

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 5 (WHO IS THIS MELCHIZEDEC?)

The following message was preached by Brother Amos on Sunday 17th August, 2008, at Bible Faith Tabernacle, Lagos, Nigeria. It is the concluding part of a series of spectacular messages, letting us see how God uses types and shadows all through the ages, to confirm His Word, and to seal His plan of Redemption in the hearts of true seeds. Oh what a privilege to be part of the unfolding of this old Bible medium.

Good morning church. May God richly bless you all. It is nice to be together again, as we honour the resurrection of Jesus Christ, on this beautiful Sunday morning. We want to continue our message on *The Application Of Types and*

Shadows, which we subtitled, *WHO IS THIS MELCHIZEDEC?* Last Sunday, we stopped with our consideration of this great personage, and the fact that the brother in the Philippines had argued that Melchizedec cannot be a Theophany, because he spoke in the third person. And we showed scripturally that that argument is rubbish, and unsustainable.

Saints, continuing on with the same subject from where we stopped, this morning, I first want to remind you that during the phone conversation we had concerning this matter, when the brother called me up to present his thoughts that Saturday night, before we met face to face for the first time



the following day, on the Sunday morning, at the meeting in Antipolo city, Manila, I threw certain serious questions to him concerning the issue of Theophany, in order to make him see something, that he may look at things in a different way. But on getting back to Nigeria after the meetings in the Philippines, and realizing I was going to take this message on Types and Shadows, and that I would be dealing specifically with the issue of Melchizedec, I called him on the phone in order to refresh my mind of his stand, so I do not misquote or misunderstand him. Unfortunately my phone cut off, as I had exhausted my credit. But he was gracious to call me back, (and that was God's doing), and I asked that he email me his stand on the matter, as I wanted the thoughts he had shared earlier with me. He emailed me his thoughts on the subject, and I appreciate that he did. However, when I read his email, I realized he had now changed his stand a little, based on the serious questions I threw to him on the phone! The brother has shifted base! Because the first time we spoke on the phone, brothers and sisters, he flatly denied that Melchizedec's

manifestation was a Theophany! We are still going to take Genesis Chapter 14, in order to deal with the Melchizedec issue, and break it down scripturally, for the elect bride, so as to leave no stone unturned, and so as to leave no seed of God in doubt, as to where the truth lays in this matter. God helping me, I want to make it very plain. Consequently, we have to consider whether Melchizedec was a Theophany or not. However, the material question now is: What is a Theophany? How do we look at it? What constitutes a Theophany? Can we take the manifestation of the angel who appeared to Moses in the burning bush as a Theophany? What really is a Theophany? These are issues we must now consider, and I must state that they are all Bible issues, and as such, you must be concerned about them, if you want to know the truth, and not be blind, and walking in darkness. Brothers and sisters, as I was saying, the brother has now changed his stand from the original position he held, in a number of respects. For instance, at the time we spoke on the phone, he believed that Melchizedec was not a Theophany, simply

because he spoke in the third person. Now, in his email of 12th August, 2008, which is a draft summary of his stand on the matter, he is now saying that we can have a **"DIRECT theophany"**, and we can also have an **"INDIRECT theophany"**, which as far as I am concerned, are mere words, a mere play on language, for it is meaningless, weighed against the revealed Word of God. I have to quote him verbatim on this issue, in material parts, and he states: **"1. Theophany – God's Manifestation (visually or audibly). 2. Theophany body – God's Manifestation body for appearance (temporary or permanent). 3. Direct theophany – The angel/man speaks in the first person of God as though he is God. 4. Indirect theophany – The angel/man speaks in the third person, mentioning God apart from him... The Bible can explicitly show if it is a direct theophany (God Himself speaking) or an indirect theophany wherein is the position of the Son of God (High Priestly office interceding between God and man)."** Saints of

God, it is either there is a Theophany manifestation or there is not! Period! And it is either there is Christ, the Ante-type, or there is not! Consequently, you cannot have a direct Christ, and an indirect Christ, at the same time, if you see what I mean! Church, it is written: ***The just shall live by revelation FAITH!*** And when you have a true divine revelation, you have nothing to fear, and neither do you shift ground. You do not shift ground, for you are solidly and immovably anchored! Therefore, nothing will scare you, because you are walking in the light, and nothing will move you, because you are anchored upon the solid immovable Rock of the Word of Christ. Let us now consider the term *"Theophany."*

What is a Theophany? A Theophany is a visible physical manifestation of the invisible God, in bodily form; a palpable form; a form that can be touched and handled. That is what a T h e o p h a n y i s ! Consequently, if all a person encounters is just a divine manifestation of God, with the audible voice of God, or with a mere vision, however glorious it may be, without a physical body projection that can be

touched, you do not have a Theophany. You have God's manifestation of His presence though, just as Moses encountered God in the burning bush in Exodus Chapter 3; but you do not have a Theophany, regardless of how loudly He speaks to you! A Theophany is FIRST visual and palpable, being physical, before He is audible, even though both visual and audible attributes are present, in any true Theophany manifestation. Church, you cannot have a Theophany without it being visible and touchable. So, the issue of a Theophany being merely audible is utter nonsense! I say that with respect, and to make a serious point, for time is short; and this is not a game! But remember, if it is not visible and physical, as a person you can touch and handle, it is not a Theophany! Period! That is why we call it a Theophany: It is a divine manifestation of God in a material form; a human form. Theophany is coined from the word ***"Theo"***, which simply means God. That is precisely why the Millennial reign is called A ***"THEOCRACY"***, which means God's divine Government on earth, a Government He will establish and execute

through His Son Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords, just as ***Democracy*** is man's elective government on earth. Are you with me? Yes! So, ***"Theo"*** means God, and ***"Phany"*** means a manifestation, and hence, ***"TheoPHANY"***, meaning God's visible and physical manifestation in bodily form. I know the English dictionary defines Theophany as ***"a visible (but not necessarily material) manifestation of a deity to a human person."*** But you must note that they are not talking from a revelational perspective, and as such, their understanding is very limited, because this is strictly a spiritual matter. You must understand that this is a subject that is too wonderful for them to grasp; which is why their interpretation is also limited, when weighed against the infallible record of the Word of God, which sets out the Theophany encounters we see! The truth remains, however, that if the manifestation is not material, then, it is not a Theophany. For you cannot have an invisible Theophany, although you can have an invisible manifestation of God, such as that which Moses

had at the burning bush, where he only heard a voice, but saw no form or image, except a supernatural fire! So, let us get some things right about Theophany: FIRSTLY, It always conveys a material body you can touch! SECONDLY, It is a temporary body which God creates and steps into, Not a permanent body, (for there is No permanent Theophany body; because each Theophany manifestation is never the same, for it is never repeated), being that it is God's way of projecting something that He will accomplish IN and THROUGH Jesus Christ our Lord! A Theophany body is not permanent, and it cannot be permanent, for it points to God's permanent body; for the permanent abode of God is the body of His only begotten Son, Jesus the Christ. Consequently, we must understand that there cannot be a permanent Theophany, for that would displace Christ. It is written in the Book of Colossians Chapter 2, verse 9: ***"FOR IN HIM DWELLETH ALL THE FULNESS OF THE GODHEAD BODILY."*** And concerning this incarnation, it is written in Matthew Chapter 3, verses 16-17: ***"And Jesus, when he was***

baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, AND LIGHTING UPON HIM: And lo a voice from heaven," (which is the voice of God), ***"saying, This is my beloved Son, IN WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED"*** (TO DWELL PERMANENTLY). This happened in fulfilment of the prophesy of Isaiah, as recorded in Matthew Chapter 12, verses 17-18, which states: ***"That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I WILL PUT MY SPIRIT UPON HIM, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles."*** Furthermore, John the Baptist testified of Christ as God's permanent body of abode, as recorded in John Chapter 1, verses 32-34, which declares: ***"And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and IT ABODE UPON HIM"***, (meaning it abode IN him; it tabernacled IN him). ***"And I knew him not: but He"*** (God) ***"that sent me to***

baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, AND REMAINING ON HIM" (OR IN HIM PERMANENTLY), ***"the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost"***; (for as the second Adam, and with the Spirit baptism at Jordan River, NOW he becomes the quickening Spirit). ***"And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God."*** Therefore I repeat: A Theophany body is a temporary body which God uses to project a ministry attribute of Jesus Christ. Hence, (and this is the THIRD point of note), It is a material body that has no existence of its own. In other words, it has no life of its own, outside of the life of God who projects through it; because it is only a temporary body God creates and uses for the sake of setting a type of something relating to Jesus Christ's ministry! That is precisely why, once God has manifested IN and THROUGH it, that is the end of that body, for it simply disappears, having served God's purpose; for it cannot die, as it has no life of its own! On the other hand, Jesus

is not a Theophany, and although God incarnated him in the fullness of all His divine attributes, he is still not a Theophany, and he cannot be made to be a permanent Theophany, for that is hogwash! In the first place, he has his own human spirit, though divine, with a soul, and he also has his own human mind, although it was and is absolutely subject to the mind of his Father, who dwells in him, attributes which a Theophany does not have! That is why he could pay the price of sin, a sacrifice which a Theophany body cannot offer, for a Theophany cannot die! I am simply saying that Jesus is not a Theophany, because a Theophany does not give us any real person as someone who lives, simply because, it has no life of its own, for it does not exist apart from the Spirit of God that used it. Period! Christ on the other hand is a real human being, though divine, and not a Theophany! That is precisely why Christ will not disappear after the White Throne Judgment, ***“when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power”***, in fulfillment of 1 Corinthians Chapter 15, verses 24-28, for as it is written in verse 28, he will

worship God all through eternity: ***“And when all things shall be subdued unto him”*** (who is Jesus Christ), ***“then shall the Son also himself BE SUBJECT unto Him”*** (who is God), ***“that put all things under him, THAT GOD MAY BE ALL IN ALL.”*** Jesus Christ will not disappear in the eternal age as some erroneously teach in the Branham Movement, but rather, he will submit himself to God, that God may be God over him, and God over all Creation, and in that day, Jesus will become our elder brother, on the full authority of Romans Chapter 8, verse 29! Thus saith the Lord God in His infallible Word! There is no submission which a non-existing being can offer God! But the Son of God will submit Himself to the Headship of God in the eternal age, simply because he is not a Theophany. Period! Remember, God is an invisible and eternal Spirit, an Omnipresent Spirit, one who fills the whole universe, and who, as such, has no particular form, size, or shape! Therefore, a Theophany is a physical projection of God in a visible form, and it is absolutely temporary, for once it is used to project

something of Christ, it is over and done with: You will not see that particular projection again, although you will see other ones, serving other purposes, all relating to Christ, and all pointing to Christ. And that is the FOURTH point of note concerning a Theophany: It is a one-off projection! That is exactly why you cannot use one Theophany projection to censor another, simply because the projections are not the same, for their objectives are not the same, although they all relate to Jesus, and all speak of Jesus. But also remember, a Theophany projection is not an everyday projection, for it is rare and extremely few, and all pre-figure Jesus Christ. But because a Theophany is a visible and material body that is palpable, is precisely why Elohim could eat bread or cake, with nice roasted meat, and also drink milk, under the tree, right there in front of Abraham's home, as recorded in Genesis Chapter 18! And in Chapter 14, He also brought forth bread and wine, and sat down with Abraham, and broke bread with him! FIFTHLY and finally, for a manifestation to be a Theophany, It has to be

