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Don't miss our live online Tsiyon Meeting at Tsiyon.Net tonight, featuring:



From Eliyahu

Consider this:

Month 7 is now over, and I would like to start this newsletter by saying thanks to our Tsiyon members and friends who enjoyed that special month with us. Thanks also for your uplifting messages of appreciation for what we've done here, and what we have shared with you about it during month 7. Your prayers and support have helped to keep us going through the years, and we are grateful!

Our final message was entitled *Melchizedek Mysteries Revealed*. This message includes some rather amazing information relative to Melchizedek, named in just three books of the Bible, and named only twice in all of the Hebrew Scriptures. Amazingly, the ancient temple of Melchizedek was recently unearthed in the City of David archeological site, providing new information to help us understand the

mystery of Melchizedek better than ever before. A number of you let us know you appreciated the significance of our presentation, which was great to hear. However, as we would expect, all of this also brings up a question that needs to be answered. (Gen 14:18, Psalm 110:4, See also Hebrews 5, 6, 7)

One brother put the main question this way:

"Identifying Melchizedek as Shem certainly makes sense and would resolve the mystery, but Shem did have a father, a mother and a genealogy which Hebrews 7::3 says Melchizedek did NOT have. I've always thought it was a pre-incarnate materialization of Christ ?"

This brother raises an excellent question, in view of Hebrews 7:3 as we find it in the King James Version Bible:

"For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; 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 [G540], without mother[G282], without descent [G35], having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually."
Hebrews 7:1-3 KJV

"Without father, without mother, without descent" [as translated] certainly means Melchizedek was an eternal being. Some other Bibles echo this KJV translation. Yet, that does not fit the pattern of a mortal man at all. What is going on here? When I come across a verse like this that doesn't seem to fit with the larger teaching of Scripture I think it is time to look more closely at how the verse is translated. Unfortunately, Bible translators are not perfect and sometimes misunderstand a given verse, so don't get it translated exactly right. That is definitely the case here.

According to *Strong's Greek Dictionary*, we have these definitions:

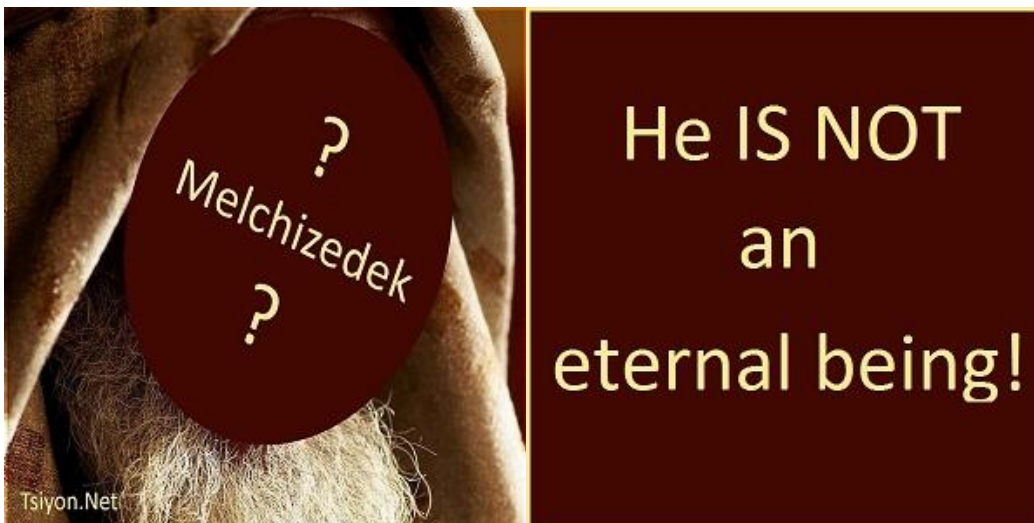
Without father - G540 - ap-at'-ore - Lit.: *of unrecorded paternity*
without mother - G282 - am-ay'-tore - Lit.: *of unknown maternity*
without descent - G35 - ag-en-eh-al-og'-ay-tos - Lit.: *unregistered birth*

Unrecorded paternity does not mean the same thing as "*without father*". "*Of unknown maternity*" does not mean the same thing as "*without mother*". Neither does "*of unregistered birth*" mean the same as "*without descent*".

