

The Scribe

"Every Scribe which is instructed unto the Kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old" - Matthew 13:52



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THE APPLICATION OF TYPES AND SHADOWS: PART 4 (WHO IS THIS MELCHIZEDEC?)

This message was preached by Brother Amos, on Sunday 10th August, 2008, at Bible Faith Tabernacle, Lagos, Nigeria. It is a most exhilarating expose of who Melchizedec truly is, in the light of types and shadows. There are many theories floating around, and Brother Amos has given a very precise breakdown of who it is not, and who it really is. It is our desire that you read with prayer and understanding.

It is nice to see each and every one of you. It is my prayer that God will bless you this morning, as we gather together around His Word, and that He will also give you a blessed and prosperous week. We are in the last lap,

for this is the last lap. The end time race is like a relay race which has four legs, and we are now in the fourth and final leg, the fastest leg in this age. Incidentally, as we speak, the whole world is also holding another kind of church this morning. It is not a church where they sing to God and rejoice in the Word of the Lord. The religion of these people is sports and entertainment. The world service is holding this morning in Beijing, China, and cable-satellite TV is how people attend service, for that is where their church holds. We live in a world of entertainment, and the world is not going to stop at anything to get it. Untold billions and billions of dollars have been voted for sports, just so that



people around the whole world can come together, and worship: It is the entertainment world. Yet, masses of people around the world do not have anything to eat, and people are suffering. A man can run from here to there, faster than any other person, and he gets millions of dollars for doing so. So, tell me, after he runs from here to there, so what? Of what real value is that to humanity? A man can play soccer or American football, and he earns millions of pounds sterling per month for it. And another person knows how to putt the ball in a game called golf. That is all he does from morning till evening, every day of his life, for he is forever putting balls. And for that, he earns millions of dollars, knocking one silly ball into a hole. What a life of Riley! What a life of leisure! It is a warped world, an upside down world! Believe me, brothers and sisters, it will not be like that in the Millennium. Definitely not! Whilst men are laboring day and night, working long and hard to feed their family, contributing their little quota to make the world run smoothly, either as a plumber, a mechanic, a bricklayer, an electrician, a carpenter, or other, and they

give them only peanuts; on the other hand, one guy is bouncing a ball up and down the court in a game of basketball, in order to make a basket, and he earns millions of dollars per month for just that! It is really an upside down world! No wonder the youth of today no longer want to get an education, as they do not want to labour or suffer for anything, because of the shortcut to money and fame, which the sports and the entertainment Industry gives them, which is precisely why they desperately seek to simply sing their way to money and stardom, on “X-Factor”, “Pop Idol”, or on “The Voice”! That is precisely why they have no character, no manners, and no commonsense, for they have no real experience of life! And it is for this same reason that you see people who are supposed to be ladies, ladies who are supposed to have shamefacedness, wearing nothing but a little strip, just like a fig-leaf, barely covering her privates, walking around looking just like prostitutes, all in the name of sports and entertainment! Who are these people? They are athletes and entertainers!

My! They bring out all their womanhood, their nakedness, for the whole world to gawk at, all in the name of sports and entertainment. The ballet dancers, who wear virtually nothing on stage, along with ladies who enter the British “*Strictly Come Dancing*” competition, Ice skating dancers, beach volley ball players, totally violate all rules of morality and holy decency and human dignity, which women are supposed to have, and have fed it to the hogs! What a shameless world! What a world where ladies no longer blush! I will guarantee you though, that you will not see creatures like that in the Millennium! Of course the world will look at people like us, and say, “*You people are mad! How can you talk like that? How can you condemn that?*” They will say that because they see absolutely nothing wrong with it, being warped minded themselves, and because everyone does it, and as such, it has become the norm around the world, being an acceptable conduct! What a degenerate and most vile world this is! That is why I started by saying that the

whole world is in church service this morning. They are in service through cable-satellite, but their religion is sports and entertainment. That is the age we now live in. What an age! The Roman Coliseum is nothing compared to the Global Coliseum we now have today, which the cable-satellite television provides. The arena this morning where service is being held is in Beijing. Billions upon billions of dollars are being invested in sports and entertainment every year. In fact, it is a multi-trillion dollar Industry! Man is wasting millions of dollars on one silly guy, because he can play football, when the masses of people around the world are gleaning from the garbage can! Now answer me: What benefit is that footballer to the advancement of the society of men? It is just mere entertainment! Some decades ago, sports was something entered into for the joy of it, for it was a thing of honour to enter into a sporting activity or the other, for one's own state or country! The joy was not even in winning, but in taking part! And it had no monetary value attached to it. People did it just to win a medal! So what is wrong

with that? Why did it have to be different? Now, the footballers style their hair with a ponytail like women, looking very sissified, along with tattoos all over their bodies; whilst still, others wear a hairstyle that makes you think they are from the asylum, for they look totally deranged! They really should not be allowed to play with their hair like that, for it is a disgrace, but then, the world has gone insane, controlled by the spirit of perversion! That is the world we now live in, a completely warped and degenerate world, where good is bad and bad is good. I looked on the TV, and everybody was screaming and yelling as they played football, applauding the players; and I said to myself, if you were to talk to them now about God, He would not have that applause! In fact, they will boo you and walk you out as a mental case! God made man, and man hate God. My, oh my! But they love entertainment! How they love it! That is their religion; and football is their god. No wonder, Apostle Paul, seeing the spirit of this age by the eye of the Spirit of God, said with perfect revelatory precision: ***“Traitors,***

heady, highminded, LOVERS OF PLEASURES” (PLURAL), ***“MORE THAN LOVERS OF GOD; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.”*** That is it! It is a world of sports and entertainment; that is the religion of humanity; the religion of modern man. That is where their energy, and all their zeal, goes, and that is what they will support. The world supports it, for they love it with a passion! But I thank God for His grace in our lives that has kept us focused, in tune with the Lord Jesus. It is really His grace that has made the difference in our lives. Were it not for Him, we would not be where we are today, spiritually speaking. The world is so different now, so different to when we were small boys growing up; for a different class of humanity now inhabits it, a totally strange class of people. However, on the other hand, there has also got to be a people that the grace of God will reserve unto the Lord, to give Him true acceptable worship. I thank God this morning that I am one of them. I thank God this morning that I can see the

good old way, this way of revealed faith, and that by His grace and mercy, I am also able to walk in it. Come walk with me! Come walk with me in this wholesome revelation of the light that Christ gives. It gives peace! **He is the living water. COME TO THE WELL.** He gives peace to the soul. He will change your life. It is not because one man stands on your head, forcing you to live for God. There is power in truth that enthuses the soul; it rejoices your soul, and stimulates your heart, and it just puts a longing in your heart to want to live for Him. And there is nothing better to do than to live for God, because He made us for Himself. For as it is written in Psalm 100, verse 3: ***“Know ye that the Lord He is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.”*** Moreover, the Lord has been good to us. You and I can see precisely what is coming this morning. There is a storm coming upon the world, a great storm, and the world knows nothing about it; and hence, the world is rushing madly towards it, without the slightest clue of what is coming. But here we are basking in the pool of light,

for God's mercy found us; just the mercy of the Lord caught us. Brothers and sisters, we know where we are coming from, and we know exactly where we are going. It is not our righteousness, or our goodness, or our intellectualism, or anything that we have done, that makes us merit this way. It is just God's sovereign elective love and mercy that found us. I thank God this morning for His grace. I just appreciate the Lord for His goodness in my life. May God be glorified, for He is worthy to be praised. Yes, He is. Amen.

Please turn with me to the Book of Hebrews Chapter 10, verses 1-4, which states: ***“For the law having A SHADOW of good things to come”***; (The law, the entire law, having a shadow, a reflection, a mere representation, a type of good things to come), ***“and not the very image of the things”***, (for it is not the reality), ***“can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once***

purged should have had no more conscience of sins. But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.” Amen. Brothers and sisters, for some time now, we have been on this topic, *THE APPLICATION OF TYPES AND SHADOWS*. We are not going to finish the message this morning either. I do not know when we are going to finish, however, I look to God for leadership and inspiration. Church, when we started this message series, we started with the Book of Hebrews, and we showed that the law, with its requirements, and its ceremonies, and its observances, are all a mere shadow, a reflection of the reality the bride of Christ has in the grace age, under the New Testament. Then, we also took a good look at 1 Corinthians Chapter 10, which gives us the wilderness experience, Israel's experience in the wilderness, as they journeyed to the Promised Land. By this, we see that not only was the law a shadow, with all its

observances, and ceremonies, and its requirements, but even their very life's experiences, also sets a type. It sets a type of the reality we find in the grace age, in Christ Jesus, under the New Testament. That has been established by the grace of God. But this morning, we want to go into something else, something which is much more serious in its typology, in terms of its deepness. In other words, we are leaving the shallow waters, and we now want to go into the deep waters. I say that just to stir your hearts, so that you can pay attention. But the truth is that there are some basic types, types which are simple and plain, types which anybody can give, for they are simple. But there are also some other types that are deep and complex, and it takes the grace of God to let us see precisely how we are to look at it, particularly when we are delving into the prophetic realm of the Word of God, like the Book of Revelation. It has very many deep and complex typologies and symbolisms, which is why it has been a mysterious Book to the religious world for many centuries of time, until the prophet to this age came, and God used him to

open up the door of divine accessibility to this prophetic Book. We saw that when we took a look at the serious prophetic typology of the elect bride of Jesus Christ, it is symbolically shown as the New Jerusalem. We now want to take a look at a certain deep typology God placed in the Word, expressed in the Seed Chapter, which is the Book of Genesis. God helping me, I will show you how to look at it, because we are going into deep waters. I also want you to see some things which you cannot apply in a type, and why you cannot apply them, even though it is generally being applied erroneously in a type, in the Branham Movement. It is all to help God's people to know how to look at types and shadows, how to apply it, knowing precisely what can go in a type, and what cannot go. Therefore, I pray God will help me to do justice to this message, that it may be a blessing to God's predestinated seeds. Many times I go very fast in preaching; but I am praying that God will help me not to be too fast, because it is also going on Dvd. We want the saints in other countries, foreign countries, to understand

the message as well, particularly people who do not understand my speech, because they are not used to my expressions and my intonation, my accent. So, may God help me. I need your prayers.

