Melchizedek and The Passover Lamb of God

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Chapter 1

The Zadok Priesthood and The Royal Davidian Dynasty

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Introduction

In this chapter we are going to explore the authority Yahusha embodied to rule all of Israel as King <u>and</u> as High Priest. Most of us have always assumed Yahusha's qualifications are based on YHVH's choice alone. Being raised "Christian" we have been taught to believe that The Holy Spirit implanted the seed of YHVH into Miriam and she gave birth to "YHVH in the flesh" who then became a demi-god (half man / half God) as YHVH Himself "played" the role of "Messiah". Both of these "basis" for Yahusha's claim to be The Messiah are simply not true. In this chapter, we are going to establish Yahusha's claim as Messiah based on Torah standards alone by lineage or <u>bloodlines</u>.

Given the emphasis YHVH placed on the bloodline required to be High Priest descending from Aaron through The House of Zadok and to be King descending from the bloodline of David; shouldn't we have expected Yahusha to be a unique blend of both bloodlines? Shouldn't we have expected:

- a unique coming together of bloodlines in one man to occur at the prophesied time in history (according to Daniel's 70 week prophecy) to produce The Messiah of Israel?
- In that case, wouldn't those in Israel know this and be actively cultivating the Zadaokite and Davidian bloodlines?
- And why is Yahusha called Melchizedek, what does that actually mean?
- What is the real reason King Herod killed his own children in a panic to kill the coming King of Israel?
- Lastly, why was the High Priest Chiapas so apposed to Yahusha if Yahusha were really The Messiah as to seek to kill Yahusha? Why didn't Chiapas, as High Priest, seek out Yahusha to anoint him King?
- What about Miriam? Shouldn't she have been some kind of "Princess of Israel" or royalty to give birth to the Messiah?
- What about Yahseph? Shouldn't he too have been a young "Lion of Judah" a Prince of Israel being a direct descendent of David to have fathered the Messiah?

I mean, given the degree two which both the priesthood and royal lines were treated in expectation of the coming Messiah, I would never have expected the Messiah to be born to two completely unqualified "nobodies" living in obscurity in Israel as we are led to believe! I would rather have expected to find that Mary (Miriam) was a Princess and Joseph (Yahseph) was a young "Lion of Judah" of the Davidian Dynasty and that their

marriage was carefully "arranged" to potentially produce The Messiah according to blood lineage!

We will discover in this chapter that Yahusha was indeed the unique combination of both bloodlines coming together at the prophesied time making him... Melchizedek or Ruling Zadok. "Melchi" means ruler or King and Zadok (zedek) means righteous priest. We are going to explore the Zadok Priesthood from which Yahusha descends and his royal heritage through both lines of his parents Miriam and Yahseph. We are going to come to a clear understanding of exactly "who" Yahusha was by blood. We are going to learn what right Yahusha has to the throne of David and to claim to be The Eternal High Priest of Israel qualified to make the final Passover Sacrifice.

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When we are done we will have a totally new "view" of the man who was The Messiah and why he was executed.

Overview of The Zadok Priesthood

Before we investigate the heritage of The Messiah and his lineage coming from The House of Zadok (the High Priest to King David) we must first have a basic knowledge of the priesthood that was established in Zadok.

Zadok (Hebrew: Tzadok צדוק, meaning "Righteous") was a priest descended from Eleazar the son of Aaron which is the anointed line from which all High Priests must descend. The High Priest Zadok aided King David during the revolt of his son Absalom, and was instrumental in bringing King Solomon to the throne. After Solomon had the The First Temple in Jerusalem constructed, Zadok was the first High Priest to serve in The Temple of Solomon. Those of the line of Zadok are called Zadokites or Zadok Priests and are the only ones qualified to serve in the office of

High Priest over Israel. This is paramount because if Yahusha was to be The Eternal High Priest, if Yahusha was to be qualified to offer the final sacrifice of The Passover Lamb... he must have been from The House of Zadok! If he was not, he is not... The Messiah.

The Zadok Priesthood established itself in the time that King David fought against the revolt of his son Absalom. Zadok was a Levite High Priest having descended down from Aaron through Eleazar. Only descendants of Aaron through Eleazar could be High Priests. The entire tribe of Levi were Temple Priests not all could be High Priests. As the Dead Sea Scrolls indicate, Zadokites were "to be as one in following the Law and (sharing) wealth and reconciling (based on) the mouth of the sons of Zadok the keepers of the covenant." You can learn more about the line of priests descending from Zadok here: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zadok

The Hebrew Bible records how before his death, Aaron was accompanied by his brother Moses and his sons Eleazar and Ithamar. Upon entry to the cave where he was to die, Aaron saw his brother Moses dress his elder son Eleazer with the garments of the high priest. Moses annointed Eleazar the successor to Aaron as High Priest of Israel. Jewish commentaries on the Bible say that this initiation ceremony served as the catalyst for the stipulation that all future candidates of high priesthood be patrilineal descendants of Eleazar the elder son of Aaron and not Ithamar, the younger son. This is the line that flows through Zadok the High Priest who served David and Solomon. This is the blood lineage that flowed through the veins of both John the Baptist and Yahusha the Messiah.

Zadok was a patrilineal descendant of Eleazar the son of Aaron the high priest. (2 Samuel 8:17; 1 Chronicles 24:3). The lineage of Zadok is presented in the genealogy of Ezra (his descendant) as being of ninth generation and direct patrilineal descent from Phineas the son of Eleazar; Ezra 7:1, see 1 Chronicles 5:30 where he is placed ninth in descent from Phineas.

Ezra 7:1-4

...Zadok, The son of Ahitub, son of Amaryah, son of Azaryah, son of Mirayoth, son of Zerachyah, son of Uzzi, son of Bukki, son of Avishua, son of Phineas

Similarly, the Hebrew Bible relates how, at the time Phineas son of Eleazar appeared God's anger, he merited the divine blessing of God:

Book of Numbers 25:13

Phineas the son of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest. Behold I give to him my covenant of peace, and will be his, and his progeny after him, (a) covenant of everlasting priesthood in

turn of his zealousness for his God, and he atoned for the sons of Israel

This is extremely important when tracing the right of Yahusha to be the Eternal High Priest. Yahusha must have come from the lineage of Zadok which is the bloodline of High Priest prepared for him and to which is entrusted the "Covenant of Peace, Covenant of Eternal High Priest, and the right to atone for sin" as defined in Numbers 25:13 above. If Yahusha cannot be proven to be a Zadokite High Priest, then he cannot mediate the "New Covenant of Peace", he cannot serve as Eternal High Priest, and he has no authority to be the sin offering and atone for humanity.

It is the convergence of the bloodline of David through Solomon and The House of Zadok that resulted in the "Ruling Zadok" or **Melchizedek**.

When looking back at the history of the Zadok High Priests we find:

- The High Priest to King David and King Solomon was **Zadok**
- The first High Priest in The Temple of Solomon was **Zadok**
- The last High Priest to serve in The Temple of Solomon was Jehozadak (<u>Yahuah Zadok</u>)
- The first High Priest in The Temple of Herod was Yahusha III from The House of Zadok
- The High Priest at the time Yahusha was born was Yahusha ben Sie or Yahusha V from The House of Zadok
- The Eternal High Priest Yahusha the Messiah is from <u>The House of</u>
 Zadok

Are we beginning to see a "pattern" here? From the time of Yahusha's birth forward, the High Priesthood of Israel becomes totally corrupt. After the death of Yahusha III at the hands of Herod, YHVH chose and anointed as High Priest John the Baptist the first male heir to the High Priest Yahusha III. John then anointed Yahusha the Messiah as the Eternal High Priest, the next heir after John to Yahusha III.

From that point on, the Temple High Priesthood was literally purchased from Rome by aspiring High Priests and then ultimately the High Priests were not even chosen for their bloodline but by casting lots. In 70 AD the Temple of Herod was completely corrupted and the High Priest Phannias ben Samuel serving at that time was not even of the bloodline of Levi much less Aaron, and Zadok. When you realize how corrupt that temple had become, the questioned isn't "how could YHVH allow its destructions" but rather "what took so long?" We see from Jewish History the state of the Priesthood at the time the Temple was destroyed.

Phannias ben Samuel (in Hebrew: שמואל בן פנחס Pinhas ben Shmuel) (c. 70 CE) was the last Jewish High Priest. He did not originate from a priestly family but was a Zealot and the leader of revolutionary forces. He died during the destruction of Herod's Temple in 70 CE. In order to see how far their power extended, the Zealots

...undertook to dispose of the high priesthood by casting lots for it, whereas, as we have said already, it was to descend by succession in a family. The pretense they made for this strange attempt was an ancient practice, while they said that of old it was determined by lot; but in truth, it was no better than a dissolution of an undeniable law, and a cunning contrivance to seize upon the government, derived from those that presumed to appoint governors as they themselves pleased. Hereupon they sent for one of the pontifical tribes, which is called Eniachim, and cast lots which of it should be the high priest. By fortune the lot so fell as to demonstrate their iniquity after the plainest manner, for it fell upon one whose name was Phannias, the son of Samuel, of the village Aphtha. He was a man not only unworthy of the high priesthood, but that did not well know what the high priesthood was, such a mere rustic was he! Yet did they hail this man, without his own consent, out of the country, as if they were acting a play upon the stage, and adorned him with a counterfeit thee; they also put upon him the sacred garments, and upon every occasion instructed him what he was

The reason for the total desecration of the High Priesthood in Israel after Yahusha took the position as Melchizedek is that the role was eternally spoken for. Yahusha was the last true High Priest. From that point forward the priesthood collapsed and after the destruction of the Temple in 70 AD, it has never existed again as it has been transposed to the Spirit in the Yahushaic Covenant. This is one of the topics of my book *The Yahushaic Covenant*.

The Messianic Expectation at the time of Yahusha's birth

First it is important to understand the time in which Yahusha was born into this world. The atmosphere that existed 2,000 years ago in Israel was one of heightened messianic expectations. The Jews (House of Judah) had been miraculously released from Persian captivity by the Persian King Cyrus. Cyrus gave the command for the Jews (as prophesied) to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple of YHVH in preparation for the coming Messiah at the beckoning of the prophet Daniel. Cyrus did not want to face the same fate of Nebuchadnezzar! The prophet Daniel even laid out the place, time, and manner of the Messiah's birth from the date Cyrus gave the command to rebuild Jerusalem and The Temple. That timeline had arrived in Israel for The Messiah to be born and it was foretold to be at the time of Yahusha's birth. Simply put: *The time was at hand for the coming of the Messiah and everyone knew it! Both those seeking The Messiah and those seeking to destroy him.*

Knowing all of this, the right-wing (Torah faithful) Jewish Zealots of the North Region of Galilee, the Davidian Zealots (those preserving the line of David), and the High Priest Yahusha III (the heir to the House of Zadok) were all <u>carefully cultivating the bloodlines</u> in preparation for the birth of the Messiah. King Herod was aware of these efforts. As a result, tensions

were building between these factions and King Herod because this coming Messiah or *King of Israel* was a <u>direct threat to the Roman backed King</u> Herod's throne.

King Herod in response to this heightened state of urgency in Israel of the coming Messiah, responded by ordering the full implementation of his "pogroms" designed to eliminate all the descendents of the Davidian Dynasty. These descendents were called the "lions of Judah" and considered Princes of Israel. These pogroms were also used to eliminate the Maccabeans (who ruled Judea before Herod), and even the Zadokite priestly line (Zadok Priests). Herod was taking **NO** chances. This was a very chaotic time in Israel's history as the Romans had defeated the Persians and the favor of the Jews to dwell in the land safely and rebuild Jerusalem and The Temple had faded under Roman control. The Throne of Herod was anything but secure.

This Messianic, Davidic, and Macacabean opposition to King Herod in Israel is the context within which Yahusha was born. Now it becomes clear **why** King Herod ordered the execution of all male children under two. The time was ripe for the Messiah and the bloodlines were being cultivated to bring him into the world. Herod first attempted to selectively kill the lions of Judah and the Zadokite priests, but when he found out The King had been born he panicked and in desperation killed EVERY child regardless of bloodline under two years old... including his own sons.

With this historical context in mind let us now examine the lineage of Yahusha the Messiah through Princess Miriam (Mary) and Prince Yahseph (Joseph). The parents of Yahusha who were the two chosen in an **arranged** marriage to produce The Messiah according to royal and priestly bloodlines.

The Royal and Priestly Line of Miriam

Let us begin by examining the lineage of Miriam. Was Miriam an unknown young maiden living in obscurity in Judea? Or was she a Princess and considered royalty among those seeking The Messiah and under protective custody from the wrath of Herod?

In the Bible all that remains of Yahusha's lineage is through Miriam's father Eli in Luke. That, however, is only half his lineage through Miriam. What about Yahusha's lineage through Miriam's mother? We know from reading my third book Christianity — The Great Deception the degree to which the Romans turned Yahusha the Jewish Rabbi/Healer into a pagan Roman god "Jesus" and removed all Jewish heritage from his life. We also know from the Talmud the extra-ordinary steps taken by Rabbinical Judaism to discredit Yahusha as the Messiah even going so far as to change their calendar in 358 AD so that Yahusha's birth would not fulfill Daniel's prophecy. Given these dramatic steps taken over 2000 years to hide the true identity of Yahusha it seems his lineage through Miriam's mother somehow "got lost" along the way as well! We are about to find out why Yahusha's lineage through Miriam's mother was "misplaced".

While this crucial information concerning Yahusha's lineage through Miriam's mother was "removed" from our knowledge (although is was carefully kept as all royalty does) we can know who Miriam's mother was for certain and reconstruct her true lineage. The Bible records Miriam (Yahusha's mother) went to live with her "kinswoman" Elizabeth while with child. Elizabeth was Miriam's auntie, the sister of Miriam's mother Hannah. We can go back into the historical record to discover that Elizabeth was one of three daughters of the High Priest Yahusha III. One of Elizabeth's sisters was named Hanna who was married in an arranged marriage to Eli. Eli is the father of Miriam making Elizabeth Miriam's "kinswoman or auntie" just like the Bible states. Making Hanna her mother. Knowing who Miriam's mother was we can research historically ALL the blood running through the veins of Yahusha the Messiah!

Yahusha's mother Miriam and grandmother Hannah were in fact considered royalty in Israel and both candidates to give birth to The Messiah as they were descended from the Zadokite Priestly line and married to Lions of Judah or Davidic Dynasty heirs:

- Miriam was the grand-daughter of the first High Priest (Yahusha III) to serve in the Second Temple - She was the daughter of Hannah (Anna) who was the daughter of the High Priest Yahusha III. Yahusha III was the first High Priest to serve in the second Temple coming out of Babylonian/Persian captivity. Yahusha III was a High Priest in the line of Zadok or a Zadokite High Priest who was to re-establish the House of Zadok in the office of High Priest.
- Miriam was the daughter of Heli, a Davidic and Hasmonean Prince Heli as he is called in the genealogy of Yahusha in the Bible was also known as Alexander Helios (Heli) III in history. Eli was the son of the future Maccabee Queen Alexandra II, who at this time was known by her Jewish name, Esther of Jerusalem. Heli, the shortened nickname for Helios ("The Sun"), was a descendant of both the Maccabee Kings of Judea and a prince of the House of David, for his father was Matthan ben Levi, a Davidian Prince who was first married in his youth to the vivacious royal princess, Elizabeth of Jerusalem. Heli was executed, in the world where many Davidian aspirants, as the "young lions of Judah", were eliminated by the cruel and tyrannical King Herod the Great as they were a threat to his throne.

What we are never taught in the "Christian Church" is that Miriam grew up in the shadows of the high priests of Israel in <u>protective custody</u> as both Davidic Royalty and Zadokite priestly authority. Far from being some unknown young maiden, Miriam was being carefully nurtured as a potential candidate to give birth to The Messiah! I guess you could say... "all eyes were upon her"!

Miriam's Zadokite heritage

Yahusha III (the Messiah's great grandfather) was the High Priest in Jerusalem during this chaotic Herodian period between the years of 36 to 23 BCE. Yahusha III had 3 daughters and **no sons**. High Priest Yahusha III, died prior to his grand-daughter's (Miriam's) birth. Yet having lived when King Herod had fully launched his **pogroms** (violent mob attacks which eventually claimed his life) against the young lions of Judah, the Maccabeans, and the Zadokite priests, Yahusha III was careful to ensure his 3 daughters were properly married and then put into protective custody safe from King Herod.

The 3 daughters of Yahusha III High Priest of Israel were carefully nurtured to all be "potential" mothers or grandmothers of the coming Messiah. These 3 daughters were named *Elizibeth* (the mother of John the Baptist), *Hannah* (Anna... the grandmother of Yahusha the Messiah), and *JoAnna (Jane)*.

A father, with no sons, High Priest Yahusha III knew that his Zadokite lineage (the Zadok Priesthood line of Aaron descending from Zadok the High Priest of King David) would become extinct unless his three daughters: JoAnna, Elizabeth, and Hannah (Yahusha's Grandmother) as dynastic heiresses to Zadok were properly placed according to the Torah with future husbands. So while they were very young children, Yahusha III arranged their marriages (a common practice at that time).

Hannah (the grandmother of Yahusha) and her two sisters were orphaned (by Herod) and initially and secretly placed in the protective custody of the Zealots in the northern regions of Galilee. This was done by the High Priest Yahusha III before he died to ensure they were kept safe from Herod's pogroms. Here in the hot-bed of Jewish nationalism, they were shielded from King Herod by the right-wing nationalists and Davidian Zealots who were plotting to overthrow the throne of Herod. These right-wind Zealots regarded these young women as **royalty** and instrumental in the coming of The Messiah to overthrow King Herod. King Herod was king only by the protective shield of the Roman mantle of power and had no right to the throne. Herod was first installed and given protection by the Roman triumvir Mark Anthony, and later by Octavian, the future Caesar Augustus. He was never "anointed" by YHVH as King. Herod knew that and knew the prophesied King was coming soon.

