

Yeshua is the Perfect Physical Fulfillment of the Aaronic Priesthood!

For this New Year of 2012, I want to open up to you the Scriptures and to share with you a great mystery that had existed between Miriam and her 'close relative' Elisheva of Aaron, ('karov', in Hebrew). This mystery began when Elisheva was 6 months pregnant. Actually this mystery really began some time before then with Elisheva's husband Zechariah, who was a priest of Aaron, in Luke 1: 5 ... (5-80 [6, 36, 56])

Who actually were this elderly Aaronic priest and his wife, a couple well advanced in years, who could not have children, in relation to Miriam? God begins this mystery by telling us an amazing statement about both of them, which is our first major clue. "They were both righteous 'before God' walking in all the ordinances blameless." What does that mean exactly? Zadok means righteous. God had said in Ezekiel 43:18,19 and in Ezekiel 44:15,16, that only the priests of the seed of Zadok of Aaron would be allowed to come before God and to make blood offerings acceptable to God.

In Luke 1: 8-23, we see that God chose to speak to Zechariah through His angel Gabriel while Zechariah is ministering before God in the Temple, burning incense at the Altar of Incense. What additional clues does this reveal? Three things! Verse 8 again tells us that he is ministering before God, which again is inferring that Zechariah belongs to the seed of Zadok. And for God's angel to speak to Zechariah means positively that he had to be a son of Zadok, for God will not violate His Holy Word. Exodus 30:7 tells us that the Altar of Incense was the position of the high priest Aaron, and of Aaron's future sons who would serve before God as high priest.

So for angel Gabriel to also speak to Zechariah while he is ministering at the Altar of Incense meant that God was secretly telling us that **Zechariah was the mystery high priest of the family of Zadok**; for different priests had served at this position daily, twice a day, for 160 years, all done in direct violation of the Word of God, bringing corruption of the Temple priesthood.

King David had two high priests, and one was **Zadok**. King Solomon continued keeping Zadok on as his only high priest. That was around 1000 B.C. And from 1000 B.C. to 160 B.C., the Zadok's were God's high priests of the Aaronic priesthood and of the Temple in Jerusalem, when not in exile.

Around 160 B.C., the Macabees removed the Zadok's from being the high priests of the Jerusalem Temple, in direct violation of the Word of God. And from 160 B.C. to the opening scene of the New Covenant, the Aaronic priesthood was corrupted. How would God restore the Aaronic priesthood for the Messiah to be able to come to earth through the Zadok Priesthood?

God had foretold us in Jeremiah 33: 17-19, that the Messiah would be coming from two families, that David would never lack a Man who would reign as King over the House of Israel, and also that Aaron would never lack a Man who would represent the Aaronic priesthood, making a Sacrifice that would be “for all days”, an Eternal Sacrifice. Read Jeremiah 33:18

Also another of the last of the Old Covenant prophecies was that the Messiah would come from the family of the high priest Yeshua of Zadok of Aaron; (not only from king David). See Zechariah 3:1-10 and 6:11-13

Now, let's continue this mystery: this righteous elderly Aaronic priest couple, who were well advanced in years and walked in all the ordinances of the LORD blameless ... (and who we now also know are the **mystery Zadok high priest family**) with Zechariah's wife Elisheva now 6 months pregnant, suddenly invites an unwed pregnant young Miriam in, to stay with them, and for the next three months. Just think about that; for this righteous Zadok high priest family to have invited a pregnant unwed young woman in to live with them is really saying a lot! Who are they in relation to young Miriam? The only possible answer is they had to be Miriam's closest blood-kin family! Miriam is not only from Judah but she is also from this family!

And this great high priest family secret is the key to understand this whole paper, and the great mystery of our LORD Yeshua being the Perfect fulfillment of the Aaronic priesthood. Let's now close in on this mystery.

As Zechariah was the mystery Zadok high priest, and as priesthood was passed by God from father to son, even so therefore Yochanan was to be the next mystery Zadok high priest. But why did God repeated say that their child had to be called Yochanan (John)? Because God would keep His Word that He had made to Israel and given to the Zadok priests; found in five places in Ezekiel, from chapter 40 to 48! What does all that mean? Remember that I told you that around 160 B.C., that the Zadok priest's were removed as high priests of the Jerusalem Temple by the Macabees. And that because of this, that the Aaronic priesthood was then corrupted for the next 160 years, until the opening scene of the New Covenant.

Well here is the answer to that mystery. Just guess what had to be the name of the last Zadok high priest of the Jerusalem Temple just before the Macabees removed the Zadok priests. The answer is Yochanan, the last of the Zadok high priests! God was making sure that this son who would be born to Elisheva and to Zadok high priest Zechariah would be called Yochanan, **the name of the last Zadok high priest**, around 160 B.C. [Art Scroll Publications, Yoma Edition, Volume 9, Section: 'Kohanim Gedolim in 1st and 2nd Temples!']

At the time of Yochanan's circumcision, we see another clear reference that this was a Zadok priest family in the spirit filled anointed words coming from his father: "...that we being delivered from the hand of our enemies might serve Him without fear, in holiness and 'righteousness' before Him all the days of our life. And you child, will be called the prophet of the Highest; for you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways... Luke 1: 74-76 Remember from God's word in Ezekiel 43 and 44, that only priests who were sons of Zadok were allowed to come before God.