Today, in considering *The Application of Types and Shadows*, we want to look at Melchizedek. Come with me to Genesis Chapter 14. Chedorlaomer, the king of Elam, with three other kings who were allied with him, came against the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah, because they refused to pay the tribute they had been paying to him for twelve years. Lot at that time was living in Sodom. When Chedorlaomer came against the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah, he vanquished them, and carried away all their goods and provisions, including Lot and his family, and his goods. When Abraham heard that Lot had been captured, he armed his servants, men he had trained, three hundred and eighteen of them, and went after the four kings. Oh, my! (Brother Amos sings):

May the Lord depend on you;

Loyalty is but His due.

Say, O Spirit, brave and true,

That He may depend on you.

Brothers and sisters, Abraham, with the three hundred and eighteen men in his household, together with his three allies, went after Chedorlaomer king of Elam. Church, they wielded their swords, and did not fear the hosts of the enemy, because they went by faith! Yet, they were going to face four kings that had brought down the five kings around Sodom and Gomorrah, vanquishing their armies! But because Abraham was under the Covenant of God, the God of heaven and earth, he armed his men by faith in the authority of God's Word of Promise, and God gave him an astounding victory, total victory, that he recovered all! May I also say that God will also give the bride of Christ a universal body of ministry that is most anointed, revealed, and faithful, men who can handle the Sword of the Spirit, in the face of any satanic opposition, and in the face of any opposing ministry or organization! And they will not lose any

battle, for as it is written: **"THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH"**! Abraham did not need to look for prophecy in order to believe God for victory, for he knew the faithfulness and the majesty of God, a Covenant keeping God. He knew he only had to take God at His Word, and he did, for God is faithful, and He requires a faith walk. Brothers and sisters, we are God's Covenant children, the royal seeds of Abraham! Therefore, hold to that Word of Covenant, and tell the Devil: **MOVE BACK!** The bottom-line is that Abraham won the battle that day, for he defeated the captors of Lot, and delivered Lot, and all that belonged to him. He recovered Lot and everything of his. I remember the first time I was invited to TREM Assembly many years ago, to listen to Bishop Mike Okonkwo. I am talking of The Redeemed Evangelical Mission, when they were still located at Akoka, Lagos. He used this very passage of Scripture in Genesis for his message that day, where Abraham pursued the host of the enemies of Lot, and recovered all. He told the people that God told him in the night to take this

message, titled: **"Pursue, Overtake, and Recover All."** All he used that message for in that service was for carnal pursuits; the total recovery of their carnal things! And everybody was jumping up and shouting, rejoicing for a fleshly message. I was just looking at them. Oh, my! (Brother Amos sings):

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Saints of the living God, as Abraham was coming back after a great victory, the king of Sodom came to meet him. We will take Genesis Chapter 14, and start from verse 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."** Church, we must realize that the meeting in this verse did not precede the event in verses 18-20, where Melchizedek met with Abraham, for the meeting

with the king of Sodom took place, only after Abraham had first met with Melchizedek, and had paid tithes of all the goods he recovered, and had sworn by the Most High God, (EL ELYON), as confirmed by verses 22-23! Therefore, we must take verse 17, which talks about the King of Sodom, and join it with verses 21-24, which also talk of the reply of Abraham to him, for that is where it belongs in the order of fulfillment, for they go together. God juggles the record of His Word most times. But it is verses 18-20 we really want to consider, for that is our material text. Verse 18 reads: ***“And Melchizedek KING OF SALEM brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the Most High God.”*** Let me first say this: This Melchizedek is not the king of Sodom, and he has nothing to do with the king of Sodom. That is why I started by saying that we must remove verse 17, which deals with the king of Sodom, and place it on top of verse 21, for that is where it belongs in application. And if we do that, all together it reads: ***“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... And the king of Sodom said unto Abram, Give me the persons, and take the goods to thyself. And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the Lord, the Most High God, the Possessor of heaven and earth, That I will not take from a thread even to a shoelatchet, and that I will not take any thing that is thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich: Save only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men which went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.” Brothers and sisters, this concludes the testimony of the meeting which the king of Sodom had with Abraham. So, do not lump it together with verses 18, 19, and 20. God inspired Moses to write it in such a way that juggles the account, because Moses was not there in that day to witness the event, for he was not yet in existence. It was a divine revelation he received from God, which enabled him to lay out these scenarios. We must realize the absolute truth

that the Bible is not written in the chronological order of its fulfillment. God juggles the picture of His Word, making it like a jigsaw puzzle. Therefore, reading the Bible takes a revelation, for as it is written, it is *“here a little, and there a little.”* It takes God to put the picture of His Word together. So, we will now go back to focus on the meeting Melchizedek had with Abraham, as verse 18 records: ***“And Melchizedek King of Salem brought forth BREAD AND WINE: and he was the priest of the most high God.”*** Hold it there! This means that the priest came to meet Abraham. Hebrews Chapter 7, verse 1, confirms that, and it settles it! What does that tell you? As I stated earlier, it shows that the meeting with Melchizedek happened ever before Abraham met with the king of Sodom. I am reiterating, repeating this fact because we have a lot of Bible commentaries, which are projecting a lot of things. But remember that Bible commentaries, though they have their good uses, give us nothing but theology in the main, men's theological

teachings, which are men's theories, carnal teachings and traditions, lacking in divine revelation. On the other hand, we do not preach theology, but divine revelation, the revelation of J e s u s C h r i s t . Consequently, on deep matters of truth such as this, it takes the bride of Christ to project the absolute truth of the Bible, by the Spirit of God. As a matter of fact, in some commentaries, you will find that they teach that Melchizedek not only gave Abraham bread and wine, he also gave bread and wine to his servants, and to his entire company. Do not forget that his servants were 318 people, and if we add this number to the three men, the three brothers who w e r e A b r a h a m ' s confederates, namely, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre, it gives us a sum total of 322 men, inclusive of Abraham, who took bread and wine that day, and that is totally untrue; it is scripturally unfounded! Yet, in some of these commentaries, every last one of them had bread and wine, even though it was something the Lord gave to Abraham alone, for the scenario only takes in two people, Melchizedek and Abraham. Period! What is material though, is that we should not forget that

this event has a serious implication; a serious prophetic implication, which is precisely what we want to see today. Therefore, we must ask: How do we look at this prophetic picture? And how do we interpret it? I ask this b e c a u s e t h e interpretations we have in the religious world, on this passage of Scripture, particularly on the personage of Melchizedek, are very diverse, for they are many. Even in the Branham Movement, some ministers are fighting one another on the identity of this great personage. That is why I said we are going into deep waters. But first, we want to consider the typological application of the bread and wine which Melchizedek gave Abraham. Verse 18 states: ***“And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth BREAD AND WINE: and he was the priest of the Most High God.”*** Brothers and sisters, the bread and wine he brought are objects of memorial, and it is foreshadowing something much more serious. Note also that Melchizedek did not bring bread and wine before the war, but only after victory had been wrought! However, the fact remains

that the bread and wine was given as a memorial, for they are emblems of memorial; because it is foreshadowing a reality of what God was going to accomplish on the cross, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. He broke the bread, and gave Abraham bread and wine, typifying the memorial of the sacrifice on Calvary, when the body of Jesus Christ will likewise be ***“broken”*** or slain, and his blood shed, that we may have life eternal. And when Christ came in fulfilment of this prophetic type, as recorded in the Gospel of Saint Matthew Chapter 26, the Bible declares from verse 17: ***“Now the first day of the feast of UNLEAVENED BREAD the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat THE PASSOVER? And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep THE PASSOVER at thy house with my disciples. And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready THE PASSOVER. Now when the even was***

come, he sat down with the twelve." (We will skip to verse 26): ***"And as they were eating, JESUS TOOK BREAD, AND BLESSED IT, AND BRAKE IT, AND GAVE IT TO THE DISCIPLES"***, (exactly as Melchizedek had done way back there in Genesis to Abraham, who is the father of faith, meaning the father of all faithful, the father of all those who would also walk with God by faith), ***"and said, TAKE, EAT; THIS IS MY BODY"*** (in a representative capacity, for his body would similarly be broken, just as that bread was broken). ***"And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; FOR THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW TESTAMENT, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."*** He said this because he would be killed, and his blood would be shed, paying the price of sin, thereby giving us life; because there is life in the blood. And this life, which is the power in the blood, is typified by the alcoholic power in the wine, which

gives it its stimulating capacity! Therefore I ask: What drink did Christ give them in that day in the upper room? It was wine, for that is exactly what Melchizedek gave to Abraham, in a prophetic event which foreshadowed what Christ did! That is also why, when we come to the Lord's Supper, we take red wine and not white wine, because blood is not white in colour, but red. Remember, it is not Grape Juice or Coca-Cola, and neither is it Water or Fanta, but ***"WINE"***. Yes, wine is made of the fruit of the vine, but it is the fruit of the vine that has been made to ferment, thereby giving it a little measure of alcohol for its stimulating power! And indeed, it is the power of the alcohol in the wine that gives it its stimulant. Hence, in the Book of Revelation Chapter 6, verse 6, the Spirit of God sternly warned the spirit of the antichrist operating through the Church of Rome, declaring: ***"... and see thou hurt not the oil and THE WINE"***, speaking of the rich stimulation which the revealed faith of Jesus Christ gives! Consequently, we use only red wine during Communion service, which has a little percentage of

alcohol in it, no more than five to seven percent alcohol at most, for the alcohol in it represents the life that is in the wine, just as there is life in the blood. And just in case someone wants to dispute this fact, I lay before you the Book of 1 Corinthians Chapter 11, where Apostle Paul rebuked the saints for drunkenness at the Lord's Supper, as recorded in verses 17-21: ***"Now in this that I declare unto you I praise you not, that ye come together not for the better, but for the worse. For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it. For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you. When ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's supper."*** (This lets us know that Saint Paul was dealing with the Communion service, and the negative attitude of the Corinthian saints at the Lord's Supper; for such negative attitudes are not how to partake in the Lord's Supper! Now pay attention, for he continued): ***"For in eating***

every one taketh before other his own supper: and one is hungry, and another IS DRUNKEN."

