

# Who Is Melchizedek?

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The goal of this study is to search for biblical evidence that may shed a brighter light on the most mysterious, misunderstood and therefore potentially the most important human role in the divine drama scripted by our Father before the foundation of the world.

We will begin with key declarations among "All the words in the script written by the breath of God" that *take us father back and higher up* in order to give us a better view of how God's Holy-Screen-Play is enacted on the stage of time and space created by His will for that very purpose.

This is the most amazing mystery ever conceived, revealed in the most powerful script ever written; directed by the only Director capable of guiding its predetermined destiny; portrayed by players chosen from before the foundation of the world; Staring "A-MAN" who molded the heavens with his hands, and conquered the rebellious pride.

Acts 15:18 "Known to God from eternity are all His works"

Rev 13:8 "The Lamb slain before the foundation of the world."

Acts 2:26 "Jesus of Nazareth . . . delivered up by the plan completed before creation and the foreknowledge of God," . . .

Eph. 3:21 "In order that the manifold wisdom of God might now be revealed through the "called out ones" to the rulers and authorities in the heavenlies according to His eternal purpose which he carried out in our Christ Jesus our Lord."

Eph. 1:21 "With a view to an administration of the fullness of the times . . . the summing up of ALL things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on earth."

Viewing scripture as the most important screen-play ever penned opens the eyes of our heart to scenes and revelations directed by the Holy Spirit that IMAGE-less words interpreted by the intellect of the soul can never comprehend. A truth declared by Paul with these Spirit inspired insights; "the soul of man cannot understand the things that come from the Spirit of God because they are foolish to him because they are spiritually discerned (1 Cor: 2:14);" and "I pray that the eyes of your heart many be enlightened so that you may know-experientially the hope to which he has called you (Eph 1:18)." May we with humble souls and enlightened "eyes" discover in our heart WHO this mystery-man is and what his role is that is guaranteed by . . .

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This mysterious person is mentioned twice in the Hebrew-Screen-Play, once in his only recorded encounter with Abraham and the other by the prophetic vision and proclamation made to King David.

David's encounter, though not physical was intensely personal as are all God given prophetic experiences, however for our current purposes we will focus on Abraham's face-to-face contact.

We know this person's name with our intellects from *Gen. 14*, *Psalms 110* and the book of *Hebrews*. Hopefully by God's grace we may increasingly come to know him experientially with the same dependency, appreciation and awe that Abraham did.

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The revelation of The-Script is clear. God-the-Son emptied Himself of all His titles so that He could inherit them all as The-Resurrected Son-of-MAN. God-the-Son could not and cannot inherit anything . . . He created everything. If God-the-Son was not God, if he was not Lord, if He was not The-Anointed-One, if He was not Melchi-Zedek, if He was not The-Savior . . . then Jesus, the second human Son-of-God sent to die-death as a MORTAL-Man to reconcile all men to God could never have been restored to the glory and all the titles that were His as God-the-Son. Jesus, the firstborn from the death, whose priesthood is in the power of an indestructible life could only become heir of all God-the-Son had emptied himself of.

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By the way there are two lingering questions that should eliminate the view of Melchi-Zedek as a MORTAL-Man. The first concerns the lack of offspring which is the ULTIMATE blessing of The-Father.

The-Father's original promise to Abraham was that He would bless those who blessed Him. He did not say with the exception of My-Righteous-Priest-King. The first person to bless Abraham, who gave him the greatest blessing of all! If Melchi-Zedek was a MORTAL King why wasn't he blessed? Does God's word prove false from the very beginning? *Chas-ve-Chalilah;* protect me from such an unholy, blasphemous thought.

The second question is how did a gentile king among all the idol worshiping nations of the world receive the honor to be called The-High-Priest of God. Abraham was called out of moon worshipers to begin a New-Race who would be children of God by faith and not by sight. Melchi-Zedek could not be a Son-of-Adam, an inheritor of Adam's condemnation and be holy enough to bless Abraham.

Melchi-Zedek could not be a Son-of-Adam if The-Father executed his MORTAL-Son-Jesus as The-Last-Adam . . . Before begetting Him as His ETERNAL-Son, Raising Him from The-Dead; Exalting Him to His right hand and making Him by oath His-Royal-Priest FOREVER and declares The-Man-Jesus. . . Melchi-Zedek! My Righteous King, King of Peace. The-Man-Jesus cannot be restored to The-Glory He had previously as a MORTAL-Man that would be impossible. Until Jesus, no MORTAL-Man had been born without Adam's sin in his DNA. Jesus restored to The-Glory that He had before the foundation of the world can only be restored to the titles and possessions He had before He emptied Himself.

Let's begin with a heart-provoking question; how can we know who Melchizedek IS if we don't know who Abraham IS? We can't! Melchizedek's only earthy contact is with Abraham. The greater understanding we have of Abraham's role in God's eternal plan the more hope we have of experiencing Melchizedek ourselves; of having Him do for us what He did for Abraham.