God, Elohim, in a material body, foreshadow something about Christ. I have to say that because we know angelic manifestations abound; but angelic manifestations do not give us Theophany projections, except when the projection of that angel is strictly conveying God's very presence in a physical bodily form, one that is visible and palpable! The issue of a Theophany is therefore a serious issue, and not a play thing; for God is not playing a game, and neither is He manifesting in order to tickle the flesh of any man, nor is it in order to blow up the ego of any mortal. God's Theophany manifestation has a serious divine objective, all relating to God's great plan of eternal salvation we have in Christ Jesus, and you must see that. That is why the Theophany manifestation recorded in Genesis Chapter 18, was never repeated anywhere else in the entire Bible, because it had served its purpose, having set the type! And what is the type? It sets the type of Jesus the Prophet, an attribute we see him express at the well of Jacob, as recorded in John Chapter 4, when he discerned the life of the ill-famed woman of Samaria, and an attribute we also see

him express, all through his earthly ministry, being the Lamb of God; for the Lamb is a prophet! Hence, Elohim dealt with Abraham in that Theophany manifestation, discerning the thoughts of Sarah, who laughed IN HER HEART, whilst standing behind the tent door, and He also posted Abraham ahead, concerning the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah! Again, we find another Theophany projection of God unto Moses, when Moses pleaded with God to see His glory, as recorded in the Book of Exodus, although I have to confess that prior to this time, we have not been looking at this manifestation of God as such. In Exodus Chapter 33, verses 13-23, Moses pleaded: ***“Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in Thy sight, shew me now Thy way, that I may know Thee, that I may find grace in Thy sight: and consider that this nation is Thy people. And He said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest. And he said unto Him, If THY PRESENCE go not with me, carry us not up hence. For wherein shall it be known here that I and Thy people have found grace in Thy sight?***

is it not in that Thou goest with us? so shall we be separated, I and Thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth. And the Lord said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in My sight, and I know thee by name. And he said, I beseech thee, SHEW ME THY GLORY. And He said, I will make ALL MY GOODNESS pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy. And He said, THOU CANST NOT SEE MY FACE: for there shall no man see Me, and live. And the Lord said, Behold, there is a place by Me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock: And it shall come to pass, while My glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with My hand while I pass by: And I will take away Mine hand” (when I have passed you), ***“and thou shalt see MY BACK PARTS: but My face shall not be seen.”*** Moses saw the visible image of a man, but only from behind, and as such,

he did not see the face of the Theophany, except his back parts. He was not allowed to see his face, only because Elohim passed by him projecting the very physical image and likeness of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who, at this material time had not yet come, and whose corporeal image or physical image was not yet to be known, and was not to be made known, and whose redemptive work was necessary for us, in order for any man to behold the face of God! He was projecting the corporeal form or the physical image of Jesus Christ, through whom all the **“goodness”** of God is revealed, for in him, the full goodness of God is characterised and expressed, being, as it is written, **“the express image”** of the invisible God, AND the embodiment of God's full grace and mercy. Hebrews Chapter 1, verses 1-3 declares: **“God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made”** (or designed) **“the worlds”** (or ages. Now listen to what verse 3 now says of Jesus Christ): **“Who**

b e i n g T H E BRIGHTNESS” (OR THE FULNESS) **“OF HIS GLORY”**, (GOD'S GLORY), **“AND THE EXPRESS IMAGE OF HIS PERSON,”** (THE VISIBLE IMAGE OF HIS SPIRIT BEING), **“and upholding all things by the Word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.”** Hence, when Christ came, and Philip asked him in John Chapter 14, verse 8, saying: **“... Lord, shew us THE FATHER, and it sufficeth us.”** In verses 9-11: **“Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? HE THAT HATH SEEN ME HATH SEEN THE FATHER; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the Words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the FATHER THAT DWELLETH IN ME, He doeth the works. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.”** Elohim was tabernacled in the fullness of His divine attributes in the physical

body of His Son. Church, that physical frontal body which Moses could not see in that day, on account of sin, now the saints could behold in plain view, on account of the redemptive work of Christ the incarnate God. From all these passages of Scripture, we should therefore see that in the Theophany manifestation to Moses in Exodus Chapter 33, God was pre-figuring Christ's physical image and glory, the permanent tabernacle of God for redemption, the Saviour and King of the whole earth! However, I have to point out that this particular manifestation, forms the only exception to the touch-ability of a Theophany, for Moses could not touch him in this projection; not because he was not touchable in the reality of this manifestation, as in a palpable body, but because it was not given to Moses to touch him, for then, Moses would see the very likeness of the Promised Messiah, the Lamb of God! No one could do that before Christ came, for in the eternal mind of God, John the Baptist would be the one to reveal the Messiah in his physical form to Israel, for no one before then

could identify him; because the physical image of the Messiah was totally concealed! Saints, it is strictly a pre-figuring of Jesus Christ that all these Theophany manifestations of God give to us, for they are only prophetic projections, which is precisely why, in the Gospel of Saint John, Chapter 1, verse 18, Apostle John declared plainly and categorically, and we know that *THE SCRIPTURE CANNOT BE BROKEN*, that **“NO MAN HATH SEEN GOD AT ANY TIME; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom”** (or in the mind) ***“of the Father, he hath declared him.”*** Did you hear that? He declared that **NO MAN HAS SEEN GOD AT ANY TIME!** It is because God is not a man, has never been a man, and will never be a man. He is an invisible, eternal, omnipotent, omnipresent, and omniscient God, having no particular form or shape, one who fills the universe! Period! All what men see are manifestations, and when we have Theophany manifestations, they are all pre-figuring Jesus Christ, and these Theophany projections of God, are extremely limited, for it is few and far between, and was expressed strictly in the days of the shadow in the

Old Testament. That simply means that we cannot, and we will not, have a present day Theophany, a New Testament Theophany manifestation, for all manifestations of God are now conveyed through Jesus Christ, which was why it was Jesus Christ whom Saul of Tarsus saw on his way to Damascus, just as Hebrews Chapter 1 confirms, declaring: ***“God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us BY HIS SON, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds.”*** Full stop! Amen! As a matter of fact, we have only three Theophany manifestations recorded in the entire Bible: First, we have it in Genesis Chapter 14, a Theophany manifestation we are still coming to breakdown; then in Genesis Chapter 18, and finally in Exodus Chapter 33. And three in God's numerology is the number of perfection, for God is perfect in three. Brothers and sisters, I show you what a Theophany is in truth, and it is only by the grace of God that I am able to do this.

Brothers and sisters, when

I consider the so-called revelation of the brother in the Philippines, I feel pity for him, for the prophet to this age, as well as the chief apostle, pointed him to the right way, for they have made this truth plain, but he just will not listen, because he thinks he has something! My! Proverbs Chapter 14, verse 12 declares: ***“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”*** Man will reason out anything, in order to support his carnal argument. But we cannot afford to mess up with, and also deny, the Theophany manifestation of God, for it is to deny what God has done, in furtherance of His plan of redemption, and this is tantamount to denying God. What do you do with these men? How do you help them, when they think they have something? This is a brother, who appears to me to be a nice brother, and I appreciate him, and I also respect his views, and I told him so, for he is entitled to it, however wrong or deceived he may be; for every man is entitled to his views. But the truth is that he is totally deceived, and there seems to be no helping him! So, I told him that God

has never ever, and will never ever give any revelation to one lone man, a revelation that does not filter down to the universal body of saints! You are not hearing me. God will not give a revelation to one lone man, a truth of the Scripture, which will not filter down, and be disseminated to the entire elect body of the bride of Christ, that she may receive it, and adorn her soul with it, as her possession, for that is the essence of God giving any man the true revelation of His Word in the first place! Come on! But here is one lone man, who has a so-called revelation of something, but it stops with him and a few of his followers in the Philippines. And there are many people like him around the globe in the Branham Movement! Everybody must receive what they have, for they think they have something. And yet, brothers and sisters, there is a divine scriptural channel which God has ordained for the conveyance of revelation of His Word to His elect seeds. There is a scriptural channel! Otherwise, every lone brother in every remote region of the earth will keep having so-called fantastic revelations that the whole world needs to hear, but it will just keep stopping with

him and his local assembly! It does not make sense, for that is nothing but a recipe for confusion! That is why we must understand that God has a main channel for the carriage of the truth of His Word, as it is written: **“For wheresoever the carcass is, THERE WILL THE EAGLES BE GATHERED TOGETHER.”** (Matt 24:28). The Book of Revelation Chapter 1, now sets forth the truth of God's logistics for revelation dissemination in verse 1, which states clearly and categorically that: **“The 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”**, for and on behalf of all the plural servants of Christ, who are the objects of this divine revelation. Argue with that! Saints, now the brother in the Philippines has shifted base, because I fired him some serious questions in Manila, which made him have a rethink. But a minister of the Gospel cannot be shifting his stand just like that, and expect me to swallow it! I can see that the goal post has changed! The brother

changed the post! Why was it changed? You do not need to change your post if you have a true revelation! If it is a true revelation you have, your goal post will remain the same, for I am still standing for what I stood for twenty two years ago! If you are always revising your revelation, it is not a revelation you have, but just an idea: Because you are mending and patching your revelation! That is not a revelation at all, for you are only playing a game, and you are toying with the souls of men. The brother does not realise that he is only casting a dark cloud on the truth of Melchizedek! I am therefore under a divine obligation to dispel the cloud, and look at Melchizedek in full view, strictly in the light of the written Scriptures, for the sake of God's children. Now he says that there is a DIRECT theophany, and an INDIRECT theophany, and a permanent theophany. Lord have mercy! What can I say? However, there is one last thing he laid out which I must also address, before we consider Melchizedek in its true characterization, as recorded in Genesis Chapter 14, which is a perfect typology. I must

address this last thing he presented, because it touches on the principles of Types and Shadows. Remember we are talking of *THE APPLICATION OF TYPES AND SHADOWS*. He said in his email: ***“Types and Shadows biblically is never greater than the Antitype or the one being typed. The antitype or the one being type should always be greater than the one being typed or at least equal. SO IF THE MELCHIZEDEK PERSON (NOT PRIESTHOOD) IS THE TYPE, HE SHOULD NOT BE GREATER THAN JESUS CHRIST'S PERSON.”*** He has lost me here, because he is not making his argument clear, for it is contradictory; it does not make any sense. But I think he is trying to say that the type must be smaller than the ante-type, which is the end-type. In other words, he is saying that the type must be lesser than the end-type. I think that is what he meant to say. Brothers and sisters, if that is what he meant to say, then listen to this: When we are considering the principles of Types and Shadows, to say that a type must be lesser than the ante-type, is simply a misnomer, and is absolutely baseless, because it is untrue. The brother does not realize that

he is only shooting himself in the foot by making such a statement, for he is contradicting himself, and he is only nullifying his own contention! Why do I say that? It is simply this: Elohim appeared to Abraham in Genesis Chapter 18, in a Theophany, and it is a passage of Scripture the brother used to buttress his carnal argument, by which he denied that Melchizedec was a Theophany, because he spoke in the third person! But unfortunately for the brother, Elohim, in ANY Theophany manifestation is greater than Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son! So, if it is true, which is vehemently denied, that the Type, (not a shadow, but the Type), must always be lesser than the one being typed, which is the Ante-type, then, we have to say that the manifestation of God to Abraham, in Genesis Chapter 18, was not a Theophany, based on this carnal argument. Exactly! But we all know clearly and infallibly that the manifestation of God in Genesis Chapter 18 was in a Theophany! This just knocks his argument to pieces! However, IF on the other hand, and by his unclear and contradictory statement, the brother

meant to say that a Type must be greater than the End-type, then we must also ask: Where is the argument in that, when all *T h e o p h a n y* manifestations convey Jehovah God, and God the Father is greater than Jesus Christ?! Honestly, the brother is making no point! Nevertheless, he has touched on an issue that we have to open up, for the sake of the eagles of God, for we must know how to look at this. But I have to ask: Where did he get this thought, that a type must be smaller, or that it must be at least equal with the ante-type? Who gave him that? What Scripture does he have for that? Where did he get that thought from? What is happening to the Movement, where every man wants to preach his own things, and do his own thing, and will not follow a simple revelation of truth laid down by the men anointed of God to carry the light of His Word, for the universal body of saints? What is happening to the Movement?! Yet, you cannot get them away from their set ways! But I ask: What are they building for God that God will accept, or that will amount to anything, if it is not in line with the

Scriptures of Truth? Just how can individual perceptions of truth bring Unity of faith within the universal body of ministry? And how is that going to impact or affect a universal body of God's bride elects, in order to prepare them for the rapture? Think about it! Just one lone man with a strange lone idea, thinking that that is how God works! Brothers and sisters, it is not true that a type must necessarily be smaller than the ante-type. It is not necessarily so! That is why I called it a misnomer, which means that it is incorrect; it is wrong, because a type is not necessarily smaller than the ante-type! Of course, when we talk of a shadow, a shadow is smaller than the ante-type, because it is only a mere shadow, and not a reality: an example of this is the Pascal lamb in comparison with Jesus the Lamb of God which it types. But as you all already know, and as has been well stated in the beginning of this message series, there are certain types that are not shadows, being realities in themselves, setting a type of something else, like the ministry of Moses, in relation to the ministry of the end time Elijah, who are both deliverers. On the other hand, there are some types which you cannot

make lesser than the Ante-type. For instance, Genesis Chapter 18 Theophany manifestation of Elohim to Abraham, cannot be made lesser, and you cannot even make it equal! Because that is the God of all Creation, foreshadowing the ministry of His own Son, Jesus the Christ! So, there we see a Type that is greater than the Ante-type, for the Theophany has no life of its own, save that of the Eternal Spirit that uses it. Yet, He was pre-figuring the Ante-type, which is Christ in his prophetic office. So you cannot tell me, church, that a type must necessarily be smaller, or equal, or even greater. **Setting a type has nothing to do with the bigness or the smallness of the type, in relation to what is being typed. Types are determined strictly by the similarity they have, for a type must mirror the ANTE-type. Full stop!** Come on! Brothers and sisters, the perfect flushing of types is what is material, for that is the true test, for it must flush! Saints, we should be able to see these things with clarity, for the principles guiding the application of Types and Shadows have been laid out succinctly in earlier

meetings. If there are people in this universe who understand the Lord and His ways, it should be you, as predestinated seeds of God, an elect people who have been called into the Evening light. One of God's ways of hiding truth is by speaking in imageries, allegories, symbols, using various types and shadows, for in such a case, who will understand it, except God's seeds that are being dealt with by the Spirit of the Lord? After all, who understands the mind of the Spirit, except the Spirit? But as it is written: ***"We have the mind of Christ"***! Halleluia! That is what makes the difference! It is just the grace of God, and I give Him all the praise.

