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JESUS' PRE-INCARNATION MANIFESTATIONS

PART 4 – MELCHIZEDEK – THE ETERNAL

Yesterday we saw from Genesis 14 how Abram was met by the priest of the Most High God, Melchizedek. Today we study additional scripture about this priest and king of Salem [Jerusalem] to determine his true identity. We will see his early appearance in human flesh of Messiah Yeshuah, Jesus.

We will start in the Old Testament with the prophetic Messianic Psalm, 110. This psalm clearly refers to the future coming of Jesus who will sit at the Father's **"right hand"** [vs. 1] and shall rule with **"the rod of thy strength out of Zion"** [vs. 2] and **"shall judge among the heathen."** [vs. 6]

Verse 6 is a key. **"The LORD (Yahweh/Jehovah) hath sworn... thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."** This was spoken by the Father to Jesus. Now let us go to the New Testament and see what it says about Melchizedek, especially chapters 5, 6, 7 of Hebrews. Yes, it is important enough to be contained in three chapters, not just in one.

Hebrews 5:1-5 speaks of the insufficiency of the human priesthood after the order of Aaron, **"every high priest taken from among men."** [vs. 1]

Verse 5 tells us that Christ did not glorify himself to be made High Priest but was glorified by the Father as our High Priest. The Father said unto him [Jesus] **"Thou art my Son, today have I begotten thee."** The Father said [to Jesus] in Psalm 110:4, **"Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek"** and it is repeated in Hebrews 5:6. The whole passage of Hebrews 5:5-10 affirms the relationship between Melchizedek and Jesus as does also Hebrews 6:20.

Tomorrow we will read Hebrews 7:1-3 to see the exact parallel between Jesus and Melchisedec (NT spelling). It will leave no doubt that the two are one and the same, so stay tuned.