Abraham is the only person recorded in The-Holy-Script who had the blessing of Melchizedek, priest of El-Elyon, i.e. The-Most-High-God. My-Righteous-King's (as in God's-King) encounter with Abraham provides the explanation of Abraham's life and His God given titles and placement. Abraham is the only man to whom God reveals His-High-Priest. And it is imperative that we recognize that Melchizedek speaks the blessings of God over Abram BEFORE The-Lord changes his name to Abraham and BEFORE His-Faith is accounted as righteousness! In point of fact it is only AFTER Melchizedek blesses Abraham that we find the first use of the word Faith.

*Authentic faith does not originate in man;  
it originates in The-Blessing of Melchizedek.*

Abraham is the first Hebrew and The-Father of Faith. The entire race from which salvation comes begins with Abraham. Only sons of Abraham inherit the eternal promise. The true sons of Abraham are sons of The-Faith that Abraham received by the grace of God; The-blessing of Melchizedek that enabled Abraham to believe The-Promise of God. Abraham is called The-Father of all who believe (Rm 4:11c); "The-Father of us all (Rm 4:16c)."

"Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith that are sons of Abraham; the gospel was proclaimed beforehand to Abraham . . . The Believer (Gal 3:7-9).

The ultimate promise that Abraham believed was that He would be The-Father of "The-Seed" that was coming to whom the promise of God's had been made (Gal: 3:19)."

Even after Jesus becomes The-Christ those who belong to Him are still referred to as Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise (Gal 3:29). When we recognize the prominent role of Abraham then and only then are we prepare to understand The-Preeminent-Role of Melchi-Zedek.

The answer to the successful life of Abraham, His faith and His "friendship with God," (Jms 2:23) is found in one place and one place only . . . more accurately it is found in ONE-Person and ONE-Person only. The entire explanation of Abraham's life is determined by his dependence on His-Priest.

Since Melchi-Zedek is The-Priest of The-Father of Faith, The-Friend of God, The-Father of all who believe, The progenitor of the heirs of the promise.

*Then Melchi-Zedek has to be The-Priest of All of Abraham's offspring.*

If Melchi-Zedek's role is absolutely essential why is His-Preeminent-Reign so ignored? It begins with the fact that the role of The-High-Priest has been ignored by Gentiles for centuries. It is confused even more by teaching that Jesus of Nazareth fulfilled the role of The-High-Priest by offering Himself as a sacrifice on the cross. Once John 17 is declared The-High-Priestly prayer of Jesus the misunderstanding is guaranteed.

However, the problem of recognizing that neither Melchi-Zedek nor His-Priesthood is MORTAL or of earthly origin comes from the misunderstanding of one verse . . .

"Now observe how great This-MAN was to whom Abraham, the patriarch, gave a tenth of the choicest spoils" (Heb 7:4).

That's it! Closed case! Melchi-Zedek was A-MAN. This is prime example of Left-Brain-Ox interpretation of words as dissembled pieces of a jigsaw puzzle rather than The-Greatest-Movie Script ever written. Separating Heb. 7:4 from 7:8 is unconceivable yet it happens over and over again.

Verse eight addresses what Kind-of-MAN Melchi-Zedek was in a way that makes an absolutely clear distinction between The-MORTAL-Priesthood of Levi and The-ETERNAL-Priesthood of Melchi-Zedek.



"In the case of Levi mortal men receive tithes, but in the priesthood of Melchi-Zedek one receives tithes of whom God witnesses that He lives," (Present active tense).

The solution to this common misinterpretation can be found much earlier, probably as early as The-Lord-God walking with Adam in the cool of the day. It is documented for sure in the case of Abraham.

It begins when the God of Glory *appears* to Abraham in Mesopotamia, (appears . . . Gk. Optanomi always mean to see, Acts 1:2). The-Lord's next *appearance* (Heb. Ra'ah) to Abraham is also recorded in Gen: 12 when he comes in the land of Canaan at Shekem. The purpose of The-Lord's meeting with Abraham is to promise Abraham and his seed the land. Abraham built an altar to The-Lord who had *appeared to him*. Next, Abraham hears from The-Lord in a vision in Chapter 15. The very meaning of Hazah is to see or to behold prophetically. In this vision The-Lord promises Abraham an heir from his own body; shows him to stars as a picture of his descendants and cuts the covenant with Abraham. This is the encounter that establishes Abraham as The-Father of Faith because He believed what God showed him. Chapter 17 is a book in itself loaded with prophetic significance. It comes years later when Ishmael was 13 years old The-Lord *appeared again* to Abraham to tell him that barren Sarah is going to have Isaac, the-son of promise, not a son of the flesh like Ishmael. This amazing chapter concludes "after The-Lord stops talking in Abraham *He went up from Him*." So what is the point of these appearances that pertains to The-MAN Melchi-Zedek?