Saints, the brother also says that we must read between the lines, in our consideration of the Scriptures, in order to see Shem as Melchizedek, when Shem was never and could never be Melchizedek! Yet, it is true that many times, we have to read between the lines, in order to get the truth. I believe in reading between the lines, because many times, the truth is buried in-between the lines. The only

difference is this: For you to read between the lines, the construction of the Word of God, must give you no other reasonable meaning, other than that which you get by reading between the lines. If by the very wordings of the Word of God, the meaning is clear, then you do not need to read between the lines. But when no meaning will make sense, other than that which you get by reading between the lines, then you read between the lines. Concerning the issue of truth, when you have no reasonable interpretation, because the interpretations given by the literal wordings of the Scriptures do not make any spiritual sense, then you have to read between the lines. But the construction or the wordings of the Bible itself will give you no choice, but to read between the lines. So, it is not just reading between the lines anyhow, when you like, and as you like, just because you are desperately looking for something to support your erroneous ideas. For if we have to read between the lines on any and every issue, our interpretations will only run wild! You will be making giant and unreasonable leaps! Why do I say that? For a man to tell me that Shem was Melchizedek, and that he

was the prince of Salem, that is a big leap! It is too big a leap for any man to make! In order to read that between the lines, the Scripture itself must give room for that inference. Are you with me? I am simply saying that for us to read between the lines, then the lines themselves, must be suggestive of the fact that there is something in-between them. In other words, there is a scriptural base for reading between the lines! And when you read between the lines, the understanding you will have, will open up the truth of the Scriptures you read, and make the truth of those Scriptures clear! But seeing that the brother contends that Shem was Melchizedek, and that he was the king of Salem, then we will take up the issue of Shem, and then close with the breakdown of Melchizedek's manifestation. The brother's contention is that since Shem outlived Abraham, then he must be Melchizedek, the king of Salem. And it is true that Shem outlived Abraham, as we shall now see scripturally. But what does that prove with regards to Melchizedek? Nothing, absolutely nothing! His longevity of life does not prove that he was

Melchizedek, and neither is it suggestive that he was Melchizedek. It is an assumption, and a very wild assumption; but we cannot assume anything without a Bible base! Come with me to Genesis Chapter 11, and we will take it from verse 10, where it states: ***“These are the generations of Shem: Shem was AN HUNDRED YEARS OLD, and begat Arphaxad two years after the flood.”*** Let us hold it there for a minute, and look at my chart. I am talking of the second chart which lays out the genealogy of Shem. Shem was one hundred years old when he begat Arphaxad, two years after the flood. I repeat: Shem at 100 years, gave birth to Arphaxad. Consequently, if we are going to consider his lifespan, and calculate it, the hundred years he attained becomes the base, for that was when he had his first son. Remember, we want to calculate how long Shem lived, in order to establish that he outlived Abraham. The only way to see that, is to consider the lives of his offspring. When did he have the first one? It was when he was 100 years old. So, the hundred years he attained at the birth of

his first son, becomes the base line for us, because when Arphaxad became one year old, Shem attained 101 years old. Do you understand? So, when Arphaxad was 1 year old, Shem was 101, for he was one year above the baseline. Is that right? Yes! So, a hundred is the baseline, and it gives us zero. Let us now find out how long Shem lived in total, after the birth of his first son, Arphaxad, as recorded in verse 11: ***“And Shem lived after he begat Arphaxad FIVE HUNDRED YEARS, and begat sons and daughters.”*** Remember, 100 years is our baseline, and it gives us zero, because our calculation of the length of time he lived, in relation to his offspring, up till the days of Abraham, starts from the base line, and it is zero. And from that zero point, he lived an additional 500 years. Do you understand? Yes! Verse 12: ***“And Arphaxad lived five and thirty years, and begat Salah.”*** Brothers and sisters, how long the offspring of Shem lived, is not important for our calculation. What is important is the age when each of them gave birth to their first child, because that is the number of years we need to add to the base line,

in order to see how long Shem lived in total, and where exactly his 500 years balance expired, above the base line. It is all on my chart. At 35 years Arphaxad gave birth to Salah. So, as of this material point in time, Shem had used 35 years out of the 500 years balance he had. Verse 14: ***“And Salah lived thirty years, and begat Eber.”*** So, we add 30 years to the previous 35 = 65. It simply means that at the birth of Eber, Shem had spent 65 years from the base line, out of his 500 years balance. Verse 16: ***“And Eber lived four and thirty years, and begat Peleg.”*** Now we add 34 years to the previous 65 = 99. So far, Shem had lived 99 years, out of his 500 years balance. Verse 18: ***“And Peleg lived thirty years, and begat Reu.”*** We add 30 years to 99 = 129 years. Verse 20: ***“And Reu lived two and thirty years, and begat Serug.”*** Now we add 32 years to 129 = 161 years. Verse 22: ***“And Serug lived thirty years, and begat Nahor.”*** We therefore add 30 to 161 = 191 years. Verse 24: ***“And Nahor lived nine and twenty years, and begat Terah.”*** If we add 29 to 191 = 220 years, out of 500 years balance. Verse 26:

“And Terah lived seventy years, and begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran.” Adding 70 to 220 = 290 years, counting from the base line, thus giving us the total number of years Shem had lived thus far, from the base line. It simply means that at the birth of Abram, whose name was later changed to Abraham, Shem had lived a total of 290 years, above the base line, out of a total of 500 years balance of his life. Therefore, if we subtract the 290 years from the 500 years balance = 210 years. It means that at the birth of Abraham, Shem had an unexpired life balance of 210 years. Now, church, from Genesis Chapter 25, we know Abraham's total lifespan was 175 years, as verses 7-8 records: ***“And these are the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived, an hundred threescore and fifteen years. Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people.”*** Remember that one score is 20. Therefore, ***“threescore”*** is 60. I say that to help those who do not know what threescore means,

so they can see exactly why we say that Abraham lived 175 years. However, the issue is this: If Abraham lived a total of 175 years, and at his birth, Shem had an unexpired lifespan of 210 years, we will now subtract 175 from 210 = 35 years. It simply means that at the death of Abraham, Shem was still alive for another 35 years! On the other hand, if we add up all the ages when the sons of Shem had their offspring, with the lifespan of Abraham, it comes to a total of 465 years. And if we subtract 465 years from the 500 years balance Shem had, it still gives us a balance of 35 unexpired years, showing that at the death of Abraham, Shem had an unexpired life of 35 years, whichever way we calculate it. That is a **scriptural fact!** Consequently, it is a truth of the Word of God that Shem outlived Abraham, for he outlived him by a full 35 years. It means in effect that Shem lived to see Isaac and the other children Abraham had through Hagar and Keturah. Beautiful calculation! But the material question is: What has all that got to do with Shem being Melchizedek? Exactly! What exactly has the longevity of Shem's life over and above that of

Abraham got to do with the issue of Melchizedek? I have to say this to the brother: You have no basis, not one iota of scriptural base to make such a conclusion; for you cannot scripturally teach that: **Because Shem outlived Abraham, therefore, he had to be Melchizedek the King of Salem!** That is utter nonsense! It is like saying that since Methuselah outlived his son, Lamech, and also lived just short of the flood, for he died in the very year of the flood, it had to be so because mixed marriages started in his day! That would be nothing but hogwash! What a wild jump the brother made! What a giant leap! And you are telling me to read between the lines. It is not like that! This is a very big assumption! And let me warn whoever has an ear to hear: No man has any right to assume anything concerning the things of the Spirit of God without a scriptural base! There must be something in the Word of God suggesting that! So, you ask me: *"Brother Amos, if he outlived Abraham by thirty five years, can you not see that there is a reason for it?"* I will agree there is a reason for it. But what has that got to do with Melchizedek?

That is the question! God determines the length of every mortal life, but that is not suggesting anything along the lines that the brother is taking things! What a wild assumption! There is not one shred of Scripture that suggests that in the faintest of ways. And until you can show me one verse of Scripture to support that, I am under a divine obligation to totally reject your unscriptural view! But church, I will say this, the lifespan of Shem tells us a story of longevity; and of the fact that he outlived Abraham; but it does not give us a story of a name change, and neither can you allocate to him the office of Melchizedek, without a scriptural base. It amounts to a wild assumption if you do. On the contrary, the very fact that the genealogy of Shem and that of Jesus Christ, which was traced back to Shem and through Shem, contains absolutely nothing to even suggest that Shem had a name change at all, lets us know undoubtedly and infallibly, that the name of Shem was never changed, which is why there is no written record of it; not even a hint! But when we also consider the testimony of the Word of God devolving on this

matter, the idea of Shem being Melchizedek becomes more and more ridiculous. In the Book of Joshua Chapter 24, verse 2, it is written: ***“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.”*** Yet, Shem was supposed to be on the ground as the High Priest of the Most High God, and idolatry was what his people were steeped in, until God had to separate Abraham from worshipping idols, making a brand new start with him, that he may be used to brew up a new race of people that will carry His true revelation knowledge; and yet, Shem was still on the ground, and, as falsely supposed by this brother, he was the High Priest! Just think about it, for it does not make any sense for anyone to even suggest that Shem was Melchizedek! And we must also ask: When exactly did he become High Priest?

Was it after or before the call of Abraham? That is not to deny the fact that Shem may have lived an upright life, for God never leaves Himself without a true witness at any junction of time, but he was certainly not Melchizedek. That much is certain. Then again the brother says that ***Shem later had his name changed into Melchizedek.*** Let me tell you this: You are going to run into problems with these wild ideas, and I am talking of scriptural problems. And I am going to now lay it all out, exactly why Shem could not be Melchizedek, and why he was not the King of Salem, and why his name was never changed to Melchizedek! The absolute truth is that Shem never had a name change. Come with me to the Word, for we are standing on holy ground.

FIRSTLY: Let us consider the carnal idea of Shem being Melchizedek. Church, in Genesis Chapter 11, verses 1-9, it is written: ***“And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt***

there. And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them throughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the Lord said, Behold, THE PEOPLE IS ONE, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the Lord scatter them abroad upon the face of

all the earth.” In Genesis Chapter 11, God is telling us something this morning, and as such, I do not need the views of men to prove or disprove it. The testimony of the Word of God stands inviolate! Listen to me. Shem is supposed to be **“THE PRIEST of the Most High God”**, a man with the perfect revelation of Elohim. But, church, Shem and Japheth listened to Nimrod, the man who was the brain behind the rebellious project of the building of the city of Babel and the tower. They followed the Hamitic lineage, who led the way in the building of the city and the tower, for verse 6 clearly records: **“And the sons of Ham; Cush...”** Verse 8 now declares: **“And Cush begat NIMROD: he”** (NIMROD) **“began to be a MIGHTY ONE in the earth. He was a mighty hunter”** (warrior or soldier, showing evidently that Nimrod was the first world class leader, and this is the testimony of God concerning this warrior) **“before the Lord: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the Lord. And the beginning of his kingdom was BABEL, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.”** The Hamitic race led the way in the building of the city and the tower of

babel, and Shem the priest followed. Think about it! You are not hearing me. You can assume, but there must be a Bible base. I said all men joined hands to build the city and the tower of babel, coming out of the flood; and Shem and Japheth, along with their offspring, followed Ham in that leadership, in building that city and tower. Brothers and sisters, the leader of that gigantic building project was Nimrod, the grandson of Ham, a Hamite! It is the Scripture! Thus saith the Word of God! Go and read **THE INPUT OF HAM**, if you have not, for it sets forth this truth succinctly and most clearly, for I will not repeat myself on that. Church, they all joined together, Shem with all his children, along with Japheth and all his children, for it would have been Shem and Japheth as leaders, making their people follow, until it took God to come and scatter the whole lot of them from continuing the project! Verses 5-6 confirms it, stating: **“And the Lord came down to see THE CITY and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the Lord said, Behold, the people IS ONE...”** They all followed Nimrod in his

leadership to build the city and tower against the will of God, that it took God and His angels to stop them, for they came to confound their language! And by this divine move, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, with their families, were all dispersed to the various regions of the earth, according to the ordination of God. God scattered them abroad! Listen closely to me, for this is where I am going. Now I ask you: Where was Melchizedek in this scenario, seeing they suggest that Shem was Melchizedek, for everyone stood together in defiance of God's divine Commission, so much so, that God had to scatter every last one of them, by confounding their language, for they were united? Think about that for a second! Where was Shem, the so-called Melchizedek in that day? Just think! And let me tell you now: Melchizedek, the Priest of the Most High God, bearing a true revelation of Elohim, is too serious a personage, and too serious a ministry personality of God in that day, for there not to be a record, any record whatsoever, however tiny or faint, in the entire writings of the Old