So the 3 daughters of the High Priest Yahusha III were "key" to the coming of the prophesied Messiah and considered royalty in their day. The children of these 3 daughters (including Prince John "the Baptist" and the Princess Miriam) were considered royalty as well. Over the next 30 years the battle between the chosen King/High Priest Yahusha and the corrupted King Herod and his chosen High Priest Chiapas would culminate in the final execution of Yahusha the Messiah. Let's continue our journey back into Yahusha's lineage through Miriam's mother Hanna.

The arranged marriages of High Priest Yahusha III's daughters

The **future husbands** of these 3 Zadokite heiresses (3 daughters of Yahusha III) were carefully chosen according to their bloodline.

They were selected from among the lions of Judah (descendants of the Kingly line of David through Solomon) and men of noted priestly lineage of The House of Zadok:

- <u>Hanna</u> (the mother of Miriam) was given in marriage to a Davidian and Maccabee prince, Alexander III Helios called Eli.
- **JoAnna** was given in marriage to a Davidian Nasi and Prince of Israel, Joachim.
- **Elizebeth** (the mother of John the Baptist) was given in marriage to a noted priest, Zacharias of the course of Abijah.

NOTE: Elizabeth was betrothed to be the wife of a priest of a noted Zadok priestly lineage and from the line of Judah. Since Elizabeth was an heiress of the Zadok house of her father the High Priest Yahusha III and her husband was of the Tribe of Levi, her son, **Prince John the Baptist**, would be eligible to become the High Priest and King of Israel making him a **potential** candidate for Messiah. Yet, it was John's role to become the chosen High Priest of YHVH and to transfer the sins of the Passover Lamb onto Yahusha as the fulfillment of Elijah.

This is the reason many Jews of that time believed John to be The Messiah. John too was well known among the Jews living in Israel coming from royal descent and carefully cultivated lineage... while we are led to believe John was some "wild guy yelling at the top of his lungs" in the middle of nowhere and the masses just happen to "wander out to see him", actually he was very well known. The Jews knew he was a High Priest by blood and descendent of the Davidian Dynasty. That is why they came out to see and hear him. John was qualified by blood on both sides of Zadokite High Priest and Royal Davidian descent just like Yahusha the Messiah was, his cousin. They suspected he might be The Messiah.

Prince John the Baptist (I'll explain why he was considered a Prince by law), however, knew he wasn't the Messiah. In fact, Princess Miriam (I'll explain why she too was considered a Princess by law) was sent to live with her auntie Elizabeth (John's mother) after being told by Angelic Decree that **her son** was The Messiah.

Again while we are led to believe Yahseph (Joseph) "put her away silently" because he was embarrassed that she was with child and couldn't explain it. That is not at all the truth. Yahseph put her away silently with Elizabeth (who was in protective custody) to protect her and his son from King Herod! During this time, Prince John was made intimately aware by his mother that the baby in his cousin Miriam's womb was the prophesied Messiah by Angelic Decree. John

would later learn from his father that his role was to pave the way for him as High Priest, mentor him, and as prophesied "make straight his path" as Elijah. More on this later.

It would be Prince John the Baptist the grandson of Yahusha III the High Priest that would be heir to the office of the High Priest. This made John uniquely qualified (as The Zadokite High Priest in succession to Yahusha III) to Mikveh (consecrate) Yahusha the Messiah as the next High Priest in succession. Yahusha was the next male heir after John to Yahusha III.

JoAnna and Hanna eligible by law to give birth to Princes and Princesses

I have been referring to John as a Prince and Miriam as a Princess... why? I stated that they were considered royalty at that time. This is because JoAnna and Hannah (daughters of High Priest Yahusha III) were betrothed to husbands of the House of David as very young girls. According to the royal primogenitor law they were eligible to be mothers of Prince and Princesses of the House of David. According to the ruling of the Great Sanhedrin in 37 BCE, their sons would also be eligible to sit on the throne of David as the King of Israel. If YHVH so willed, it was possible that either one of these girls could be blessed to be the mother of the expectant messiah. Therefore Miriam, the daughter of Hannah, was a Princess in the Davidian Dynasty bloodline by law! John the son of Elizabeth was a Prince by law. But that is not all. Mirian was also a Maccabean Princess on her father Eli's side as well, as Eli was a Maccabee Prince named Alexander III Helios. Princess Miriam was far from some unknown peasant living in Judea, she was a Davidian and Maccabean Princess groomed carefully to give birth to The Messiah and kept in protective custody of The Temple.

NOTE: Keep in mind that only royalty kept their lineage back to the Davidian Dynasty. It is so even today with Royalty as they carefully interbreed, protect, and document their lineage. It must be noted here that Yahusha was well aware of his lineage on both sides of his family tree because being royalty himself this was carefully kept for him. He taught these royal lineages to his disciples in Matthew and Luke (probably more lineages in Mark and John that were "lost"). Again, this only makes sense in the context of Miriam and Yahseph being of royal descent. If Miriam and Yahseph were just unknown ordinary Jews living in obscurity in Israel they would not have known their lineage to King David and even all the way back to Adam. They would not have been qualified to bring The Messiah into this world.

This becomes extremely important when Yahusha is accused of blasphemy when he said he was the son of God (Yahusha ben Yahuah). Yahusha explained to the accusing Jews that

his references to "son of God" was because he could trace his lineage back to Adam who had no parents and was called Adam ben Yahuah (Adam the son of God). Since all male descendents were considered "sons" of their fathers, grandfathers, great grandfathers, and so on, Yahusha's claim to "son of God" was by blood lineage to Adam. When Yahusha explained this to his accusers, they recognized this reality and accepted his claim. Only to later bring that same charge against him again. At that point Yahusha saw no need to continue defending himself. He was innocent of blasphemy never claiming himself to be God but the son of God through Adam and had already proved it to them. That is why Yahusha died "innocent" of the charge of blasphemy. Not because, as the Christian Church teaches, he was God; but because he was not God and never claimed to be God. His claim was the son of God through Adam.

Eli the father of Miriam and Grandfather of Yahusha

Miriam's father was Eli or Heli. Eli was the son of the future Maccabee Queen Alexandra II, who at this time was known by her Jewish name, **Esther of Jerusalem**. Heli, the shortened nickname for Helios ("The Sun"), was a descendant of both the Maccabee Kings of Judea and a prince of the House of David, for his father was Matthan ben Levi, a Davidian Prince who was first married in his youth to the vivacious royal princess, Elizabeth of Jerusalem. This royal lineage was passed on to Yahusha the Messiah.

Princess Miriam's childhood

Princess Miriam, the young maiden, was called a "child of sorrow". Miriam's father Prince Alexander III Helios, was executed by King Herod the Great in a series of persecutions or pogrom against the Davidians. It was Herod's attempt to eliminate any rival to the throne of Judea. The death of Heli occurred (according to Davidian genealogist David Hughes) around 15 BCE. The young maiden Miraim was placed in protective custody along with her mother Hannah (who served in The Temple until she died). Miriam was placed in the Order of the Temple-Virgins until she was eligible for marriage about the year of her bat Mitzvoth at the age of 12-13 years of age. At which point she was given in marriage to a your lion of Judah or Davidian Prince named Yahseph (Joseph). The reason Yahseph readily excepted Miriam's explanation for why she was with child is because... it made perfect sense to him. He knew that he and his young fiancé were being groomed to give birth to The Messiah. He also knew that ALL major players in the Plan of YHVH were born miraculous births: John the Baptist, Sampson, Isaac, and others. So knowing all of this it would stand to reason to young Yahseph that indeed... he was the father of the chosen Messiah. This is why he sent Princess Miriam to live with her auntie Elizabeth. Elizabeth was already living under the watchful eye of protective custody with her son Prince John.

Daughters of Jerusalem

We see several references to these women held in protective custody of The Temple. They, as royals, were known as "**Daughters of Jerusalem**". Only once we realize who these women were (and there blood relation to Yahusha) can we understand statements made by The Messiah. Below we see Yahusha speaking to his aunties (all royal **Daughters of Jerusalem** in protective custody being daughters of the High Priest Yahusha III). These women all played a major role in Yahusha's life as they literally help to raise him as a child:

Luke 23:28

Yahusha turned and said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children.

Now it makes sense. His aunties and their children were all in danger as well.

We also see that Yahusha was taken to see his grandmother Hannah in The Temple (where she was in protective custody) when he was consecrated. Below we see that Hannah's true identity as a Zadokite Princess and daughter of Yahusha III had been concealed by The Temple to protect her from the wrath of Herod. Below she is referred to as "the daughter of Penuel". After the death of Hanna's husband at the hands of Herod, Hannah returned to Temple service because she was actually the daughter of the High Priest Yahusha III not Penuel as we will see:

Luke 2

36 There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher (this is her new identity). She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage (not a long marriage), 37 and then was a widow (by Herod)until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple (she was in protective custody) but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying (for the lives of her children and grandchildren who were being hunted by Herod). 38 Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child (her grandson) to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

We don't know what Hannah "spoke about the child" but no doubt being his grandmother and daughter of Yahusha III it probably was to witness to Yahusha's lineage as a Zadokite High Priest (as that lineage was being carefully concealed). The conversation probably went something like "look, I am not the daughter of Penuel but Yahusha III, placed in protective custody of The Temple. This child is my heir and heir to both the House of Zadok and the Davidian Dynasty. He is **the redemption of Jerusalem**."

As young girl, Miriam was taken to the temple with Hanna and lived as a child protégé in the custody of the temple (a *Daughter of Jerusalem*). There she was an eye-witness to the exaltation of the divine ministry of the priests in the Temple of Herod. The construction project to transform this ancient temple into the most glorious temple in the entire Roman Empire by Herod the Great was started just prior to Miriam's birth in 20 BCE. This construction would continue throughout her lifetime.

These were the tender impressionistic years, where she witnessed the high priests transported to the throne of the Almighty in the beautiful and glorious temple rituals that commanded all the senses of the beholder. If there was a young Jewish maiden, who knew and understood the true halakhic observance of what Torah life was like, it was the Princess Miriam. Surrounded by the priests speaking Hebrew, listening to the international delegations speaking Greek, who came from nations around the world, and daily listening to construction workers speaking Aramaic and the Roman guards speaking Latin, Princess Miriam no doubt absorbed and mastered the life of a poly-linguist. She no doubt passed all this knowledge on to her son Yahusha who was being groomed to become The Messiah. Here in the most awesome monument of religious expression, Herod the Great erected his image of religious power, as the Temple of Herod rose as the largest platformed temple in the entire Roman Empire all under the watchful eye of Princess Miriam.

Grief and sorrow as a child would remain with Miriam the rest of her life. This grief culminated as she watched her firstborn son, driven to the "cross" by whips on the road to his execution as a royal Davidian Prince and an heir of the Zadokite High Priesthood of Israel. The Roman procurator Pontius Pilate abducted his responsibility and gave defacto authority to the hands of the feared family of high priests, Ananias and Caiphas, from the House of Hanan, for the execution of Yahusha. But "why" would the High Priest in Israel at the time want to execute the obvious Messiah instead of anoint him King?

Why Caiphas wanted to kill Yahusha

Here was Ananias, the high priest of the House of Zadok who (though truly was of the authorized family of high priests but not anointed by YHVH... that anointing went to John the Baptist) became a Hellenistic seeking internationalist. He bought with impunity the rights to the office of the high priest from the current Roman procurator. This "House of Annanias" was a family of Sadducees, who had become transformed by the monetary obsession of power, greed, and control called the "Golden Calf" and used their wealth to become the shakers and movers of the geo-political forces that moved through Jerusalem. Their wealth gained by laundering money in The Temple and abusing the office of High Priest. This is why the true Zadokite High Priest anointed by YHVH, **John the Baptist**, rebelled against the corruption of The Temple and served YHVH directly "in the wilderness". John wanted nothing to do with the corrupted priestly system in place in The Temple at that time. Many Jews were well aware of this too and followed the teaching and authority of John. Including Yahusha.

The Patriarch of the family, Annanias, and his high priest son-in-law, Caiphas, were co-conspirators who sought to destroy Yahusha. Yahusha was the <u>one</u> Davidian, who carried in his genes the potent fusion of Davidian <u>and</u> Zadokite bloodlines (remember John, the other genetic potential, had been executed already). Yahusha carried the potent bloodline of the royal mantle as a Priest-King of Israel and the messianic mantle as the Maschiach Yisra'el (Messiah of Israel) of the House of David. He was a direct threat to The House of Annanias.

Yahusha's life and ministry inspired the hatred of the House of Annanias, for only Yahusha was capable of toppling the power and authority of this powerful high priestly family that had turned the sacred House of YHVH (the Temple of Herod) into a "den of thieves". So, Patriarch Annanias and his son-in-law, the High Priest Caiphas became the head of the "leading Jews" that instigated, plotted and conspired to fulfill their dream to eradicate this famous Rabbi of Galilee named Yahusha the Natsri (Nazarene which means The Branch) the royal descendant of David and the Zadokite High Priest Yahusha III.

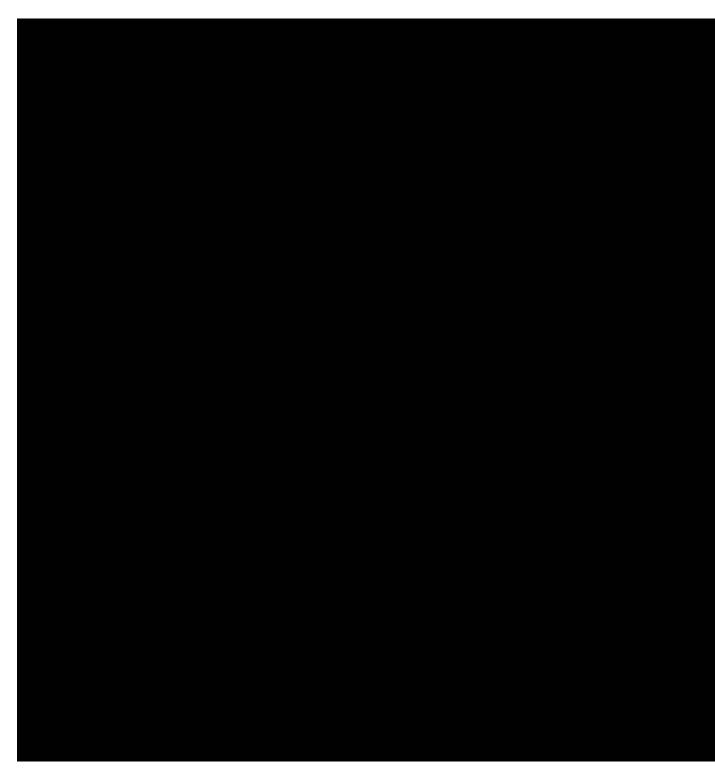
In the gospels, they were "The Jews" who sought to destroy Yahusha. It was Yahusha HaNotzri (Yahusha the Nazarene or THE BRANCH) who had garnered a large following in the foothills surrounding the Sea of Kinneret (Galilee). This large following was no accident as Prince Yahseph and Princess Miriam were well known candidates to be the parents of The Messiah. The people (looking for the Messiah) knew Yahusha was a Royal Prince/High Priest as he was the child of a very carefully cultivated bloodline of Prince and Princesses and High Priest in the line of Zadok to Aaron.

The Jews were eagerly awaiting The Messiah's arrival and came out in droves to hear Prince Yahusha the High Priest speak to see if he was in fact... *The Messiah*. Annanias and Chiaphas knew Yahusha was *the rabbi* who threatened to bring his spiritual revolution to the doorsteps of the temple! And they knew he was qualified to be the Ruling Zadok (Melchizedek). In fact, that is exactly what Yahusha did. As in the Bazaar of Hanan, with a whip in his hand, he threw out the money changers and almost toppled the power of the House of Annanias/Chiaphas.

Here in the temple called the "Temple of Herod, Inc" was being conducted the most lucrative money laundering enterprise in the Eastern Roman Empire. Think of a Movie Theater today and how you cannot bring food in. You are forced to buy food at exorbitant prices. In that day, when you went to The Temple to make an offering, you had to purchase the animals to be sacrificed from *The Temple Priests* at exorbitant prices (you couldn't bring your own). I don't remembering this statute in The Torah! People worked and did business in a multi-cultural world at that time with many currencies. You also had to "change your money" from one currency to the next in The Temple to give offerings at an exorbitant exchange rate. I don't remember reading that requirement in The Torah either? No these were not authorized activities to be taking place in The Temple.

This was the source of the financial power of Ciaphas and the REAL reason behind his motivation to have Yahusha executed. Not only was Yahusha the legitimate High Priest in the Order of Zadok but he was threatening to overthrow the "money". We all know how well that goes over, when you are a threat to "the money" you must die.

Yahusha's lineage to the House of Zadok



When looking at the genealogy above of Yahusha through Miriam's mother Hanna, we see Hananeel the Egyptian, the father of the famous Boethus family of seven sons. He was Miriam's great-great-great grandfather. Hananeel arrived into Jewish history as one of the giants of the priests of the House of Zadok. Hananeel is reputed as one of the High Priests who sacrificed the Red Heifer.

