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ABRAHAM – PART 17
MELCHIZEDEK'S IDENTITY

Melchizedek was the Priest and King of Salem, the future Jeru-Salem, the "City of God" from which Jesus, our High Priest and King shall also rule.

Both the Jewish view that Melchizedek was Noah's son Shem, and the liberal scholars' suggestion that he was a former Chaldean who had known Abram's family hold no credibility when scripture is examined. Conservative scholars, as well as this ministry, hold a biblical view that he was a pre-incarnate form of Jesus. This can be seen in both the Old and the New Testaments.

Psalm 110 is a Messianic Psalm. Verse one says, "***The LORD (Jehovah; Yahweh) said unto my Lord (Adonai; Jesus) 'Sit at my right hand until I make Your enemies Your footstool'***" (NKJV) Verses two and three speak of the strength and power of "***My Lord***" to rule from Zion (Jerusalem). Then verse four further says, "***Yahweh has sworn... 'You are a Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.'***"

The priestly order of Aaron was human in origin, born of Adam's line with earthly fathers. They are born, they live, then they die. They have no power; they administer the rituals of the Mosaic law. Psalm 110 is clear that the "Lord" spoken of will have great power to strike down earthly kings and to judge the heathen. Jesus brings fulfillment to all of this. Yet He is clearly linked to Melchizedek who was Priest and King of the "Most High God" nearly two thousand years before Jesus' birth just outside of Jerusalem in Bethlehem.

Now let us consider the New Testament writing of Paul in Hebrews. Paul was highly educated and knew scripture thoroughly. After his conversion, Holy Spirit spent three years teaching him the understanding of fulfilled scripture while he was sequestered in the Arabian wilderness. He gained understanding directly from God beyond what other apostles knew.

In Hebrews 5:5-10 Paul speaks of Christ made by God as our high priest...after the order (or manner of) Melchizedek. It is reiterated in Hebrews 6:20, "***...Jesus, made an high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.***" Hebrews chapter seven then goes into detailed explanation, starting with Abraham's encounter. The name "Melchizedek" means "King of Righteousness." Jesus is "Righteousness." He was also "King of Salem" which means "King of Peace." Jesus is our peace. Verse 3 also says Melchizedek was "***Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life, but made like unto the Son of God, (and) abideth a priest continually (forever).***" Verse 6 also repeats that Melchizedek descended from no human. Melchizedek had no human forebears and no human descendants. He abides (lives) as a high priest forever (vs. 3).

It is clear by scripture that Jesus had appeared on earth in human form in the personage of Melchizedek. He blessed Abraham in person and shared "communion" with him.