Testament, as well as in the Prophets, indicating that it was Shem! Come on! I will say it again. Saints, because of the seriousness of the person of Melchizedek, and the great and most crucial ministry position he occupied in that day, as ***“THE High Priest of THE MOST HIGH GOD”***, *EL ELYON*, if God had truly made Shem His High Priest, the Lord would have caused a Word or two to be written of it, somewhere in the entire Bible, whether in the Old Testament, or in the New Testament, for there is not one great ministry office God established on earth, that is not attested to by the written Word of God! It took the Apostles of the New Testament, to unveil and bring forth by the inspiration of the Spirit of God, certain things that were hidden from the Old Testament writings, that we might have a written record of them; an example of which is the burial of Moses by angels, and the fight over his carcass! Come on! How much more would there have been a Scripture somewhere, pointing to the establishment of the office of God's High Priest, ever before the Law era came into being! Whatever we do not have in the Old Testament, the New Testament supplied, and

whatever we do not understand in the New Testament, the Old Testament throws light on it, by the types and shadows it bears, for they complement each other perfectly, thereby giving the bride of Christ a complete and perfect revelation understanding of all God has done through time, particularly as with regards to the ministry, creating a perfect harmony between the Old and the New. Furthermore, under the Law, we have the record of Aaron, and the record of the establishment of His office. And under the New Testament, we have the record of Jesus Christ, and also the record of the establishment of his office. But when we go back to the era of Abraham, which era foreshadowed the era of grace, (for he lived without the law, and he lived before the law), because he lived under grace, there is no record whatsoever of the office of the High Priest relating to Shem. That would be too great an inconsistency, and is therefore impossible, when we know that God does not change in His ways, for He is perfect in all His ways, and as such, there is absolute consistency and perfect harmony in God's ways and works! Brothers

and sisters, the only record of Melchizedek in the entire Law and Prophets, is Genesis Chapter 14, AND Psalm 110, verse 4! And in Psalm 110, verse 4, God only swore concerning the office of Melchizedek which Jesus inherited, showing the absolute greatness and utter seriousness of this office, just as it is written: ***“The Lord hath sworn”*** (concerning Jesus Christ), ***“and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever AFTER THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK.”*** This plainly confirms the seriousness of the office of Melchizedek! Consequently, it is utterly impossible for God to have made Shem Melchizedek, and not say so in His Word, for the ministry accomplishment of God is not hidden. It has never been hidden, and it will never be hidden, for God does not play peekaboo, which simply means that He does not play hide and seek, for He is the Lord! Be certain of this one thing, saints of God, if God had made Shem become Melchizedek, there would have been a written record attesting to it, because it sets a major ministry, a major office of God, which Christ was going to

function in; for it shows that there would come a change to the Aaronic order of priesthood, thus creating a new order, which opens up the way for Jesus, who is from the lineage of Judah, to assume or to take over the office of High Priest! Unfortunately for this brother, and for all the theologians who are pushing this wild idea, from the Book of Genesis, right up to the Book of Revelation, there is not one jot, not even one shred of Scripture, that points to the fact that Shem was Melchizedek, or may have been, or could have been Melchizedek! Furthermore, there is No place in the entire Bible where we see Shem function as Melchizedek. None! Most importantly, I will soon show you precisely why Shem could never have been Melchizedek, strictly from the Word of God, for Apostle Paul brought out the truth of Melchizedek. Just bear with me, and follow me by the eye of faith, for this is Bible Land.

SECONDLY: Let us now consider the scripturally unsustainable idea that Shem later had his name changed to Melchizedek. Talking of name change, I will open up this issue by stating this fact: If you tell

me that God changed the name of Shem to Melchizedek, (a change which God never did, for there is not one shred of Scripture that supports it), then I will tell you to start with, that you certainly do not know the purpose of God's name changes. And if there are people that should understand the ways of God, El Elyon, it is the end time bride of Jesus Christ. How many agree with that? Yes! I say that because of the unparalleled measure of light, the incredible measure of light, which the Lord has shed on His Word for us at this evening time. By the grace of God, we are the ones following God in the full and unlimited light of His Son, Jesus Christ of the Bible. The truth is, that when you consider God changing somebody's name in the Scriptures, (and I do not care where you look in the Word of God, from the Old Testament right through to the New Testament), it always has to do with that person coming into possession of a promise. God's name change always has to do with somebody COMING INTO PROMISE! I will start with Abraham, the first man to have his name changed in the entire record of the Holy

Bible. He was formerly called Abram. Oh, my! I can preach a sermon on that for the whole day. For his name change, which is recorded in Genesis Chapter 17, verses 1-5, God simply added 'Ham' to his name, knocking out letter "m", and he became AbrahAM, seven letters, which is the number of completion, for God is complete in seven. Abraham means the **"father of MANY NATIONS"**, or the father of all nations, a name which shows that God was looking at the bride IN Abraham, for it takes in the holy nation of the bride universal; because the bride will be called in Abraham, through his royal seed, Jesus Christ, thereby making the universal bride become the royal seeds of Abraham, spiritual Israel. Are you with me? Absolutely! But church, look at it. When his name was changed, it was to enable him come into the promise, and then he produced Isaac, the son of promise, because that is why his name was changed! His new name is therefore prophetic. Halleluia! It is prophetic, because it speaks of a promise. And it was to allow Abraham to come

into promise! Period! There is always a DIVINE purpose to a name change by God. Let that sink in! There is a divine objective to a name change! I can take you through the Bible on this. Pick up your Bible, and tell me where God ever changed a name, that had nothing to do with a promise, and I will apologize! Next we come to Jacob. The name Jacob means "**supplanter**." I pray that God will help me. Brothers and sisters, God had to change Jacob's name to Israel. And you know what it means? Genesis Chapter 32, verse 28 gives it to us, for it is written: "**And he**" (the angel) "**said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but ISRAEL: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.**" Israel therefore means, *One having power or authority with God, and prevails*. With his name change, he was then able to overcome the hot and bitter hatred of his brother, Esau, and he produced the twelve patriarchs, who are the progenitors of the twelve tribes of Israel, for out of him, a nation of people was born, fulfilling the promise of God to Abraham. It was after his name change that he was re-established in the

Promised Land. We now come to the New Testament, and there I see a man by the name of Simon Bar jona, whose name was changed to Peter. Matthew Chapter 16, verses 13-19 records: "**When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, SIMON BARJONA**", (Jesus calling him by his original name, and Simon means "Hearer"): "**for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.**" (The next verse gives us the added record that enabled us to know that it was Jesus who named this apostle Peter, and by this name change, he also came into promise, as verse 18 now confirms, with Christ declaring): "**And I say also unto thee, That thou art PETER,**" (which means a

rock or stone), "**and upon THIS ROCK**" (of the divine revelation of Jesus Christ) "**I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**" (Now pay attention to this verse, for here a word of promise is given. In verse 19 Jesus declares): "**And I will give unto thee THE KEYS of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.**" Think about it! Saint John Chapter 1, however, gives us the actual account of Simon Peter's name change, as verses 35-42 records: "**Again the next day after John**" (the Baptist) "**stood, and two of his disciples; And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God! And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou? He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw**

where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: THOU SHALT BE CALLED CEPHAS, which is by interpretation, A stone. Church, the Hebrew word for Peter is Cephas, for Cephas means Peter. Taking this account together with the scenario we saw earlier, of the revealed confession Peter made of who Jesus is, Jesus looked at him by the eye of the Spirit, and he saw deep in his soul a deposit of grace, though a fisherman, though an illiterate; one who probably could not spell his name, for he was uneducated; and the Lord conferred a great blessing on him, until no race of men could enter into the kingdom after Pentecost, until Peter had first used one of his keys to open the door of accessibility to life for them. My! God be praised in the highest!

Amen! What a blessing he received with his name change! He became the chief apostle to the Jews! That was when he got it! And truly, he really lived his name, for he was Peter, a stone indeed, and the faith of the Jewish saints could rest upon the solid foundation of truth he bore, as ***"THE apostle"*** of the circumcision! And he formed the first foundation stone of the New Jerusalem. Halleluiah! Next we come to Saul of Tarsus. On his way to Damascus, the Lord met with him in a supernatural encounter recorded in Acts Chapter 9, and sometime later, the Lord changed his name to Paul. It is very crucial to state, that although we are not given the record of the actual event of his name change, nonetheless, we are given the record of his name change, and that is what is material, for as the Lord told Saint Ananias at the conversion of Saul, and as recorded in Acts Chapter 9, verses 15-16: ***"... HE" (SAUL) "IS A CHOSEN VESSEL UNTO ME, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake."*** This divine instruction to

Ananias, sets forth the very crucial and most important role Saul would accomplish for the Lord, in establishing God's plan of universal salvation, which He promised Abraham. And on account of the great ministry position Saul would occupy, and the great work he would do, the Lord then had to change his name, before he also came into promise, as recorded in Acts Chapter 13, verses 8-11: ***"But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith. Then Saul, (who also is CALLED PAUL,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him, And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand."*** What a ministry Saul had! Now the issue is this: Who

changed his name to Paul? It had to be the Lord, and it could not be anybody but the Lord, because people had been bearing the name of Saul in Israel, and the very first king of Israel also bore that name, which makes it great, and there was nothing wrong with it, for it means **“DESIRED”**. Yet, his name was changed! Then we have to ask: Who changed it? This is where we have to read between the lines! Now we have to read between the lines! His name change had to come from the Lord, same as with Peter's, same as with Jacob's, and same as with Abraham's! They were all key vessels or key instruments of God, every last one of them, and none of them changed their names by themselves! It was all done by the Lord, specifically for the furtherance of His revealed plan of redemption! Period!

Consequently, we must all see that it was the Lord Jesus who changed Saul's name to Paul, and his name is also prophetic, even though before now, we did not know it, for we did not see it; but it is prophetic nonetheless, for Paul means **“SMALL, LITTLE.”** His name stands for something that is looked down upon, something

considered of little or no importance, or something that is of small value. And so were we Gentiles under the law! We were considered very little, for we were nothing, being estranged from the commonwealth of Israel, without God in the world, as Apostle Paul himself stated in the Book of Ephesians. But as Saint Peter **“THE apostle”** to the Jews, the man with the keys to the kingdom of God declared, as recorded in 1 Peter Chapter 2, verses 9-10: **“But ye”** (Gentiles) **“are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation,”** (an holy universal bride nation), **“a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light: Which in time past WERE NOT A PEOPLE, but are now THE PEOPLE OF GOD: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.”** Paul's name is therefore synonymous or indicative of the Gentile race to whom he was sent, **“which in time past WERE NOT A PEOPLE”**, for they amounted to little. I repeat: His name characterises and expresses the spiritual state of the Gentile nation to whom he was sent, as

perceived by the Jews, he being **“The apostle OF THE GENTILES”**, a small or little people, spiritually speaking, from the view point of the law, which established the middle wall of partition, which was broken down by Christ, as Ephesians Chapter 2, verses 11-22, reveals: **“Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; That at that time YE WERE WITHOUT CHRIST, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the Covenants of promise, having no hope, and WITHOUT GOD IN THE WORLD: But now in Christ Jesus ye”** (Gentiles) **“who sometimes”** (under the Old Testament dispensation) **“were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both”** (Jews and Gentiles) **“one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in**

ordinances; for to make in himself of twain” (Jews and Gentiles), **“one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both”** (Jews and Gentiles) **“unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you”** (Gentiles) **“which were afar off, and to them that were nigh”**, (who are the Jews). **“For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but FELLOWCITIZENS with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.”** May God be praised! Amen! Therein lies the need to change the name of Saul into Paul, all in line with God's plan of Gentile salvation. Brothers and sisters, that is why I said earlier, that every name change of God has a divine objective, for it is not for nothing! It always

enables a man to come into promise, just as all these instances clearly show! Any major vessel, occupying a crucial ministry position of the Most High, in the days when the Word of God was being written by the divine inspiration of Almighty God, would have had a record of his name change, if God did it, because changing a name is done strictly to fulfil a divine purpose, a divine objective, all in furtherance of God's revealed plan of salvation. But where is that of Shem? It does not exist anywhere in the Word, and there is also no need for his name change to have been written, because his name was never changed, which is why it does not exist in the written record! Period! But I want to remind you that Jesus was not here in his body of flesh in the days of Saul's conversion, for anyone to witness his name change, which is probably why the account is not written. Nevertheless, it had to have been a divine revelation the Lord gave him, changing his name to Paul, just as it was Elohim who came to Abraham in Genesis, and also to Jacob in the same Seed Chapter, in a divine revelation, and gave both of them their

changes of name, by divine revelation! Both men received their name change in their individual encounter with the Spirit of the Lord, and so was it with Paul, for as it is written: **“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, to day, and for ever”!** (Heb. 13:8). So also, brothers and sisters, if I may come to our day, Jesus Christ is also not here in his flesh today, to change anybody's name. But nevertheless, Jesus is here today by his Spirit, invested majorly in the chief apostle of the end time, in his hour of time, as the standard bearer, after the passing away of Elijah, and he inspired the chief apostle to change another person's name, in order to enable him come into possession. As Raymond Jackson considered the writings of the brother, the books he has written on the things of Christ, he saw something others did not see, something which anchored deep down in his soul, for it struck a serious cord, and the Spirit of God moved him to write a letter to the brother, changing his name to Amos, which means **“BURDEN”**, a prophetic name. And what a prophetic name it is indeed, being prophetic of the burden of the Word

and of the Ministry, which the Lord would also lay upon his shoulders, that by this name change, the brother, could also come into promise! I feel religious! Glory to God in the highest! Amen! And the followers of the chief apostle said, "No, no, no, it cannot be! He is wrong to do that!" **But the fruit is SHOWING!** I said the fruit is SHOWING! Why is it showing? Because the name change was done by the inspiration of God, and not carnally, for we are serving the same God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, who is *EL ELYON!* But then they began to attack his personality viciously, saying: "His message is too hard. He has no love. He is always knocking people on the head, condemning everything. That is not the Spirit of the Lord. The love of Christ is not in him! Yak! Yak! Yak!" **Amos, a man bearing a BURDEN!** How perfect! Back there in the hour of the Prophets of Israel, the message of Prophet Amos was so hot, for he told Israel that the very God they served would destroy them. The ministries of Israel cried to the king, as they could not bear his message, because it was not palatable, as we will pick up the account in Amos Chapter 7, verses 10-