Miriam's lineage on her father's side

On the other side of the tree; Miriam's father (Prince Alexander III Helios) was apparently not as much Hellenized as he was anti-Herodian. It appears that Prince Heli had the same aspirations and hopes for "Israel" as the high priest within the temple at Jerusalem. In the era in which parents chose the husband of their daughters, Heli found favor with the High Priest Yahusha III. High Priest Yahusha III (the great grandfather of The Messiah Yahusha) was the son of Phabi, the founder of the House of Phabit, and the grandson of Boethus. Yahusha III was the Alexandrian Zadokite priest that King Herod in 37 BCE asked to return to Jerusalem in order to restore the Zadokite dynastic reign again over the office of the high priest. Herod's reasons were more subliminal and sinister, for he eventually plotted to eliminate the Maccabees from holding either royal or priestly offices in Jerusalem and eliminate their presence entirely from Judea. Then Herod had Yahusha III killed.

It appears that either Prince Heli or his father Mattathias ben Levi was approached by the High Priest Yahusha III to marry Hannah to secure the bloodline survival of the Zadok Priestly line by uniting it with the Davidian bloodline. A perfect match to produce MelchiZADOK (Ruling Zadok). It would be from this unique mix of royal bloodlines that the Messiah Yahusha would be born the grandson of Prince Eli and Princess Hannah and the heir to Yahusha III and The House of Zadok.

Prince Heli and Princess Hannah gave birth to Princess Miriam who was born about the year of 20 to 19 BCE. This Jewish maiden, Princess Miriam, was a Davidian Princess on her father's side, and a Zadokite priest heiress on her mothers. This young maiden was of **supreme interest** to the priestly elite. She was the granddaughter of the High Priest Yahusha III, who died apparently the year of 23 BCE, by execution, according to some scholars, for sedition against the throne of Herod. From all appearances, Yahusha III the high priest never knew his granddaughter, Miriam, as she was born about three years later in the year of 20 to 19 BCE.

Yahusha a theme among the names of the High Priest of Israel

It must be noted at this point that while many have considered that "Jesus" in Latin (a deliberate mistranslation), "Yeshua" or more accurately "Yahusha" in Aramaic was a unique name in Jewish society; what we do know is that the name Yahusha was a quite frequent name in 1st century Judea. The name is found in the lineages of King David and in the lineage of the high priests of the House of Zadok. Even the name of the Messianic Prototype and successor to Moses, Joshua (Yahusha) was a foreshadowing

of "the name of the coming Ruling Zadok "Melchizedek". The name of Yahusha was relatively common as the name of the High Priests of Israel actually. There were a total of five High Priests that were named Yahusha. It seems YHVH was trying to tell us something of the Eternal High Priest who would serve Him.

Prince Mattathias and Princess Alexandra II - The Paternal Grandparents of the Maiden, Miriam the mother of Yahusha

Mary's father, Heli or Alexander Helios III as he was known in history, was a Prince of David, whose father, Prince Mattan or Mattathias was renown, if for nothing else but his marriages to three notable women in Judea. His 1st wife was Esther of Jerusalem, his 2nd, Rachel of Arimathea, and his 3rd wife was Salome of Jerusalem, an Idumean Herodian princess, who was called "The Proselyte".

His 1st wife, Esther of Jerusalem, became the mother of Heli ben Mattat or Prince Alexander Helios III (Eli). Eli became the father of Princess Miriam, the mother of Yahusha. Esther of Jerusalem can be identified as the future Maccabee Queen known by her Greek name as Queen Alexandra II, who was the great grandmother of Yahusha.

Summary

We have examined the historical and genealogical evidence that Yahusha was not only a Davidian, Maccabee prince, but was the heir to be the real High Priest of Israel from the legitimate lineage of the House of Zadok as he was the second male heir to Yahshau III behind John the Baptist.

In one of the most potent genetic merges in Jewish history, we find that Yahusha ben Yahseph was a genuine *genetically eligible* Priest-King. He would later be recognized as eligible to be a member of the Order of Melchizedek. Abraham gave the title Melchizedek to the king of Salem (the city JeruSALEM was founded upon). The first High Priest-King was Shem, the son of Noah. Here was a true fusion of the genetic tree between the House of Aaron the Levite, The House of Zadok the High Priest to David and Solomon, and King David the Judaite. As such, a REAL threat to King Herod and the High Priest Chiapas.

It is well known that the family of Prince Yahseph, the father of Yahusha, came from a family of royal Davidian princes, all of whom carried the hidden dream of being the Promised One, or the father of the Promised One who would sit on the seat of their ancestral forefather, King David. In contrast, Miriam's family lived in the aura of the majesty and beauty of the temple culture of the Jews in Jerusalem. Prince Yahseph's father known in history as **Princess Alexandra II** flirted with the royalty from Egypt, to Rome, and to Babylon, from Davidian, Maccabean to Herodian. Yet he knew that to capture the "hidden" love and devotion of the Jewish population, any ruler had to carry the mantle and the genetic birthright of King David.

Now that we have a better understanding of who Yahusha really was, let us look deeper into Yahusha's role as Melchizedek and The Passover Lamb of God.

Chapter 2

Melchizedek – The Ruling Zadok

Introduction

As we learned in Chapter 1, the line of Zadok was the line of righteous priests set apart for the office of High Priest and the lineage of The Messiah. Few people actually realize that Yahusha was a High Priest by blood lineage; much less do they understand the Zadok line of High Priest. The Zadok line of High Priest was prepared in the Torah specifically for the coming Messiah who would be the Ruling Zadok or Melchizedek.

In Chapter 1 we discovered that Yahusha was a unique product of The House of Zadok and the Davidian Dynasty. He was literally by blood the prophesied Ruling Zadok. It was this unique bloodline that came together to produce the Davidian and Zadokite Prince named Yahusha that eventually lead to the execution of The Messiah as a threat to both the throne of Herod and the office of High Priest illegitimately held by Chiaphas.

There were several High Priests in Israel that foreshadowed the coming Melchizedek. One such High Priest named Yahusha III was the first High Priest that oversaw the construction of the Second Temple coming out of Babylonian/Persian Exile. He was also the Great Grandfather of The Messiah Yahusha. Yahusha III was a foreshadowing of THE HIGH PRIEST who would oversee the construction of the 3rd and final eternal Temple. I will explain this in more detail in my book *The Yahushaic Covenant*.

It would be that in Yahusha the Messiah the bloodlines of the Davidian Dynasty and the Zadokite High Priesthood would come together into one High Priest and King. With these two bloodlines, Yahusha became the fulfillment of Melchizedek the "Ruling Zadok". With this authority, Yahusha would put an end to the yearly SUBSTITUTE of the Passover Lamb for the life of the "first born son" foreshadowed by Abraham and Isaac. Yahusha as Melchizedek would fulfill the portrait of father sacrificing his first born son. Yahusha. The Eternal High Priest, would offer himself up as a final sacrifice for sin to his Father YHVH!

Was Melchizedek in Genesis a pre-incarnate "Christ"?

When dealing with the topic of Melchizedek, we all have been taught that the "Melchizedek" mentioned in the 14th Chapter of the Book of Genesis was a "pre-incarnate Jesus". We are taught that Melchizedek was the actual name of the King of Salem. This is yet another in a long list of false

doctrines of The Christian Church. I want to fully explain who the King of Salem was and put this "myth" to rest.

We (being mis-taught in Christianity) fail to realize "Melchizedek" is not a name but a title meaning "Ruling Righteous Priest" or "Priest/King" in Hebrew. Abraham recognized the King of Salem (Salem was the city Jeru**SALEM** was founded upon) as a Righteous King who was also a priest. Righteous Priest/King in Hebrew is מֵלְכֵּי־צֶּיֶּדֶּסְ malki-sedeq. In English it is Melchi-zedek. Abraham was not calling the King of Salem by his proper name; he was showing respect to this King by giving him the title **Melchizedek** as he was the first "Priest/King" of (what would become) Jerusalem. A title that foreshadowed the coming Messiah as we learned in Chapter 1. This King of Salem was neither named Melchizedek nor was he a pre-incarnate "Jesus".

So before we continue exploring Yahusha's role as The Righteous Priest/King or as the title progressed with the House of Zadok... **The Ruling Zadok** (Melchizedek) let me first say a few words about the possibility of Yahusha pre-existing in the man Abraham tithed to (gave a tenth of the spoils of war because the King of Salem did not enter the battle). We need to get the false doctrine that the King of Salem was "Jesus" incarnate **out of our minds** so that we can truly understand the meaning of *Melchizedek*.

This is really not that difficult as Yahusha's "beginning" is clearly defined in scripture not as "pre-existing" his birth to Miriam; but rather it was <u>from his human birth</u> to Miriam and Yahseph that Yahusha was "cast" upon YHVH and had his beginning and strength:

Psalm 22:9-10

9 <u>But you took Me from My mother's womb, Yahuah!</u> You made Me trust in You, even from My mother's breast. 10 I was cast upon You from My birth; <u>from My mother's womb, You are My Strength</u>.

If that is not clear enough, let us look into the Hebrew for more meaning. Below is the word-for-word Hebrew translation of **Psalm 22:9-10**, from *The NIV Interlinear Hebrew-English Old Testament*. This shows the word "from" in these Scriptures is Hebrew "mem" circled below:



The Dictionary of Old Testament Words for English Readers, says that the Hebrew letter, **mem**, which has been circled above, is "prefixed to a substantive", which "denotes the preposition". What does all that mean? Let us take a look.

The Hebraic Tongue Restored, by Fabre d'Olivet, tells us what these prepositions mean when the Hebrew letter **mem** is prefixed as is in Psalms 22:9-10 above. **Mem**, in this situation, means "from, out of, by means of":

EXTRACTIVE OR PARTITIVE ARTICLE.—The movement which this article expresses, with nouns or actions that it modifies, is that by which a noun or an action is taken for the means, for the instrument, by which they are divided in their essence, or drawn from the midst of several other nouns or similar actions. I render it ordinarily by <u>from</u>, <u>out of</u>, by; with, <u>by means of</u>, among, between, etc.

The New World Dictionary of the American Language, Second College Edition, gives a complete definition of the word mem which was translated in English as "from" as beginning at, starting with, out of.

The word translated "from" in Psalm 22:10, means beginning at, starting with. Yahusha is prophetically pictured through King David to say that Yahuah was his strength from the beginning, starting with the point Yahusha the Messiah was conceived in His mother's womb. Yahuah was Yahusha's strength only beginning from the point of his human birth to his mother Miriam. That rules out "pre-existence" entirely.

This can only mean one thing: that before Yahusha was in His mother's womb, Yahuah was not his strength, because Yahusha did not yet exist. Pretty obvious that he had no need of strength. Yahuah was only Yahusha's strength, beginning at, starting with, His mother's womb. There is much more proof in scripture that Yahusha did not pre-exist but I'll stop here to keep this book on point.

We see below, that Yahusha's <u>full birth into the family of YHVH</u> and Divine Spiritual Body came <u>AFTER</u> resurrection not in any way did he "pre-exist" not even as a Spiritual Being. Scripture clearly states <u>AFTER</u>

resurrection Yahusha "<a href="has become" the first fruits into the family of YHVH." We also see that Yahusha was not God at that time but "a man". We clearly see in verse 21 below that "BY MAN", not God, came the first born from the resurrection at which time Yahusha became fully divine and the first begotten son of YHVH. We also read that Yahusha is not unique in the process but rather the first of many more sons of God to come through resurrection in verse 22; each in our own order. Yahusha is the first born son of the resurrection and our elder brother NOT our God or part of a pagan Trinity. Definitely didn't pre-exist! Yahusha is known now as "the only begotten son" because to date the first resurrection has yet to occur.

1 Corinthians 15

20 But now the Messiah is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep (the firstborn son upon resurrection not from his human birth to Mary/Joseph). 21 For since byman (Adam) came death, byman (Yahusha the Second Adam too was simply a man) also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in the Messiah all (the sons of YHWH) shall be made alive (begotten by YHWH as sons through resurrection). 23 But each one (of the sons of YHWH) in his own order (after Yahusha, the eldest son): The Messiah the firstfruits (first and only "begotten son" at this point), afterward those who are the Messiah's at His coming (First Resurrection when the rest of the sons will be begotten, Yahusha will no longer be "the only" begotten son then).

The point scripture clearly teaches is that Yahusha was no different that you and I. He was born into this world as a man and became the son of YHVH by the power of the resurrection. Prior to his human birth <u>he did not exist</u> anymore than you and I did. I will stop here to keep this chapter on point.

The Melchizedek that Abraham tithed to was not "Jesus incarnate" he was a <u>foreshadowing of the coming King of Jerusalem</u>. Just like Isaac was a foreshadowing of "the sacrifice of the first born son", just like Moses was a foreshadowing, just like his successor Yahusha was a foreshadowing of The Messiah leading us into the "Promised Land" and so forth. None of these figures were actually Yahusha the Messiah pre-incarnate. Yahusha too is the "proxy" for YHVH NOT YHVH incarnate. All these doctrines of "incarnation" <u>are pagan in origin and not scriptural</u>.

The Prophesied and Miraculous Births of Two High Priests of The House of Zadok

I want to fully explore these two descendents of the High Priest Yahusha III; his grandson John the Baptist and his great grandson Yahusha the Messiah both royal Princes **by law of the Sanhedrin**:

Both were prophesied by YHVH to come

- Both had the bloodline to be King of Israel.
- Both had the bloodline to be a High Priest in the Order of Zadok.
- Both had the unique bloodline to be The Messiah of Israel.
- Both were born with a miraculous birth **as a sign** of their importance in the Plan of YHVH.
- Both were regarded by the Jews of their day possible Messiahs.

So what were their respective roles?

We have learned so far that Yahusha III was appointed as the first High Priest over the second temple to restore the rightful Zadokite line over the office of High Priest. As I demonstrated in Chapter 1, Prince John was born to Elizabeth who was the daughter of the High Priest Yahusha III. John was the first male descendent and heir of Yahusha III and assumed the mantle of High Priest in YHVH's eyes as prophesied Elijah.

If King Herod had not killed the High Priest Yahusha III then Prince John would have been (and truly was) the rightful heir to the office of High Priest in succession being the first male heir. However, Herod had Yahusha III killed and then appointed Simon IV as High Priest so the line of succession of High Priest was moved out of Yahusha III's descendents. Yahusha the Messiah would then as Hannah's son (as great grandson of Yahusha III) would have succeeded Prince John the Baptist as High Priest. This, in fact, is exactly what happened as the "anointed" line of High Priest continued with John not with the High Priest appointed by Herod. Hence, Prince John was executed followed by Yahusha (a standard practice to those who are a threat to the throne and a corrupt High Priest).

I also explained in Chapter 1 how the High Priesthood in The Temple had been totally corrupted. YHVH in fact kept the High Priesthood of The House of Zadok **in line** by anointing Prince John the Baptist who abandoned the corrupted Temple System and served YHVH directly in "the wilderness" as High Priest. Many Jews of that time (who were seeking the coming Messiah and guarding the bloodline) knew of Prince John's lineage to Yahusha III as the successor of the Zadok Priesthood. They also knew Herod was evil and followed Prince John as their High Priest not the Temple Priests. These followers of John's were known as **Nazarenes**.

Yahusha too, followed the teachings of the High Priest Prince John and was John's disciple until age 30 when Yahusha could become a "Rabbi" and succeed John as High Priest. Yahusha's teachings very much mirrored that of John's. We see clearly how Yahusha felt about his cousin, High Priest, mentor, the "coming of Elijah", the who made his paths straight teaching Yahusha the true meaning of The Torah, repentance, and salvation:

Matthew 11:11

"I tell you the truth, among those born of women, <u>no one</u> has arisen greater than John the Baptist.

This is well known among scholars and Jewish history. It should be expected that the young Messiah would indeed follow, learn from, and be mentored by the rightful Zadokite High Priest... **Prince John the Baptist**. After all, Yahusha was the next heir in succession to John as a descendent of Yahusha III. So John was Yahusha's High Priest; who else would the next in line High Priest learn from? This is why Yahusha went to John to be Mikveh'd (baptized). Because John was Yahusha's High Priest. It was required by Torah standards for Kings and High Priests to be Mikveh'd (consecrated) by the High Priest of Israel over them. Yahusha knew his cousin, Prince John the Baptist, was that ordained High Priest of Israel.

The role John would play and the reason the "sign of miraculous birth" preceded John was that he was the prophesied chosen Elijah who would prepare the way for his successor Yahusha and make his path straight.

Isaiah 40

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40 Comfort, comfort my people, says Yahuah. ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from YHVH's hand double for all her sins.

³ A voice of one (John) calling: "In the wilderness prepare **the way** (Yahusha is "the way" that John was to prepare) of Yahuah; make straight in the desert a highway for our Father (to reveal Yahusha which means the Salvation of Yahuah see verse 5 below).

⁴ Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.

⁵ the <u>Salvation of Yahuah</u> (Yahusha is a compound name which literally means Salvation of Yahuah) <u>will be revealed</u>, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of Yahuah has spoken."

So John was prophesied by both Isaiah and his father Zachariah to "prepare THE WAY who is Yahusha" and make straight a path for YHVH to reveal Yahusha. John was literally born to transfer all authority of the Aaronic/Zadok Priesthood over to Yahusha as well as transfer the sins of Israel onto the shoulders of The Messiah.

It is very important to understand John's position as anointed High Priest when he Mikveh'd Yahusha. John, knowing Yahusha was The Messiah, acknowledged Yahusha's greater authority as his successor and future High Priest in the Order of Zadok not to mention Messiah. That is why he told Yahusha he was not worthy to Mikveh him. Because Mikveh is required to consecrate a Priest and John knew Yahusha was The Messiah and didn't feel his position was above Yahusha's. Since Yahusha was THE Eternal High Priest an exception had to be made to fulfill all righteousness (Torah requirements). This was the only way Yahusha could be Mikveh'd and consecrated as High Priest, King, and Passover Lamb by Torah Standards as prescribed by YHVH. So John, the current High Priest, obeyed his protégé now ready succeed him as High Priest and Messiah and performed the ritual as required.

