

*Questions
You Have
Asked*

Who Is Melchizedek?

**If He Was A Pre-Incarnate Christ Would
Abraham Have Known Him In Chapter 18?**

I. Who Is Melchizedek?

**A. Appears to Abraham after the slaughter of the kings
Genesis 14:17-20**

17 And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer, and of the kings that were with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which is the king's dale.

18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God.

19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth:

20 And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.

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B. Old Testament form of Christ

Psalm 110:1-4

1 The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

3 Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.

4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

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C. New Testament revelation of Christ

1. Remembered

Hebrews 7:1-4

1 For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him;

2 To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;

3 Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.

4 Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils.

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2. Recognized

Hebrews 7:14-15

14 For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood.

15 And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest,

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3. Revealed

Hebrews 7:21-27

21 (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:)

22 By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament.

23 And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death:

24 But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood.

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3. Revealed

Hebrews 7:21-27 - continued

25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

26 For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

27 Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself.

II. Did Abraham Recognize Him In Genesis 18?

A. The appearance of the Lord

Genesis 18:1-3

1 And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;

2 And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground,

3 And said, My LORD, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant:

II. Did Abraham Recognize Him In Genesis 18?

B. Previous appearances

1. When God first called him

Genesis 12:1-3

1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

II. Did Abraham Recognize Him In Genesis 18?

B. Previous appearances

2. When Abraham parted ways with Lot

Genesis 13:14–17

14 And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:

15 For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.

16 And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered.

17 Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.

II. Did Abraham Recognize Him In Genesis 18?

B. Previous appearances

3. When God made a covenant with him

Genesis 15:17-18

17 And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces.

18 In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:

II. Did Abraham Recognize Him In Genesis 18?

B. Previous appearances

4. When God restated His covenant

Genesis 17:1-4

1 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

3 And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,

4 As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

II. Did Abraham Recognize Him In Genesis 18?

**C. The Lord is one of the three that visited
Genesis 18:16-17, 22**

16 And the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way.

17 And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;

22 And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.

III. A Theophany Or A Christophany?

A. Genesis 14 shows a Christophany

1. Melchizedek as High Priest worships God (14:20)

2. Christ is our high priest

Hebrews 3:1

Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

3. No reference to Jehovah in chapter

III. A Theophany Or A Christophany?

B. Genesis 18 shows a Theophany

1. Abraham knows he is in the presence of God

2. Abraham refers to Him As Ādônây

(Reserved for God Jehovah)

Genesis 18:27 (3, 30, 31, 32)

And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the LORD, which am but dust and ashes:

