RUSSELL SANDERS JESUS' PRE-INCARNATION MANIFESTATIONS PART 5 – MELCHIZEDEK AND JESUS

Last week we began the study of the Old Testament appearances [manifestations] of Messiah, Jesus, in human flesh forms in parts 1 and 2 of our lessons. We then shared about his manifestation as Melchizedek in parts 3 and 4. If you would, please review or read them. Today, we continue with Melchizedek compared to Jesus in the New Testament. This will show that Melchizedek was a manifestation of Jesus when he appeared to Abraham. We start with Hebrews 5:1-3.

In verse 1 it calls Melchisedec (New Testament spelling) the "King of Salem." Salem was the early name (in Abram's time) for the city that was later named Jerusalem [Jeru-Salem]. This city has been special to God for at least 4,000 years. It will yet become the future capitol from which Jesus will rule as King of Kings. We will compare Melchizedek, King of [Jeru]Salem with Jesus, King of Kings from Jerusalem.

Hebrews 5:2 calls Melchisedec *"King of Righteousness"* which also applies to Jesus. He is also called *"King of Peace,"* just as Jesus also is the Prince [king] of peace. Then he is called *"King of Salem"* just as Jesus will reign as King in Jerusalem [Salem].

As we study verse 3, we see it describes Melchisedec as being *"without father, without mother, without [human] descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of [his] life"* meaning from the eternal and into eternity, made like unto the Son of God. Melchisedec abideth [lives as] a priest continually [forever]. This is also the precise description of Jesus, Yeshuah.

Melchisedec received tithes from Abram, and he pronounced a blessing upon Abram. Later Abram's name was changed to Abraham. This is the first God-ordained reckoning of the establishment of tithes unto God.

These scriptures from chapters 5, 6, and 7 of Hebrews clearly shows that Yeshua [Jesus] and Melchisedek are one and the same person.

Although Jesus appeared in the bible in human flesh at various times, this was his only appearance as Melchisedek, the high priest of the Most-High God. Jesus' other appearances came differently as we shall see further as we continue this series.

Jesus has from the beginning of time with Adam shown himself to mankind.