What we should readily see from the literal Greek is that the author of Hebrews is not trying to say that Melchizedek is literally an eternal being. Indeed, if Melchizedek literally "abideth a priest continually" then why wasn't he found

ministering there when his temple was recently unearthed? Obviously, Hebrews does not mean to say that Melchizedek is still literally serving as a priest. If Melchizedek himself would forever be filling that priestly role, he would be leaving no room for Messiah to fill it. This logical problem is why some teach that Melchizedek himself is the same person as the Messiah. Yet, Hebrews says Melchizedek is "made like unto the Son of God." To be "like" someone never identifies a person as being the same person that one is "like." Instead it means there is a comparison between the two.

In short, Hebrews is using the unrecorded status of Melchizedek as an allegory picturing the eternal priesthood of Yeshua. It is a literary illustration of the larger spiritual truth regarding Yeshua. There is nothing about this that prevents us from using further information to identify the actual Melchizedek in order to better understand his significance. That is what we have done in our presentation of *Melchizedek Mysteries Revealed*.



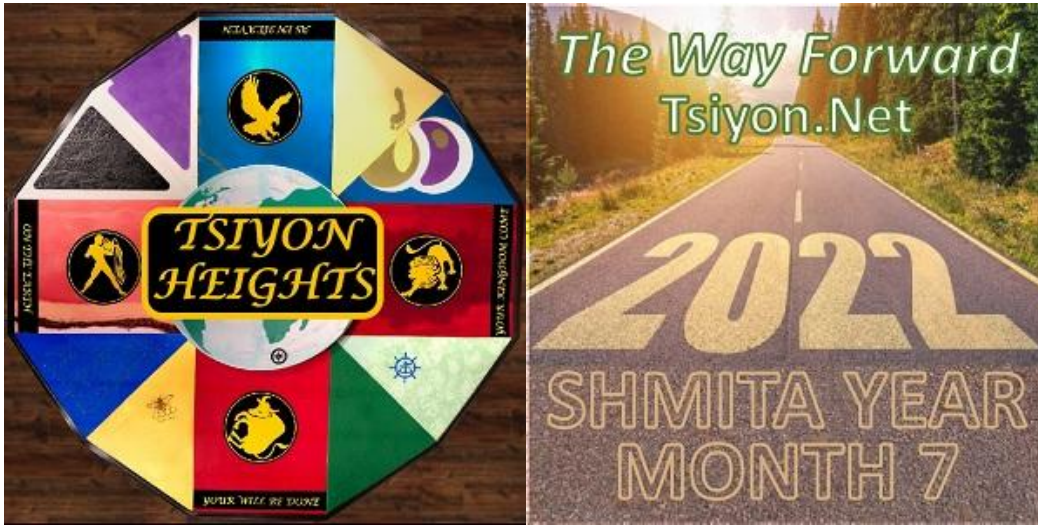
To view or re-view our presentation on Melchizedek, or anything else from month 7, you can simply click the graphics above [or below].

Now, on to month 8. Tonight we are returning to our on-going study of the Torah, teaching on these verses: Devarim/Deuteronomy 25:11 - 26:19. Here we will consider several examples of the perfect justice of our Father in heaven. Surely, the better we get to know the real YHWH, the more we can be transformed in our minds and hearts to be like Him.

Please join me tonight for our online meeting at Tsiyon.Net at 8 PM, CST. The better you come to understand the Torah, the better you will understand the mind and character of YHWH.

Blessings and good health to you,

Click the graphics below to catch up on anything you missed!



"The Kingdom of Heaven suffers violence, and the forceful snatch it away by force."
Matthew 11:12



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