Brothers and sisters, I have to say, even if you drink a bucket of ordinary fruit juice, a drink that is non-alcoholic, it is absolutely impossible to be drunk on it! It would have to have a measure of alcohol in it for the saints to be getting drunk! How many see the point? I will remind you, brothers and sisters, that it is the alcoholic power in wine that also made Noah drunk in Genesis, right after the flood! Period! The truth stands that the saints in the early church used red wine, with a little measure of alcohol at the Lord's supper, for that was what Christ gave them, which was also in fulfilment of the type of wine which Melchizedek gave to Abraham, way back there in Genesis, for the alcohol in the wine, is the life or the power of the wine. And there is Eternal life or Eternal power also, in the blood of Jesus Christ the Son of God, a life which we receive by faith; for the Eternal life of God was invested in him. But just as Melchizedek broke bread, and gave Abraham bread and wine, likewise, so did Jesus Christ also break bread, and give bread and wine to his disciples, the

believers, the royal seeds of Abraham, which emblems are memorials of his death and burial. Hence, in the Book of 1 Corinthians Chapter 11, verses 23-26, Apostle Paul declared: ***"For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, HE BRAKE IT, AND SAID, TAKE, EAT: THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH IS BROKEN FOR YOU: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the New Testament IN MY BLOOD: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me,"*** (or in memorial of me). ***"For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come."*** Consequently, we must know that the bread and the wine are only emblems, being mere types of the reality of the death and burial of Jesus Christ. They are strictly memorial, and cannot be held otherwise. Remember also that in the day Melchizedek met Abraham, Jesus Christ had

not yet come, and as such, he had not yet paid the price for sin. Thus, the event in Genesis was established by God as a prophetic type, for it typified what our Lord Jesus would do much later, on behalf of Adam's lost race. As such, we must all understand with regards to the bread and wine which Melchizedek gave, that they are mere shadows, and hence, they are mere types, for all shadows are types, even though not all types are shadows. But this type is actually a shadow, for the life and the blood of Jesus Christ cannot be equated with ordinary bread and wine, and hence, they are mere representations of the reality of Christ. Yes, I know, the Roman Catholic Church hold it as constituting the literal body and blood of Jesus Christ; but that is utterly ridiculous and an absolute lie! It is nonsensical, being completely absurd: meaning that it lacks common sense! Yet, it is a dogma they hold to as being fundamental to their belief. To them, once the bread is consecrated in service, (and it is even a wafer they use, and not unleavened bread), it is transformed into the literal

body and blood of Jesus Christ, which they call the ***"Holy Eucharist."*** But that is nothing but blatant idolatry and utter blasphemy; for bread and wine cannot transform into anything other than its symbolic representation! Period! But you are not going to change the beliefs of the Church of Rome on this, or on anything else, for she is the great harlot, the mother of harlots, and the abominations of the world, even as Revelation Chapter 17, verse 5 reveals: ***"And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."*** Saints of the living God, the bread and wine is a mere memorial symbol, speaking of Christ's death and burial, which was why he also declared, as we saw earlier in Matthew Chapter 26, verse 29: ***"But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you IN MY FATHER'S KINGDOM."*** This was so stated, in order to also fulfil the meeting TIME-type when Melchizedek met Abraham, for it was right after his victory over Chedorlaomer, the king of

Elam, speaking of Christ's resurrection glory, triumphing over sin, death, and hell, (which is the grave), when he rose triumphant on the third day, never more to die, when we will also have bread and wine with him in the Father's kingdom, up there in heaven, at the marriage supper! And with this reality established in heaven, the bread and wine type is totally fulfilled. That is that concerning the bread and wine type, for it speaks of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. We now want to move on to consider a very material and controversial issue. Come with me to the Word.

We will take our main text on this subject again. Genesis Chapter 14, verses 18-20: ***"And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the Most High God. And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the Most High God, possessor of heaven and earth: And blessed be the Most High God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all."*** Here came Melchizedek holding bread

and wine, coming to meet Abraham, the father of faith. And when he met him, they both sat down, and he took the bread and broke it, and gave it to Abraham, with the wine he brought. The material question now is this: ***WHO IS THIS MELCHIZEDEK?*** Verse 18b says: ***"And he was THE PRIEST of the Most High God."*** Note that he was not said to be A Priest, speaking of just one out of many priests, but that he was ***THE Priest of Almighty God***, giving us an exclusive, singular, and principal office, a supreme office, separating him from any and every other priests of God that there might be, and lifting him up above any and every other priests of God that there might be. ***WHO IS THIS MELCHIZEDEK?*** Who is this Priest of El Elyon, the Most High God? That is precisely what we want to see. Under the law, the Levitical law, we had the high priest, who was Aaron, and we also had priests, who were his sons, as laid out in the Book of Exodus Chapters 28 and 29, and in Leviticus Chapter 21. And when Aaron passed away, the office was given to his son, Eleazar, for he stepped

into his shoes as high priest, because Nadab and Abihu were long dead, for God killed them whilst Aaron was still alive, when they offered a strange fire to God. But remember though, that the Levitical priesthood only came into being with the law God gave the children of Israel through Moses. Before the law came, going back to the era of Abraham, there was no Levitical priesthood on the ground, for it was not yet established, even though there were various priests in the earth, like Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, and Potipherah, the priest of On, Joseph's father-in-law, who were all pagan priests in the main! Hence, the Lord spoke unto Moses in Exodus Chapter 19, verses 3-6, as it is written: ***"And Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto Myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey My Voice indeed, and keep My Covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above***

all people: for all the earth is Mine: And ye shall be unto Me A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel." But here in Genesis Chapter 14, we see a priest, and he is in fact, The Priest of the Most High God. This therefore lets us know that he is the High Priest, the High Priest of Jehovah God, Elohim, speaking precisely. But the question still is: Who is this priest, and when exactly was he ordained? Where did he come from? Where was he based? We have to ask these questions, because we are just seeing him for the very first time, coming out of the blues, stepping out to meet Abraham, with the two emblems of the memorials of Christ's death and resurrection, which are bread and wine, foretelling and or foreshadowing the victory Jesus Christ will have over sin, death, and hell! Are you with me? We know that the High Priestly office of Melchizedek, certainly types and pre-figures the reality of the High Priestly role of Jesus Christ, just as Aaron's High Priestly office, was also a type of that of Jesus Christ.

For Christ's High Priestly role took effect, only after his resurrection into heaven, which event took place, only after his body had first been broken, and his blood shed, for the redemption of Adam's entire race. We know that; but the material issue is, who precisely is this Melchizedek? That is the vital question! This is where the controversy starts, and this is where we get into the deep water; which is why in the Book of Hebrews Chapter 5, Apostle Paul, talking about the High Priestly role of Jesus Christ which Melchizedek typed, in verses 10-14, spoke concerning the resurrected Christ: ***"Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedek. Of whom we have many things to say, AND HARD TO BE UTTERED, seeing ye are dull of hearing. For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the Word of righteousness: for he is***

a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. In this passage of Scripture, Saint Paul attests to the fact that the subject of Melchizedek is a deep one. He is said to be the Priest of the Most High God. So we must ask again this morning, Who is this Melchizedek? Does he exist in reality? These are issues we must resolve, and resolve scripturally, if we are bearing a true divine revelation of the Word, by the Spirit of Jesus Christ. I will start this issue by stating the obvious: Melchizedek is an absolute type of the High Priestly office of Jesus Christ, for in Genesis Chapter 14, he was pre-figuring Jesus Christ to come, our great High Priest, the ***“Mediator between God and men.”*** Brethren, although in my chart, Christ is not wearing a High Priestly robe, (Brother Amos points to the chart), however, when you see him as he is depicted in Revelation Chapter 1, verse 13, ***“clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps”*** (or breasts) ***“with a golden girdle”***, he is depicted there in his High Priestly robe,

and in his High Priestly role. And it is in this capacity that he has been placed on my chart, for he stands on the chart as High Priest, an office which was also typed by that of Aaron. And may I say that there is no controversy over the typological representation of Melchizedek, even though it is not everybody who knows that Melchizedek is a type of Christ. But among those who know, there is no controversy on this issue, just as there is no dispute in the religious world concerning the representation of the bread and the wine, Except for the idolatrous and blasphemous dogma which the Roman Catholic Church hold to, teaching that the emblems of bread and wine are transformed into the literal body and blood of Jesus Christ, once it is consecrated. But in general, in the religious world, there is no dispute concerning the representation of Melchizedek. He represents Jesus the Christ. And the Word of God confirms this truth over and over again, with absolute divine finality. Hebrews Chapter 5 verses 1-6 states: ***“For EVERY HIGH PRIEST taken from***

among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins: Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity. And by reason hereof he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins. And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron. So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an HIGH PRIEST; but He” (God) ***“that said unto him, Thou art My Son, to day have I begotten thee. As He”*** (God) ***“saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever AFTER THE ORDER OF MELCHISEDEC.”*** This verse plainly confirms the prophetic type which Melchizedec bore of Jesus Christ, in his High Priestly role, for here it is clearly stated that Christ is a priest, after the order of Melchisedec. This truth is re-affirmed in verse 10, beginning from verse 9, and it declares: ***“And being made perfect, he”*** (Jesus) ***“became the author of eternal***

salvation unto all them that obey him; CALLED OF GOD AN HIGH PRIEST AFTER THE ORDER OF MELCHISEDEC." Period!

