

The Coming of Melchizedek

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(...) And concerning what Scripture says, *"In this year of Jubilee you shall return, everyone of you, to your property"* (**Lev. 25;13**) And what is also written; *"And this is the manner of the remission; every creditor shall remit the claim that is held against a neighbor, not exacting it of a neighbor who is a member of the community, because God's remission has been proclaimed"* (**Deut.15;2**) the interpretation is that it applies to the Last Days and concerns the captives, just as Isaiah said: *"To proclaim the Jubilee to the captives"* (**Isa. 61;1**) (...) just as (...) and from the inheritance of Melchizedek, for (... Melchizedek), who will return them to what is rightfully theirs. He will proclaim to them the Jubilee, thereby releasing them from the debt of all their sins. He shall proclaim this decree in the first week of the jubilee period that follows nine jubilee periods. Then the *"Day of Atonement"* shall follow after the tenth jubilee period, when he shall atone for all the Sons of Light, and the people who are predestined to Melchizedek. (...) upon them (...) For this is the time decreed for the *"Year of Melchizedek's favour"*, and by his might he will judge God's holy ones and so establish a righteous kingdom, as it is written about him in the Songs of David ; *"A godlike being has taken his place in the council of God; in the midst of divine beings he holds judgement"* (**ps. 82;1**). Scripture also says about him ; *"Over it take your seat in the highest heaven; A divine being will judge the peoples"* (**Ps. 7;7-8**) Concerning what scripture says ; *" How long will you judge unjustly , and show partiality with the wicked? Selah"* (**Ps. 82;2**), the interpretation applies to Belial and the spirits predestined to him, because all of them have rebelled, turning from God's precepts and so becoming utterly wicked. Therefore Melchizedek will thoroughly prosecute the vengeance required by God's statutes. Also, he will deliver all the captives from the power of Belial, and from the power of all the spirits destined to him. Allied with him will be all the *"righteous divine beings"*(**Isa. 61;3**). (The ...) is that whi(ch ...all) the divine beings.

The visitation is the Day of Salvation that He has decreed through Isaiah the prophet concerning all the captives, inasmuch as Scripture says, *"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion "Your divine being reigns"."* (**Isa. 52;7**) This scriptures' interpretation: *"the mountains"* are the prophets, they who were sent to proclaim God's truth and to prophesy to all Israel. *"The messengers"* is the Anointed of the spirit, of whom Daniel spoke; *"After the sixty-two weeks, an Anointed shall be cut off"* (**Dan. 9;26**) The *"messenger who brings good news, who announces Salvation"* is the one of whom it is written; *"to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour, the day of the vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn"* (**Isa. 61;2**) This scripture's interpretation: he is to instruct them about all the periods of history for eternity (... and in the statutes) of the truth. (...) (... dominion) that passes from Belial and returns to the Sons of Light (...) (...) by the judgment of God, just as it is written concerning him; *"who says to Zion "Your divine being reigns"* (**Isa. 52;7**) *"Zion"* is the congregation of all the sons of righteousness, who uphold the covenant and turn from walking in the way of the people. *"Your divine being"* is Melchizedek, who will deliver them from the power of Belial. Concerning what scripture says, *"Then you shall have the trumpet sounded loud; in the seventh month . . ."* (**Lev. 25;9**)