17, which states: ***"Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos hath conspired against thee in the midst of the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos saith, Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of their own land. Also Amaziah said unto Amos, O thou seer, go, flee thee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and prophesy there: But prophesy not again any more at Bethel: for it is the king's chapel, and it is the king's court. Then answered Amos, and said to Amaziah, I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son; but I was an herdman, and a gatherer of sycomore fruit: And the Lord took me as I followed the flock, and the Lord said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel. Now therefore hear thou the Word of the Lord: Thou sayest, Prophecy not against Israel, and drop not thy word against the house of Isaac. Therefore thus saith the Lord; Thy wife shall be an harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by***

the sword, and thy land shall be divided by line; and thou shalt die in a polluted land: and Israel shall surely go into captivity forth of his land." Amos, a man with a BURDEN! Amos could not help himself, for he carried a heavy burden of the Lord! He was God's battle axe for that hour, and who could stop him, when he held the sword of the Spirit in his hand? My! How perfect! I repeat: The seed has blossomed tremendously, and the fruit is showing, for somebody has also come into promise by his name change, under inspiration of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, evidencing that the Lord remains the same. But they say: "Aha, Amos is not even his name." Yes, remove it from his International Passport and Driver's License! Jealous little children! Carnal Jews like them must have said to Peter: "When did you become Peter? That is not your real name! You are Simon! I will not call you Peter! You are Simon! That is your name!" It does not make a difference, for Peter is still Peter, A STONE! Israel is still Israel, ONE LIKE A PRINCE WITH AUTHORITY WITH GOD, AND PREVAILS!

Abraham is still Abraham, THE FATHER OF MANY NATIONS! And Amos is still Amos, A MAN WITH A BURDEN! They can climb up a wall, and jump into the lagoon, if they want to! It is their choice! But when God changed the names of Saul, Simon, Jacob, and Abram, it all had to do with God's revealed plan of salvation; it had to do with all these men coming into promise; and none of their name changes was hidden, for they are all written in God's infallible and unchanging divine record, for all God's children to know what the Lord has done. And it is written: "**For I am the LORD, I CHANGE NOT...**" (Mal. 3:6). In all honesty, do you want to tell me that for such a serious office of Melchizedek, God's High Priest, that God would change somebody's name to it without the slightest record? Come on! What does this look like, a game of checkers or dominoes? We have the record of Abram's name change; we have the record of Jacob's name change; we have the record of Saul's name change; we have that of Simon's name change; but none of Shem. And we are expected to believe one lone ranger's revelation for Shem's name change to Melchizedek. I think not! Melchizedek is too serious

a personage, and too great an office, for God to change somebody's name into it, without a record, however small. God does not work like that! That is absolutely contrary to the ways of Jehovah! Men are simply desperate to have a revelation of something, and hence they will not let their little toy be taken away from them, for that is all they have! And if you want to follow that, follow it! There is liberty of religion, and liberty of faith. It is your choice. Now I want to consider the truth Apostle Paul laid out in x-raying the subject of Melchizedek, for we must now zero in on it, and break it down scripturally, the Lord being our helper. It is most important and needful that we do this, so as to open up the truth of Melchizedek, and lay it out completely, making it water-tight. By the grace of God, saints, I have dealt sufficiently with this brother's so-called revelation on Melchizedek, much enough to show with absolute clarity, that what he is teaching is nothing but junk, and hence, I do not need to bore you any further by considering other carnal articles he peddles, with regards to this matter. It is not necessary, for his so-called revelation is nothing but

wild ideas, which amounts to spiritual junk. Full stop! And I say that with respect, for he is entitled to his views; but I am also obligated to unmask error to the children of God, so that they are not ensnared by the crafty ideas of men.

When we, however, step over the pages of the Old Testament, and cross over to the New Testament, we come to a man who had his name changed, and who also came into promise, a man who bore the light of Jesus Christ for the Gentiles, to the ends of the earth, as the chief apostle and standard bearer for the Gentiles. He wrote almost three-quarters of the New Testament, as the wise master builder of the New Testament church, under the over-headship of Jesus the Christ. And in his inspired writings, he dealt succinctly with the subject of Melchizedek, beautifully x-raying this great personage, perfectly, and as such, we have nothing else to add, but simply to say AMEN; for when the Scripture speaks, we all say AMEN! The case is closed, and all arguments dismissed! I will remind you that as it is written: "**A L L SCRIPTURE is given by**

inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine...” (2 Tim. 3:16). We will close with the Book of Hebrews. I appreciate your patience, and may the Lord bless you. I thank God this morning for the record of the Scriptures, for it gives us an infallible basis of faith. Come with me to the Book of Hebrews, and we will start with Chapter 6, and from verse 16, which records: ***“For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife. Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability”*** (or unchangeability) ***“of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: That by two immutable things,”*** (which is His promise and His oath, two immutable things) ***“in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil.”*** (Now listen closely to what verse 20 says concerning Jesus Christ): ***“Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for***

ever AFTER THE ORDER OF MELCHISEDEC.” In this text, Saint Paul was quoting the oath God made in Psalm 110, verse 4, which declares: ***“The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.”*** From these two passages of Scripture, we can see that a Priesthood order was established by Melchizedek, quite different from the Aaronic order which was established under the laws of Moses. In the first instance, the Aaronic order could not make anything perfect, because the law itself which established it could not bring perfection to anything, being a mere shadow of the reality of God in Christ. Therefore, perfection is strictly through the sacrifice of Christ. Secondly, no one could be a priest, except and only except he was from the tribe of Levi, and specifically from the lineage of Aaron. Yet, our great Intercessor, our Mediator, which is our High Priest, Jesus Christ the perfect Lamb of God, was from the tribe of Judah, and not from the tribe of Levi. Consequently, in order to make way for his priesthood, God had to make a change in the law of

the priesthood, by establishing a new order, a priesthood order which would allow for the priesthood of Jesus Christ, who is from the tribe of Judah, that by his priestly ministrations, we might be made perfect. Hence, the establishment of Melchizedek's priesthood office, which was an entirely new order of priesthood, which order Jesus later assumed, for he stepped into it, thus becoming our “Melchizedek.” This truth is what Apostle Paul set forth in Hebrews Chapter 7, verses 11-28, which states: ***“If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another Priest should rise after the Order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron? For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law. For he”*** (Jesus Christ), ***“of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord”*** (Jesus) ***“sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake***

nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far more evident: for that after the SIMILITUDE OF MELCHISEDEC there ariseth another Priest, Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment” (of the laws of Moses), “but after the power of an endless life. For He” (God) “testifieth, Thou” (Jesus) “art a priest for ever AFTER THE ORDER OF MELCHISEDEC. For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof. For the law made nothing perfect, BUT THE BRINGING IN OF A BETTER HOPE DID; by the which we draw nigh unto God. And inasmuch as not without an oath he” (Jesus) “was made Priest: (For those priests were made without an oath” (under the law); “but this with an oath by Him” (the Lord) “that said unto Him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:) By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better Testament. And they truly were many priests” (under the law), “because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death: But this man

(Jesus, our great High Priest), “because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable Priesthood. Wherefore he” (Jesus) “is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. For such an High Priest became us”, (meaning that such an High Priest Jesus became for us), “who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; Who needeth not daily, as those high priests” (under the law), “to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself. For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore.” Amen! From the breakdown Apostle Paul gave concerning the priesthood, we see that the order of Melchizedec was introduced or established, in order to make way for the Priesthood of Jesus Christ, and by which the Aaronic order was set aside. Therefore, the main

essence and objective of the High Priestly role of Melchizedec, in the days of Abraham, ever before the law came, was to prefigure the Priesthood of Jesus, and also to show that a new order of Priesthood was coming for the Israel of God, the royal seeds of Abraham. Hence, Genesis Chapter 14, verse 18-20, declares: “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” (Abram) “gave him tithes of all.” Now the material question is: WHO IS THIS MELCHIZEDEC? The Word of God gives it to us, for Saint Paul laid it out bare, and for this, please return with me to Hebrews Chapter 7, and we will begin from verse 1, and it plainly declares: “For this Melchisedec,” (referring to the scenario in Genesis Chapter 14, was) “KING OF SALEM, Priest of the Most High God.” (From this verse of Scripture we see that Melchizedec was

not only a king, he was also a priest, the priest of El Elyon. Consequently, he was a KING-PRIEST. Note that. He was a king-priest, being the king of Salem, and also the Priest of the Most High God), ***“who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all”***, (being his tithes. But the question is this: What is the meaning of Melchizedec? Is it a mere name, an ordinary name, or is it prophetic, having a serious significance? Verse 2B gives it to us, declaring that Melchizedec), ***“First being by interpretation KING OF RIGHTEOUSNESS...”*** Please hold it right there! We all know that there is only one King of righteousness, and that is God Himself, for Romans Chapter 3, verses 10-18 declares: ***“As it is written, THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NO, NOT ONE: There is none”*** (in the entire human race) ***“that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God”***, (for God is the one that is always seeking after man). ***“THEY are ALL gone out of the way, they are TOGETHER become unprofitable; THERE IS NONE THAT DOETH GOOD, NO, NOT ONE.”***

Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes”, (because all men are fallen creatures, and as such, there is none of them that is righteous. Full stop! Therefore, it is absolutely certain that scripturally speaking, no man can be the King of righteousness, except the Lord, for as it is also written in Romans Chapter 3, verse 23: ***“FOR ALL HAVE SINNED, AND COME SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD.”*** Hence the Word of God provides in Romans Chapter 5, verses 17-19: ***“For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of THE GIFT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.”*** Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the ***FREE GIFT***” (OF

RIGHTEOUSNESS) ***“came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of ONE shall many be made RIGHTEOUS.”*** For true righteousness is a gift which we have of the Lord, who alone is our righteousness! That is precisely why the Book of Jeremiah Chapter 33, verse 16, declares plainly and categorically: ***“...The Lord OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.”***

Therefore, brothers and sisters, knowing that there is no man born of a woman that is righteous, then, it is absolutely certain, that the king of righteousness cannot be a man, but the Lord from heaven, for no mortal man, being a sinner by birth, can bear such a title, for as it is written: ***“...The Lord OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS”!*** It is therefore settled, that the king of righteousness cannot be anybody, and is not anybody, but the Lord Himself! Full stop! Now let us go back to pick up the revelation which Apostle Paul had concerning Melchizedec, recorded in Hebrews Chapter 7. We will take verse 2 again, and it states: ***“To whom***

also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, KING OF PEACE." (In other words, Melchizedec not only means King of righteousness, it also means King of Salem, which in turn means King of peace, signifying and also evidencing that the name has a compound meaning. Salem stands for Jerusalem, on the full and unquestionable authority of Psalm 76, verse 2, starting from verse 1, which declares: **"In Judah is God known: his name is great in Israel. IN SALEM also is His tabernacle, and His dwelling place in Zion"**, which is in Jerusalem, for Mount Zion, where the temple of God was located before it was destroyed in 70 A.D., is Jerusalem. Salem therefore is Jerusalem, and Salem means peace. That is why Jerusalem means **"THE HABITATION OF PEACE"**, for it is the city of the King Most High, the King of peace! Therefore, when we consider the second meaning of Melchizedec, which the Word of God says is **"King of Salem, which is, KING OF PEACE"**, you must also know that there is no mortal that can bear this

title, other than the Lord, for God is our peace, and hence, He is THE KING OF PEACE! In the first instance, the King is the Lord of Jerusalem, for the King is Lord, which is why Jesus Christ is King of kings, and Lord of all lords, speaking of his Kingship and Lordship over all the earth, in the Millennium, for as it is written: **"THE LORD IS KING."** Thus saith the Word of God in Psalm 10, verse 16! Likewise in Psalm 24, verses 7-10, the Lord commands: **"Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and THE KING of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD STRONG AND MIGHTY, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. WHO IS THIS KING OF GLORY? THE LORD OF HOSTS, HE IS THE KING OF GLORY. Selah."** Knowing without any shadow of doubt that the Lord is King, and that Melchizedec means the King of righteousness, AND the King of Salem, which is, the King of peace, I have to declare categorically that there is no earthly man that can bear these titles, for it will

amount to nothing but utter blasphemy! I repeat: No man can bear these titles! No earthy man, outside of Jesus the Christ, who is invested with the Spirit of Elohim, being God incarnate, can bear these titles! Because God alone is our peace, for He is Jehovah-SHALOM! And God alone is our righteousness, for He is Jehovah-TSIDKENU! No man, no mortal, no sinner saved by grace, can bear ANY of these titles, otherwise it will constitute blasphemous titles, just like that of Emperor, for only God is Emperor, meaning Sovereign Universal Ruler! Only Elohim can bear these titles; because these titles have serious meaning, and all these titles are invested in Jesus Christ for redemption, for they are part of the major redemptive titles of God Almighty. Saints, the scenario recorded in Genesis Chapter 14, is a prophetic projection. It is prophetic! I hope you are not tired, for this is a most serious segment of this sub-message, because we are now considering who this Melchizedek really is. We have considered what men say, what men in the Message