Brothers and sisters, I repeat: There is no problem with the High Priestly office typology Melchisedek bore of Jesus Christ, for this fact is not in dispute. The only problem however, is: Who is this Melchisedek? That is what is greatly controverted! Who is this personage? Did he really exist? If he did, where was he based? This is the real problem; this is the main question; and that is what we must see. We must be able to see the truth of this great personage, if we are to have an in-depth understanding of God's Holy Bible, with regards to the ministry of Jesus Christ. We must know precisely WHAT God is projecting, and what He is doing, (meaning, WHY He is doing it), for there must be a divine objective for this scriptural scenario. We must therefore be able to zero in on this personage, and determine precisely who he is. This shows without any iota of doubt, that we have a complete understanding of the dealing of God, in the light of this Bible type. And it is in understanding this personage that the beauty

of this typology is really concealed, for its true beauty is buried in it.

Do not forget that we are talking about *THE APPLICATION OF TYPES AND SHADOWS*. And we already see that Melchisedek sets a type of the High Priestly role of Christ, for he is a serious type, and a deep one at that. However, the truth remains, that as long as we have questions concerning this personality, it shows that our understanding is not complete, for our knowledge of this personality is certainly limited. And as a matter of fact, many are in utter confusion on this subject! Hence the religious world argues over it on various levels. For instance, I have various Bibles here that I am going to read to you, and the commentaries that have been stated on this matter. I have Doctor Lamb's Bible translation here from the Aramaic Peshitta. I have James Moffatt's translation here, a Scottish man. And of course, you know, I have Doctor C. I. Scofield's Bible, which is what I use in my everyday study, for it is my personal Bible, my Bible of choice. Remember, we are talking

of Types and Shadows. Church, how can we possibly have a true and complete revelation of Jesus Christ, without a true revelation of the type that was set for him? You are not hearing me. If you are limited in your understanding of his type, it simply means that you are still looking at him darkly, for you do not yet have a complete and perfect revelation of him! For how can you have a true revelation of the ante-type, if you do not have a true revelation of the type? Exactly! That lets you see that your revelation is incomplete, and hence, limited, because you are still looking at Christ darkly! It shows you do not have a perfect understanding or revelation of what God did back here in Genesis, (Brother Amos points to the chart), relating to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, for your understanding of what God did way back here, and what God projected way back here, is limited. But do you know what the Bible says concerning the elect bride of Christ of this end time? God promised that **"... THE WISE SHALL UNDERSTAND!"** Because it is also written,

“... that at evening time IT SHALL BE LIGHT”! God giving us perfect light! Full light! And the just shall live by divine revelation, which is faith! Saints of God, for certain, there is a revelation, a divine understanding, which God gives His people, to enable us to have the true understanding of what He has done in ages past, how He has done it, and why He has done it, the purpose it will serve; because God is not looking for blind followers, which is why He does not leave His children in ignorance of the truth! The Lord is looking strictly for revealed worshippers, a people who will **“worship Him IN Spirit and IN TRUTH”**, for God does not need blind followers! If you are blind, that simply means you have no revelation of anything. You are not even following God, for you are walking in the darkness of your mind. There is a revelation that should propel you as a child of God, which is the revelation of your God: For it is a revelation which all the children of light have! It gives you an understanding of what God has done for you and on your behalf, in all its type and shadows, as well as in all its realities; because it gives you a

perfect understanding, a perfect revelation, an infallible revelation, putting you perfectly in tune with the Lord, bearing His perfect mind. Let us move on. Saints, we have a ministering brother in the Philippines, a brother following the Message of William Branham, the End Time Elijah of Malachi Chapter 4, verse 6B. I want you to know that we do not believe the same thing with this particular brother, and we are certainly not standing for the same thing. But there is no denying that he loves *The Scribe*, and he receives the Scribe, and he also distributes the Scribe; but we do not believe the same thing. I respect the man, and he respects me; but we do not believe the same thing. We met in the Philippines, for he came to the meeting we held in Antipolo city, Manila; although before then, he had been on our mailing list, and he had also been corresponding with me on account of the Scribe Magazine, for I believe in giving men an opportunity to see the truth, without having to compromise my stand for truth. For it is written: Two cannot walk together unless they agree, **ON THE STRICT BASIS**

OF THE TRUTH. (Amos 3:3). However, the night before we met in Manila, he called me on the phone at the hotel, and we spoke on the issue of Melchizedec. He was projecting some strange things, indicating that Shem is Melchizedec. He tried most unsuccessfully to show me why Shem, (one of the three sons of Noah), is Melchizedec, and not Elohim, or an angel. He firmly believes and teaches that Shem is Mechizedec. I will give you his arguments, but I will not mention his name in this medium, all out of respect. He says that some rabbinical writers also believe that Shem, the son of Noah, is Melchizedek. As a result, I will also take the time to give you the grounds they hold for such an erroneous view. But I must confess though, that they carry very strong arguments for the view they hold, although it cannot withstand the litmus test of the revealed Word of God. That is why I said we are going into deep waters. We will therefore take our time, in order to do justice to this matter, so that no one is left confused or in doubt, as to where truth lays, scripturally speaking.

What are we looking at today? Brothers and sisters, we are looking at a serious type concerning Jesus Christ, our great High Priest. Consequently, we must know that this is not a game, and as such, we must be very careful of the things we teach, as responsible ministers of the Gospel, for we are on holy ground. Abraham was coming back from war, and suddenly, here came Melchizedek to meet him, with bread and wine, emblems of memorial, foreshadowing what God will accomplish on our behalf, through the offering of His Son, on the cross of Calvary. It is therefore a serious divine projection, and we must truly and perfectly decode this beautiful type, for it is written in John Chapter 8, verse 12: ***“Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me SHALL NOT WALK IN DARKNESS, BUT SHALL HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE.”*** Matthew Henry's Commentary states: ***“Rabbinical writers conclude that Melchizedek was Shem, the son of Noah.”*** Consequently, we will be looking at Shem very deeply, from a genetic

standpoint, and also from a scriptural standpoint. So please, just pay attention, and bear with me. But if you are the kind of person who is not interested in messages like this, you do not need to bother yourself. But as bride saints, we must know the truth of this serious type. We cannot keep fighting one another on the meaning of this type. We must know its true meaning. For if we know its true application, and we know it by divine revelation, and not by mere head knowledge, how would we not also have the true revelation of that type, when the revelation which the Spirit of God gives is what makes the difference, and it is perfect, for it is what opens up the Word of life? Why would we not know it? Whether something is black or blue, you should know! But I know some people will say though: *“Well, all I know is its typological application, and that is all I need to know. I know what it means, that it is typing Jesus Christ, and that is all that matters.”* If that is your attitude, then your knowledge is certainly incomplete, for you are obviously limited in your understanding! Brethren, when you have half-baked

knowledge, you are like a stench in the nostrils of God, for half-baked knowledge is not good. That is why Saint Paul rebuked some people in very serious terms, as recorded in 2 Timothy Chapter 3, verse 7, saying of them: ***“EVER LEARNING, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth”!*** That is a serious statement, and we better not be in that shoe! I sound that warning because I know that some people are not interested in things like this. But knowing the deep things of the Spirit of God is what makes the difference between the bride and the carnal minded elements in the religious world, because the revelation of the truths of Christ we have, is what sets us bride saints apart, from any and every other group of people, in the entire religious world! And it is definite that the bride will seek to know the things of her bridegroom, for today, she is shut inside his inner chamber, beholding his deep and unparalleled revelation, being in close and unparalleled communion with him! Moreover, this is the day when all traditional ways of looking at things

must go, that we may bear a clean, a complete, and a perfect revelation of the Word, in readiness for the rapture, at the return of Christ. Exactly! For a half-baked Christian is a stench in the nostrils of God; because such a character is neither cold nor hot, but simply lukewarm; he knows, and yet again, he does not know, for his revelation is too limited for any spiritual good, being only “two-by-four” in understanding! My!

Let us continue the thought projection of Matthew Henry's Commentary, for he states: ***“Rabbinical writers conclude that Melchizedek was Shem, the son of Noah.”*** We are going to x-ray that thought very closely. But then, Matthew Henry also asked this question: ***“And how come he is to settle in Canaan?”*** In other words, if he was Shem, and he was Melchizedek, how come he was settled in Canaan? I say God bless you, Brother Henry! Then he projects another thought, saying: ***“Many Christian writers have taught that this was an appearance of the Son of God himself.”*** In other words: It was Jesus Christ that appeared to Abraham in the Old Testament, as

Melchizedek. That is what some people teach! There you go! This implies that Jesus existed way back there, which is not so; for Jesus Christ did not pre-exist his conception and eventual birth by Mary, except that he existed IN the mind of God before the foundation of the world! Nevertheless, one opinion says that Shem was Melchizedek, and another one says that it was Jesus Christ. So, which one are we now to believe? Matthew Henry's Commentary continues, saying: ***“He appeared to him as a righteous king, owning a righteous course...”*** Matthew Henry is now questioning though, declaring: ***“It is difficult to imagine that any mere man will be said to be without father, without mother, and without decent, having no beginning of days nor end of life- Hebrews 7:3. The most commonly received opinion is that Melchizedek was a CANAANITISH PRINCE THAT REIGNED IN SALEM, and kept up the true religion there. But, if so, why should his name occur here only, in all the story of Abraham? The Arabic... gives this account on Melchizedek,***

that he was the son of..., the son of Peleg, the son of Eber, and that his mother's name was..., the daughter of Gomer, the son of Japheth, the son of Noah.” Now here is a third interpretation! And I said, O my goodness! Look at all the three interpretations that are stated here, things they teach out there: That Melchizedek is Shem; that Melchizedek is Jesus Christ himself; and also that Melchizedek is a Canaanitish prince that once reigned in Salem. My, oh my! Let me tell you this morning: Not a single one of the three interpretations are right. There is none that is right! We want to consider Melchizedek, because of the beautiful type it sets, and because it touches on our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. And you have to agree with me, that if we really have a true revelation of the ANTE-type, (or the END-type), which is Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, then, we should also have a true revelation of the TYPE! Because the revelation of God is perfect; particularly now that we are living, not in the days of shadows, not under the law, but in the days of reality, under