Now that we realize both John and Yahusha were prophesied Zadokite High Priests for a reason and qualified by blood, let's look at a few more similarities. We see YHVH setting the stage to bring about His "Plan of Salvation" through a human Zadokite High Priest consecrated by Torah standards by another human Zadokite High Priest: both in the rightful line from the House of Zadok the lineage required to be High Priests of Israel. We will see both were born, raised, and prophesied <code>in identical fashion</code>. They both recognized that in each one another as they were close cousins and very well aware of both's prophetic calling and annointing. John's mother Elizabeth was Yahusha's mother Miriam's auntie after all and they grew up together. Remember Miriam went to live with Elizabeth. These two men knew what they were doing and had been groomed for it.

Both born miraculous births

Both John the Baptist and Yahusha the Messiah were born almost identical miraculous births as a "sign" of their unique and important anointing in YHVH's Plan of Salvation. Much like others who were very important in that Plan of Salvation such as Isaac. The miraculous birth of John the Baptist is recounted in Luke's Gospel where we learn of the elderly priest Zechariah and his wife Elizabeth who was barren.

Like Yahseph (Joseph) and Miriam (Mary) it was <u>very unlikely any sexual relations occurred</u> between Zechariah and Elizabeth. Because they both were very old, Elizabeth was barren, and Zechariah "doubted" the whole thing to begin with! Just like Abraham and Sarah, identical. Not to mention he served as Priest in the Temple at that time. In each of these cases (Yahusha, John, Isaac, among others such as Sampson) YHVH used the seed of both parents to heal either dead wombs or make fertile a virgin womb. <u>Make no mistake</u>, YHVH is Spirit and has no physical seed:

John 4

 24 **YHVH is spirit**, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

and those born of THAT seed (of YHVH upon resurrection not human birth) cannot die (Yahusha died proving he inherited death genetically from his father Yahseph):

Luke 20:36

³⁶ and they <u>can no longer die</u>; for they are like the angels. They are begotten children of Yahuah, being children of the resurrection.

and we all including Yahusha are begotten into His Family upon resurrection. A miracle birth does not make Yahusha a god or "YHVH incarnate" anymore than it did Isaac, Sampson, or John. YHVH would never violate His own "order" by creating a child outside of the seeds of a man and woman. Maybe that is why Yahusha is called "the son of man"

87 times because he was truly the Yahusha ben Yahseph (Yahusha the son of Yahseph). Yahusha clearly explained his claim as Yahusha ben Yahuah by tracing his lineage back to Adam ben Yahuah.

Back to John; while Zechariah was performing his priestly duties in the temple, the angel Gabriel came to him and prophesied the birth of a son. Because **Zechariah doubted the word of the angel**, he was struck dumb until the day of the birth, at which time, filled with the Holy Spirit, he proclaimed his prophetic canticle (Luke 1:68-79).

Zechariah's Song

67 His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit (breath of YHVH) and prophesied:

68 "Praise be to YHVH, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them.

69 He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David

70 (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),

71 salvation (Hebrew: Shua) from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us

72 to show mercy to our ancestors and **to remember his holy covenant** (not abolish it as Christianity teaches),

73 the oath he swore to our father Abraham:

74 to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear

75 in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

76 And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before YHVH to prepare the way for him (to introduce Yahusha: Yahuah's Shua)

77 to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins (which as part of preparing Yahusha or mentoring him this is what he was to teach the young Messiah and his followers. A doctrine that Yahusha then taught his followers),

78 because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven

79 to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace."

80 And the child grew and became strong in spirit; and he lived in the wilderness until he appeared publicly to Israel.

Here we see clearly that John's father Zechariah knew his son was not The Messiah, but the prophesied one called Elijah (which too is a title meaning **Strength of Yahuah**) that would come beforehand to prepare as High Priest the way of The Messiah. It is most certain that Zechariah the Priest taught his son Prince John (heir to Yahusha III) exactly what his role would be. John was to properly prepare the people and teach them (including young Yahusha) of salvation and forgiveness of sin and then anoint The Messiah as Eternal High Priest in succession to him. Preparing **the way** (mentoring Yahusha) and then through Mikveh "setting his path straight".

I want to point out one very important truth. His mother Elisabeth was barren. Zechariah was serving in The Temple. They were both VERY old at this time. They probably stopped having sex a long time ago. Zachariah wasn't buying any of it anyway... They probably DID NOT have sex to produce John. Even if they did, Elizabeth was barren and couldn't have children. Yet, the seed of Zechariah was "placed in the womb and the womb healed" in miraculous fashion to produce John. Just because John was born a miraculous birth almost identical to Yahusha. In John's case an Angel of YHVH prophesied his birth and gave a child to a barren womb using the father's seed... in Yahusha's case an Angel of YHVH prophesied the birth and gave a child to a virgin womb using the father's seed.

John's miraculous birth did NOT make John the Baptist part of the "GODHEAD" nor did it make YHVH a pagan Trinity. We do not worship John as equal to YHWH, YHVH in the flesh, or in any way does it make YHVH a polytheistic deity in fashion of pagan gods (they were all Trinities as I demonstrated in my book)

John had all the lineage Yahusha did. John was prophesied to come just like Yahusha was. We need to come to grips with the fact that Yahusha's miraculous birth was not unique! It was a **SIGN** just like it was prophesied to be and nothing more than that.

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore YHVH himself will give you <u>a sign</u>: The virgin (in Hebrew this means "young maiden" has NO sexual connotation) will conceive and give birth to a son (not YHVH).

We don't need to elevate Mary to "Mother of God" because Yahusha was not "YHVH" or make YHVH a pagan Trinity or worship Yahusha as god or any of that Babylonian religious "stuff" we have inherited. It is all lies. Speaking of the time when the sons of YHVH are gathered from among the nations (that time is now)...

Jeremiah 19

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¹⁹ YHVH, my strength and my fortress, my refuge in time of distress, to you the nations will come from the ends of the earth and say...

"Our forefathers have inherited nothing <u>but lie</u>s, worthless things in which there is no profit."

²¹ "Therefore I will teach them— this time I will teach them my power and might. Then they will know that my name is Yahuah! (not Yahusha and definitely not "Jesus").

Why is Zechariah considered the biological father of John when it was YHWH who gave Elizabeth the child? **Because YHWH used Zechariah´s seed in performing the miracle.** The same is found with Yahusha, it was Joseph's seed used. I cover this in detail here:

http://www.sabbathcovenant.com/doctrine/virgin_birth.htm

Both John and Yahusha had to be perfected and learned obedience through suffering

The reason I want to quickly touch on this topic is for the same reason I briefly made my point about the miraculous births and "pre-existing". We are taught that Yahusha was YHVH because of the miraculous birth but for some reason that doesn't apply to John, Sampson, Isaac, Jeremiah, and others. Either a miraculous birth <code>IS</code> reason to deify a man or it <code>ISN'T</code>. Either Yahusha had his beginning in his mother's womb or he didn't. Scripture clearly says one thing and we clearly aren't listening. Let's make up our mind and move forward with Wisdom on this such things. Which brings me to the next points. YHVH has no need of "growing in wisdom and knowledge of Himself" nor does He need to "learn obedience to Himself" not does He have a need of "being perfected"... <code>HE IS GOD! Yet Yahusha was in need of all of these things because he wasn't God.</code>

In the same way we are taught Yahusha was born without sin (by denying Yahseph his right as father when "sin" was never passed down genetically

²⁰ Do people make their own gods? Yes, **but they are not gods!**"

in the first place) and we are taught that Yahusha was perfect from birth until death. We lead to believe that Yahusha just pretty much "knew everything" from day one. We aren't made aware that John was his prophesied mentor from which Yahusha learned The Torah and the way of salvation through repentance. We are never taught the truth concerning "Original Sin" that sin is not passed on genetically.

In fact Yahusha was not born perfect **but was perfected** just like John. He was not born with the knowledge of YHVH but had to grow into it, just like John. He was not always perfectly obedient to YHVH, but had to **learn obedience through suffering** just like John. Yahusha had to be mentored in the faith by John for years (until age 30) before he was ready to succeed John as High Priest. Even after Yahusha was Mikveh'd by John it is well known that Yahusha taught the message of "salvation and repentance" that he learned from John. Why? If Yahusha was "YHVH in the flesh" and a demi-god, would he have need of anything? No, he a man in every way "fully human in every way", albeit a HIGHLY anointed one. We will learn in the next chapter that YHVH even made being The Messiah **conditional** on his obedience to the Torah! We never learned this either in "church". Truly we have inherited nothing but lies, things that profit us nothing.

Yahusha's life was exactly how the life of John the Baptist was described in scripture... identical.

- Both prophesied to come for a specific annointed purpose.
- Both born miraculously as a "sign" of their anointing.
- Both born seemingly outside the physical union of their parents yet with the seeds of their fathers by an Angel planting the seed in a barren womb and then in a virgin womb.
- Both born Zadokite High Priests descendents of Yahusha III by blood.
- Both Davidian Princes by blood.
- Both had to be perfected in obedience through suffering and had to come to know and obey YHVH.
- Both were mentored in The Faith; John by Zachariah the Priest and Yahusha by John.

The only difference between them was their <u>destiny!</u> John was the destined High Priest to consecrate The Messiah who as Yahusha.

Luke 2:40, 52 NKJV

40 And the child (Yahusha) grew and became strong in spirit, (and became) filled with wisdom; and the grace (favor) of YHVH was upon him. ... 52 And Yahusha increased (over time) in wisdom and stature, and (increased) in favor with YHVH and men.

This doesn't sound like Yahusha was YHVH in the flesh to me. Yahusha GREW in wisdom, strength, stature, etc., just like John the Baptist (see Luke 1:80). This shows that Yahusha was not born "perfect" but BECAME

perfected like all other righteous men of Israel (Yet Yahusha was the most Anointed One). We see below that all these attributes were not present in Yahusha at birth (because he was NOT God but a man). Yahusha obtained all these things by "inheritance" as I have demonstrated so far in this book... by blood!

Hebrews 1:4 NKJV

4 <u>having become</u> so much better than the angels, as he has **by inheritance** obtained a more excellent name than they.

Hebrews 5:8-9 NKJV

8 though he was a Son (not God), yet <a href="https://hee.com/

Hebrews 7:28 NKJV

28 For the law appoints as high priests <u>men who have</u> <u>weakness</u> (Yahusha too was appointed High Priest according to The Law from The House of Zadok), but (in addition to The Law) the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son (to be the Melchizedek or the Ruling Zadoc) who <u>has been perfected</u> forever (as The Eternal High Priest).

It should be quite obvious that Yahusha was not born perfect, but he submitted his imperfect personal will to the Perfect Will and Ruach (Spirit) of YHVH. Therefore, he **BECAME** perfected and thus qualified as the Messiah of Israel **BY INHERITANCE**!. This is very important as we continue in this book.

Chapter 3

Prophecy of Yahusha the High Priest

Introduction

There are very few men (I actually do not know any I searched the web) who recognize the prophecy of the coming Messiah spoken of by the Prophet Zachariah in Zachariah Chapter 3. This one prophecy itself speaks volumes of "who" the coming Messiah would be even down to his name, Mikveh, and promises.

Why are there very few men (if any) who recognize this fact? Well it may have something to do with the abomination that is the name Jesus H. Christ (a later derivative of *Hesus Horus Krishna* as I demonstrated clearly in my two books

<u>Mystery Babylon – The Religion of The Beast</u> and <u>Christianity – The Great Deception</u>. By literally changing the name of the Messiah from the Hebrew name given him of "<u>Yahusha</u>" to the name of a pagan Roman demi-god "Jesus" we have all missed what is probably <u>the most telling prophecy of the coming Messiah!</u>

I don't make this critical error in this book so let us look at the prophesied coming High Priest Yahusha as spoken through the prophet Zachariah.

Prophecy of Yahusha The High Priest, The Branch, and Eternal Judge in Zachariah Chapter 3

There is only one prophesied "Branch" and there is only one "Eternal Judge". There is only one Yahusha in recorded history to stand side by side with Satan in the presence of an Angel of YHVH. <u>That</u> "Yahusha" is The Eternal High Priest Yahusha the Messiah.

While there are many High Priests named Yahusha, those words clearly identify only one... The Messiah Yahusha the High Priest in the Order of Zadok. Yes, the one Yahusha who is the Ruling Zadok known as Melchizedek. Not to mention that all prophesies (in the Torah and Prophets) such as the one below are all speaking of The Messiah except the one about John being Elijah. So why do we ignore this one? Because it says Yahusha was cleansed of sin and we do not understand it. We'd rather say it is speaking of some other High Priest Yahusha and hide behind the name "Jesus" and avoid the entire prophecy.

Let us examine the prophecy of that Branch and Eternal Judge called the High Priest Yahusha in a vision given to Zechariah by YHVH in Zechariah Chapter 3. Let us learn more about our Messiah the Ruling Zadok Eternal High Priest and Eternal Judge of the living and the dead:

Zechariah 3

Clean Garments for The High Priest, Yahusha

¹ Then he showed me Yahusha **the high priest** standing before the angel of YHVH, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him. ² YHVH (through His proxy The Angel before whom stood Yahusha and Satan) said to Satan, "YHVH rebuke you, Satan! YHVH, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you! Is not this man <u>a burning stick snatched from the fire</u>?"

³ Now Yahusha was dressed in filthy clothes (metaphor of sin) as he stood before the angel. ⁴ The angel said to those who were standing before him, "Take off his filthy clothes." Then YHVH said to Yahusha, "See (after taking off his filthy rags), I have taken away your sin (fifthly rags Isaiah 64:6), and I will put fine garments (of the High Priest) on you."

⁵ Then I said, "Put a clean turban (of the High Priest) on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him (in the garments of the High Priest), while the angel of YHVH stood by. ⁶ The angel of YHVH gave this charge to Yahusha: ⁷ "This is what YHVH Almighty says (again YHVH speaking through His proxy Angel): '**If** (YHVH makes a conditional promise) you will walk in obedience to me and keep my requirements (The Torah), **then** (here is the promise if he keeps The Torah and obeys the Will of YHVH) you will **govern** my house (i.e. King over creation) and have charge of my courts (Eternal Judge), and I will give you a place (right hand of YHVH) among these standing here.

⁸ "Listen, <u>High Priest Yahusha</u>, you and your associates seated (who came) before you (probably Adam, Enoch, Moses, Elijah, etc.), <u>who (those seated before him) are men symbolic of things to come</u>: I am going to bring (you) my servant (from this point forward), <u>the Branch</u> (he is The Messiah).

⁹ See, the stone I have set in front of Yahusha! There are seven eyes on that one stone, and I will engrave an inscription on it,' says YHVH Almighty, 'and I will remove the sin of this land in a single day (the day Yahusha, in obedience, dies as Passover Lamb). ¹⁰ "In that day each of you will invite your neighbor to sit under your vine and fig tree,' declares YHVH Almighty."

This is uniquely speaking to and of High Priest Yahusha the Messiah "the Branch". It could not be any clearer. Almost every scholar believes this to be a prophecy of Yahusha III (the Messiah's grandfather). I actually know of no one else that sees this as the Messiah I'm just giving someone out there the benefit of the doubt here . There is zero chance this could be speaking of anyone other than The Messiah Yahusha the Eternal High Priest. Let's examine this prophecy in more detail in light of the life of Yahusha the Messiah.

In this one prophetic vision, YHVH reveals clearly His Plan of Salvation through the High Priest Yahusha. We see Yahusha standing before "The Angel of YHVH' who was acting as YHVH's proxy speaking for Him. Yahusha is standing next to Satan who is accusing Yahusha vigorously saying probably something to the effect "*look how dirty this lowly man is, covered in sin!*" We know for a fact Yahusha was not born perfect but had to be perfected through trials and tribulation. We know Yahusha did not live obedient to YHVH his entire life because he had to "learn obedience through suffering". So here is Yahusha standing before the Angel of YHVH covered in "filthy rags" which is symbolic of "sin". Not only "possibly" his own but Yahusha is carrying the sin of the world on his shoulders as well:

Isaiah 64:6

⁶ All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like *filthy rags*.

But, when did this vision occur in Yahusha's life? It occurred just after John the High Priest <u>consecrated through Mikveh</u> Yahusha as High Priest in succession. The ritual of Mikveh washing away his prior life and as YHVH said "He had taken away his sin" and removed the sin of the world (dirty rags) from him. Yahusha then fled into the desert like the scapegoat. After spending 40 days/night in the desert sun <u>starving to death</u>, Yahusha literally looks like a "**burning stick snatched from the fire**" of the desert sun.

Now, after just being cleansed of sin through Mikveh (baptism), Yahusha is stripped of his "filthy rags" or sin of the world, and clothed in the garments of a High Priest as Yahusha was literally by blood the successor to John the Baptist who succeeded High Priest Yahusha III who restored the House of Zadok to the Office of High Priest in the Second Temple.

YHVH then declares "See (as I promised you in The Torah conserning Mikveh), I have taken away your sin, and put fine garments on you". And then it goes on to describe the garments of The High Priest that were put on Yahusha. Then YHVH tells Yahusha to "listen" because YHVH would bring about (in Yahusha) his servant, the Branch (obvious reference to The Messiah), in other words YHVH would make THIS High Priest His Messiah! And if Yahusha "will walk in obedience to me and keep my requirements (The Torah), then you will govern my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you a place among these standing here".

