording checks, fewer independent source tests.
Clarity	7	Useful orientation, not the requested deep explanation's substitute.
Limits of conclusions	7	Scenario/history distinguished, but “presumption against: no explicit date/288 count” turned missing evidence into counterevidence. An unread simultaneous finding was not ignored.

The Editor: Self-Assessment

Criterion	Score	Reason and limit
Accuracy	8	Verified sources integrated and errors corrected; some mappings and interpretations open.
Attribution/context	8	Context and reading statuses checked; initial partial Vayitzer reliance inadequate.
Evidence distinctions	8	Transcription, scan, peer report separated; claim of an earlier wholesale rejection needed historical proof or warning wording and was corrected in IS1.
New sources	8	Decisive sources opened following critics without appropriating their discoveries.
Coverage transparency	9	Archival gaps and personal-check scope explicit.
Reasoning depth	8	Structure, service, fall, and conditional scenario integrated.
Consistency/correction	8	Garden departure, completion/date, and 5664 corrected; requester's stylistic-method correction enters body.
Criticism of predecessors	8	Important findings did not shield other report errors from criticism.
Clarity	8	Explanation separated from history without reducing to a register; still reviewable.
Limits of conclusions	8	No completed corpus survey or fully closed Shabbat gap claimed.

What Remains for Focused Investigation

The round closes as a research edition with grounded answers to foundational questions and identified limits. The following gaps do not erase positive sources and are not invited as a new source round in the accompanying improvement prompts.

A	Actual Shabbat: direct commentaries in Yafeh Shaah and Beit Lechem Yehudah were found. Their solutions' relationship and Simchat Torah versus Shemini Atzeret calendar details remain.
B	Imma's MaN: an identified interpretation is still needed for Adam's sin in Pri Etz Chaim versus the Second Temple destruction in Etz Chaim 39. They cannot be silently combined.
C	Epistle text: the long wording is found in a later Vilna print; 5574, its omissions leaf, and the manuscript attributed to the Tzemach Tzedek remain necessary for originality.
D	Command count: "רַק ז' מ" in 5670 was previously viewed; classifying six, seven, and temporary commands does not prove the abbreviation's meaning.
E	Eating's manner: Vayikach calls Garden refinement automatic; no Chabad interpretation found here explicitly quotes 49:3 and identifies that eating itself with the same mode.
F	All uses of MaH: an explicit Devarim bridge and a counterexample method sample were found, not an exhaustive mapping across the author's writings.

For Further Study in the Sources

Etz Chaim, Gate 1 branch 2; 6:5; 8:2; 9:8; 10:1-2: tzimtzum and transmission, withdrawal without death, vessels and partzufim.

Etz Chaim, 18:1-5: withdrawing light, vessel and spark, and the 288, 320, and 325 counts. Examine the counting unit and rules of inclusion.

Etz Chaim, 36:1-2; 39:1 and 3; 49:3-4: diminution and growth, MaN, Adam's service, eating, and returning garments.

Tanya, Iggeret HaKodesh 26; Shaar HaYichud VehoEmunah 7: two descents, Torah service, and rejection of literal tzimtzum.

Torah Or, Bereishit 5c-6a; Vayeshev 27a onward; Chayei Sarah 15c: distant refinement, multiple particulars, eating after mixture.

Torat Chaim, Vayitzer 37-44; Beshalach 249b-250d; **Maamarei Admur HaEmtza'i**, Devarim vol. 3, pp. 895-896: light and vessel, bittul-yeshut bridge, broadening vessels.

Derech Mitzvotcha, LeRoka HaAretz 161b; Beur VeShavtah 170b: breadth of mind, revealed particulars, Gevurah within Chesed.

Pri Etz Chaim, Rosh Hashanah 2; **Shaar HaKavanot**, Rosh Hashanah 1; **Yafeh Shaah** and **Beit Lechem Yehudah** on Etz Chaim 36:2; **Leshem**, Sefer HaDeah vol. 2: conditional completion, Shabbat interpretations, enduring rectification.

Torat Chaim, Tetzaveh 320d; Vayakhel 409-411; Noach 64 and 78: methodological sample and actual rejection as counterexample.

Maamarei Admur HaZaken 5562, pp. 273-274; **Sefer HaMaamarim Atarat (5679)**, p. 206; **Tzav 5711**, **Vayikach** and **Chayei Sarah 5712**, **Ki Chelek 5732**: second fall, one matter, service's manner, revelation in Tikkun's vessels. **Yehoshua Mondshine**, Torat Chabad: Bibliographies vol. 1, pp. 26 and 60; Tanya, Vilna, folio 144; **Or HaTorah**, Vayikra vol. 2, p. 663: witnesses, abbreviated quotations, and limits of reconstructing the epistle.