the New Covenant, an era of time when we see face to face, that is with **“open face”**, and not through the veil of Moses! Now that we are living in the days of the reality, the identity of Melchizedek is not something that should stumble us, for we should not be stumbled by mere types and shadows, for we are the children of light. Moreover, we are walking in the clear light God ordained for the elect bride at this evening time, as recorded in the Book of Zechariah Chapter 14, verse 7, which is the full light of the Son of God! Can I hear Amen? Yes! I repeat: Now that we are living in the days of the Ante-type of this Type, the Type should not stumble us. It should not, for that is the beauty of bearing a true revelation! Brothers and sisters, with respect to Melchizedek, if all we had to go by was the testimony of Moses, then you and I could fight in a measure, concerning certain things. But the truth is that we also have the testimony of a man whom God used to shed light on this matter, the star messenger to this last age. And when the chief apostle to this age also stepped on the scene, he bore the same testimony William Branham bore on this

subject, from the pages of the Bible. In addition, and most importantly, on this issue, we have the inspired written testimony of The Apostle Paul, the star messenger to the first church age, a man who wrote more than half of the New Testament. As such, this issue should be plain to one and all, for it is already scripturally settled; and we all know that **the testimony of the Bible NEEDS NO FURTHER PROOF!** It is absolutely so, because the testimony of the Word of God outweighs any and every other testimony, being the absolute! It is a testimony which is sufficient in itself, for it is the infallible Word of Almighty God! Therefore, the fact that something is written settles all arguments! It should! Yet, we have the additional witnesses of the end time Elijah and Paul on this subject matter! Consequently, these additional witnesses should make the difference to all God's elect seeds, and they certainly make the difference, for the two men were sent to uphold the absolute authority of the Scriptures! Saints, I must warn you that the devil is seriously attacking the truth of Melchizedek. And

the arguments they are using are strong, which arguments I will also lay out before you today, so we can deal with them strictly in the light of the Scriptures, for we are standing on holy ground. The truth is, brothers and sisters, if you do not know where you are standing, scripturally speaking, (and it is only by the grace of God that we know); but if you do not know where you are standing, these warped teachings will move you, because they look very good. And that is precisely why it is not enough to read something in the Sermon book, and it is not enough to read something in the Contender, and neither is it enough to read something in the Scribe: You must have a revelation from God of what is being talked about, from a scriptural standpoint, so that you yourself are anchored in the Word of God. You have to! I say that because **“darkness is setting in”**, and you must have an anchor, a solid immovable anchor for your soul, so that you are not blown away! Do not forget the three interpretations out there, of who Melchizedek is said to be. They teach

that Melchizedek is Shem. They also teach that Melchizedek is Jesus Christ himself. And thirdly, they also teach that Melchizedek is a Canaanitish prince that reigned in Salem. Yet, all three interpretations are totally wrong. There is no ounce of truth whatsoever in any of them. So, the question remains: *WHO IS THIS MELCHIZEDEK?* How do we look at him? Where do we go from here? Brothers and sisters, before we lay out the truth of Melchizedek, I want to first use the Scriptures to expose the untruths which the three carnal interpretations constitute, because you cannot present truth, without also showing error for what it is, in order to keep God's children from the snares and the pitfalls of the devil, and also in order to keep truth pure. You keep truth pure by showing out error for what it is, and by that contrast, the truth shines gloriously, and incontestably, anchoring solidly in the hearts of God's elect seeds. Therefore, may God help me, is my humble and sincere prayer. Amen.

We will first take the second erroneous projection, which teaches that Jesus Christ is Melchizedek. As I stated

earlier, just how can anybody say that it was Jesus Christ himself that came to Abraham as Melchizedek, way back there in Genesis, when Jesus did not have a beginning, prior to the time that he was actually conceived and was born? In the first instance, I want to remind you all, that Jesus of Nazareth was not a created Son like the first Adam; he was a begotten Son. And the first Adam was not a begotten Son, but was strictly a created Son of God! On the full and infallible authority of Genesis Chapter 2, verse 7, Adam was formed or created from ***“the dust of the ground,”*** and when God breathed into him, he became ***“a living soul”***, having his beginning of life, whereby he could function as a Son of God, and fulfil his role as such. Please note that! On the other hand, Jesus of Nazareth was conceived by a woman named Mary, and he was later born, (or begotten), by natural birth, even though his conception was a supernatural one, as Angel Gabriel attests to in Saint Luke's Gospel, Chapter 1, verses 26-35, where it is written: ***“And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a***

city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt CONCEIVE in thy womb, and BRING FORTH a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of

the Highest", (or the Most High, El Elyon), **"shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."** That is precisely why Jesus Christ himself declared in the Gospel of Saint John Chapter 3, verse 16, saying: **"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only BEGOTTEN SON, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."** To be **"begotten"** is to be born by natural birth! That word takes in conception AND natural birth, regardless of the supernatural conception Mary had! Jesus was born by conception and natural birth, and not by creation from the dust of the earth; for he was born by procreation, which is the act of making children, an act which takes in conception and natural birth, and hence, the word **"begotten"**! This is elementary! And if you do not know your A,B,C's, how can you teach the Queen's English? If you do not know 1,2,3, just how can you teach algebra? How are you going to do it? It will not work, for you will be talking of things that are too wonderful for you to grasp!

Absolutely! Let me even ask the men teaching all this nonsense: Why is Jesus called the **"LAST Adam"**? Please answer me? 1 Corinthians Chapter 15, verse 45, says he is! Why is he called the Last Adam? It is simply because whatever is second comes next in time after the first! This shows that he had no existence before the first Adam! Simple! No, the Bible did not refer to him as the SECOND Adam in verse 45, but as the LAST Adam. But it means the same thing, as verse 47 confirms, for Adam came first, while he came second! He was not referred to as Second in verse 45, but as the Last Adam, only because there will be no other creation we will be changed into, after the New creation which we now have in Christ Jesus, for it is a perfect creation when fully redeemed, a New creation of which he is the first, being the head of it, just as the first Adam is the head of the Old creation, and hence, he is the beginning of it! That is exactly how Jesus Christ revealed himself to the Laodicean age, as recorded in Revelation Chapter 3, verse 14, where he declared: **"And unto the angel of the church of**

the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, THE BEGINNING OF THE CREATION OF GOD." He is referring to the New creation of which he is the head, and hence, its beginning, and of which we are also a part, by the infilling of the Holy Spirit, as confirmed by 1 Corinthians Chapter 12, verses 13-14, which states: **"For by ONE SPIRIT are we all baptized into ONE BODY"** (of people who make up the New creation), **"whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many."** Verse 27 now concludes, stating: **"Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular."** We are particular members of the New creation. Period! However, the truth remains that Jesus Christ is the SECOND Adam, for there is already a FIRST Adam. But because of the confusion which carnal and unrevealed preachers can make out of the record of Saint Paul, concerning the Godhead,

with relation to this issue, we will touch on the Book of 1 Corinthians Chapter 15, verses 45-49, which records: ***“And so it is written, The FIRST MAN ADAM was made a living soul; the LAST Adam was MADE a quickening spirit”*** (at Jordan River, when God incarnated him, thereby investing him with the fullness of all of God's divine attributes. That is why it is written in Colossians Chapter 2, verse 9, that in Jesus Christ *“dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily”*, thus MAKING him become the quickening Spirit; which simply means that he became the giver of the Spirit of eternal life, by which infilling we also become spiritual, just like Christ, whose nature we also share, as part of the New creation. Saint Paul continued): ***“Howbeit that was NOT FIRST which is spiritual, but that which is n a t u r a l ; a n d AFTERWARD”***, (coming next in time), ***“that which is spiritual”***, (referring to Christ). ***The FIRST MAN*** (Adam) ***“is of the earth, earthy”***, (for he was carnal): ***“the SECOND man”***, (meaning the second Adam, who is Jesus the Christ), ***“is the Lord from heaven”***, (by virtue of

the incarnation, and with reference to the Spirit of God that incarnated him at Jordan River, which Spirit dwells in him, even as it is written in 2 Corinthians Chapter 5, verse 17, ***“To wit, that God was IN CHRIST, reconciling the world unto Himself,”*** (through Jesus Christ), ***“not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the Word of reconciliation.”*** Apostle Paul concluded in 1 Corinthians Chapter 15, verses 48-49, declaring): ***“As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.”*** Consequently, we must realise that in essence, Christ is the second Adam, for he is also referred to as the ***“second man”***; but that we may know that there will not be any other creation into which we will be changed after the one we have in Jesus Christ, he is called the Last Adam! And Adam, which means the red earth, which in Hebrew means ***“Adamah”***, gives us the beginning, for the first Adam is the beginning of

the Old creation which we share with him, which is this fallen nature of ours that needs redemption. The Last Adam is also the beginning; but he is the beginning of the New creation, by virtue of the New birth we receive, through the power of the infilling of the Holy Spirit, which makes us New creatures, even as it is written in 2 Corinthians Chapter 5, verse 17: ***“Therefore if any man be IN Christ, HE IS A NEW CREATURE: old things are passed away; behold, all things are b e c o m e n e w . ”*** Consequently, brothers and sisters, seeing that Jesus had no beginning before the first Adam, and he did not have existence before his birth, except as he existed only in the mind of God, which is why he was slain in the mind of God before the foundation of the world, then, just how could he be Melchizedec? That is utterly and absolutely impossible! As such, we must know that Jesus was not in existence in Genesis, so as to appear to Abraham way back there! But you will tell me, ***“Well, but Brother Amos, do not forget, he told the Jews, “Before Abraham was, I am.” And***

he also stated that *“Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad.”* I know you are going to say that! I do not have a problem with that Scripture recorded in John Chapter 8, verses 56 and 58. But the only problem is this, how do you interpret that Scripture? That is the point, for anybody can quote the Scripture! That is precisely why Saint Paul warned in 2 Corinthians Chapter 3, verse 6, declaring that, *“The letter of the New Testament kills.”* You can use it to kill yourself. It is the revelation of it that gives life, and hence, it is the revelation of it that makes the difference, for anybody can quote the mere letters! So, yes, Jesus made those statements, but the issue is, what does it mean? Because in verse 54, he also plainly confessed, saying: ***“If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is MY FATHER that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that He is your God”***, admitting that he is not God, but that Elohim, whom the Jews regard as their God, is his Father, showing plainly that he has a beginning; for every son, being an offspring, has a definite beginning! Exactly! That is precisely why we do not