This is an "if... then..." statement. <u>If</u> Yahusha will keep The Torah, <u>then</u> YHVH will engrave in stone that He (YHVH) will "<u>remove the sin of this land in a single day"</u> because of Yahusha's piety. The Apostle Paul taught the exact same "conditional" role, that YHVH heard Yahusha <u>BECAUSE</u> of his piety not because Yahusha was the second member of a pagan Babylonian Trinity as we have been taught:

Hebrews 5:7

During the days of Yahusha's life on earth (as a human), he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one (YHVH) who could save him from death, and he was heard (by YHVH as YHVH promised in Zachariah 3) because of his reverent submission.

Looks like Paul knew Zachariah Chapter 3 as well he should as a Nazarene and keeper of The Torah! So Yahusha through reverent obedience to The Torah would become qualified as The Ruling Zadok through inheritance just like I have shown so far. He then could offer himself up as the first born son and proper sacrifice for sin. Doing away with the yearly "substitute" of a physical lamb, and fulfilling the prophetic portrait of Abraham sacrificing Isaac but this time with no substitute!

In that one Passover Day of Yahusha's obedience unto death, YHVH fulfilled His promise in Zachariah of "remove the sin of this land in a single day". Not because Yahusha was "God" not because he was "perfect" but simply because Yahusha was the heir, he was obedient, and because of his piety! Think about what this says! Think about the significance of it! This is an entirely

different view of The Messiah Yahusha than is taught anywhere else that I know of.

I needed to bring this prophecy to light for several reasons for us to better understand who Yahusha was as we move forward in this book. First let me explain what Zechariah was seeing:

YHVH gave Zechariah a vision so that we would know the "conversation" that occurred after Yahusha was baptized by John and went in the desert for 40 days and fasted. Believing himself to be the Messiah, Yahusha fulfilled the metaphor of the Scapegoat covered in "dirty rags" as the sins of the world had just been placed on his shoulders by John laying hands on him. Yahusha then ran into the desert to seek confirmation from YHVH that he was in fact "The Messiah". Yahusha knew the prophecies concerning his birth, the Torah requirements to be The Messiah, the Zadokian requirements, and the bloodline to David needed and they fit him uniquely. But to actually live the role of The Messiah, Yahusha needed direct confirmation from YHVH. He would rather die in that desert than emerge without the confirmation from YHVH and become yet another "false Messiah" of that time.

Yahusha was brought to the point of death by starvation and dehydration in the desert after 40 days and nights. He simply was willing to die if he was not The Messiah and YHVH had not confirmed it to him yet. At the point of near death, Satan came to Yahusha and tried to convince Yahusha that he wasn't the Messiah. Satan explained that YHVH didn't answer him with confirmation and left him to die in the desert because he wasn't it. Satan then proceeded to offer Yahusha the Kingdom of Israel by force if Yahusha would be bow to him. Satan argued that since he wasn't the Messiah (after all there he was on the verge of death with no confirmation) Satan would grant him everything promised the Messiah and save his life.

YHVH was testing Yahusha's faith that he was in fact the prophesied Messiah even to the point of death. It is understandable now why YHVH waited until Yahusha was near death before confirming he was The Messiah. This was because death would be required of the Messiah and only one who was willing to die was worthy of the calling. Once Yahusha proved he would rather die then face the reality he wasn't the Messiah and would never take by force what YHVH had given the Messiah by birth... YHVH then sends The Angel of YHVH to minister to Yahusha in the desert.

This is where the vision of Zachariah Chapter 3 begins. There with Satan at his side accusing him, Yahusha stood before the Angel of YHVH. We see Yahusha covered in the sins of humanity (filthy rags) laying in the desert (looking like *a burning stick taken out of the fire*) and Satan so angry Yahusha refused his offer that now Satan (knowing Yahusha is the Messiah) resorts to accusing Yahusha before YHVH.

We see YHVH confirm Yahusha's Mikveh by John cleansing him of his sin (that is what Mikveh is for) and confirming to Yahusha that he was in fact The Messiah (the Branch). YHVH then takes away the sins of humanity (filthy rags) and YHVH lays out what is required of Yahusha and the rewards **if** Yahusha obeys.

We all know the rest, Yahusha came out of the desert with the confirmation he was seeking and the rest *is history*. Yahusha emerged from that event with the full backing of YHVH that he was the prophesied Messiah, High Priest, and King of Israel. Zachariah Chapter 3 gives us a front role seat in what actually took place there in the desert. I'm sure this conversation with his Father was his source of strength when he was being beaten, tortured, and executed on that stake!

So-called "scholars and teachers" of today try to divert our attention away from this amazing look into the life of The Messiah Yahusha. They try changing his name (to Jesus), attributing the vision to be of his grandfather Yahusha III, or just avoiding it all together. Think about it, have you ever been taught this vision in Zachariah Chapter 3? I haven't. There is no chance this vision is of anyone other than The Messiah. The events in Yahusha's life prove it and the words of the vision prove it all the way down to his name. We know exactly when it occurred in his life. There is no other Eternal Judge and King of Creation and there is not other "Branch"... I know not one.

Yahusha III (the favorite candidate for this vision by most if not all scholars) was a historical High Priest in Israel <u>after</u> this vision but his life was not significant enough to warrant such a "vision" from YHVH to a Major Prophet. In every case of such a vision, the subject of the vision is a major player in the Plan of Salvation and almost these visions foreshadow or give us a glimpse of who Yahusha the Messiah will be. There is no mention of Yahusha III by the Messiah or his disciples and apostles. There is no event in Yahusha III's life that coincides with this vision. Yahusha III was not "the branch" he was not "given charge of all of YHVH estate" etc. This applies uniquely to The Messiah, no one else. The promises to rule over YHVH's House or kingdom in that vision are messianic (Isaiah 9:6) and does not apply to Yahusha III.

The reason no one has the foresight (or nerve) to even try and understand the prophecy in Zachariah is because the High Priest Yahusha is <u>ritually cleansed of sin</u> and consecrated High Priest through Mikveh. No one wants to be the one to have to explain why The Messiah had to be cleansed of sin or why he is covered in sin (filthy rags)!

However, if we understand Mikveh we can come to the understanding of Yahusha's state of Righteousness vs. Sin at his execution and it helps define the vision Zachariah had. All sin had been washed clean at his Mikveh so from that point forward he was sinless and spotless before YHVH. We should properly put our faith in the promise YHVH made through Mikveh and properly credit this vision of Zachariah to The Messiah.

Everyone else may want deny this obvious prophecy of The Messiah because they can't explain it. But this book will do what others before me have failed to do and demonstrate it was in fact The Messiah who Zachariah saw. "The Branch" referred to in Zachariah 3 is the same "Branch" in Isaiah:

Isaiah 11:1-2

"And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and **a Branch** shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of

YHVH shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of YHVH"

Again here we see The Messiah is not YHVH but a human from the "stem or righteous branch of Jesse" and this man will embody the *fullness of deity* or rather be FULL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. Fullness of deity does NOT mean Yahusha was God as is taught:

Colossians 2:9

For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form.

We too, like Yahusha, can achieve the "fullness of deity", this revelation is found in love that surpasses knowledge (at least that of the Christian Church):

Ephesians 3:19

¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you (too like Yahusha) may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of deity.

Yahusha was not "God in the Flesh" and what Yahusha was is <u>clearly defined</u> as the "**Spirit**" of YHVH resting fully on and anointing the Messiah in Wisdom, Understanding, Council, Might, Knowledge, and the fear of YHVH" as Isaiah prophesied. It does not define The Messiah as some demi-god (a half man/half god) composite pagan deity of Rome (Jesus H. Christ)... The prophecies that Yahusha fulfilled never, not once, say anything like "YHVH would come to earth in the form of a man" or YHVH incarnate as we all have been taught by the Christopagan Church. If fact, they foretell of the <u>exact opposite</u> and YHVH clearly denies this false doctrine of "incarnation":

Numbers 23:19

19 YHVH is not a man, that he should lie, neither the "Son of Man" (Yahusha was called the Son of man 87 times and was baptized for repentance by John), that he should repent (Yahusha was Mikveh'd by John for repentance): Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?

So while YHVH said He would make good on His declaration that He is not a man or the "son of man" <u>we</u> turn right around and declare the man "Yahusha, the son of man" to be YHVH in the flesh.

This is extremely important if we are to understand *The Plan of Salvation*. Because no where does it define that plan as YHVH having to come to Earth to die. That Plan was defined clearly in His Word as YHVH would send a human High Priest in the order of Zadok, YHVH would purify him, and anoint him as the Passover Lamb, and then that human High Priest would offer himself as a SIN OFFERING to YHVH; thereby defeating the Law of Sin and Death. That man would become through resurrection YHVH's firstborn son as YHVH would beget that Messiah as the firstborn son of the resurrection into His family. As first born

son and heir to all things, Yahusha was made King to govern the House of YHVH/Kingdom of YHVH and Eternal Judge (of His courts) as promised in Zachariah Chapter 3.

We need to trust the prophetic words concerning the Messiah and have faith in YHVH's ability to fulfill His promises found in The Torah. Even if we do not understand it. We do not need to "create for ourselves gods that are not gods (Jeremiah 9)". In fact, we need to package all these "false doctrines" back into the nice little pagan packages they came in and ship them along with the pagan demi-god Constantine created (Hesus Horus Krishna aka Jesus H. Christ) back to Babylon form which they came! Then with a clean slate come to know Yahusha the Messiah and align our doctrine with scripture not human tradition.

Mark 7

⁸ You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions." ... ¹³ Thus you nullify the word of God **by your tradition** that you have handed down. And you do many things like that."

In short we need to "come out of her (Mystery Babylon)" and back to the Truth found in The Torah, Prophets, and the true Messiah.

Now, let's look further at Yahusha the High Priest so that we understand fully who the priest was that Zechariah saw in his vision.

Chapter 4

Mikveh or Baptism?

Introduction

Now that we have been given a look into what occurred after John "baptized" Yahusha and he fled into the desert in the last chapter, I want to explain more about what Zachariah saw in his vision:

Zechariah 3

Clean Garments for The High Priest, Yahusha

¹ Then he showed me Yahusha **the high priest** standing before the angel of YHVH, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him. ² YHVH said to Satan, "YHVH rebuke you, Satan! YHVH, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you! Is not this man *a burning stick snatched from the fire*?" ³ Now Yahusha was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel. ⁴ The angel said to those who were standing before him, "Take off his filthy clothes." Then YHVH said to Yahusha, "See, I have taken away **your sin**, and I will put fine garments on you."

YHVH tells Yahusha that He has taken away Yahusha's sin and then dresses Yahusha in the garments of the High Priest. What is going on here? Didn't Yahusha "**know no sin**"?

This is a direct reference to what had just happened to Yahusha when he was Mikveh'd by John. The ritual of Mikveh is the defined ritual in The Law of YHVH where YHVH cleanses a man of sin, and consecrates him as High Priest! We don't want to acknowledge this is referring to Yahusha because we have been taught that he lived a sinless life and that he was god. However, scripture records that Yahusha was not born perfect but had to be perfected over his life through trials and tribulations. Scripture tells us that Yahusha was not always perfectly obedient but had to learn obedience through suffering. Yahusha didn't receive his promises based on his own merit but through inheritance and obedience to The Law:

Hebrews 1:4 NKJV

4 <u>having become</u> so much better than the angels, as he has <u>by inheritance</u> obtained a more excellent name than they.

Hebrews 5:8-9 NKJV

8 though he was a Son (not God), yet he learned obedience by the things which he suffered (just like all men do). 9 And having been perfected (not born perfect as a God), he became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey him

Hebrews 7:28 NKJV

28 For the law appoints as high priests <u>men who have</u> <u>weakness</u> (Yahusha too was appointed High Priest according to The Law from The House of Zadok), but (in addition to The Law) the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son (to be the Melchizedek or the Ruling Zadoc) who <u>has been perfected</u> forever (as The Eternal High Priest).

When the Apostle Paul said Yahusha "knew no sin" he was absolutely correct and in context (I clarify in blue) Paul is saying the same thing I am. Paul was a Torah Master and **LAW**yer, he knew exactly what happened when Yahusha was Mikveh'd and what it meant:

2 Corinthians 5:21

YHVH **made** Yahusha who had no sin (in YHVH's eyes after his Mikveh until his execution) to be sin for us (a sin offering), so that in (covenant with) Yahusha we might become the righteousness of YHVH (the blood of The Lamb covers our sin restoring us to perfection in righteousness).

What Paul said above is simply explaining exactly what The Passover Lamb did for Israel every year. Paul knew nothing of Yahusha's life prior to

Mikveh (it is not recorded anywhere) except that he was not born perfect and had to grow in wisdom, grown in the knowledge of YHVH, increase in favor with YHVH, and learn obedience to YHVH as Paul clearly stated.

If Yahusha had to become better than the angels, learn obedience, come to know YHVH, increase over time in YHVH's favor, and be perfected through suffering... that is another way of saying at some point he was not better than the angels, not highly favored by YHVH, not perfect and not obedient. He was a man like everyone else and had to develop into a "son" over the course of his life which is the example we are all to follow i.e. *The Way*. We too must repent of our sin, we too must have faith in YHVH to wipe our sin away, we too must be Mikveh'd, we too grown over time in the knowledge of YHVH, we too have to learn obedience to YHVH, we too are sanctified over time and increase in the favor of YHVH. This is what Yahusha was talking about when he said he was *The Truth and the Way* (his example is the true way) and no one comes to YHVH accept through him (his example).

Our misguided belief that Yahusha was somehow a man-god requires him to be perfect leading to false doctrine after false doctrine. Each one to cover the obvious "problems" with the previous one. Leading to a "web of lies" called Christianity. He in fact was not a man-god, but "fully human":

Hebrews 2

17 For this reason Yahusha had to be made like them (he was made human), <u>fully human in every way</u>, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest (who are chosen from among men) in service to YHVH

I'll get deeper into this in later chapters of this book.

With the proper understanding of scripture (mainly The Torah) we find there is <u>no conflict with the vision Zachariah saw</u> in Chapter 3 and Yahusha's requirement to live a "spotless" life for a year "yearling" prior to his execution. From the point of Yahusha's Mikveh when YHVH totally cleansed his life of sin and took away the sins of the world (dirty rags), Yahusha did just that which is what Paul is teaching in his letters.

What scripture does record is that Yahusha fulfilled the role of "Passover Lamb" and those lambs were "**spotless yearlings**". Few people realize that Yahusha's ministry was not 3.5 years as we are taught (there is no scriptural support for that "tradition of men") but rather 70 weeks or "around a year" as the Prophet Daniel so foretold. This is admitted in the Jewish Encyclopedia as well. From Yahusha's Mikveh when he was cleansed of sin and anointed The Messiah, he lived in perfect obedience and when he died he truly was The Passover Lamb a "spotless **yearling**". For those who would like to know more about Yahusha's ministry and the duration of it, I highly recommend the following video from teacher Michael Rood:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cg87u3GY2rI

Our "understanding" has been clouded by Christianity who, having abolished The Law, knows literally nothing about what "baptism" really is supposed to be and what it meant in the life of The Messiah. That is the purpose of this book to define what happened to Yahusha when John "baptized him".

The High Priest John's role and the Nazarenes (true sons of YHVH)

What John the High Priest was doing "in the wilderness", the Jordan River actually, was performing the ritual of cleansing rites called *Mikveh* in "living water" by Torah standards and properly teaching The Torah. He was teaching "salvation and repentance" like his father Zachariah had prophesied concerning John. It was John that would mentor Yahusha and this is where Yahusha learned and grew in the knowledge and spirit of YHVH. It is through Mikveh that YHVH takes our sin away and we become white as snow in His eyes! That is why YHVH said to Yahusha "see I have taken away your sin" in the desert, because he had just come from being Mikveh'd by the High Priest John.

As I explained earlier in this book, the rightful anointed office of High Priest before YHVH (not Herod) went from Yahusha III to his first male heir which was his grandson John the Baptist. Then to his great grandson and next male heir (John's cousin) Yahusha the Messiah. John's role as the "coming of Elijah" was to pave the way for The Messiah and properly teach salvation and repentance. The people of Israel knew John was the anointed High Priest and they went to him to be Mikveh'd (they did not go to the corrupted priests in The Temple). Those who followed John the Baptize were known as Notsi or "Nazarenes".

John was actively preparing Israel for the coming Messiah which he knew was Yahusha his cousin. He also knew Yahusha was the next heir to his office of High Priest when he became of age (30 years old, the traditional age man was considered a Rabbi). The people new Yahusha well, he too was a follower of John's but they did not yet know he was The Messiah. Before we can come to understand what happened that day at the Jordan River when John cried out "Behold! The Passover Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world" as Yahusha approached; We must know and understand what Mikveh is and what it means before we will ever know the real Messiah.

We also need to look closer at "baptism" and what we have been taught by the Christian Church. In an effort to distance itself totally from all things Holy to YHVH (His people, His Temple, His Eternal City, His Laws, His Feasts, and His Sabbath) the Church of Rome turned its back on Mikveh as well as the priesthood established by YHVH. The pagan Roman Church created a "new" human priesthood in the form of Catholic Priests, Bishops, etc. and Christian Pastors. They also created a "new" baptism replacing YHVH's Ordained Mikveh or ritual cleansing.

So what is Mikveh and why was the High Priest John the "Baptist" performing it in the desert instead of the Temple? Let us first take a closer look at the Nazarenes to find insight.

John the Great Nazarene - The Teacher of Righteousness

In the Dead Sea Scrolls there is a figure called "The Great Notsri (Nazarene)" and "Teacher of Righteousness". He was said to have the proper understanding of the Torah, qualified in its accurate instruction, and be the one through whom YHVH would reveal to the community "the hidden things in which Israel had gone astray". He would rightfully be of the House of Zadok (a true High Priest). This was Yahusha's mentor and teacher, John the Great Notsri who was of The House of Zadok and the "anointed High Priest" in succession to Yahusha III.