Movement, men who imbibed the carnal teachings which theologians have laid out there in their writings, as explanations of who Melchizedec is, due to a lack of divine revelational understanding. But the real issue is: What does the Spirit of Jesus Christ say in his written Word, concerning this great personage, through the chief apostle to the Gentiles? That is the point! Brothers and sisters, I reiterate, the titles AND offices invested in Melchizedec, being **The KING-PRIEST of ELYON**, is too much to be laid upon any mortal who is a sinner; one who is born in sin, shapen in iniquity, and who came into the world speaking lies! It would amount to outright blasphemy! Only God can bear these titles, and as I said before, all God's redemptive titles are invested in Jesus the Christ! Do you know what? Even the Scriptures say that the Lord Jesus is our peace, according to the Book of Ephesians Chapter 2, verse 14: **“For HE IS OUR PEACE, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us.”** Again it is written in the Book of 1 Corinthians

Chapter 1, verse 30-31: **“But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God IS MADE UNTO US wisdom, and RIGHTEOUSNESS, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.”** Therefore, no man that is born of a woman can be the king of peace, and neither can he be the king of righteousness, except we are spiritually insane! I say that with respect, and in order to make a serious point, because Jesus Christ is our righteousness and peace. But who made him that? Our God! Why? Because really, God is our peace, and our righteousness! But the peace and the righteousness which we have of God, is invested IN, and also expressed THROUGH Christ Jesus our Lord, making him our peace, and our righteousness, our all in all. The King of righteousness and the King of peace, (which is really what Salem means), are titles belonging exclusively to God, for He is the King of the universe. That is why in the Millennium, it is still God IN Christ, ruling over all the earth, which is why Zechariah Chapter 14,

verse 5d states: **“... and The Lord MY GOD SHALL COME, and all the saints with thee”**, because it is our God coming in the Millennium, and so saith other Scriptures. Since God placed men here, and since He has been using men, the Lord has never invested in any Fallen Man, titles that belong only to God! Never has He done so, from the Book of Genesis to the Book of Revelation! All the redemptive titles of God are invested solely in Jesus Christ. Hence, Isaiah Chapter 9, verses 6-7 declares: **“For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given: and THE GOVERNMENT”**, (which is the KINGSHIP or RULERSHIP), **“shall be upon his shoulder: and HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, THE PRINCE”** (OR KING) **“OF PEACE. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David”** (IN SALEM, WHICH IS JERUSALEM), **“and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth**

even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.” Church, you must know that that cannot give any of the two titles Melchizedec bears to any man born in sin, shapen in iniquity. It will not work! **W H O I S T H I S M E L C H I Z E D E C ?** He is a King-Priest! Come with me to the Scriptures, as we unveil this personage scripturally.

We will take Hebrews Chapter 7 again, beginning from verse 1, so as to get back into the thought flow of this rich and deep passage of Scripture. It declares: **“For this Melchisedec, KING OF SALEM”**, (is the term which stumble the rabbinical writers, for they take it to mean that Melchizedec was an earthly king in that day, the king of Salem, and that is not so, because the Jebusite city, which was captured by the Jews many centuries later, and which was then renamed Jerusalem, was not yet in the hands of the children of Israel, and it was not yet called Salem, for in Abraham's day, the nation of Israel was not yet born. Moreover, Abraham did not own one piece of the land of the Canaanites in the days of his sojourn in Canaan, even though God gave it to him as a promise to his

seeds. But Salem is used strictly in its prophetic application, meaning King of peace, even though it also speaks prophetically of the fact that the King of peace, who is Jesus Christ, will also be the King of Salem, a city which in the days of Melchizedec, was not in the hands of Shem. Please note that. Now pay close attention, as we retake verse 1): **“For this Melchisedec, King of Salem, Priest of the Most High God”**, (a King–Priest), **“who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation KING OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, and after that also King of Salem, which is, KING OF PEACE; WITHOUT FATHER , ”** (f o r Melchizedec does not have any father whatsoever, whether natural or spiritual), **“WITHOUT M O T H E R , ”** (f o r Melchizedec also cannot be born of a woman, and hence he has no mother, whether natural or spiritual), **“WITHOUT DESCENT,”** (for he has no genealogy from which he came, for a genealogy simply does not exist for Melchizedec. And let me

warn: It is not that his genealogy is not written as some claim, or that God did not consider his genealogical record, but that he has none at all, for he has No father or mother, which is precisely why he is **“WITHOUT DESCENT”**), **“HAVING NEITHER BEGINNING OF DAYS, NOR END OF LIFE”**; (making him absolutely to be the Eternal Spirit God, unlike Jesus Christ the Son of God, who has a definite, recorded, and celebrated beginning, and an end of life, when he died on the cross, even though he also rose again on the third day, nevermore to die. But in contrast, Melchizedec has NO BEGINNING OF DAYS, NOR END OF LIFE, and furthermore, he has no father or mother, by which it is manifest that he is the Eternal Spirit God); **“BUT MADE LIKE UNTO”**, (meaning that he was transformed to represent or to typify Jesus Christ), **“THE SON OF GOD”**; **“abideth a priest continually”**, (meaning that his priesthood is unchangeable). Do not forget, brothers and sisters, that we are talking about **THE APPLICATION OF TYPES AND SHADOWS**. Now we are

in the deep waters. We have told you that some types are simple, and hence, plain, but also that some other types are complex, and hence are deep. That is precisely why men are now drowning in their consideration of Melchizedec. They are drowning in the deep waters of the Word, because of God's use of deep typology; which is why they are trying desperately to explain away the plain meaning and the plain interpretation of this passage of Scripture. That is why Brother Branham said that men with their canary brain can explain away every promise of the Bible. They say that the days of miracles are past; that miracles were only for the days of the apostles; that it was only for Pentecost. They can explain away everything. They explain away the power of the Gospel. They say: *"All we want is love. That is what is important. Gifts are not important. What is important is love. We do not need gifts. We need love."* That is how they preach in the so-called Grace and Truth Tabernacle, Ifako-Bariga, Lagos. And you know that such love does not even have God in it to start with. Love which is without the gifts of the Spirit of God has

no God in it. They explain everything away! And when you go under anointing in that assembly, they will carry you and put you inside a room by yourself. When you "sober up" in that room, you can come back to church. I was there! They explain everything away from the Bible! They explain away eternal life! Because if you believe the nonsense they peddle, that is what it does to you: It takes away eternal life from you. Do not let anybody take your crown! That is the truth! Just look at what the Bible says here in plain terms, for it needs no interpretation. The Scripture declares that this Melchizedec does not have a father or mother, and neither does he have a beginning of days nor end of life, and you want to say that that is Shem, the son of Noah? That is utter absolute rubbish! Shem was a son of Noah, for he had a father, and a beginning of days, and he also had an end of life, for as recorded in Genesis Chapter 11, verses 10-11, he died at the very age of 600 years, and was buried! Moreover, we know his grandfather's name, Lamech. We even know that of his great grandfather, Methuselah. We know his genealogy

right up to the first Adam, and back to God. So, Shem has a father, being an offspring! *"Well, Brother Amos, maybe Saint Paul was referring to his office."* You cannot talk about father and mother when talking about an office, and neither can you talk of genealogy when you are talking of an office. You cannot do that! This just lets us know without any spec of doubt, that Melchizedec is not a mortal. Simple! On the other hand, our High Priest, Jesus Christ of Nazareth, has a Father. And who is his Father? It is not Joseph the Carpenter: That was only his supposed father, for Joseph is not his Father! His Father is Elohim, El Elyon! And he also has a biological mother, whose name is Mary. But this Melchizedek has no father, he has no mother, for he has no descent, and his life has no beginning, and neither does it have an end. Common sense will tell you therefore, that Melchizedec cannot be a mortal human being, but the Eternal Spirit God! Period! Can I hear Amen? Absolutely! Oh, my! But on the other hand, Jesus Christ our Lord HAS a beginning, and he also HAD an end, for he died at

thirty three and a half years of age, even though he also rose from the dead, to die no more, for he now liveth forevermore; which is why he is the immortal Son of God, and not the eternal Son of God, for **ETERNAL MEANS NO BEGINNING AND NO END!** Only the eternal Spirit has no beginning and no end. And because Jesus has a beginning, and a Father and mother, is precisely why his genealogy is written, tracing his **“descent”** back to the first Adam, through Abraham, and also through Shem, as recorded in the Gospel of Saint Luke Chapter 3! That is why we know he was 33½ years old at his death on the cross! **W H O I S T H I S M E L C H I Z E D E C ?** It is not Shem! It is definitely not a man, for it is not any mortal: It is more than a man! The inspired revelation of Apostle Paul settles the matter with absolute and unquestionable finality. Let me now show you exactly what God is saying here; what God did with Melchizedec way back there in Genesis Chapter 14. Watch carefully, for it is a very beautiful picture. But they must muddle it up, just so as to have the revelation of what they do not have. Pay attention.

Who is Melchizedek? Brothers and sisters, you cannot lay that image on any mortal. You have got to see the Eternal Spirit God projecting something; prefiguring something: because it is God speaking to His children in a serious Type, in order to help us see His great plan of redemption. What happened way back there in Genesis Chapter 14 is this. In the days of shadows, which gives us the MOON Season, which is the Old Testament Dispensation, and which is a mere reflection of the SUN Season, speaking of the Dispensation of the SON of God, which is the New Testament Era, the Grace Age, Almighty God wanted to pre-figure the **KINGSHIP** and the **PRIESTHOOD** ministry He invested in His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, for redemption purposes. God had foreordained before the foundation of the world, that the three office-works He had sovereignly designed for redemption, which gives us **Prophet, Priest, and King**, will be carried out through Jesus Christ His Son. However, it will be Jehovah God IN him, fulfilling all these offices, for as it is written in 2 Corinthians Chapter 5,

verse 19: **“To wit, GOD was IN Christ, reconciling the world unto HIMSELF...”** Hence, the Son himself admitted in John Chapter 5, verse 19, declaring: **“... Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can DO NOTHING of himself...”** It was God IN Christ, doing the works, fulfilling the three office works of redemption, of Prophet, Priest, and King. But remember, the Prophet, which comes first, is also **“the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world.”** For the Messiah-Prophet whom Moses said will come, will pay the price of sin, thereby fulfilling the first office work of redemption, the office of the PROPHET, being the perfect sacrifice for sin. Following the sacrifice of Calvary, then he will occupy the second office of HIGH PRIEST, in heaven, the **“MEDIATOR between God and men.”** After the fulfilment of the second office, he will then step into the third and final office of KING, THE JUDGE of the whole earth in the Millennium, which office sees him as the Great Judge, at the White Throne Judgment, which third and final office will bring redemption to its

completeness and closure, and then we will enter the eight day, which is eternity. This is the point when Christ will hand over the fully redeemed kingdom back to God the Father, laying down all rule, authority and power, giving it back to God, and he will submit to God and worship Him, all through eternity, on the full authority of 1 Corinthians Chapter 15, verse 28, when he becomes our elder brother, being as it is written in Romans Chapter 8, verse 29, ***“the FIRSTBORN among many brethren.”*** Now, God being a God of Types and Shadows, in order to pre-figure, or in order to typify the Kingship and the Priesthood of Jesus Christ, Jehovah-TSIDKENU, who is also Jehovah-SHALOM, created a material body which He will use for this divine purpose, called Melchizedec, a name which not only carries a Double or compound meaning, it also carries Two offices of redemption, being strictly prophetic in every essence. And on the full authority of the unquestionable revelation Saint Paul bore for the universal bride of Jesus Christ, recorded in Hebrews Chapter 7, verse 2, Melchizedec means, ***“First being by interpretation”*** (of the Spirit of God): ***“King of***