have Jesus as the Eternal Son of God, but as the Immortal Son of God: for to be an eternal Son means he has no beginning and no end, and that would be a great contradiction in terms, for every son has a beginning, being an offspring, and we see the beginning of Jesus recorded in Luke Chapter 1! The truth is that by virtue of the incarnation at Jordan River, Jesus Christ had two minds in him, which is his own mind as an individual person, and also the mind of the Father which dwelleth in him, even though the mind of the Son was completely subject to the mind of the Father, for he pleased the Father in all things. Consequently, there are times when it was Elohim speaking through the mouth of His Son, and at other times, it was the Son speaking of his own accord, for the two minds were at work in him. As a result of this, you must have a revelation in order to know who was speaking and when. And until you can tell the difference, you are only quoting mere words: You have no revelation of anything! Consequently, when Jesus declared that ***“Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was***

glad”, that was the Son of God speaking; and it simply means that Abraham saw the earthly ministry of Christ in a prophetic preview, for God showed him the vision of it, and he rejoiced in the spirit for his dispensation, seeing the glory of it! Period! But when he declared that ***“Before Abraham was, I AM”***, that was not the Son of God speaking: That was Elohim, the same One who told Moses, ***“I AM THAT I AM”***! Saints of God, the incarnation makes the difference, and we must understand it; otherwise, we will kill ourselves with the inspired writings of Apostle Paul, of which writings Saint Peter declared in 2 Peter Chapter 3, verses 15-16, saying: ***“... even as our beloved Brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are SOME THINGS HARD TO BE UNDERSTOOD, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.”*** That is the absolute truth! And I

must also add that without a true revelation understanding of the Godhead, you have a lot of Scriptures with which you will kill yourself. But the bottom-line is that Jesus the Christ, (which means Jesus the Anointed one), did not exist in the days of Abraham, so as to have constituted Melchizedek. He did not! Full stop! That is precisely why the Word of God gives us his genealogy, as recorded in Luke Chapter 3, verses 23-38, and we can therefore trace his genealogy, right back to the first Adam, running through Abraham! He definitely did not precede Abraham in existence, and as such, he was not Melchizedek. He never could be Melchizedek! And when you make the Jesus of the New Testament, one who is the Second Adam, when you make him to be a man that was alive in Genesis, you shoot yourself in the foot, for that is nothing but revelatory confusion! It is revelatory confusion, and it is not going to work! Just because you want to project something, and you do not know where to hang Melchizedek of Genesis Chapter 14, you now want to hang it on Jesus, who was born by Mary thousands of years later, it

will not work! Melchizedek is not Jesus Christ, even though he types Jesus Christ. And the mere fact that he types Jesus Christ, shows without any iota of doubt that he is not Christ, for as it is infallibly written, Jesus Christ's High Priestly office, follows the order of Melchizedek, showing plainly that he is not Melchizedek, but that he inherited the High Priestly order which Melchizedek set! Period! It is written in Hebrews Chapter 5, verses 5-10: ***"So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but He that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee. As He saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever AFTER THE ORDER OF MELCHISEDEC. Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;***

Called of God an high priest AFTER THE ORDER OF MELCHISEDEC." That settles the matter once and for all, for the Scripture cannot be broken! Amen.

This brings us to the consideration of the third theory, for it is only a theory, because it lacks any revelatory sense. I am talking of the warped teaching which states that Melchizedek was a Canaanitish prince that reigned in Salem, and who kept up the true religion. That is hogwash, being most ridiculous! In the first place, Canaan, who was the fourth seed of Noah, was cursed in Genesis Chapter 9, and by this curse, he was made to be a slave, ***"a servant of servants... UNTO HIS BRETHREN."*** In other words, he was made a servant, both to Shem and Japheth; and as such, his seed could not be Melchizedek, for that amounts to blasphemy! Genesis Chapter 9, verses 24-26, declares: ***"And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him. And he said, Cursed be Canaan; A SERVANT OF***

SERVANTS SHALL HE BE UNTO HIS BRETHREN. And he said, Blessed be the Lord GOD OF SHEM; and Canaan shall be his servant. God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant." The Lord

God is the God of Shem, and consequently, it is impossible for Canaan's seed to have held the true knowledge of God, as to show the way of true righteousness for Shem and Japheth, the true way of righteousness which we will have in Christ Jesus, which was foreshadowed by Melchizedek, for a servant of servants, being a slave, cannot be the Priest of the Most High God! Period! Secondly, in the day Abraham had an encounter with Melchizedek, Abraham had not yet given birth to Isaac, and as recorded in Genesis Chapter 15, verses 2-4, he looked at his servant, Eliezer of Damascus, as his heir; but God confirmed to him that he will have his own seed, who will be his heir, and that Eliezer will not be his heir. This confirmation was given after his encounter with Melchizedek. This also shows that as at the time he met with Melchizedek, it had not been long when

God called him out from idolatry, that he may know the True and Living God, Elohim, in a day when the whole world was steeped in idolatry, for God was going to use him to brew up a peculiar race of people, the Israeli race, who will bear the true revelation of the one God, Elohim. This is confirmed by the Book of Joshua Chapter 24, verses 2-3, which plainly declares: ***"And Joshua said unto all the people, THUS SAITH THE LORD GOD OF ISRAEL, Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, even Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor: AND THEY SERVED OTHER GODS. And I took your father Abraham from the other side of the flood, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and gave him Isaac.***" The land of Canaan in that day was full of idolatry, for they were given to Polytheism, which was why God raised up the children of Israel through Abraham, and used them to wipe out the Canaanites, and restore Monotheism, which is the knowledge and the worship of the one true God, Elohim. Therefore, how could a prince of Canaan be Melchizedek,

the Priest of El Elyon, the Most High God? That is outright blasphemy, for he was not! It is a lie, for it is a fable! And we have no time for fables or jests! Please! As men in the ministry, we should be responsible enough to know that we cannot project fables when we are preaching! You cannot bring in Ali Baba and the forty thieves, or Sinbad, to describe something spiritual. These are only fables, mere myths! What lesson does a fable have for the bride of Jesus Christ, for any man to use it in his message in support of the Word of God? We do not preach fables! Simple! Whatever we stand for has to have a Bible base! It must be based upon the revelation of the inspired Scriptures! It must dovetail with it, line upon line, and flash with the entire truth of the Word of God dealing with the issue, from Genesis to Revelation, without forming a block. A Canaanitish prince of Salem was never Melchizedek, and he could never have been Melchizedek. That is that. However, brothers and sisters, the strongest erroneous argument comes from those projecting Shem as

Melchizedek, and it is a teaching that is capable of stumbling the weak in the faith, and as such, we must x-ray it for the people of God. And in order to do justice to this matter, I have to add a second chart to the one we have been using for this message series, in order to show you certain genetic representations laid out in the Word of God, as we take a close look at the erroneous theory of Shem being that High Priest, Melchizedek, the one who foreshadowed Christ. We will consider this theory strictly in the light of the Word, for it is only a theory. I will remind you that we are dealing with *THE APPLICATION OF TYPES AND SHADOWS*. We need to know who this High Priest of the Most High God really is, for he pre-figures Christ Jesus our Lord. That is why I subtitle this part of the message, *WHO IS THIS MELCHIZEDEK?* Brothers and sisters, earlier on, I read to you Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Bible, concerning the scenario in Genesis Chapter 14, where he laid out three theories, the first which states that Melchizedek was Shem, the son of Noah. That ***"The Arabic... gives this account on Melchizedek,***

that he was the son of..., the son of Peleg, the son of Eber, and that his mother's name was..., the daughter of Gomer, the son of Japheth, the son of Noah." For the purposes of our message, we are going to take the High Priest on the chart, the high priest Moses established under the Torah, and use him to represent Melchizedek, because Melchizedek speaks of the High Priestly office. So, the question therefore this morning is, who is this Melchizedek? There is no argument in the religious world over the fact that Melchizedek is Jesus Christ in prophetic representation. Nobody doubts that. That is certain, and it is true. Everybody is settled and agreed on that, because the Scripture is clear on it. But the problem is this: When we see the ante-type, which is Christ, and we look at the type itself, how can we determine who set that type? Identifying the type maker is the problem! So, do we really have a man by the name of Melchizedek, who was the king of Salem way back there, before there was a New Testament? Before the era of Moses, was there such a man in real life, in human

society? I will start this issue by firmly stating what I said much earlier, and that is that the projection of Shem as Melchizedek, contradicts the revelation of the Word that God gave us through the prophet to this age, and it also contradicts the revelation which the chief apostle also bore, for his revelation is the same with that of the prophet; both messengers, Major and minor, respectively, are united in their revelation on this issue. And may I point out that it is not because Brother Branham said it, that we are also saying or preaching it. It is simply because what Brother Branham taught, is absolutely Bible based, and it was also confirmed by Raymond Jackson in his Continuity message. Therefore, we believe it because it has a solid Bible base, and we can, as such, quote it; because the foundation of everything has to be the Scriptures. That is why I said you cannot just take the words of a man, however true it may be, unless he has a scriptural base for it; otherwise, brothers and sisters, you will be hanging in a balance, because you will be accepting the words of

a man as true, without a Bible base. Consequently, you yourself will not be established in the light, because you cannot be established without anchoring your faith in the inspired written Word of God, which is the Holy Bible. So, if you are going to accept the words of a man, please accept it because you can see the Scriptures through what the man is saying, so that in real essence, what you are accepting is not the words of a man, but the Word of God, which is the Holy Scriptures, which alone is able to save your soul. Period!

