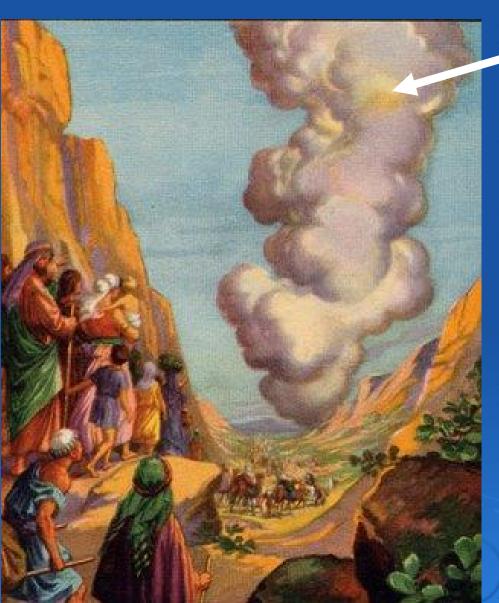




- Maimonides says all human attributes/words used for God are FIGURATIVE
- > Yehoveh is SPIRIT
- No such thing as "spirit words"

IS YESHUA <u>ALL</u> PHYSICAL MANIFESTATIONS OF GOD?



> Is this Jesus?

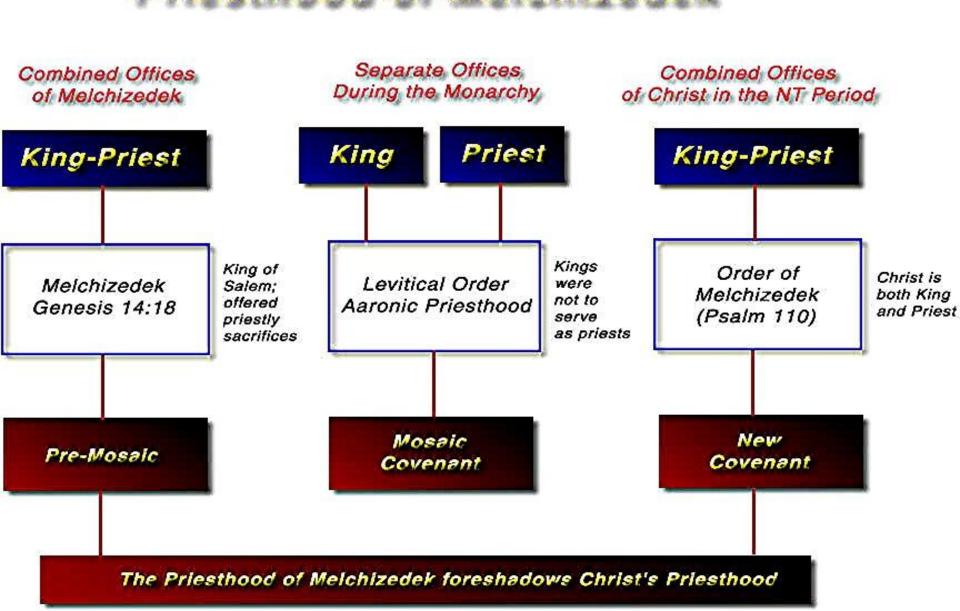
- Yeshua was NOT Melchizedek
- Angel of the Lord seems to indicate the very presence of God the Father
- How about the finger who wrote the 10 Commandments on stone, and said His name is YHWH?

WAS MELCHIZEDEK ACTUALLY SHEM?

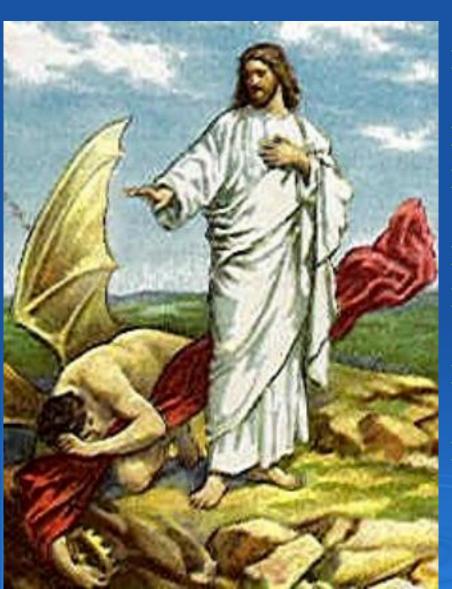
- Shem was still alive, he died well after Abraham died!
- In the midst of pagan Canaan is this man who knows the God Most High and is even His Priest
- Abraham seems to know who Melchizedek is