Genesis Chapter 18 provides the answer. And The-Lord *appeared* to Abraham as he sat in his tent in the heat of the day. And Abraham lifted up his eyes and he saw Three-MEN standing near and he ran, *bowed down and spoke to The-Lord!* How did Abraham know which one of these men was The-Lord? *Because, this is the fifth recorded time that The-Lord had appeared to him.* Abraham asked The-Lord to rest and allow him to prepare a meal for them. After The-Three-MEN had eaten, The-Lord told 90 year old Sarah that she would have a son by this time next year. Then The-MEN rose up and looked down toward Sodom. The-Lord stayed longer with Abraham because He could not hide from His chosen one what He was about to do. The other Two-MEN go to Sodom.

Chapter 19 reveals the secret . . . Now *The-Two-Angels* came to Sodom. Big deal! These MEN were not MORTAL men, they were Angels. The-Lord was not a MORTAL man who appeared to Abraham many times and who ate Abraham's meal! These Two Angels were referred to as angels once more in Chapter 19. They are predominately addressed as MEN through their encounter with Sodom.

In Josh 5:13-14 we find this encounter . . . "Now it came about when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, A-MAN was standing opposite him with his sword drawn in his hand, and Joshua went to him and said to him, 'Are you for us or for our adversaries?' He said, 'No; rather I indeed come now as captain of the host of the Lord.'" When The-MAN announces himself as the captain of The-Lord's-Host, Joshua bows down and ask The-MAN, "What has My-Lord to say to his servant?" The-MAN is not a MORTAL man.

Let's look at one more example. In Judges 13 an angel of The-Lord appears to the barren wife of Manoah and tells her she is going to have a son. When the woman tells Manoah of this encounter she calls the angel, "The-MAN of God."

Manoah then asks The-Lord to please let "The-MAN of God" come and tell us more. When the angel of God came again, the woman ran to her husband and said "Behold, The-MAN has appeared to me. When Manoah came to The-MAN, "the angel of the Lord" communicated the word of The-Lord to Manoah and it is documented that Manoah did not know The-MAN was the angel of the Lord until He disappeared in the flame of Manoah's offering. The-MAN was not a MORTAL man.

The possibility of the continual appearance of MEN who are not MORTAL until the end of the age comes in the instructions to all believers . . . Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some *have entertained angels without knowing it*, (Heb 13:2-3). Only God knows how many Angels who are "ministering spirits sent out to render service to those who will inherit salvation" have appeared to His children as MEN throughout the ages. How many have appeared to us or those we know? We don't have the slightest idea.

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Of all the types and shadow clues in the Hebrew-Screen-Play, nothing more truly reveals the plot than Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac. The intellect will quickly say, "He didn't sacrifice Isaac, God stopped him." However, if we will turn within, allow the Holy Spirit to connect the dots, we will recognize that God stopped Abraham after He saw that Isaac was already dead and resurrected in Abraham's heart, (Heb 11:17-19). IMAGE-less-words are like seeds not planted.

Abraham

We will use the phase divine-human history in this discussion to identify the Godly flow of His elect to be distinguished from those who are and chose to remain mere sons of humanity. Hopefully this devise will enable us to stay connected to the unfolding revelation of God's eternal grace. Grace expressed in His predetermined strategy to solve the inevitable problem that would result from the freedom reciprocal love requires. And grace to conquer the rebellion initiated and perpetuated by the first created recipient of The Father love, the former "son of the dawn," the first created and the one "sealing the perfection" of the creation that followed. This rebellious son became "the spirit of death and darkness" when he fixated on the grace that The Father had bestowed on him; declared by God as "perfect in all your ways until unrighteousness was found in you."

This Son of the dawn who was full of wisdom and beauty, fixated on the grace of God rather than "The God of Grace." Fixation on the grace of God produces darkness and

death every time. As a result of this rebellion God the Father of all spirits withdrew His life and light from the adversary who rejected Him as the source of love and grace.

Divine-human history has many sons however in the mystery of the unfolding of God's eternal purpose everything flows through three Men; Adam, Abraham and David; three men who have *the same son* as God himself. No mystery ever gave more significant clues.

If we follow them carefully we just might come to know Melchizedek personally.

The script begins "In the beginning or with wisdom God created the heavens and the earth." The first earth, the abode of the "son of the dawn" was called Eden, the garden of God. This inexpressible existence was maintained by the grace of God through the accepted revelation; i.e. the faith, of each created being that God was ALL and In All. For an undisclosed period of time the "son of the dawn" faithfully focused on the God of grace and led worship in thankfulness and praise for the beauty, wisdom, position and possessions God has given him. Then the potential problem inherent in "freedom of choice" manifested itself, the "son of the dawn" fixated on the grace of God and lost the understanding that God was The God of Grace. The model of perfection, the anointed cherub first created unrighteousness unleashed death and chaos. The earth became "tohu and bohu" and a massive watery grave buried earth's decaying life to reflect the death now under the power of the adversary.

Jesus of Nazareth

Now the foreseen bondage resulting from the wrong use of freedom is on the loose, life has become hidden and the light has gone out, the entire future of creation and the eternal purposes of God will be determined by how He defeats this rebellion in a way that will not compromise His own righteousness