We will turn to Genesis Chapter 14, verses 18-20, and it states: ***“And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the Most High God. And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the Most High God, possessor of heaven and earth: And blessed be the Most High God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.”*** Brothers and sisters, as I stated earlier, I met a ministering brother in the Philippines, a brother

supposedly following the Message, who believes and teaches the following things, (and has been doing so consistently for decades. And according to his testimony, he met with Brother Jackson on this very subject, but he still disagreed with the position of Brother Jackson on the matter. In his words, which amount to this, the brother clearly stated: ***FIRSTLY, Melchizedek was Shem the son of Noah. SECONDLY, he (Shem) was the king of Salem, for there had to be a king in that day who ruled over Salem, whom God made to be Melchizedek, the Priest of the Most High. THIRDLY, if there was no Melchizedek as a king of Salem, then God was only pretending to be a priest, and Genesis Chapter 14 scenario then becomes a mere farce, a pretense; for it only gives us “a phantom priest”; a priest that did not exist in reality, but was only pretending to be a priest and a king. FOURTHLY, although Brother Branham and Brother Jackson called Melchizedec a theophany, but Melchizedec cannot be a theophany, because he spoke in the third person.***

In Genesis Chapter 14, Melchizedek did not speak as God, because he blessed the God of Abraham, and spoke in the third person. Therefore, he cannot be a theophany. What an argument! Saints, I told the brother that there is a right way to look at something, and that there is also a wrong way to look at it. In the first place, why must it have to be looked upon as pretense? Why did it have to be a pretense? Why does anyone have to look at it like that? I say that because God is a sovereign eternal Spirit, who has a right to project whatever He wants to project, in order to serve His purpose. There is no pretense in that, for it is a divine drama of a prophetic reality! Listen church: God, the Master porter, has a right to foreshadow something! He has the right to pre-figure something! So, do not tell me that that is pretense, for there is nothing deceptive or negative about God's prophetic typological projection of Jesus Christ His Son! You must understand that Every SPIRITUAL OFFICE is of God, and is therefore an

attribute of God Himself, being an expression of His Spirit! You are not hearing me. Every spiritual office comes from God, and is an attribute of God Himself expressed on the earth, ordained to serve God's purpose, in His great plan of salvation. Yes! So, if God wants to foreshadow something, you cannot call that pretending, because God is a God of Types and Shadows, a God who speaks in similitudes, for He foreshadows what He will do in later years in reality, many centuries and decades before the actual event! That is not pretending: that is something conveying a serious divine prophetic objective! In the Book of 1 Kings Chapter 20, Ben-hadad the king of Syria came against Israel for no just cause, reproaching and ridiculing Israel in a mean way. God intervened and turned the table on him, and he suffered a serious defeat from the hands of Israel. This was in the days of Ahab the king of Israel, who reigned in Samaria. Then, he came against Israel the second time the following year, and on account of the insult he heaped on God, saying that the God of Israel is only God of the mountains, but He is not

God of the valleys, God proved Himself God in all circumstances, for he suffered a horrible defeat from the hands of the children of Israel in the valley, and he ran into the city of Aphek. When Ahab learnt of this, instead of taking him and killing him, (for Ben-hadad had killed so many children of Israel, making so many mothers childless), Ahab made a covenant with him, and sent him home in peace! We will pick the record 1 Kings Chapter 20, from verses 35, and it declares: ***“And a certain man of the sons of the prophets said unto his neighbour in the Word of the Lord, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man refused to smite him. Then said he unto him, Because thou hast not obeyed the Voice of the Lord, behold, as soon as thou art departed from me, a lion shall slay thee. And as soon as he was departed from him, a lion found him, and slew him. Then he found another man, and said, Smite me, I pray thee”,*** (saying it also in the name of the Lord, which is Thus saith the Lord). ***“And the man smote him, so that in smiting he wounded him. So the prophet departed, and waited for the king by***

t h e w a y , A N D DISGUISED HIMSELF WITH ASHES UPON HIS FACE. And as the king passed by, he cried unto the king: and he said, Thy servant went out into the midst of the battle; and, behold, a man turned aside, and brought a man unto me, and said, Keep this man: if by any means he be missing, then shall thy life be for his life, or else thou shalt pay a talent of silver. And as thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone. And the king of Israel said unto him, SO SHALL THY JUDGMENT BE; THYSELF HAST DECIDED IT. And he hasted, and took the ashes away from his face; and the king of Israel discerned him that he was of the prophets. And he said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Because thou hast let go out of thy hand a man whom I appointed to utter destruction, therefore thy life shall go for his life, and thy people for his people.” What are you now going to say to this live scenario? God sent a prophet with disguise in order to speak to the king in a similitude! Come on! The prophet

spoke to Ahab in a similitude, using a scenario that he was not really in, but a scenario which mirrored that of Ahab, to speak to him. Even the prophet had to receive a serious wound, that he may set a type of the wound Israel had received from the hands of Ben-hadad! And what is wrong with that typology? What is wrong with that projection? It was not a child's play: It was a serious matter, for the monster should have been killed, for the terror and untold havoc he had brought upon the children of Israel! God did that in order to get Ahab to pronounce his own judgment! So, I now ask: Was the prophet deceiving the king? Or was God using the prophet to deceive Ahab? Was he pretending? Of course not! That is not how to look at that scenario, for it is a warped way of looking at truth! Know ye not what the Scripture says in Romans Chapter 9, verses 20-21? ***"Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to Him that formed it, Why hast Thou made me thus? Hath not the Potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?"*** In relation to

this matter, that passage of Scripture is asking us, that has God, the Creator of heaven and earth, not the right to manifest in any shape or form, and to use any similitude, in order to project a truth of His plan of redemption? Why will it amount to deception or pretense? May God have mercy on this brother for his utter ignorance and blasphemy! Elohim is a God of Types and Shadows, and it is very important as bride saints, to know how to look at the things of the Spirit of God, lest we fall out of the way. The Lord God, who is the God of reality, always sets all that He purposes to do in Types and Shadows, so that those that have eyes to see can locate what He is doing, and identify Him in His will, and walk with Him in the light, by identifying God's WORKS AND WAYS. Wake up! I hope you are interested in this, because you have to know exactly who this Melchizedek is, because the true light of it is shining, and the days of ignorance is past. Yes, we all know the ante-type, (the end-type), but do you know the type? Who is he? How do we look at this great personage? It is a serious projection of the Scriptures, having a

serious consequence, because it is a serious ministry projection of God for humanity, because of who he types; for he is typing the Saviour of the world! We must know who this Melchizedek is, for it is written in Matthew Chapter 13, verse 11: ***"... It is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven."*** Ignorance of the truth shows you have been shut out from the fountain of life, which is the fountain of truth. Period! The argument that there has to be a man in reality as Melchizedek, otherwise it will be a pretense, is absolutely carnal, for it shows a complete lack of divine understanding. It proves nothing! It certainly does not prove that because of it, Shem was Melchizedek. Moreover, although I am still coming back to lay it out, let me quickly say that Shem could never have been the king of Salem, because the land of Canaan had not yet fallen into the hands of the Shemites. Period!

Concerning the argument the brother laid out, that Melchizedek could not have been a theophany, simply because

Melchizedek spoke in the third person, and not in the first person, is just incredible. I find that hilarious (or funny)! And I will show you why. In his phone conversation with me in Manila, which I put on speaker phone, so that my wife could also listen to the discussion, and be a witness of what was discussed, the brother pointed to Genesis Chapter 18, as proof that in a true theophany manifestation, God speaks in the first person, for when God appeared to Abraham there in a theophany, just before the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, He spoke in the first person. We will now take Genesis Chapter 18, beginning from verse 1, where it records: **“And the LORD appeared unto him”** (who is Abraham), **“in the plains of Mamre: and he”** (Abraham) **“sat in the tent door in the heat of the day; 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, And said, MY LORD,”** (singling out one person out of the three persons, as the Lord God, by saying MY LORD, and not my lords, referring

specifically to Elohim in a theophany body), **“if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant: Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree: And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts”**, (referring to God and the two angels who came with Him); **“after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said. And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth.”** (Abraham being a prophet knew that this was Elohim in a material body, a theophany). **“And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetcht a calf tender and good, and gave it unto a young man; and he hasted to dress it. And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat. And they said unto him, Where is Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent.**

And He said, I WILL CERTAINLY RETURN UNTO THEE according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old and well stricken in age; and it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also? And THE LORD said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old? Is any thing too hard for the Lord? At the time appointed I WILL RETURN UNTO THEE, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son. Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid. And He said, Nay; but thou didst laugh. And the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way”, (and the two angels went down to Sodom, whilst Elohim stayed with Abraham. We

will continue, taking only verses 17-22: ***“And the Lord said, SHALL I HIDE from Abraham that thing which I DO; Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which He hath spoken of him. And the Lord said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; I WILL go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come UNTO ME; and if not, I will know. And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.”*** (You can read the rest of the passage yourself, where Abraham interceded with the Lord for the lives of the righteous in Sodom. The Chapter ends with verse 33, which declares): ***“And the LORD went His way, as soon as he had left communing***

with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.” Brothers and sisters, the question is, what does this passage prove? Nothing! I say that because it is not different from the scenario recorded in Genesis Chapter 14, where Melchizedek appeared unto Abraham, except that Melchizedek was the one who brought the bread and wine, whilst in this passage, it was Abraham who fed God and the two angels whom the Lord sent to Sodom! The typologies are different, because the objectives are different, even though the ante-type is the same, for both incidences are typing Christ! Melchizedek was characterizing or typing Christ in his **Heavenly** High Priestly office, one who is an Intercessor WITH GOD on behalf of men, and hence, Melchizedek had to speak in the third person; whilst here, Elohim was typing Christ in his **Earthly** prophetic ministry, in his ministry dealing WITH MEN, and hence, He had to speak in the first person! The objective is not the same, and we have to take note of this fact, even though the end-type is the same Jesus! So, yes, I agree, He spoke in the first person in the main, in