This description of "The Great Notsri" is found in **the Damascus Document of the Dead Sea Scroll** which carbon dating has placed about 44 BC, the time John was acting as High Priest in the wilderness. John was prophesied to fulfill this very role by his father Zachariah:

Luke 1:68-79

Zechariah's Song

76 And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before YHVH to prepare the way for him (Yahusha), 77 to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, 78 because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven 79 to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace." 80 And the child grew and became strong in spirit; and he lived in the wilderness until he appeared publicly to Israel.

The Great Notsri, founder of the Nazarenes, at that time was undoubtedly John the Baptist who was the rightful High Priest from the House of Zadok. Although there is a "debate" about who this Great Notsri was among current scholars, there should be no doubt. Yahusha told us exactly who this great *Teacher of Righteousness* among the Nazarenes and Essences was, it was his own mentor:

Matthew 11:11

"I tell you the truth, among those born of women, <u>no</u> <u>one has arisen greater than John the Baptist</u>.

If there was no one greater than John ever born of a woman (that includes all men) then he is The Great Notsri. So much for that debate, Yahusha settled it. So, we have John "the prophesied Great Nazar" and "Teacher of Righteousness (Torah)" of the Nazarenes, mentioned in the Dead Sea Scrolls, and identified by The Messiah, consecrating Yahusha the Nazarene through Mikveh defined in The Torah. This significance cannot be overstated.

Yahusha the Nazarene - follower of John

Nazarenes were a sect among the Jews in Israel who followed John the Baptist at the time Yahusha lived. Under John's direction, the Nazarenes knowing the prophecies of Daniel concerning the timing of the Messiah's coming, bathed in the Mikveh **daily** in expectation of the Messiah's arrival.

Yahusha and many of his disciples were first followers of John the Baptize and were all... **Nazarenes**. When John consecrated Yahusha as his successor, his followers then followed Yahusha "the Nazarene" and accepted him as The Messiah.

Nazarenes were spoken of as as guardians of The Torah, Prophets, and Messiah. It is a mistranslation in our Bibles where it says "Jesus of Nazareth". Not only is his name not Jesus, not only did the town of Nazareth not exist then, but the terms "sect of the Nazarenes" and "Yahusha of Nazareth" are the same. They both employ the adjective nasraya (حدر عنه) or notsri meaning branch, which is referring to the prophecy in Isaiah concerning The Branch and prophecy of Zachariah concerning The Branch. The English word "Nazarene" (Greek "Nazaraios," Aramaic "Natsraya," or Hebrew "Notsri") comes from the Hebrew word netser (branch), which itself is derived from the verb natsar which means "to guard, watch, keep, or preserve." in context speaking of The Torah. Yahusha was indeed a Notsri and keeper of The Torah. That is why he was called Yahusha the Notsri (mistranslated as Jesus of Nazareth), keeper and guardian of The Torah.

The Apostle Paul - Leader of the Nazarenes, follower of Yahusha

The Apostle Paul too was a Nazarene or Notsri. After Paul was arrested in Jerusalem; he was escorted to Caesarea to appear before the governor, Felix. Under the authority of Ananias, the "unauthorized" high priest, Tertullus brought the charges before Felix. Notice his accusation:

Acts 24:5-6

"For we have found this man a pestilent fellow [a plague], and a mover of sedition among all the Jews throughout the world, and a <u>ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes</u>: Who also hath gone about to profane

the temple: whom we took, and would have judged according to our law".

The righteous requirements and meaning of the Mikveh

Now that we understand that John the Baptist, Yahusha, Paul, and pretty much all of the disciples and apostles were all Notri or Nazarenes "keepers of The Torah'. We must then, look to The Torah to understand what John was doing "baptizing" Jews in the Jordan river. He was not creating a "new" institution or ritual called "baptism" he was performing the Mikveh in living water.

Mikveh is the process of total immersion in "living" or flowing water (not stagnant water) to ritually cleanse a person for various reasons such as sickness, sin, consecration of a priest, etc. To understand the significance of John, the Nazarene Zadok High Priest, Mikveh'ing the Nazarene Zadok High Priest Yahusha in the desert... we must know the reason behind the Mikveh ritual as defined in The Torah.

After Herold killed the High Priest Yahusha III and appointed another High Priest, John lived a very excluded Essene lifestyle in the wilderness (probably avoiding Herod) and had disavowed the corrupt Temple Priestly System in Jerusalem. The same path Yahusha would later take as a follower of John. The discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls indicate many of Yahusha's teachings were inspired by John, the "Essene Teacher of Righteousness". No wonder Yahusha gave John such high accolades as:

Matthew 11:11

"I tell you the truth, among those born of women, no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist.

In the face of YHVH's chosen lineage of High Priests, Herod had "chosen" his own and those Temple Priests had stopped honoring the Torah requirements of laying on of hands at Mikveh, this is just one of the things that drove John into the wilderness to serve the people as High Priest. Yahusha had to have all the Aaronic Priestly Authority transferred to him as THE RIGHTEOUS HIGH PRIEST/KING (Melchizedek) by the process of Mikveh and laying on of hands by YHVH's chosen High Priest. Yahusha had to be cleansed of sin and consecrated by Mikveh to "fulfill all righteousness". Remember, righteousness is obedience to The Law. What Yahusha was saying to John was that he had to be Mikveh'd to fulfill The Law and become High Priest.

Luke 3

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¹³ Then Yahusha came from Galilee to the Jordan to be Mikveh'd by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be Mikveh'd by you, and do you come to me?"

¹⁵ Yahusha replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all requirements in The Law." Then John consented.

Yahusha could not be mikveh'd by just any other High Priest, it had to be John who was prophesied to do just that:

Malachi 3:1

"I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly YHVH (whom) you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant (the Great Notsri), whom you desire, will come," says YHVH Almighty.

Yahusha said Malachi and Isaiah were speaking of John:

Matthew 17:11-13

"Yahusha replied, "To be sure, Elijah comes and will restore all things. But I tell you, Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but have done to him everything they wished. In the same way the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands." Then the disciples understood that he was talking to them about John the Baptist"

Everything mentioned in the vision of Zachariah 3 concerning The High Priest Yahusha has come to pass in the life of The Messiah. The doctrine of Yahusha's Mikveh by John is so paramount, it is THE ELEMENTARY teaching that you cannot progress in knowledge of the Messiah without it.

Apostle Paul's teaching Yahusha's Mikveh as "elementary"

Below is what Paul wrote concerning the elementary teaching about Yahusha's Mikveh:

Hebrews 6

¹ Therefore let us move beyond <u>the elementary teachings</u> <u>about The Messiah</u> and be taken forward to maturity, not laying again (now Paul lists the fundamental teaching about Yahusha) the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in YHVH, ² instruction (Torah requirements) about cleansing rites (Mikveh) and (instruction or Torah requirements concerning) washing of hands, (and Torah requirements concerning) the laying on of hands (to transfer the sins onto The Passover Lamb), the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. ³ And YHVH permitting (us to mature), we will do so (but only if we understand Yahusha's Mikveh).

So, let me make what Paul is saying crystal clear. In vs. 1 he states these are teachings "about Yahusha" then lists each critical teaching about

Yahusha. In vs. 2 he mentions "instructions" which in Hebrew is the word "Torah" concerning "cleansing rites" which is Mikveh. So let me restate more clearly below how Hebrews 6 should read, remember Paul was a Nazarene, keeper of The Torah:

Hebrews 6

- ¹ Therefore let us move forward and mature in our understanding about the things concerning Yahusha, not laying again (having to relearn over and over) <u>the basic teaching</u> <u>about Yahusha (everything mentioned below is talking</u> "about Yahusha"):
 - About Yahusha's foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death (referring to Yahusha's Mikveh for repentance by John)
 - and of Yahusha's faith in YHVH (to wipe away his sin through Mikveh)
 - ² "instructions" about "cleansing rites" (i.e. we must know Torah requirements concerning Mikveh to know the significance of what was happening to Yahusha)
 - and (Torah requirements) of washing and the laying on of hands (at Yahusha's Mikveh, the ritual to transfer priestly authority and pass the sins of the world on to Yahusha as The Passover Lamb)
 - How Yahusha was resurrected from the dead by YHVH who heard his cries because of his piety in life (*Hebrews* 5:7)
 - and how Yahusha now reigns as eternal judge over the House of YHVH (Zechariah 3:7)

The Apostle Paul is teaching us the importance of Yahusha's Mikveh. YHVH will not permit us to move on and mature in spiritual knowledge until we understand what happened when John cried out "**Behold! The Passover Lamb of God**" and then Mikveh'd Yahusha. We will remain "children" in YHVH and never progress to full maturity until we understand the concept I am explaining in this book about Yahusha. Paul stressed this very well and after trying to explain everything I am in this book about Yahusha as Melchizedek he finally "seemingly" through his arms up in frustration and said:

Hebrews 5

³ And YHVH will only permit us to move on to maturity (concerning Yahusha) once we lay **this** foundation firmly.

¹¹ We have much to say about this (in context he was talking about Yahusha as the Ruling Zadok), but it is hard to make it clear to you because you no longer try to understand. ¹² In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers (of The Torah, there was no NT for another 300 years), you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of YHVH's word (The Torah) all over again. You need milk, not solid food! ¹³ Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is <u>not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness (again The Torah)</u>. ¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use (obedience to The Torah) have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil (which is what The Law was given for).

That concept summarized so eloquently in Hebrews 6:1 by the Apostle Paul, was exactly what Zachariah saw in a vision from YHVH in Zachariah Chapter 3.

Paul understood everything I am explaining here. He listed baptism or ritual cleansing (Mikveh) and the laying on of hands <u>in context of Yahusha</u> as so *fundamental* to our growth in YHVH that if we do not understand these doctrines... *YHVH will stunt our growth in Him*. Yahusha's Mikveh is THE starting point and pivotal moment when Yahusha became The Messiah, The Eternal High Priest Melchizedek, and Passover Lamb of God all given Yahusha through inheritance (bloodlines).

Let me summarize Hebrews 6:1 again so we are clear. Paul says these are "elementary teachings <u>about Yahusha</u>". Yes, everything Paul listed in Hebrews 6:1 were concerning Yahusha and referring to his Mikveh:

- Repentance from acts that lead to death Yahusha repented of any acts that lead to death by going to John to be Mikveh'd. We don't know "what" because his life prior to that point was not documented for a reason (it doesn't matter to YHVH), they were not just "missing". They no longer "counted" in the eyes of YHVH because Yahusha had repented and been Mikveh'd. This is probably why his documented life begins when he at his Mikveh; his previous life simply had no relevance to Yahusha's state of perfection from then on.
- Laying on of Hands It at Yahusha's Mikveh that John laid hands on Yahusha, he was ritually cleansed through Mikveh, and the sins of the world where transferred onto Yahusha's shoulder as The Passover Lamb. That is the role of The High Priest each year to lay hands on the lamb and transfer the sins of Israel.
- Instructions about cleansing rites Torah is Hebrew for "instructions" and cleansing rites is Mikveh. So this literally says "know The Torah concerning Mikveh"! On the day of his Mikveh, Yahusha was forgiven by YHVH, cleansed, and consecrated a High Priest per Torah requirements (exactly as portrayed in Zachariah's vision).
- Exercising faith toward YHVH Yahusha exercised his faith at his Mikveh that YHVH would "wipe away his sin" as He promised in The Torah (instructions about cleansing rites) and confirmed in the

desert (Zachariah 3).

- Resurrected from the dead The Word says YHVH "heard Yahusha's cry to deliver him from death" <u>BECAUSE</u> of Yahusha's piety *Hebrews 5:7*. Just like Zachariah's vision shows.
- Eternal Judgment As YHVH promised The High Priest Yahusha in Zachariah's vision, IF Yahusha would obey His commandments and demonstrate his piety toward YHVH (*Hebrews 5:7*), THEN Yahusha would "govern" the House of YHVH and be in charge of his "courts". YHVH would also forgive the sins of the world in one day (the Passover execution of Yahusha). Yahusha was given a name above every name and seated at YHVH right hand. Just like Zachariah's vision showed us, Yahusha was made King and he "governs the house of YHVH" and Eternal Judge taking over YHVH's courts. This too was prophesied in Isaiah 9:6 "and the GOVERNMENT shall be on his shoulders". Yahusha now reigns as the eternal King/Judge/High Priest.

Paul knew Yahusha was descended by blood from the Priestly Order of Zadok to be The High Righteous Priest "Melchizedek"

What else did Paul know (besides the truth of Yahusha's Mikveh) being a Pharisee, master in The Torah, Nazarene and teacher of The Law and Prophets?

He knew the plan of YHVH was to send a Zadok High Priest to offer the final Sacrifice of the Passover Lamb and to govern as the "Eternal Ruling Zadok"! Paul understood what happened when John laid hands on Yahusha and Mikveh'd him consecrating Yahusha as High Priest, transferring all authority to him, and transferring all sins of the world onto The Passover Lamb. Paul also understood the blood of the Passover Lamb would cover the DECREES against us found in the Law leading to Grace and making "whole the Law".

Paul's teaching have been grossly mistranslated and mis-taught by the pagan Roman religion. Having abolished the Law, they have no idea what Paul is talking about in his letters. Now, let us explore Paul's writings that confirm that he knew exactly what had transpired when John Mikveh'd Yahusha.

The Perfect High Priest Melchizedek

Paul knew that Yahusha was the chosen Ruling Zadok. Paul knew Yahusha was perfected by YHVH, forgiven by YHVH, and consecrated as High Priest through Mikveh. Paul knew Yahusha was heard by YHVH **because of his piety** not because Yahusha was a god/man. It is for that reason (his piety) that Yahusha became the source (Passover Lamb) of salvation (for shouldering the sins of the world.) Paul also, as do I, found this hard to explain because everyone has become dull of hearing having come to believe "tradition" and Babylonian legend that Yahusha was "YHVH in the flesh". Below we see Paul teaching this very truth clearly:

Hebrews 5

The Perfect High Priest

1 For every high priest taken from among men is appointed on behalf of men in things pertaining to God, in order to offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins; 2 he can deal gently with the ignorant and misguided, since he himself also is beset with weakness; 3 and because of it he is obligated to offer sacrifices for sins, as for the people, so also for himself. 4 And no one takes the honor to himself, but receives it when he is called by God, even as Aaron was.

5 So also Yahusha did not glorify himself so as to become a high priest, but (it was) YHVH who (in addition to being High Priest) said to Yahusha

"YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU";

6 just as YHVH says also in another passage (choosing Yahusha among men as High Priest from the House of Zadok),

"YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK."

7 In the days of Yahusha's flesh (when he was human), Yahusha offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to **the One** (YHVH) able to save Yahusha from death, and Yahusha was heard (by YHVH) because of his piety. 8 Although Yahusha was a son, Yahusha had to **learn obedience** (to the YHVH) from the things which Yahusha suffered. 9 And **having been made perfect** (Yahusha was not born perfect being simply a man), Yahusha became (he was not always, he BECAME after his submission and death on Passover) to all those who obey him the source of eternal salvation (the sin offering), 10 being designated by YHVH as a high priest (chosen from **among men verse 1**) according to the order of Melchizedek (he was by inheritance or lineage a King of the House of David and High Priest of the House of Zadok i.e. Ruling Zadok). 11 Concerning him we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.

Paul knew Transferring The Priesthood and The Law over to Melchizedek had occurred in the desert with John at Yahusha's Mikveh

We see below Paul understood exactly what happened when John Mikveh'd Yahusha. Paul tells us clearly that the priestly office was transferred to Melchizedek. Paul also explains that The Law was transferred over to

serve the new Eternal High Priest as well as The Law was transposed to spirit (written on our hearts) as YHVH declared it would be. "The New Covenant" is defined by The Law being elevated not abolished.

Jeremiah 31:31-35

31 "The days are coming," declares YHVH, "when I will make **a new covenant** with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt (written in stone), because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares YHVH.

33 "This is the covenant I will make with the **people of Israel** (yes the people of Israel... the House of Israel and The House of Judah not the pagan Romans) after that time," declares the Lord.

"I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts"

Knowing the Law was not abolished but "transposed" to spiritual intent of the heart, Paul says:

Hebrews 7:12

"for when there is a transfer of the priestly office (to Melchizedek), out of necessity there is ALSO A TRANSFER OF THE LAW of the priesthood (by which the Priesthood has authority)"

Paul knew it was not The Law nailed to the cross, but only the decrees within it!

Below is just a very cursory introduction to *The Kingdom of YHVH* my next book. The Kingdom of YHVH was revealed to mankind through *transposition* (transfer of position) from oral to written to spiritual. This truth was not lost on the Apostle Paul.

Being a Torah expert, Paul knew The Law contained 3 elements communicated from Adam through Moses **verbally**. The Law was then written down at the time of Moses "in stone". We see below that Paul was well aware that The Law in all aspects was not just given to Moses, but also Abraham verbally, and Jacob verbally, and The Law was a vital part of every covenant YHVH made with mankind (Edenic, Adamic, Abrahamic, Mosaic, Davidic, and Yahushaic):

Deut. 5

30 "Go, tell them to return to their tents. 31 But you stay here with me so that I may give you all **the commands**,

decrees and **laws** you are to teach them to follow in the land I am giving them to possess."

Gen 26:5 - KJV

5 Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and **kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws** .

Ps 147:19-148:1 - KJV

19 He sheweth <u>his word unto Jacob</u>, <u>his statutes (commands and laws) and his judgments (decrees)</u> unto Israel. 20 He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them. Praise YHVH.