RIGHTEOUSNESS, and after that also... King of PEACE.” This infallibly confirms that Melchizedec was used by God to characterize and express the Kingship AND the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. That was why Melchizedec was a **King-Priest**, typifying Jesus Christ the King-Priest. Hence the reason why Melchizedec bore the double titles of God, two titles of redemption, King of Righteousness, and King of Peace! Therefore, we must all understand, brothers and sisters, that in that day, God having previously laid out this great and elaborate plan of redemption in His mind, which plan remained with Him in His mind as at that material time, for the details of it had not yet been given to any man, except that He had promised Abraham that the nations of the world will be saved through him. Full stop! Consequently, God having laid out the precise details of redemption in His mind, and seeing the most crucial role, the central role Jesus will play in it, He decided to exemplify or typify the kingship and the priesthood of Jesus Christ, through Melchizedec. This personage was a temporary body, a

temporary creation God stepped into, and with it, He appeared unto Abraham, as he returned from the slaughter of the four kings. It is what is called a Theophany. It was Elohim appearing in the form of a man, and as a man, for He was only characterizing and pre-figuring the ministry of Jesus Christ. That was why Melchizedec came as a king, the King of Salem, which is strictly prophetic, for it speaks of the rulership of Jesus Christ, for as it is written, the Government shall be upon his shoulder, and he shall reign over the earth from JeruSALEM, and peace shall cover the earth, as the waters cover the sea. Thus saith the Word of God! Therefore, he appeared as the king of Salem, for indeed, God is the King of Salem, which is the King of Peace, and He is also the King of JersuSALEM in the Middle East, even though in that day, it had not yet become that of the Shemitic race of people! But He is the King of Jerusalem nonetheless, and Jesus is coming to rule over Jerusalem, being the King of Salem! And as the King of Salem, he is the Prince or King of peace! Halleluiah! But furthermore, we are told

by the inspired record of Moses that Melchizedec was ***“the Priest of the Most High God”***! God simply used that newly created body to function as His Priest, thereby characterizing and pre-figuring the High Priestly ministry of Christ. That is precisely why He had to speak in the third person, for he was functioning, though momentarily, in the place of Jesus, a man who today, speaks to God on our behalf! What is so difficult to understand in that? He does not speak as God, but he speaks to God on our behalf, just as Melchizedec did! And that is also why he brought the two emblems of memorial, representing the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, which is the bread and wine. Note that it was done after Abraham had won the battle against the four kings, speaking of the fact that Christ's Priesthood will also be established in reality, after he has gained victory over sin, death, and hell, triumphing over the grave with his resurrection. And about two thousand years later, here came Jesus Christ with bread and wine, which he similarly broke and gave to his disciples in the upper room, as emblems of his death and burial, and after his

resurrection, he was lifted up to the very throne of God the Father, as our great High Priest! How perfect! What a perfect type! God Himself created the body that He used to set this type, for it was a temporary body of God, a body designed specifically to function in this typological capacity. That is why in Hebrews Chapter 7, verse 3, Apostle Paul declared of Melchizedec, that he is ***“Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; BUT MADE LIKE UNTO THE SON OF GOD...”*** He was used to convey a type, a most beautiful type, for he was ***“made LIKE UNTO”*** Jesus! What can anyone not see in that, if our heart is right? Melchizedec is not Christ. Please note that! Melchizedec is not Jesus Christ; but he was MADE TO BE LIKE HIM, for he typified Christ; he was made to set a type of him; for he pre-figured Christ! It is nothing but a divine projection of the reality we will have in the ministry of His Son. Simple!

Continuing on with the divine breakdown of Melchizedec which Apostle Paul laid out in Hebrews Chapter 7, verse 4, the Bible records: ***“Now***

consider HOW GREAT THIS MAN WAS, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils.” Now they argue: ***“Brother Amos, if this man did not exist, how could Paul say he was a great man?”*** In turn I ask: Is Melchizedec not a great person? Was the man who met Abraham in Genesis Chapter 18, not a great man? He is in fact the greatest, for we are looking at the Eternal Spirit God, projected in a physical form! Come on! How else would you refer to such a personage? And just how would you know he is great, if it is not stated in the Holy Writ? We all know that there is NO MAN born of woman that is as great as Jesus Christ; for NO MAN in the entire Adamic lineage ever walked in shoe leather like him, being the greatest man ever; and he is the End-type of this beautiful Type. So, in setting this type, which is a perfect type, how else will we see the type for what it really is, if the Scriptures did not also speak of His greatness? Please tell me! God is only setting a perfect type! Why can you not see God in typology? Right there in typology, God is prefiguring something, because God

is using it to set a type of something, for it is a divine drama of a future reality! It is a prefiguring! We all know that whatever God does is perfect, and cannot be added to, nor can anything be taken away from it either. And God has a right to project anything He wants to project, in order to convey a truth of salvation to His people. Can I hear Amen? He has a right to do that! And the declaration of God is perfect! The problem, however, is that this type is a deep type, and as such, if you do not allow the Spirit of God to deal with you, as Saint Peter stated, in interpreting the writings of Saint Paul, you can interpret it to your own damnation. That is a fact! Melchizedec was ***“MADE LIKE UNTO the Son of God”***, and he was also projected as a very great man. And as I just stated, God can do whatever He needs to do, in order to convey the revelation of His plan of salvation to His elect children, so that we can appreciate the reality of Christ, knowing the extent God has gone to, to lay out this great and most complex plan. Exactly! You cannot reject the typological application of Melchizedec, where God manifested in a Theophany, in order to set a type of the Priesthood and

Kingship of Christ, no more than you can reject the typological application of the Theophany manifestation of God in Genesis Chapter 18, which also sets a type of Jesus' Prophetic ministry, and you know you cannot do that! Moreover, I have to warn, that you cannot reject something simply because that Theophany does not exist in a reality, for it existed momentarily, for in both instances, Abraham did not walk, talk, and eat literal bread and wine, along with savoury meat, with an imaginary being! Wake up! It was a real live experience, for he could touch, and he conversed, and also ate with the two great personages projected in the two encounters! It was Jehovah God in the two Theophany projections, all pre-figuring the ministry of Jesus, as PROPHET, PRIEST, and KING. Period! Indeed, the revelation of Paul is extremely deep. No wonder God had to send him a messenger of Satan to buffet him, an eye infirmity, so that he might not be lifted up above measure, for the depth and the abundance of the revelations he received from God! My, oh my! He said so himself in 2

Corinthians Chapter 12, verse 7! And it took Apostle Paul to unveil the deep prophetic typology conveyed by God way back there in Genesis Chapter 14. God be praised! Amen! This is where we are going to close, and so, please pay attention. Hebrews Chapter, 7, verses 4-7, states: ***“Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils. And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham: But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises. And without all contradiction the LESS is blessed of the BETTER”***, (because the “better”, meaning the GREATER, is God in a theophany body; Elohim in a theophany person. And yet, Abraham is called ***“the father of faith”***; but yet, he is called the less in this passage, and further, that the better blessed the

less. Who is the better? It is Elohim, prefiguring Christ! What a great personage Melchizedec truly is! However, I must remind you that nobody saw him again after this encounter, and there is no record of him after that, until Saint Paul stepped on the scene, and picked up the divine encounter by divine revelation, and laid out the fantastic type God set in that day. Halleluia! He was a great man indeed. But who was that man? It is Elohim foreshadowing Christ. And when I say foreshadowing, I mean prefiguring; setting a type. And how did He manifest? As a man! How did Elohim manifest? As a man! He manifested as a man, a great man, and Abraham saw Him as a man, a great man. But the difference between this projection in Genesis Chapter 14, with that of Chapter 18, is that He spoke in the third person in the former, whereas in the latter, He spoke in the first person; but it is the same God in both instances, manifesting differently, on account of the differences in the ministry objectives of Jesus Christ, whom He was typing. Full stop! But after that day, nobody ever saw Melchizedec again, just as the Theophany manifestation recorded in

Genesis Chapter 18, was never repeated. Never! The body and the manifestation had served God's divine purpose, in relation to His plan of redemption.

Alright, let us try and wrap up. However, I want to touch on something, for the sake of the body of Christ. Verse 8: ***“And here men that die receive tithes”*** (under the Law of Moses); ***“but THERE”*** (in Genesis Chapter 14), ***“HE”*** (Melchizedec), ***“receiveth THEM, of whom it is witnessed that HE LIVETH.”*** Saints, No mortal man can be Melchizedec, other than Elohim Himself in a theophany body, which is why it is stated ***“THAT HE LIVETH”***, (even as we speak, referring to the Spirit of Jehovah, the very life invested in that theophany, for he is eternal. Saints, do I need to tell you that you cannot say that of Shem, for it will amount to blasphemy? The truth is that Almighty God is He that Liveth! In other words, He is one who cannot die! That is why He has no father, and He has no mother, He has no beginning of days, nor end of life. He even has no descent, for He is not an offspring of any being.

Think about it! But he was made in a physical projection, as a type of the Son of God. But do not forget that the Bible states here that He, Melchizedec, received ***“THEM”***, referring to a plurality of tithes which Abraham paid, for as it is written in Genesis Chapter 14, verses 20, ***“... he gave him tithes OF ALL”*** (the goods he had). Now pay close attention, for as I said, we must touch on something. Hebrews Chapter 7, verses 9-10, records: ***“And as I may so say, LEVI also, who receiveth tithes, PAYED TITHES IN ABRAHAM. For he was yet in the loins of his father”***, (still as a seed), ***“when Melchisedec met him.”*** What a revelation Apostle Paul bore, and how deeply he also conveyed it! My! I take it again: ***“And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham. For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him.”*** Church, I have to ask: If you do not believe in the Doctrine of Predestination, what are you going to do with this Bible text? It is plainly and infallibly written that Levi, a man who was not yet born when Abraham met

Melchizedec, paid tithes. Think about it! Yet, LEVI was not born directly by Abraham. He was born later by Jacob, and he was, in fact, Jacob's third son, which makes Levi to be Abraham's GREAT GRANDSON, as recorded in Genesis Chapter 29, verse 34! Think of it! Consequently, we must ask: Just how did Levi pay tithes in Abraham? It was strictly by divine imputation! It was imputed to him by God, because out of Levi would come the Levitical priesthood. Yes! So, now, we see two people from whom Melchizedec received tithes in that day, Abraham and Levi. Brothers and sisters, if you are not following Jesus Christ in a true divine revelation of the Word, just how can you see these things, let alone understand them? Exactly! May I also say this: If Levi paid tithes in Abraham, and we know he did, (for the Scriptures cannot be broken), then, you ought to know that Isaac also paid tithes. You are not hearing me! If Levi paid tithes, you must know that Isaac paid tithes as well! And if Isaac paid tithes, then Jacob also paid tithes! Absolutely! Why is it so? It is simply because in that day, Levi was only a **seed IN a seed, IN a seed**, who was also a **seed IN**

Abraham. Are you with me? In that material day, Levi was a seed in Jacob, and Jacob was a seed in Isaac, and Isaac was still a seed in Abraham, when Melchizedec met him. As a result, if Levi paid tithes, then the other two men also paid tithes by imputation, for they are his progenitors. Come on! If tithing was imputed to Levi, and we all know by the Scriptures that it certainly was, then, we must know that it was imputed also to Jacob and Isaac, all who were still seeds inside Abraham. It is called the PREDESTINATION OF SEEDS. Church, I show you the people who paid tithes to Melchizedec on that day, by divine imputation, even though only Levi was mentioned, for by his tribe, the Law of tithing would be set in motion. Do not forget that Isaac and Jacob also lived under grace, for the Law came much later by Moses. And since we are on the subject of tithes, let me just say this: What Abraham did in Genesis Chapter 14, the tithes he paid, he did it by faith, for in that day there was no law requiring it, for he lived under grace. He paid tithes strictly by divine revelation, as the father of faith, which simply means that he is the father of all

faithful, the father of all those who will also walk with God by faith. Please do not tell me that he paid tithes because it was the custom. Forget it! It was not! Yes, tithes as a requirement of the law came by Moses. But before the law came, there was grace, and at this hour of grace, which speaks of the New Testament era of grace, Abraham paid tithes, by the operation of faith. Now listen carefully to what I now say, and how I say it. Since Abraham paid tithes by faith, as the father of all those who will afterwards also live by faith, although we are not required by the direct provisions of the New Testament to pay tithes: But since we are also walking with God by faith, and tithing has been incorporated into the New Testament by reference, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and it does not nullify the position of the New Testament, with respect to the sustenance of the ministry, and of widows, and of such like people, but rather, it complements it, THEN we believe in paying tithes; Not by law, Not by commandment, Not by ministry demands, but strictly by faith, because the essence or the spirit of

tithing, has been incorporated into the New Testament, through Hebrews Chapter 7, verses 4-10! Full stop! Moreover, this is the stand of Elijah of Malachi Chapter 4, verse 6B, the star messenger to this Laodicean church age; and this is the stand of the chief apostle of this end time; and it is also my stand, regardless of the gross abuse men have brought to the issue of tithing around the world. The fact remains that we cannot go into extremes with a truth, not even because of the great abuse men have subjected tithing to, for there is a right way to look at something, and there is a wrong way to look at it. There is a right way to do something, and there is also a wrong way to do it. Tithing remains a responsibility of the children of light; but it is between every individual and His God, for it has to remain by faith, Not of commandment, Not by force or coercion, just as it was in the days of Abraham, when Melchizedec met him. But if by faith Abraham paid tithes, I will also pay tithes by the operation of faith, because I am a royal seed of Abraham. Simple! We are children of light, and as children of light, we must understand that we owe God more than a tenth of

our substance: We owe Him our all, our lives; we owe Him our very existence, for money is nothing! Period! Alright, let us return to Hebrews Chapter 7, to finish off our message.