Genesis Chapter 18; but so what? But He also spoke in the third person in other verses, and as such, what are you also going to do with it? Are you going to deny this theophany manifestation because He also spoke in the third person? Of course not! Yet, verse 14A is in the third person, and the whole of verse 19 is in the third person, for it clearly states: ***“For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD”***; (not that they shall keep MY WAY, but that they shall keep the way of the Lord), ***“to do justice and judgment; that the LORD”*** (Not that I, but that the Lord) ***“may bring upon Abraham that which HE”***, (NOT WHICH I, but that which He the Lord) ***“hath spoken of him.”*** So, are we now going to deny this theophany projection of God, simply because He also spoke in the third person? Come on! And if you will not deny the scenario in Genesis Chapter 18 as being a theophany manifestation of God, neither can you deny the theophany manifestation of God in

Genesis Chapter 14, for in the two instances, they equally spoke in the third person, even though the Lord spoke mainly in the first person in Genesis Chapter 18! But the truth remains that if speaking in the third person vitiates (or nullifies) a theophany manifestation, then, verse 19 of Genesis Chapter 18, throws a spanner in the works! Exactly! Therefore, the mere fact that Elohim spoke in the third person in verse 14A, as well as in verse 19, and it does not nullify the truth of the theophany projection, certainly shows that speaking in the third person does not nullify a theophany projection! It does not, for it all depends on God's divine objective! Consequently, the argument of Melchizedek speaking in the third person is a non-issue, because it has been scripturally shown that Elohim sometimes speaks in the third person, in His theophany manifestation! More importantly, the tense which the Lord will use depends on His divine objective, an objective which we must take into consideration, if we are not to stumble, for God does not do anything for nothing! We will not bother to consider the scenario in Exodus

Chapter 3, because the Lord only spoke to Moses in a burning bush, and as such, Moses saw no theophany manifestation, for he saw no person, except a supernatural fire, and except that he also heard the voice of God. Period! However, I want us to also take a look at the scenario in Revelation Chapter 1, where we have an angelic manifestation, just for a second witness. It is for the sake of reinforcing a truth. Revelation Chapter 1, beginning from verse 1, states: “**T H E REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST, which God gave unto him, to shew unto His servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John: Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw. Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.**” (We will skip to verses 9-18): “***I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the***

isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me A GREAT VOICE, as of a trumpet, SAYING, I AM ALPHA AND OMEGA, THE FIRST AND THE LAST: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. And I turned to see THE VOICE that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto THE SON OF MAN, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. And he had in his

right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: I AM HE THAT LIVETH, AND WAS DEAD; AND, BEHOLD, I AM ALIVE FOR EVERMORE, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.” This is Jesus the Christ in prophetic projection or manifestation. Church, but who projected his image? It was an angel, his angel! And that angel spoke as if he himself was the Christ, for he spoke in his person, in the first person; and yet, he is just an angel. I have to warn that you cannot call this a theophany though. This is not a theophany! A theophany is God Himself, coming in a material body, manifesting Himself to man, in relation to Christ. But this is an angel conveying the presence of Christ to John. Can I hear Amen? You have got to see the difference. We must know the ways of our God! We have to have an understanding of His manifestations, of how He deals with His people, of His character, of His moves,

and of His plan of salvation. But watch. I want to show you something on a parallel. Here an angel characterized Jesus Christ himself, and spoke in the first person. But I also want to show you how that this same angel, the one who characterized Christ, the one who spoke in the first person as though he were Christ himself, also later spoke in the third person. So, are you going to take away this manifestation, and say this is not a projection of Jesus the Christ? Or are you going to deny that this is an angelic manifestation? Think about it! We are going into this in order to let you see how an angel can characterize Christ, manifesting Christ's physical corporal image, and speak as his person, in the first person, and yet again, later down the road, also speak in the third person. And if this is so, and the manifestation remains true, it must also be true for the theophany manifestation of Melchizedek, for the standard of God, and His revelation is one; it is the same! There is no double standard in God. Period! Now come with me to consider Revelation Chapter 19, and we will take it from verses 9-10,

and it records: ***“And he”*** (the angel) ***“saith unto me”*** (John), ***“Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb”***; (Not blessed are they which are called unto the MY marriage supper, for he is now speaking in the third person). ***“And he”*** (the angel) ***“saith unto me*** (John), ***“These are the true sayings of God. And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony OF JESUS”*** (Not those who have MY testimony, but those who have the testimony of Jesus, speaking still in the third person. He concludes, saying): ***“worship God: for the testimony of Jesus”*** (Not MY testimony), ***“is the Spirit of prophecy.”*** Who is he speaking as right here? He is speaking in the third person! He is no longer speaking as Christ, but he is now speaking concerning Christ! What difference does this make to truth? Now, church, are you going to take this verse, and use it to take away his manifestation in Chapter 1? Are you going to use it to deny this

manifestation, simply because he spoke in the third person? But it is the same angel, under God! Church, the issue of speaking in the first or the third person is not what determines a theophany manifestation, but the manifestation itself! It is not whether he spoke in the first or second or third or the last person, (permit my language), it is the revelation he is conveying that matters! You cannot take away or deny a true manifestation of the Spirit of God, in the establishment of His great plan of salvation. If you do, you are walking on thin ice! Church, I have gone to this length, to rebut what the brother presented as truth, for it shows

nothing! His argument was that in Genesis Chapter 18, God spoke in the first person, but when we look at Genesis Chapter 14, He also spoke in the third person. So, he asked me on the phone: ***“How can that be a theophany?”*** I now replied: It is a theophany, because the objectives of the manifestations are not the same; that is precisely why! As the prophet, the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ is incarnate God, which is why many times he spoke as God, even though he also spoke as a man. But as the High Priest, Jesus Christ is the Intercessor between God and men, one who speaks to God on behalf of Adam's fallen

race, and as such, his High Priestly office projection had to show him, Not as God, but as the Mediator, one who prays to God on our behalf, and blesses God! What is so difficult to see in that, if we truly understand the plan of salvation? This accounts for the differences in the two theophany manifestations.

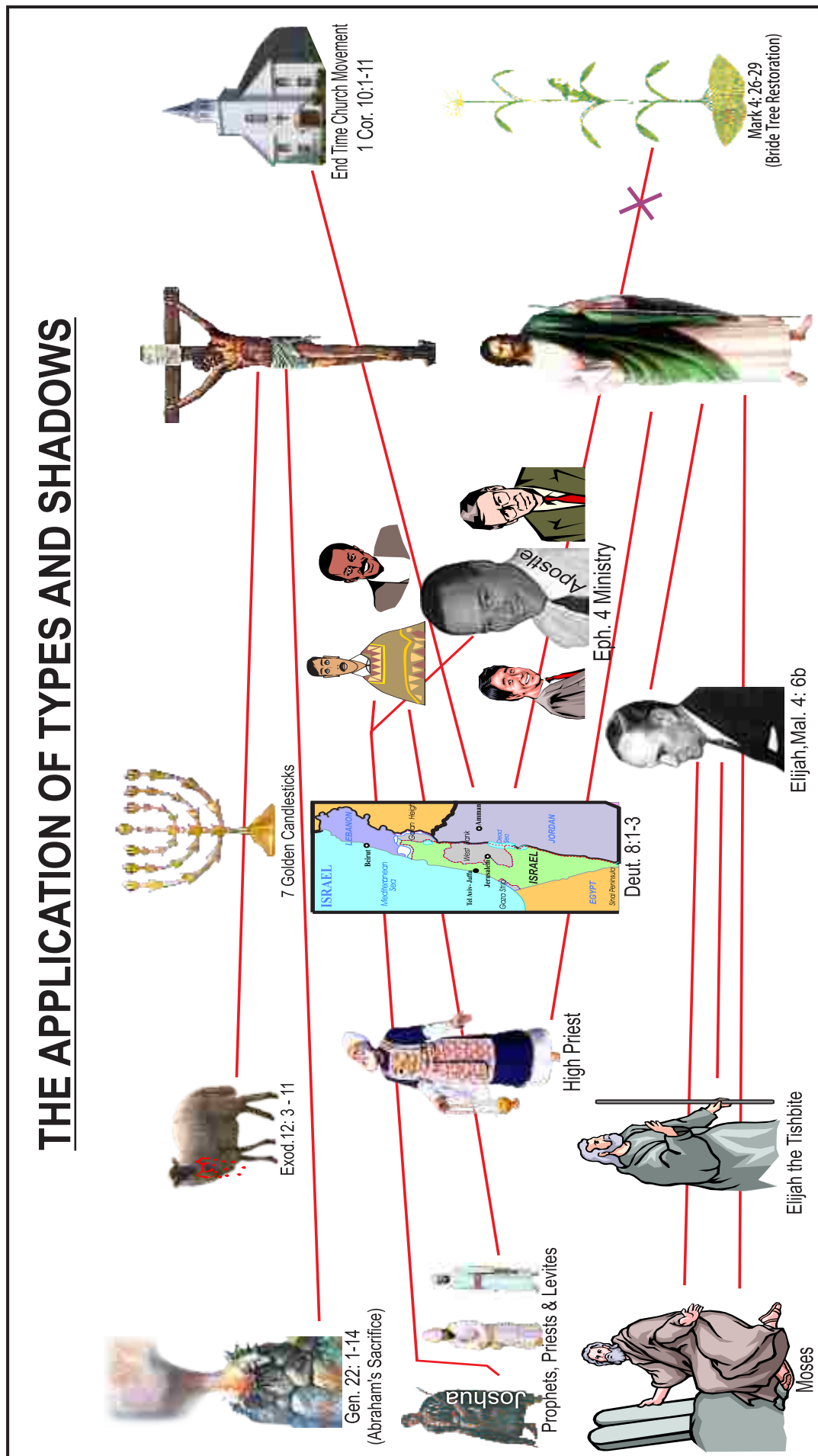
We will close for now, and continue the message next Sunday by the grace of God. Let us bow our heads in prayer. (Brother Amos prayed).

May the Lord bless you. Amen.

NOTICE

There are two spellings of the word Melchizedec in the Bible, one ending in 'k', and the other ending in 'c'. As bride saints, it is our true belief and understanding that the two texts quoted in our message are one and the same Melchizedec. For this purpose, we have included both spellings in this write up, so there is no confusion... Bro Amos.

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