Paul was well aware of the following 3 elements that together are called **The Law**:

- · <u>His Commandments</u> (10 Commandments)
- His Laws (Dietary, Priestly, Sacrificial, Ritual Purity, Sacrificial, Judicial, Moral, Agricultural, Business, Sabbatical, Community, Prohibition, Tithes/Offerings, etc.)
- His Decrees (Judicial Judgments amounting to a <u>Certificate of</u>
 <u>Debt</u> against us for our disobedience to His Commandments and His
 Laws)

Now that we understand that the "decrees" are only a **part** of The Law. The part where judgment is pronounced by YHVH for our disobedience to His Commandments and Laws, it becomes obvious what Paul said was nailed to the cross... THE DECREES AGAINST US:

Col 2:14-16

"Having canceled out the <u>certificate of debt</u> (levied against humanity) <u>consisting of decrees</u> (penalties for transgressing His Commands and His Laws) against us and which (these decrees which amounted to a certificate of debt) was hostile to us (because we did not keep His Commandments); and YHWH has taken it (the certificate of debt which are the decrees only not The Law) out of the way (sacrificing His Passover Lamb to cover us), having nailed it (the "certificate of debt" which are the decress only not the entire Law) to the cross.

So Paul clearly said only the decrees levied against us that are hostile to us is what YHVH has taken out of the way, nailing them to the cross with Yahusha. Yahusha's blood covered the decrees pronounced against us for our sin against YHVH and our disobedience to The Torah. In this way,

the sin of the world died with Yahusha the Passover Lamb. Paul calls this covering of the decrees in The Law "grace".

Again, I cover this topic in much greater detail in my upcoming book "**The Yahushaic Covenant**" as Yahusha did not come to abolish The Law but bring it to perfection covering the decrees against us. This book, however, establishes Yahusha's authority to do just that.

Paul is clearly defining the difference between **The Law of Sin and Death** and **The Law of Spirit of Life** ... that difference is the decrees in The Law are covered by the blood of the lamb.

The Law of Sin and Death vs. The Law of the Spirit of Life

What the Apostle Paul was explaining is that the "decrees" found within The Law are covered by the blood of The Passover Lamb making whole The Law. So what we have is:

The Law of Sin and Death – This is **The Law** which is "weakened by our flesh". Our flesh being hostile to **The Law** making active the "decree" against us for transgressing it. So, **The Law of Sin and Death** (sin and you die by decree) is The Law with active decrees prior to Yahusha's blood covering them. We were being held captive to sin and death by the decrees.

The Law of the Spirit of Life – is **The Law** with the decrees covered by the blood of the Lamb making **The Law** whole again not abolished in any way. The weakness in **The Law** (our flesh) has been accounted for and we through the blood of the lamb are restored to perfect obedience to **The Law**. We, therefore, are heir to the promises of **The Law** for perfect obedience... that promise is Eternal Life. So **The Law of the Spirit which leads to Life** is **The Law** with the decrees "nailed to the cross".

Paul explains this further in the Book of Romans:

Romans 8

Life Through the Spirit

8 Therefore, there is now no condemnation (no active decrees in The Law) for those who are in (covenant with) Yahusha the Messiah, 2 because through Yahusha *the law of the Spirit who gives life* (The Law with the decrees nailed to the cross) has set you free from *the law of sin and death* (The Law of Sin and you Die by Divine Decree). 3 For what the law was powerless to do (give life for obedience) <u>because it was weakened by the flesh</u> (which is against The Law of God and we transgress it), God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh (as a human) to be a sin offering (the scapegoat / Passover Lamb). And so he condemned sin in the

flesh (by dying without sin through Mikveh), 4 in order that the *righteous requirement of the law* (it has not been abolished, righteousness is still obedience to The Law) might be *fully met* in us (we would be restored to perfection), who do not live according to the flesh (which is hostile to The Law) but according to the Spirit (whose mind is set on The Law as we obey it in love not obligation).

5 Those who live according to the flesh (transgress The Law) have their minds set on what the flesh desires (weakening the power of The Law to grant eternal life); but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds (Law is written on our minds and heart) set on what the Spirit desires (defined in The Law where Eternal Life is promised for perfect obedience). 6 The mind governed by the flesh is death (the penalty levied by the decrees in The Law for transgressing it), but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace (the promise in The Law for obedience). 7 The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; (because) it does not submit to **God's law**, nor can it do so. 8 Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God (because pleasing YHVH is defined as obedience to His Law Hebrews 2:13 i.e. righteousness or right standing or pleasing YHVH is keeping The Law)

What Paul is describing is what he called a "two edged sword" in

Hebrews 4:

12 For the word of God (The Torah, there was no NT until 300 years later) is alive and active (in no way abolished). Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul (your fleshly will) and spirit (The Will of YHVH), joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart (The Law has been written on our minds and heart Hebrews 10:16, Jeremiah 31:33). 13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

The two edges of this "sword" are:

- 1. you transgress His Law and you die
- 2. you faithfully (in covenant with Yahusha) obey it and you live.

One side is The Law with active decrees "Law of Sin and Death". The other side is The Law with the decrees nailed to the cross "Law of Spirit of Life"

Mikveh to ritually cleanse

Mikveh is a righteous requirement of The Law. This is why Yahusha demanded John go forward with it even though John recognized Yahusha's authority over him as a the Ruling Zadok. Yahusha being Melchizedek there simply was no human above him qualified to Mikveh Yahusha **accept John.** It was John who YHVH prophesied and gave the authority to do so as "Elijah" the anointed High Priest and mentor of Yahusha.

Mikveh was established by YHVH in The Law for many reasons but the one important to this chapter is the consecration of priests, for more info:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mikveh

Yahusha's ministry as High Priest (who would later offer the final Passover Sacrifice) began with his consecration (Mikveh) by the ordained High Priest John (who preceded him in the House of Zadok). John laid hands on Yahusha's head, transferred all authority of the Priesthood to the Zadok High Priest Yahusha then immersed him in water making him ritually clean of all sin before YHVH. Just as we see in the vision of Zachariah 3! Now, Yahusha was ready to begin his ministry as The Messiah and was prepped as The Passover Lamb and the sins of the world had just been transferred on his shoulders.

We see in The Jewish Encyclopedia that an Aaronic High Priest was required to lay hands on the "scapegoat" thereby transferring the sins of the people onto the spotless lamb on Passover and the goat on the Day of Atonement.

"When the offering, if a quadruped, had been brought within the precincts of the sanctuary, and after examination had been found qualified, the offerer laid one hand upon the victim's head (Lev. i. 4; iii. 2, 8, 13; iv. 5, 15). On the scape-goat, the high priest laid both of his hands (*ib.* xvi. 21). This "laying on of hands" ("semikah") might not be performed by a substitute.

Read more:

http://www.jewishencyclopedia.com/view.jsp?artid=35&letter=S#ix zz1alhnHOY8

No wonder Yahusha "ran off into the desert" just like the scapegoats did! What would you do if the sins of the entire world were just placed on YOUR shoulders and you were made the "scapegoat/sin offering" for the entire human race? I know I would do the same thing and seek the face of YHVH. I would not come out of that desert until I was reassured by YHVH that I was in fact The Messiah! That is exactly what Yahusha did and it took 40 days/nights to get that assurance (I would probably only last about 24 hours). We see what happened in that desert in Zachariah Chapter 3 in detail. YHVH dressed Yahusha as High Priest, and brought forth out of that desert The Branch or "Notsri"... Yahusha the Nazarene, now leaving that desert as the reigning High Priest and King of Israel by blood through inheritance!

We must understand that it is recorded in the days of Malachi that the High Priests in the Temple had stopped the process of laying on of hands. To restore this righteous process, the High Priest John (the "Baptist") had to withdraw into the desert to the Jordan River to sanctify himself from the general population and properly serve as a High Priest. This was necessary to restore the role of the High Priest by Torah Standards. Yahusha could not go to the Temple for consecration or preparation as the Passover Lamb because that system had been corrupted. Yahusha went to John who was ordained by YHVH to consecrate and prepare Yahusha as High Priest and Passover Lamb. John knew that was his job and as soon as he saw Yahusha he just couldn't contain himself any longer and belted out to all the Nazarenes following him:

"Behold! The Lamb who will take away the sin of the world!"

Exactly John... *Exactly how I feel*. **Behold...** my King, my Passover Lamb, my Yom Kippur, my High Priest, my brother... Yahusha who is my Messiah! HalleluYahuah! YHVH prophetic "word" or Plan had become "flesh"... YHVH had fulfilled His promise in Yahusha to send us a human Messiah to take away our sin and fulfill the metaphor of Abraham sacrificing Isaac. Isaac being spared by a substitute. Yahusha as The Eternal High Priest from the House of Zadok woulc sacrificed himself, the first born son of YHVH, to put an end to the yearly substitute of a lamb on Passover. That is why his sacrifice was once for all time. We no longer need a yearly substitute. The life of the first born has satisfied the penalty of sin... DEATH.

Death cannot hold an "innocent man" so it could not hold Yahusha. I am in covenant with YHVH through the blood of Yahusha and through his sacrifice death will not hold me as I am restored to perfect obedience and found innocent as well. The Divine Decrees within The Law that would have condemned me have been satisfied and I will inherit the promises found in The Law for obedience... all of them.

The righteous requirement of ritual cleansing before building the Temple of YHVH

Yahusha is the chief architect and corner stone of the Temple. In that role, he must be Mikveh'd to be ritually clean. YHVH made the High Priest Yahusha III the High Priest (who watched over the construction of the Second Temple) a foreshadowing of Yahusha the Messiah - It would be his grandson Yahusha the Messiah who would be the Chief Architect and cornerstone of the 3rd and final Temple of YHVH.

Just like Yahusha son of Nun was chosen by YHVH to take over for Moses and lead the children of Israel into the Promised Land, the entire nation of

Israel had to be Mikveh'd in the Red Sea crossing. All these are types and shadows of the coming Messiah.

Yahusha, the Living Water - The Feast of Succot

Yahusha spoke some very specific words on the last day during the Feast of Succot that sent shockwaves thru the Temple courts. The verse John 7:37 reads:

In the last day, that great day of the feast (of Succot), Yahusha stood and cried out in a loud voice, saying, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink."

Can you imagine a man standing up in the midst of the Temple on Succot and yelling **THAT** just as the High Priest was drawing water from a well? Yahusha knew he was the anointed High Priest and rightful heir of Yahusha III not those "appointed by Herod" who were imposters in the office of High Priest.

There was a water ceremony done on The Altar that day Yahusha spoke these words. Do you know what the significance of this ceremony was? Do you know from which well in Jerusalem they would get the water from? Did you know that the waters of the well had a Name? Which Psalms were sung during this Temple service Ritual? I want to encourage the reader to know these things but that is not the focus of this chapter or book. To understand all these things, see:

http://foundationsmin.org/studies/tabernacles.htm

A few comments about "Christian Baptism"

In the Christian Church, the entire concept was taken from pagan rituals. There is but a small mention of the Mikveh and not one word of the reasoning behind Yahusha's Mikveh when you research "baptism". It is taught as a "new rite" establishes by "Jesus" and they call it a "sacrament" or "religious rite of Jesus Christ". The false church with its false messiah has literally hijacked every critical component of YHVH's Plan of Salvation and replaced it with pagan rites.

No, Yahusha did not institute a "new rite". This could not be further from the truth and Yahusha admitted it when he said he had to do it to <u>fulfill all righteousness</u> which is **The Torah**. It was not "new" and Yahusha did not establish anything that was not already defined in The Torah by YHVH.

From Christian Baptism candidates being tapped 3 times (to represent their God, the pagan Trinity) on the forehead with water... to infants being "sprinkled" and given a name... it is all taken from paganism. True to Christian form, as with all their doctrines, the doctrine of baptism is a constant source of confusion and bickering between denominations. Remember, who is the author of "confusion"? *Exactly*. There is NO confusion unless you "abolish The Law of YHVH".

Reference: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baptism you see one small confusing paragraph about the "Jewish Ritual" of Mikveh lost in a sea of human.tradition. Mikveh isn't even a "Jewish Ritual" at all. They say that because Christianity has done all it can convince us not to be "Judaised", but it is actually a Hebrew Ritual of YHVH given to Moses who was not even a Jew!

Summary

Now that we have established what really happened when John performed the Mikveh consecrating Yahusha as High Priest in succession to him and transferred the sin of the world onto Yahusha making him the Passover Lamb. Let us now look closer at The Passover Lamb and the Daily Sacrifices that are required of The High Priest Yahusha.

Chapter 5

The Passover Lamb and Daily Sacrifices

Introduction

The Law requires that all the sins of the people be transferred onto the Passover Lamb (which is a yearly substitute for the death of the first born son) by the laying on of hands by a Zadokite High Priest. This was accomplished at Yahusha's Mikveh by John making Yahusha The Passover Lamb.

The Law requires the Passover Lamb be of about a year old or "yearling". From the time of Yahusha's Mikveh by John in AD 27 to the Passover Sacrifice Yahusha made as Melchizedek was just over a year in AD 28. It was not 3.5 years as taught by Christianity this again is yet another way to disqualify Yahusha as The Messiah. Yahusha was "a lamb of about a year or a yearling". The Passover Lambs were chosen from a flock outside of Bethlehem. Just like Yahusha was from Bethlehem.

The Passover Lambs were then paraded down the streets of Jerusalem with all the cities inhabitants throwing palm branches in front of the parade shouting "blessed is he who comes in the name of YHVH". Again, another rehearsal for the coming Messiah who "came in the name of YHVH" bearing the name YAHwehyeSHUA or Yahusha which means Yahuah is Salvation. It is at this time that Yahusha chose to ride into Jerusalem on a donkey in fulfillment of this yearly "rehearsal" and all of Israel shouted "blessed is he who comes in the name of YHVH". You may know this event as Palm Sunday.

The Lamb is then put on display and inspected for blemish for 4 days, just like Yahusha was inspected in the Temple the days leading up to Passover and then tried and found innocent before Pilot.

The High Priest in the Temple after slaughtering all the lambs on Passover would finally come to The Passover Lamb and would yell out in a loud voice "I thirst" and the High Priest would be given a drink. Then the High Priest would offer up The Passover Lamb. After slaying the Passover Lamb the High Priest would yell out "It is finished" and the sins of the people would be covered.

Yahusha as High Priest just before he made the Passover Sacrifice (gave up his life) yelled "I THIRST!" at the exact time the High Priest in The Temple. Yahusha then exclaimed "IT IS FINISHED" exactly as the High Priests in The Temple and then he died as the final sacrifice.

Did Yahusha have need of sacrifices for sin

The question concerning Yahusha is this: was he literally YHVH of the Old Testament in the flesh, was he the second member of triune God, or was he a human High Priest filled completely with the fullness of the deity of God or filled with the Holy Spirit?

The sticking point is the qualification to serve as Passover Lamb and take away the sins of the world. To be the Passover Lamb, Yahusha would have to be "**spotless and without sin**" for about a year as the Passover Lambs were yearlings. However, does that mean he must live a sinless life from birth and even be born somehow outside the seed of his father to avoid original sin? And if so, then if we are to believe that Adam passed sin down genetically; then Yahusha would have to be born outside of the seed of his father Yahseph and to be born sinless. This is why Yahseph is denied his rightful place as the biological father of Yahusha.

This all leads to the "Doctrine of the Virgin Birth". But then, since he must have been born through the womb and seed of his mother **then we have to deal with her** because she was born through the seed of a man and genetically pre-disposed to sin as well and would have passed her father's sin to Yahusha genetically (if that were even true that sin is passed on genetically). This leads us to the "Doctrine of Original Sin". This then leads to the "Doctrine of Immaculate Conception" and the lies go on and on, one on top of the other to cover the previous lie which is all based on the false claim that "sin is passed on from the father through at birth".

The problem is, if Mary was immaculately conceived to avoid original sin so that she was "qualified" to give a "virgin birth"... what about her mother's fathers seed? Genetics is a difficult reality to escape; we'd have

to come up with some far fetch "doctrine" to explain how Mary's parents avoided original sin! **If** Adam passed sin down, then there is no way of escaping being born into sin no matter how many "fathers" you deny because every mother carries the blood of her father. You would have to come up with some doctrine like "Yahusha just showed up from Heaven on day" to avoid "sin" if it were true that sin is passed genetically! Humanity has gone down a very slippery slope because of the misconception that Yahusha had to be sin free from birth. This is funny to me because "sin" isn't passed down genetically, DEATH is:

Romans 5:12

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and **so death passed upon all men**, for that all have sinned"

So Christianity got into this "pickle" and came up with all these false doctrines to avoid sin being passed on to Yahusha when it was never sin passed through birth anyway! Death is passed on... even to Yahusha <u>as</u> <u>he died</u>. So maybe Yahseph was his biological father after all; because YHVH is Spirit not flesh and His seed (imparted at resurrection not human birth) can not die!

Luke 20:36

36 for they cannot even die anymore, because they are like angels, and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

Yahusha was declared the son of God at his resurrection NOT human birth:

Romans 1:3-4

3 concerning His Son Yahusha the Messiah our King, who was born of the seed of David (both Mary/Joseph) according to the flesh (i.e. born to both parents like everyone else... was a human hence he DIED as death is passed on to ALL MEN),

4 and declared to be the Son of YHWH (begotten) with power according to the Spirit of holiness (the life giving Rauch of YHVH or breath of God), by the resurrection from the dead.

So, only men die not God, death (not sin) is passed on through the father so Yahseph's seed was used in the miracle of giving a virgin a child. There is no way Yahusha was "the begotten son of God" at that point as they **cannot die** being sons of the resurrection not human birth.