Brothers and sisters, in that day, Melchizedec was used by God to pre-figure the Priesthood of Jesus, who, under the law, could not have been a priest, for he did not come from the tribe of Levi, but from Judah. As we have been emphasizing, because the Levitical priesthood was going to change, God had to speak in a figure to Israel, through Melchizedec, even though the typology was lost on them, for they did not understand it until Apostle Paul came. The change in the priesthood was established by God in a serious typology, for there is no place in the entire law of Moses where the change is so written! Therefore, when Melchizedec came, thereby setting a type of the Priesthood of the coming Messiah, showing that a change in the Priesthood was coming, the children of Israel did not understand it, even though they read about Melchizedec in the writings of Moses, because

the Priesthood of Christ is first for the royal seeds of Abraham, which is the universal nation of the bride, in fulfillment of the Word of promise which God made to Abraham, in Genesis Chapter 12, verse 3, which states from verse 1: ***“Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation”*** (called Israel), ***“and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall ALL FAMILIES OF THE EARTH BE BLESSED”***, (which is a redemptive blessing, a salvational blessing, taking in the Gentile bride). The Jews did not understand its implication or application at all, even though later in David, by an oath, God confirmed the New Priestly Order which Melchizedec established in that day, by that manifestation. Church, the man who held the revelation of the Masterplan of Gentile salvation, is Apostle Paul.

Hence the reason why he was the man to break down the deep typological Ministry Move God set through Melchizedec in that day, through the rich inspiration of the Holy Spirit. And hence his deep knowledge of the things of Christ, above every other Jew! Hebrews Chapter 7, beginning from verses 9-28, declares: **“And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham. For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him. If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron? For the priesthood being changed,”** (through the typological Ministry Move God made in Melchizedec, which Move God also confirmed with an oath, as recorded by David in the Psalms), **“there is made of necessity a change also of the law. For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of**

Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far MORE EVIDENT: for that after the SIMILITUDE OF MELCHISEDEC there ariseth ANOTHER PRIEST, Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life. For He” (God) **“testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever AFTER THE ORDER OF MELCHISEDEC”,** (meaning that Christ is a Priest, after the New Order which Melchizedec established in that day IN A TYPE). **“For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof. For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God. And inasmuch as not without an oath he was made priest: (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by Him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:) By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better Testament. And they**

truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death: But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. For such a high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself. For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore.” EL ELYON, THE GOD OF TYPES AND SHADOWS, was at work in Genesis Chapter 14! Absolutely!

Brothers and sisters, there is a divine objective for everything God does. What a beautiful type Melchizedec set in that

day! You know what, church? God did all that just to show that there is going to come a High Priest much later in time, who will be Jesus the Christ, the Mediator between God and men. And that was even before the law came by Moses! Why? Because God is a God of Types and Shadows! And what an office of Christ he Typed! And church, what a personage this Melchizedec was! What a man! After his singular and only appearance in that day, nothing else was heard or read about him, until David was moved by the Spirit of God, to give us the oath which God swore, concerning the Order of Melchizedec, which Christ was ordained to step into. The issue of Melchizedec was completely blanked out thereafter, and the whole religious world went into a speculation frenzy concerning him, until **"The Apostle"** to the Gentiles came. In a deep divine spiritual vision, Saint Paul saw Melchizedec, and the Lord Jesus laid out to him the very essence of the Theophany manifestation in Genesis, and coming out of the divine experience, Saint Paul declared categorically, that it was God pre-figuring something, setting a Type of Christ, who is also a KING-PRIEST, the King of Righteousness, and the

King of Peace. *WHO IS THIS MELCHIZEDEK?* That was Elohim pre-figuring Jesus the Christ in a Theophany body. Saints, take a close look at the Type, and also look at the End-Type: They both flush together perfectly, giving us High Priests of El Elyon: Melchizedec and Jesus Christ; King-Priests! As the Book of Hebrews Chapter 7, verses 2-3 declares, Melchizedec, ***"... first being by interpretation KING OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, and after that also King of Salem, which is, KING OF PEACE. Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; BUT MADE LIKE UNTO THE SON OF GOD; abideth a priest continually."*** Therefore, I warn: To make Shem Melchizedec will not work, for it will amount to blasphemy. And to also make the Melchizedec of the Old Testament the literal Jesus Christ himself, will also not work, for in the days of Melchizedec, Jesus was still only in the mind of the Father, as a central focal thought. And if you also take Melchizedec, and make him a prince of the Canaanites, taking him into the Canaanite lineage of the son of Ham that was cursed and made a slave, that is absolute confusion!

Church, I show you Melchizedec in its true scriptural typological projection. Yet, I must point out that the prophetic typological representation which Melchizedec conveyed, is not as complex as the prophetic typological representation which the New Jerusalem conveyed, with its street of gold and twelve foundations, made of twelve precious stones, and the gates of pearls, with the river of life, and the tree of life! It means in essence, that the Bible gives us only three Theophany manifestations, recorded in Genesis Chapter 14, Genesis Chapter 18, and Exodus Chapter 33. And when we consider the Theophany manifestation of God in Exodus Chapter 33, I want to re-affirm, for I must point out, that it is no different to that of Genesis 18, except that Moses did not sit and eat with this Theophany. However, what we must understand is this: The fact that Moses did not touch this great personage does not mean that He was not material or touchable, for He was definitely material! In other words, What Moses saw was a physical being, a person with a distinct physical image, a palpable corporeal body, even though Moses was not

privileged to converse with the Theophany projection, and neither was he allowed to touch him, or see his face. This is an absolute truth, because it was not an angel manifesting to Moses, but Elohim! God was the one Moses pleaded with to see Him in His full glory, and it was God who manifested Himself to Moses in a specific bodily form, and in His full glory, a glory which is invested solely in Jesus Christ! It was a direct, physical body manifestation of God to Moses, on a level in which no mortal was allowed to see his facial likeness! This confirms the truth that the *T h e o p h a n y* was manifesting in the very body image of Jesus Christ who was to come, which was why Moses was not allowed to see His face! And herein lies the difference in this Theophany manifestation. In Genesis Chapter 14, the Theophany prefigured Jesus Christ as King-Priest. In Genesis Chapter 18, the

Theophany prefigured Jesus as the Prophet. But in Exodus Chapter 33, the Theophany prefigured the very person and physical likeness of the Promised Messiah, in whom is invested all the majesty and glory of the Eternal Spirit God!

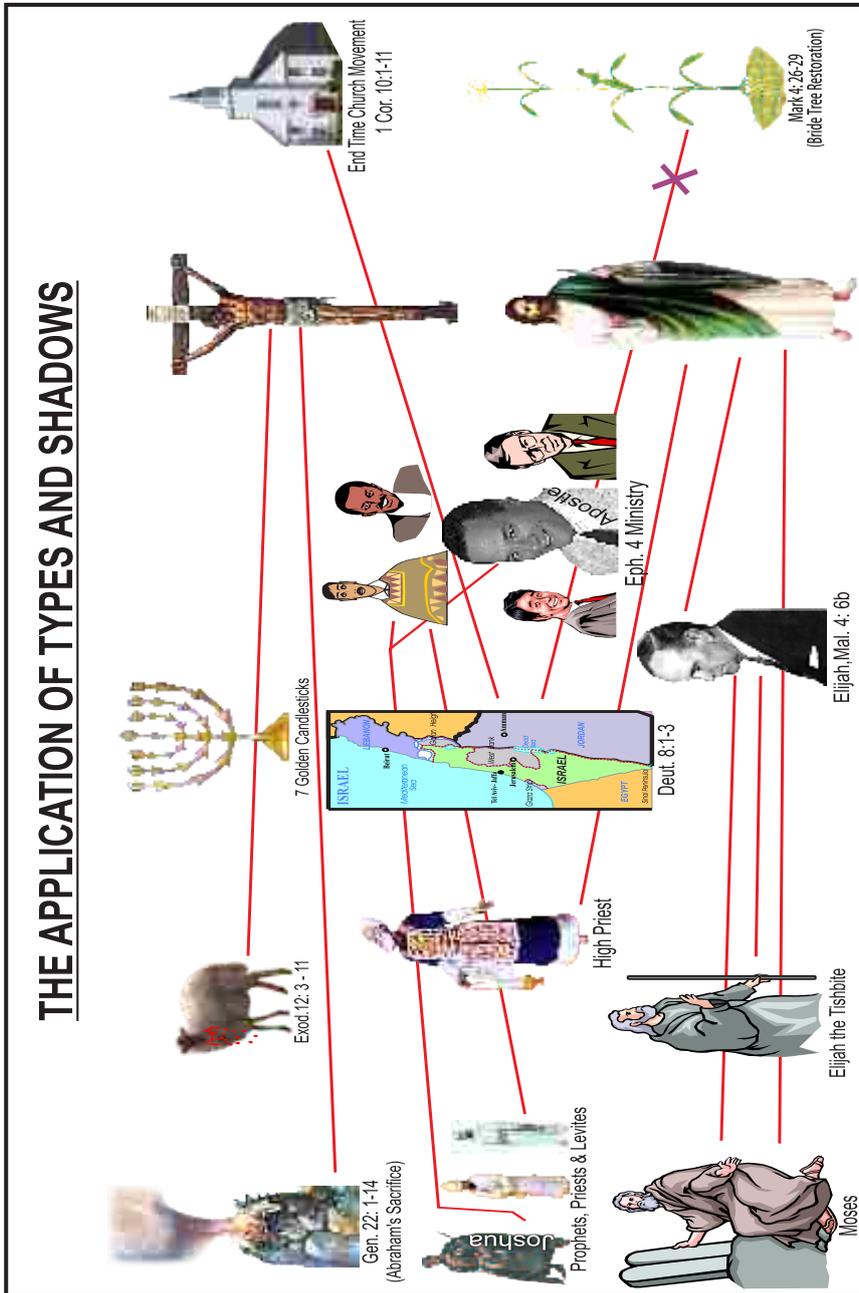
Saints of God, there is only one true inspired interpretation that the Bible gives us, concerning Melchizedec, and there can be only one true interpretation of Scripture, and that interpretation is precisely that which Apostle Paul laid down for us in the Book of Hebrews Chapter 7. Consequently, I have to say: All other grounds are sinking sand! Of course you can also go to Hebrews Chapter 7, and explain it away as much as you want. But I tell you: The truth of Melchizedec which Saint Paul laid out, is too clear, too plain, too direct, and too perfect, that it does not need any one's

interpretation, for nothing else makes sense! Neither is there any other place you can go with this truth, **FOR GOD HAS SPOKEN IN HIS WRITTEN INFALLIBLE WORD!** And indeed, God is His own Interpreter! How many see the point? I hope you can see Melchizedek in a Type, a beautiful Type, because we already see him in his Ante-Type, in Jesus Christ, who is our Great Intercessor. *WHO IS THIS MELCHIZEDEC?* It was Elohim in a temporary body of flesh, called a Theophany. **It was God applying the Law of Types and Shadows**, in setting forth two of the three office-works of Jesus Christ our Lord, the King-Priest. *I show you THE APPLICATION OF TYPES AND SHADOWS.* Let us bow our heads in prayer. (Brother Amos prayed).

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



Shem's Genealogical Life Chart

Progenitor	Birth Age	Son	Shem's 500 Years Balance
Shem	100Yrs	Aphaxad	0 Yrs (Baseline)
Aphaxad	35Yrs	Salah	+35 yrs
Salah	30Yrs	Eber	+30 yrs = 65
Eber	34Yrs	Peleg	+34 yrs = 99
Peleg	30Yrs	Reu	+30 yrs = 129
Reu	32Yrs	Serug	+32 yrs = 161
Serug	30Yrs	Nahor	+30 yrs = 191
Nahor	29Yrs	Terah	+29 yrs = 220
Terah	70Yrs	Abram	+70 yrs = 290
Abram	175Yrs	Total Life Span	+175yrs = 465
			Total = 465Yrs

Shem's Balance of 500 Yrs — 465 Yrs = 35 Years Shem lived after Abraham passed away.

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