

# MELCHIZEDEK'S REVELATIONS OF GOD

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## I. INTRODUCTION [see No. 1204 on Melchizedek]

- A. **Gen. 14:18-23:** <sup>18</sup>*Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of **God Most High**,<sup>19</sup> and He blessed Abram, saying, “Blessed be Abram by **God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth**.<sup>20</sup> And blessed be **God Most High**, who delivered your enemies into your hand.” Then Abram gave Him a tenth of everything.<sup>21</sup> The king of Sodom said to Abram, “Give me the people and keep the goods for yourself.”<sup>22</sup> But Abram said to the king of Sodom, “I have raised my hand to the LORD, **God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth**, and have taken an oath...”*
- B. In His encounter with Abraham, Melchizedek gave two specific revelations of God:
1. God Most High
  2. Creator of heaven and earth
- C. Abraham received and understood both of these revelations and immediately declared them to the king of Sodom (v.22)!
- D. These two revelations of God are of profound significance—let us examine each one in more detail...

## II. GOD MOST HIGH

- A. Melchizedek is priest of *God Most High*, He blessed Abraham by *God Most High*, and He praised *God Most High* for giving Abraham victory (Gen. 14:18-20).
- B. *God Most High* is one of many compound names of God [Heb. *el elyon* = “God, Almighty” and “highest, Supreme, uppermost” from “elevation, ascend, exalted”].
- C. This name appears 59 times in Scripture, emphasizing God’s supremacy and preeminence over all creation, all gods, and all other power:
1. **Ps. 46:4:** *There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.*

2. **Ps. 47:2-3:** <sup>2</sup>*How awesome is the LORD Most High, the great King over all the earth!* <sup>3</sup>*He subdued nations under us, peoples under our feet.*
3. **Ps. 83:18:** *Let them know that You, whose name is the LORD—that You alone are the **Most High over all the earth.***
4. **Ps. 97:9:** *For You, O LORD, are the **Most High over all the earth; You are exalted far above all gods.***

D. Proud Nebuchadnezzar thought he was the supreme ruler of the earth, but he came to acknowledge One higher:

1. **Dan. 3:26:** *Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, “Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, **servants of the Most High God**, come out! Come here!” So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire.*
2. **Dan. 4:2-3, 28-35:** <sup>2</sup>*It is my pleasure to tell you about the miraculous signs and wonders that the **Most High God has performed for me.*** <sup>3</sup>*How great are His signs, how mighty His wonders! His kingdom is an eternal kingdom; His dominion endures from generation to generation ...* <sup>28</sup>*All this happened to King Nebuchadnezzar.* <sup>29</sup>*Twelve months later, as the king was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon,* <sup>30</sup>*he said, “Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty?”* <sup>31</sup>*The words were still on his lips when a voice came from heaven, “This is what is decreed for you, King Nebuchadnezzar: Your royal authority has been taken from you.* <sup>32</sup>*You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like cattle. **Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over the kingdoms of men** and gives them to anyone He wishes ...”* <sup>34</sup>*At the end of that time, **I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified Him who lives forever. His dominion is an eternal dominion; His kingdom endures from generation to generation.*** <sup>35</sup>*All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as He pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. **No one can hold back His hand** or say to Him: “What have You done?”*

One of the most amazing testimonies in the Bible comes from the man who burned Jerusalem to the ground!

- E. Demons acknowledged that Jesus was the “Son of the Most High God” (Mark 5:7; see Acts 16:17)
- F. Angels declare God to be the “Most High” (Luke 1:35)
- G. Jesus referred to His Father as the “Most High” (Luke 6:35)
- H. The Most High God raised Jesus from the dead and exalted Him FAR ABOVE every other power (**Eph. 1:17-23**):

*<sup>17</sup>I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better. <sup>18</sup>I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup>and **His incomparably great power** for us who believe. That power is like the working of His mighty strength, <sup>20</sup>which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup>**far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.** <sup>22</sup>And God placed all things under His feet and appointed Him to be **Head over everything** for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills everything in every way.*

- I. When you are in trouble, you want to run to a God who is *Most High*—Supreme, Almighty, Sovereign King over the universe—a God who is higher than cancer, addiction, depression or temptation!
  - 1. **Ps. 57:2: *I cry out to God Most High, to God, who fulfills His purpose for me.***
  - 2. **Ps. 91:1, 9: <sup>1</sup>He who dwells in the *shelter of the Most High* will rest in the shadow of the Almighty... <sup>9</sup>If you **make the Most High your dwelling**—even the LORD, who is my refuge.**
  - 3. Melchizedek is not just priest of God—He is priest of *God Most High*; when the Holy Spirit in us makes intercession, He is praying to the Most High God (**Rom. 8:26-27**)!