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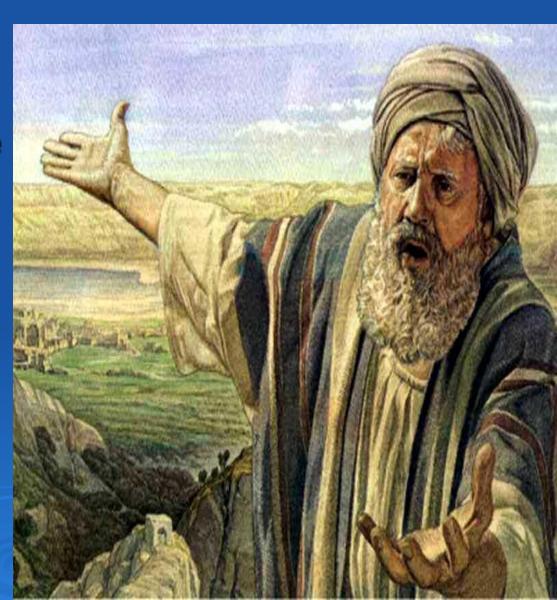
MELCHIZEDEK AND THE KING OF SODOM GREET ABRAHAM



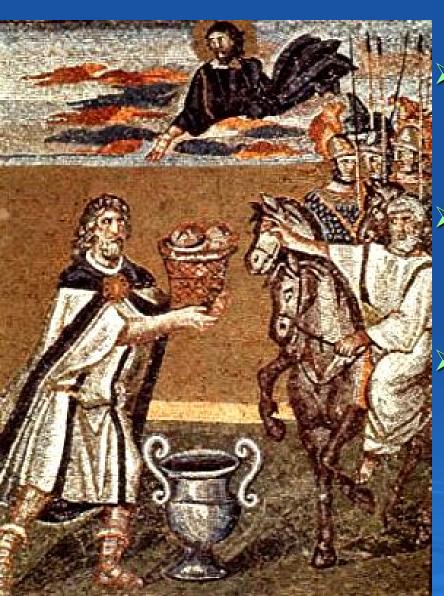
- King of Sodom offers the loot, but says "give me the people"
- > A wicked king over a wicked city
- King of Sodom is a "type" of Satan
- Melchizedek is a "type" of Christ
- Scene like Christ's encounter with Satan
- Principle: Satan doesn't want your wealth, HE WANTS YOU!
- Abraham declines King of Sodom (Satan's) offer (as did Yeshua)

GENESIS 15: THE COVENANT IS ESTABLISHED

- Abrahams fears overflow
- Was worried because he had no children of his own
- Gen 15 likely shortly after Lot was rescued
- Avram feared
 retribution from the
 Mesopotamian kings
 he had defeated



YEHOVEH PROMISES TO REWARD AVRAM

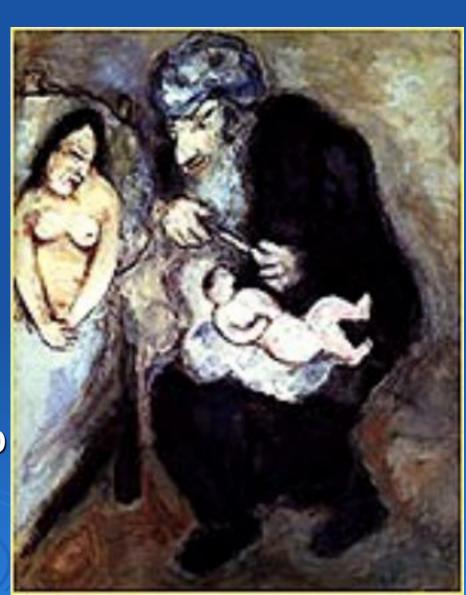


- Reward was for refusing to accept the King of Sodom's gifts
- Yet, Abraham continues to worry, doesn't easily accept God's promises
- OUR TYPICAL RESPONSE IS

"Yes, Lord....but how?"

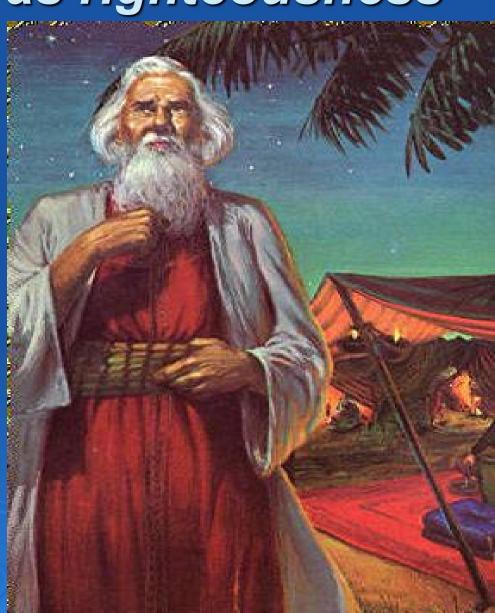
YEHOVEH PROMISES AVRAM AN HEIR

- An heir was all-important to men of that era
- Believed that they lived-on through that son
- The fundamental nature of the father was thought to continue through his heir
- A woman who could not produce a son was shamed, as that was her primary duty
- > NO CONCEPT OF DYING AND GOING TO HEAVEN IN THAT ERA