So while "all men have sinned" and die as a result (Yahusha included being a sin offering), sin, however, can be ERASED through Mikveh making the Messiah "without sin" at his execution and qualified as The Passover Lamb. He was a "yearling" because from his Mikveh to execution was 70 weeks.

This is why the Apostle Paul listed the Mikveh of Yahusha as **the** fundamental teaching about Yahusha.

Hebrews 6

- ¹ Therefore let us move forward and mature in our understanding about the things concerning Yahusha, not laying again (having to relearn over and over) <u>the basic teaching</u> <u>about Yahusha (everything mentioned next is talking</u> <u>"about Yahusha"):</u>
 - Yahusha's foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death (referring to Yahusha's Mikveh for repentance by John)
 - and of Yahusha's faith in YHVH (to wipe away his sin through Mikveh)
 - instructions about cleansing rites (i.e. we must know Torah requirements concerning Mikveh)
 - and (Torah requirements) of washing and the laying on of hands (at Yahusha's Mikveh, the ritual to transfer priestly authority and pass the sins of the world on to Yahusha as The Passsover Lamb through the laying on of hands)
 - How Yahusha was resurrected from the dead by YHVH who heard his cries because of his piety in life (*Hebrews* 5:7)
 - and how Yahusha now reigns as eternal judge over the House of YHVH (Zechariah 3:7)

Paul stressed Yahusha's Mikveh in Hebrews 6:1 because YHVH had established that He would ritually cleanse the High Priest by Mikveh making the High Priest "spotless without blemish" and "without sin" in the eyes of YHVH. So if we would simply "believe" in the promises of YHVH (as did Yahusha) then no longer would Yahusha have to be born outside of

³ And YHVH will only permit us to move on to maturity once we lay *this* foundation firmly.

his father's sinful seed (although the <u>Doctrine of Original Sin</u> is false, it is death not sin that is passed from Adam).

Yahusha would simply have to be Mikveh'd and consecrated a High Priest and his sin would be "taken away" by YHVH exactly as stated in Zachariah Chapter 3 concerning Yahusha's anointing as High Priest.

Zechariah 3

Clean Garments for The High Priest, Yahusha

- ¹ Then he showed me Yahusha **the high priest** standing before the angel of YHVH, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him.
 ² YHVH (through His proxy The Angel before whom stood Yahusha and Satan) said to Satan, "YHVH rebuke you, Satan! YHVH, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you! Is not this man <u>a burning stick</u> snatched from the fire?"
- ³ Now Yahusha was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel. ⁴ The angel said to those who were standing before him, "Take off his filthy clothes." Then YHVH said to Yahusha, "See, I have taken away your sin, and I will put fine garments on you."
- ⁵ Then I said, "Put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him, while the angel of YHVH stood by. ⁶ The angel of YHVH gave this charge to Yahusha: ⁷ "This is what YHVH Almighty says (again YHVH speaking through His proxy Angel): 'If you will walk in obedience to me and keep my requirements, then you will govern my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you a place among these standing here (Yahusha given a seat among the Court of the Almighty).
- ⁸ "Listen, High Priest Yahusha, you and your associates seated before you, **who are men symbolic of things to come**: I am going to bring (you) my servant, the Branch (Hebrew Notsri; English Nazarene i.e. Yahusha the Nazarene).
- ⁹ See, the stone I have set in front of Yahusha! There are seven eyes on that one stone, and I will engrave an inscription on it,' says YHVH Almighty, 'and I will remove the sin of this land in a single day. ¹⁰ "In that day each of you will invite your neighbor to sit under your vine and fig tree,' declares YHVH Almighty."

We covered all of this in chapters 3 and 4 of this book I just wanted to refresh our memories before I continue. Now, from the point of Yahusha's Mikveh he would have to live sin free which is exactly the case. Why do

you think YHVH established Mikveh in the first place... for the Messiah! It was a "rehearsal" for all High Priests to be consecrated that way to offer sacrifices pointing to and establishing the meaning of what John performed for Yahusha.

Could Yahusha have sinned during his life and be qualified as The Passover Lamb?

Is it possible that Yahusha was not born perfect and over his lifetime achieve a state of perfection? Yes. In fact, we read concerning Yahusha this is exactly the case. Below we see that Yahusha was "perfected" over the course of his life through suffering trials and tribulations then washed clean through Mikveh in the eyes of YHVH (the only judge that matters). It is the same process of perfection that we all go through to learn obedience to YHVH. Remember, Yahusha set the example and that example is *The True Way*. After only having been made perfect did he then become the source (sin offering) of eternal life to those who obey.

<u>Hebrews 5:8-9</u>

8 though He was a Son, yet He <u>learned</u> obedience (to YHVH) by the things which He suffered. 9 And having <u>been</u>
<u>perfected</u> (through obedience, suffering, Mikveh), he
<u>became</u> (was not born that way) the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him

We see below that Yahusha had to be a human Messiah to qualify as the blood sacrifice for the human race. He had to be **fully human in every way**, another way of saying this is "he was in no way anything other than human" or in no way was he God. Yahusha had to "become" a merciful and faithful **High Priest** in service to YHVH and all High Priests (including Yahusha) are chosen among men not gods.

Hebrews 2

¹⁷ For this reason he (Yahusha) had to be made like them (he was made human), <u>fully human in every way</u>, in order that he <u>might</u> <u>become</u> a merciful and faithful high priest (who are chosen from among men) in service to YHVH.

We see that Yahusha was chosen High Priest from among men and in that role as High Priest made sacrifices for himself as well as for the people:

Hebrews 5

1 For every high priest taken from among men is appointed on behalf of men in things pertaining to God, in order to offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins; 2 he can deal gently with the ignorant and misguided, since he himself also is beset with weakness; 3 and because of it he is obligated to offer sacrifices for sins, as for the people, so also for himself

We see that it was YHVH who "made" Yahusha perfect through suffering and then Mikveh, not that Yahusha in his own right was born and lived that way:

Hebrews 2:10-18

¹⁰ In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that YHVH, for whom and through whom everything exists, (YHVH) <u>should make</u> the pioneer of their salvation (Yahusha) <u>perfect</u> through what he suffered.

When scripture is understood outside of the context of pagan trinity, we not only find the Trinity is not taught anywhere is scripture but we find the emergence of a human High Priest. That should be quite obvious after reading this book. The High Priest Yahusha, as spoken of by Zachariah who had been cleansed of sin through Mikveh, was "made perfect" by YHVH then qualified as The Spotless Passover Lamb by living sinless for about a year (yearling lamb).

Is there evidence that Yahusha's conscience convicted him?

If it is the case, as the Bible declares, that Yahusha had to be perfected and was not born perfect. If it is true, as the Bible declares, that Yahusha did not live his entire life in a state of perfection. Then is there evidence that Yahusha's conscience did convict him of his imperfection?

Matthew 19

¹⁶And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? ¹⁷And he said unto him, **Why do you call me good? there is none good but one, that is, YHVH**: but if you want to enter into eternal life, **keep the commandments** (of YHVH).

Sounds like the promise of Eternal Life is conditional to use for obedience to The Law just like it was to Yahusha. We don't escape that part of "The Way" no mater what Christianity would teach us.

We see again below, Yahusha's own will seemingly standing in the way of YHVH's, and Yahusha being convicted by it. Having "second thoughts" about the whole Passover Lamb situation, Yahusha began to be very sorry and very unhappy with himself. His own will even got the best of him here, he knew it was YHVH's Will and his destiny to die as Passover Lamb and still... Yahusha asked if there was any way out of it, because it was not his will that he die like that:

Matthew 26

37 He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. 38 Then he said to them, "My soul (his will) is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death (another way of saying "I'm scared to death"). Stay here and keep watch with me. (while I go try and get out of it)"

39 Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

But.. the Bible claims Yahusha was without sin!

We must come to grips with the reality in the Bible that Yahusha was not born perfect but perfected. That Yahusha had to learn obedience to YHVH. That Yahusha did not consider himself to be "good". And that Yahusha's conscience convicted him of his will that was not in obedience to YHVH's. Once we accept that Yahusha was indeed a "fully human in every way" High Priest chosen from among men being of the House of Zadok, then we must harmonize scripture that states Yahusha was without sin.

The doctrine that Yahusha was sinless because he was born outside of "Original Sin" and lived a sin-free life is not Biblical. Adam did not pass sin genetically he passed death on to all men. And the Bible says ALL men have sinned. Yahusha was a man and he died, you do the math. I have already shown that Yahusha was not born perfect, but perfected. So what about:

Hebrews 4

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Yahusha ben Yahuah, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are - yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach God's throne of

grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 4 says we "have a High Priest" who was tempted and did not sin. Yahusha became a High Priest when he was Mikveh'd by John and his sins taken away. Yahusha was not a High Priest from birth. It was from the point of his Mikveh foreword that in the office of High Priest Yahusha was tempted and did not sin. Hebrews 4 only makes the case of YHVH Plan of Salvation through a human High Priest who YHVH perfected through a life of suffering then cleansed of sin at Mikveh.

1 Peter 2

²² "He committed no violence, and no deceit was found in his mouth." ²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." ²⁵ For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

1 Peter 2 above quotes from the Prophet Isaiah who said (Isaiah 53:9) that he committed no violence, and did not lie. Isaiah and 1 Peter are addressing the accusations brought against Yahusha when he was tried. They tried him for insurrection against the Roman Emperor (inciting violence) and lying that he was YHVH (blasphemy). Yahusha was innocent of both charges (he committed no violence and did not lie). Isaiah was stating nothing about Yahusha's state of sin from birth either. The point of 1 Peter 2 is that he bore our sins in his own body (sin offering) on the cross as The Passover Lamb not that he was born and lived sin free his entire life. Yahusha was found innocent at his trial and executed anyway. Again, he was ritually cleansed of his own sin, then the sins of the world were placed on his shoulders at Mikveh and then those filthy rags were removed by YHVH. The charges leveled against Yahusha were false. So is the doctrine that he had to live free of sin from birth. No where in scripture does it make that claim or require that of The Messiah.

The point I am making is that we are to understand the "elementary teachings" about the Messiah concerning his Mikveh as Paul teaches in Hebrews 6:1. In THAT context, we put all statements that he was without sin as being from the point of Mikveh forward as both Paul states in Hebrews 6 and Zacharaih 3 shows us. The only requirement to meet concerning sin was that in the eyes of YHVH he was ritually clean of all sin and had been consecrated a High Priest and the sins of the world were transferred onto him as The Passover Lamb.

There is no requirement to be Messiah that he must have been born free from sin (which he and all of us are anyway) and that he must live a life completely sin free (as no one can for ALL have sinned); however since "all" have sinned and is impossible even for Yahusha to live an entire lifetime without sin then we fall back on Torah requirements concerning Mikveh. Yahusha did, however, live without sin after Mikveh for 70 weeks.

Daily Sacrifices of Oblation and the High Priest Yahusha

Paul discusses the difference between Yahusha and other High Priests who went before him. The main difference Paul points out is that the other priests died and no longer are in service to offer sacrifices. Yahusha, however, defeated death and lives eternally in the office of High Priest.

Hebrews 7

²³ Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; ²⁴ but because Yahusha lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. ²⁵ Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to YHVH through him, because he always lives (a living sacrifice) to intercede for them. ²⁶ Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens (post resurrection). ²⁷ Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their (he and the people's) sins once for all (time) when he offered himself. ²⁸ For the law appoints as high priests men in all their weakness; but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect forever.

To understand what Paul, a Pharisee (expert in The Torah), is writing in this letter we must understand The Torah and put his letters in context of everything he said. Paul says Yahusha was a High Priest who was holy, blameless, pure, and set apart from sinners. Again referring back to Yahusha's Mikveh when he was ordained and purified ritually and then in that perfect state resurrected eternal. Paul said that Yahusha was "unlike the other high priest" in the sense that he held a permanent priesthood because he conquered death (not because Yahusha was god).

<u>All High Priests</u> were Mikveh'd and supposed to be holy, blameless, pure, and set apart from sinners who offered the Passover and Atonement. The only difference is they died and stayed dead and Yahusha died and rose again. In context of Yahusha being a "living eternal sacrifice" who held a permanent position as High Priest, Yahusha did not need to offer the daily

sacrifice of oblation for the sins of the people and himself. He WAS the sacrifice.

Paul uses an "interjection" which is a short phrase inserted between commas to clarify a sentence. The interjection here that is set apart by commas was "first for his own sins". An interjection can be taken out of the sentence and the sentence is still a complete thought. The sentence reads "Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer the daily sacrifice for the people". Why did Paul think it necessary to further clarify that the daily sacrifices were also for the High Priest? He was speaking about the Daily Oblation. The point Paul was making had nothing to do with Yahusha had no need for sacrifices because he was perfect. He was addressing the Torah requirements for the daily oblation and explaining that because Yahusha defeated death, his sacrificed body would stand as a living sacrifice meeting the Torah requirements of the Daily Oblation for **<u>himself and the people.</u>** Again alleviating Yahusha from having to live his entire life without sin, as his sacrifice was "for himself and for the people". No matter how you look at this, Yahusha is covered by Mikveh and his own sacrifice. When Paul states in Hebrews 7 above that Yahusha sacrificed for "their sins" he is referring back to "their" which he defined in the previous verse as "his own sin and then for the people". Paul then ends with the same declaration he made on several other occasions that The Law appoints all high priests from among men in all their weaknesses including Yahusha (they are Mikveh'd ritually clean before YHVH).

However, Paul sets Yahusha apart from the rest because of an Oath that came after (in addition to) The Law that applies only to Yahusha the High Priest, this oath he is referring to what he wrote about a few verses prior in Hebrew 7:14. That oath he was talking about he quoted is that Yahusha would be the Ruling Zadok or Ruling High Priest in Psalms:

Psalm 110:4

⁴ YHVH has sworn and will not change his mind: "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek."

So Paul is saying here in Hebrews 7

"²⁸ For the law appoints as high priests men in all their weakness; but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect forever as THE RULING ZADOK "Melchizedek."

Paul is simply stating that by The Law Yahusha was consecrated a High Priest with all his weaknesses just like every other High Priest and then set apart from sinners through Mikveh and consecration. But in Yahusha's unique case, he was further made the Ruling Zadok forever by an oath made to him by YHVH. Again, demonstrating exactly why John said to Yahusha "I have need to be Mikveh'd by you" because Yahusha was the greater High Priest in the Order of Zadok. Yahusha held the title "Melchizedek" and is the Eternal High Priest by an oath to him made by YHVH.

Chapter 6

Conclusion

In this book we have established Yahusha as the Ruling Zadok uniquely qualified to offer himself as the first born son, sin offering, and Final Passover Lamb. This offering satisfies the need for a yearly substitute of a lamb which was standing in for the death of the promise (Isaac). We have examined Yahusha role as Eternal High priest who now serves the throne of YHVH as a LAMB THAT HAS BEEN SLAIN daily.

We have established Yahusha's Mikveh by John as the point in time when Yahusha was consecrated High Priest, his sin taken away, and the sins of the people placed on his shoulder as The Passover Lamb. We have watched as Yahusha fled into the wilderness as the scapegoat for mankind and witnessed through the vision of Zachariah 3 exactly what transpired after 40 days and 40 nights in the desert.

With a firm understanding of Yahusha's lineage we have a better understanding of why Herod wanted to kill Yahusha and why the line of High Priests he appointed eventually did execute the Messiah.

We now know why the masses went out to listen to Yahusha the Nazarene, son of the Princess Miriam and Prince Yahseph who were groomed to give birth to the Messiah. We now know that Yahusha learned the true meaning of The Torah and "repentance and salvation" from the Great Notsri John.

In this book we have looked into Yahusha's lineage through his grandmother Hannah on his mother's side to establish his right to the office of High Priest. We have also looked at Yahusha's lineage to the Davidian Dynasty to establish his right to rule. We have established Yahusha right to the Thone of David on all sides of every branch of his lineage. We have also established Yahusha was the rightful successor to Prince John, both being heirs of Yahusha III and carried forward the office of High Priest as Zadokites. So we know understand how Yahusha inherited a name above every name through his lineage first, then through resurrection.

We have also examined Yahusha state of sin at the time of his execution and the meaning of Mikveh to ritually cleanse and wipe away sin. This book was intended to help us understand the "human Messiah" who was not born perfect but perfect. The human Messiah who was not born with the knowledge of YHVH but had to grow in that knowledge and learn obedience through suffering. The human Messiah who had to grow in favor of YHVH over the course of his life. The one human (man) who put to death the sin in the world introduced by the one man (Adam) by becoming a sin offering to YHVH.

We have truly come to know the Ruling Zadok (Melchizedek) and The Passover Lamb of God. We have clearly identified what is "truth" and what is "the way":

John 14:6

Yahusha answered, "I am (my example is) the way and (my example is) the truth and (my example is) the life. No one comes to the Father except through me (my example).

We are to "live as Yahusha did by example":

1 John 2

³ We know that we have come to know YHVH if we keep YHVH's commands. ⁴ Whoever says, "I know YHVH," but does not do what YHVH commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. ⁵ But if anyone obeys YHVH's word, love for YHVH is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in (covenant with) YHVH: ⁶ Whoever claims to live in covenant with YHVH must live as Yahusha did (following his example the true way).

If we are to "walk as he walked" we would as Yahusha so set the example and Paul declares: repent of our dead works, have faith toward YHVH to forgive our failures through Mikveh. That is why Paul listed that example as the fundamental doctrine about Yahusha in Hebews 6:1.

Living in obedience to YHVH's word and commands (the Torah) and repenting of our transgressions and believing that YHVH will wipe our sin away through Mikveh is the "*true way*" i.e. the truth and it is the way to eternal life for those who are in covenant with YHVH through the blood of the Passover Lamb Yahusha the Messiah.