*<sup>26</sup>In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the **Spirit Himself intercedes for us** with groans that words cannot express. <sup>27</sup>And He who searches our hearts knows the*

*mind of the Spirit, because the **Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.***

### III. CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH

- A. Melchizedek blessed Abraham by God, *Creator of heaven and earth* (Gen. 14:19)
- B. In Genesis 18:14, God asked Abraham if anything was too hard for the Lord; but He had already answered His own question in Genesis 1:1: *In the beginning, God made the heavens and the earth!* If He *made* everything, He can *do* anything! (Jer. 32:17, 27):

*<sup>17</sup>“Ah, Sovereign LORD, **You have made the heavens and the earth** by Your great power and outstretched arm. **Nothing is too hard for You...**” <sup>27</sup>“I am the LORD, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for Me?”*

- C. Because God is **Author** of all creation, He has all **authority** over heaven and earth (Mat. 28:18-20):

*<sup>18</sup>Then Jesus came to them and said, “**All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.**” <sup>19</sup>Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

- D. Creation reveals the incredible power of God

This is why biblical creationism is under attack in the world today—the lie of evolution is the official state religion!

- 1. **Rom. 1:20:** *For since the **creation of the world** God's invisible qualities—**His eternal power** and divine nature—**have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.***
- 2. **Isa. 40:21-28:** *<sup>21</sup>Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood since the earth was founded? <sup>22</sup>**He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth,** and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in. <sup>23</sup>He brings princes to naught and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing. <sup>24</sup>No sooner are they planted, no sooner are they sown, no sooner do they take root in the ground, than He blows on them and they wither, and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff. <sup>25</sup>**“To whom will you compare Me? Or who is My equal?”** says the Holy One.*

<sup>26</sup>*Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of His great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.* <sup>27</sup> *Why do you say, O Jacob, and complain, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God”?*

<sup>28</sup>*Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the **Creator of the ends of the earth**. He will not grow tired or weary, and His understanding no one can fathom.*

3. **Isa. 44:24:** *This is what the LORD says—your Redeemer, who formed you in the womb: **I am the LORD, who has made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by Myself.***
4. **Isa. 45:11-12:** *This is what the LORD says—the Holy One of Israel, and its **Maker**: Concerning things to come, do you question Me about My children, or give Me orders about the work of My hands? <sup>12</sup>**It is I who made the earth and created mankind upon it. My own hands stretched out the heavens; I marshaled their starry hosts.***

- E. God challenged all of Job’s questions with one basic question: “I created heaven and earth; who are you to question Me?” (**Job 38:4-35**):

<sup>4</sup>*Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? <sup>6</sup>On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone— <sup>7</sup>while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy? <sup>8</sup>Who shut up the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb, <sup>9</sup>when I made the clouds its garment and wrapped it in thick darkness, <sup>10</sup>when I fixed limits for it and set its doors and bars in place, <sup>11</sup>when I said, “This far you may come and no farther; here is where your proud waves halt”? <sup>12</sup>Have you ever given orders to the morning, or shown the dawn its place, <sup>13</sup>that it might take the earth by the edges and shake the wicked out of it?... <sup>16</sup>Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea or walked in the recesses of the deep?... <sup>18</sup>Have you comprehended the vast expanses of the earth? Tell me, if you know all this. <sup>19</sup>What is the way to the abode of light? And where does darkness reside? <sup>20</sup>Can you take them to their*

*places? Do you know the paths to their dwellings? <sup>21</sup>Surely you know, for you were already born! You have lived so many years!... <sup>24</sup>What is the way to the place where the lightning is dispersed, or the place where the east winds are scattered over the earth?... <sup>31</sup>Can you bind the beautiful Pleiades? Can you loose the cords of Orion? <sup>32</sup>Can you bring forth the constellations in their seasons or lead out the Bear with its cubs? <sup>33</sup>Do you know the laws of the heavens? Can you set up God's dominion over the earth? <sup>34</sup>Can you raise your voice to the clouds and cover yourself with a flood of water? <sup>35</sup>Do you send the lightning bolts on their way?*

F. God breathed out, numbered, and named every star:

1. **Ps. 33:6:** *By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of His mouth.*
2. **Ps. 147:4:** *He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name.*
3. NOTE: Astronomers now estimate there are more than one septillion stars in the universe—that is 10<sup>24</sup> or 1 followed by 24 zeros (1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000)—a million million million million!

G. If you need help—maybe healing, deliverance, provision, or some other miracle—call on the Maker of heaven and earth—NOTHING is too hard for Him!

1. **Ps. 121:1-2:** *<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from? <sup>2</sup>My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.*
2. **Ps. 124:7-8:** *<sup>7</sup>We have escaped like a bird out of the fowler's snare; the snare has been broken, and we have escaped. <sup>8</sup>Our help is in the name of the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.*
3. **Ps. 146:5-6:** *<sup>5</sup>Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, <sup>6</sup>the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—the LORD, who remains faithful forever.*
4. If God knows every star by name, He surely knows your situation and has the power to save you and keep you to the uttermost!

#### IV. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

- A. Melchizedek gave Abraham two specific revelations of God: God Most High and Creator of heaven and earth
- B. Abraham received and understood both of these revelations; he immediately made an oath and declared them to the king of Sodom (**Gen. 14:22**):

*But Abram said to the king of Sodom, “I have raised my hand to the LORD, **God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth,** and have taken an oath.”*

- C. These two revelations of God are profoundly important in our lives today: We need to know that the God we serve is the Most High—Supreme above all else, and we need to remember that He is the Creator of heaven and earth—surely there is nothing too hard for Him!