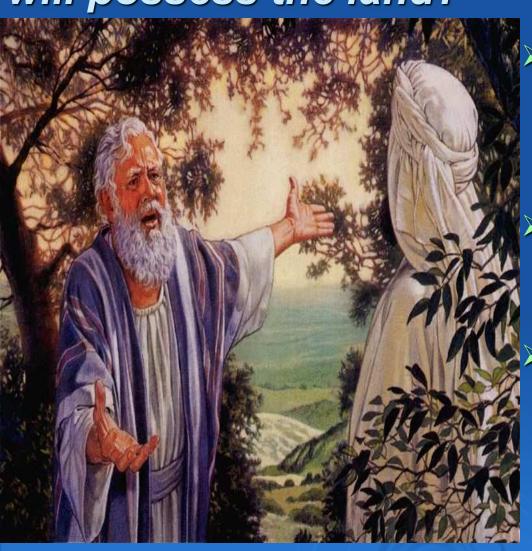


"....he believed GOD, and God credited it to him as righteousness"

- God tells Avram his descendants will be as numerous as the stars
- Eliezer (his servant) will NOT have to be his heir
- Being credited with righteousness is the essence of GRACE
- GRACE was the hope for Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and now for us!



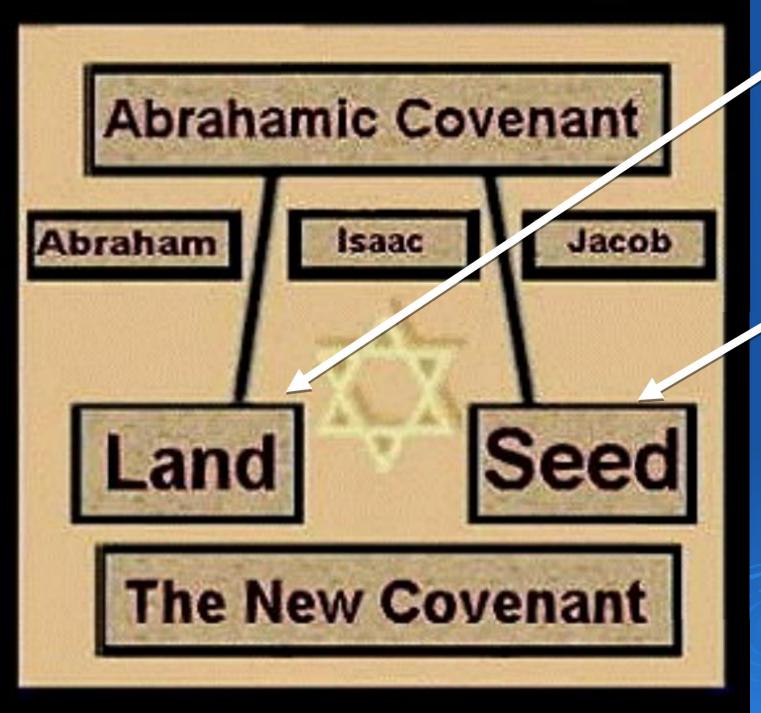
"...how am I to know I will possess the land?"



- Abraham may be faithful, be he's a skeptic
- God tells Avram that the whole reason He brought him here, was to give him the land!
- In every era, PROMISES HAD STRUCTURE
- In Avram's era there was a standard WAY in which promises were sealed, and it had not been done

- A visible form of covenant is made for Abraham's sake
- When a covenant is made by God, time and space are forever changed!
- Clean animals are cut-up and divided
- B'rit = cut up or divide





ISRAEL THE PLACE

ISRAEL THE PEOPLE

100% GOD

NOTHING REQUIRED OF AVRAM

BIRDS OF PREY = DEATH AND EVIL

- Satan will always try to steal the promises of God from us!
- Abraham fought off the birds
- WE MUST NOT BE PASSIVE!
- WE are Yahweh's warriors on Earth
- WE must take risks
- James: "resist the devil and he will flee from you "



DREAD

- Dark dread = chashekah
- Root word is Choshek speaks of darkness, blindness, evil, death, fear
- V13: Abraham's descendants to be oppressed in a foreign land
- Foreigners will be punished, and the oppressed will be released
- Place will be Egypt
- People will be Israel