Explain The Covenant Between God And Abraham In Genesis 15

Genesis 15:7-21

7 And he said unto him, I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.

8 And he said, LORD God, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?

9 And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.

10 And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not.

11 And when the fowls came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

Genesis 15:7-21 - continued

12 And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him.

13 And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;

14 And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.

15 And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age.

Genesis 15:7-21 - continued

16 But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.

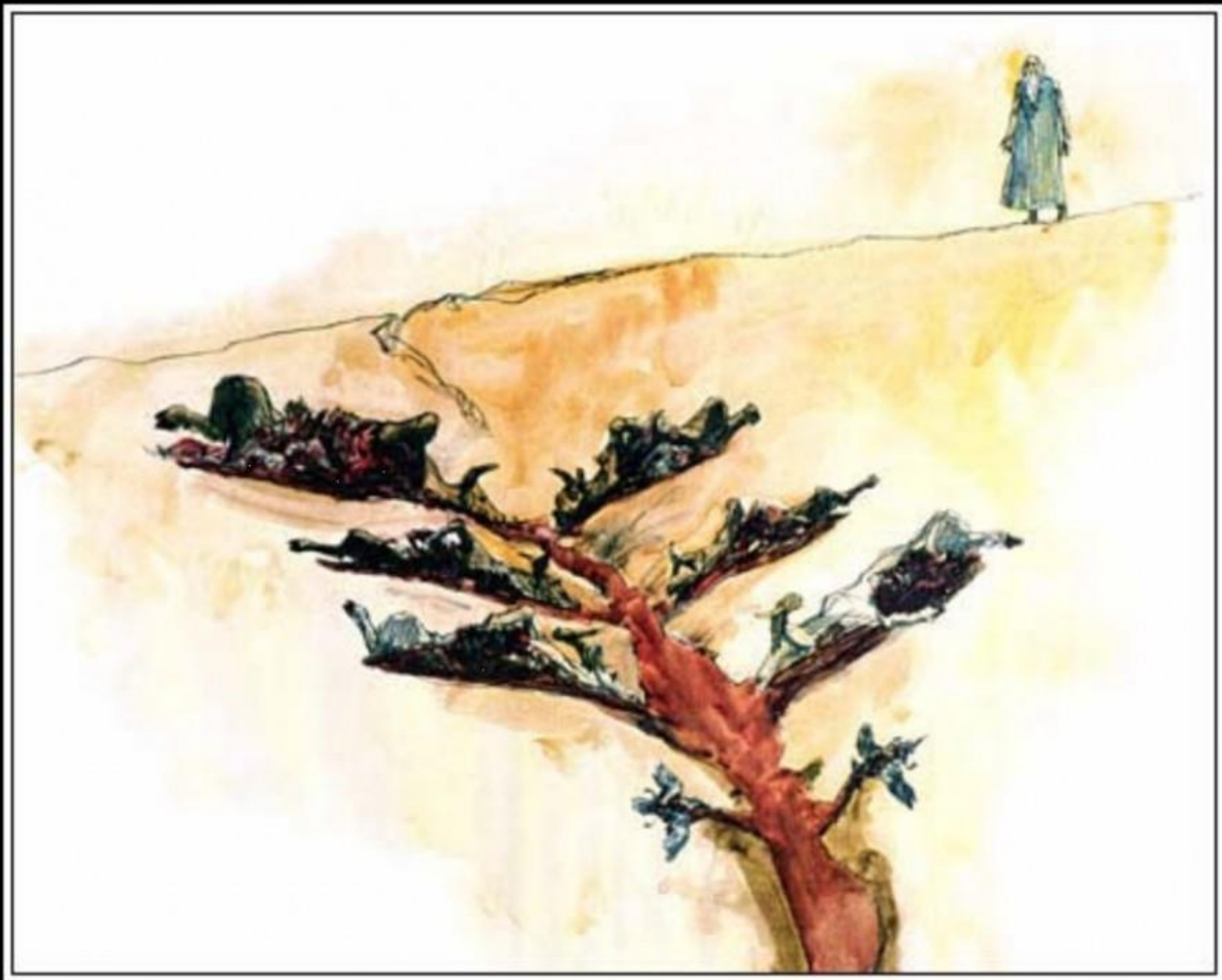
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18 In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:

19 The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites,

20 And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims,

21 And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.



I. The Covenant

A. For the land promised to Abraham

B. A blood covenant made for the land

Jeremiah 34:18-19

18 And I will give the men that have transgressed my covenant, which have not performed the words of the covenant which they had made before me, when they cut the calf in twain, and passed between the parts thereof,

19 The princes of Judah, and the princes of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, and the priests, and all the people of the land, which passed between the parts of the calf;

II. The Specifics

A. The types of animals used

- 1. Heifer (3 yo)**
- 2. She goat (3 yo)**
- 3. Ram (3 yo)**
- 4. Turtledove**
- 5. Young pigeon**

**Consistent with the animals used in sacrifices
ordained by God to Moses in the OT law**

B. Deep sleep – Paralysis (?)

**Abraham has nothing to do with this except prepare,
then watch**

II. The Specifics

C. Horror of great darkness – Environment of God's presence

Psalm 18:11

He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies.

II. The Specifics

D. The smoking furnace and burning lamp

God's presence

Exodus 13:21

And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night:

Let's Realize God's Presence
And
Let's Remember God's Covenants