This information is critical to better understand the ministry of Yeshua!

Here's just something for fun: these two cousins were 6 months apart. Yochanan began his priest and prophet ministry at the legal priest age 30 out at the Jordan river, around Passover time, in fulfillment of the prophecies related to Eliyahu in Malachi 4. And his cousin Yeshua began His ministry 6 months later, which would have been during the fall feasts. Now look at the words of Yochanan, but from a whole new priest understanding of what he spoke to his disciples when he saw Yeshua walking ..."Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the whole world." When did he say this? During the fall feasts! As the (mystery Zadok high priest and) prophet, what would have been on Yochanan's mind, that he would have been doing during this special high holiday season if the priesthood had not been corrupted [Herod's had two phony high priests in the Jerusalem Temple] and had he been serving in his rightful position as high priest in the Temple?

He would have been doing the Yom Kippur atonement offering in the Temple, which would have been done for himself, for all the other priests, and for the people of Israel. Now look again at the words he speaks and just see what God had done through him..."**Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the whole world.**" As the true Zadok high priest of Israel, God was now using him to make a brand new declaration about the Atonement of this Yom Kippur Lamb, that this was not just for himself, and for the other priests, and for the people of Israel, but now that this Atonement of the Lamb of God would be for all peoples of the world.

Yeshua is the perfect fulfillment **in the flesh** of the Aaronic priesthood through the Seed of Genesis 3:15, carried by His mother Miriam. However, Yeshua was never an Aaronic priest, because the Aaronic Priesthood was always passed from father to son, and Yeshua's Father is **Almighty God**. Through His Father, Yeshua heads another Priesthood, the Melchi Zedek Priesthood of Heaven, of which He is the Creator, and we are its members.

God spoke to Miriam through His angel Gabriel in Luke 1:32, telling Miriam that she would give birth to a Son who would be called the Son of the Highest, and who would Reign over the throne of His earthly father (and ancestor) king David. Since there was no human male involved in this conception process of Yeshua (Luke 1:35; Matthew 1:18,20), God was also recognizing that **this Seed** of Genesis 3:15, **this Seed** of woman that was carried by Miriam would be **the Seed** that God would use to produce this divine Child who would Reign on the throne of His father David as our King, forever.

The writer of Hebrews 7, verses 11-18, clearly states that the **Priesthood of Yeshua is from His Father's side**, for the writer specifically refers to **the Melchi-Zedek Priesthood** of Heaven; and he also says that this divine Son is from the tribe of Judah (but only through Miriam [not through Joseph]), of which tribe Moses spoke nothing of priesthood. However, what was not mentioned, perhaps not even known at the time, was that Miriam was also of this same high priest family of **Aaron** as her close relative, Elisheva.

Miriam carried genetically the perfect fulfillment of two family lines, Aaron and David, which God had chosen, specifically stated in Jeremiah 33:24. But we also find other prophecies revealing that the Messiah would be coming from the high priest family of Yeshua of the family of Zadok.

For the Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah indicated that He, **the Branch**, would not only come from the family of Aaron (Jeremiah 33: 18, 21, 24), but even more precisely from **the high priest** family of Yeshua of the seed of **Zadok** of Aaron. Zechariah 3:8 and Zechariah 6:11-13.

In Ezekiel 43:19, 20 and 44:15, 16, we are told that God will only accept **the Blood offering** coming from a priest who is a son of Zadok! **Yeshua's Blood Sacrifice had to meet these specific requirements** from the Word of God, or His Blood offering for sin would not qualify!

Exactly how did this divine Son of Judah qualify? Because ...
Yeshua is a Priest through His Father,
but He is also a Son of Zadok through His mother Miriam!

We find something related to all this in the formation of the Aaronic Priesthood. For if I ask you a simple question, "What tribe were the four sons of Aaron from?" Most people would answer, Levi! But when we look deeper into this question, and ask, "Whom did Aaron (the brother of Moses, and sister of Miriam) take for his wife?" We discover his wife is Elisheva.

But who was Elisheva, and what tribe was she from?

Elisheva was the sister of Nahshon, the daughter of Ammnadab. And who were they? They were the leaders of the tribe of Judah. (Exodus 6:23, Numbers 1:7 and Matthew 1:4)

What does all that mean? It means that all the four sons of Aaron and his wife Elisheva were really from two tribes, Levi and Judah. But history records the Aaronic Priesthood as being just from the tribe of Levi. Why? Because the Aaronic Priesthood was named only after the father's lineage. [Notice the names Miriam and Elisheva appear twice, the first time in the formation of both the Aaronic priesthood, and then in the divine mystery concerning Yeshua and His Aaronic priest family of the New Covenant!]

Perhaps in a similar way, Yeshua's Priesthood is through His Father (the Melchi Zedek Priesthood). But God relates Yeshua's earthly Kingship and His Throne from His father king David through His mother Miriam.

So this most important revelation that Yeshua is also from the **high priest family of Aaron**, of **Zadok**, through His mother Miriam was perhaps **never revealed**, since priesthood was named from father's side. However, even more importantly, this mystery was not to be revealed and could not be revealed especially in those days, and was deliberately kept top secret.

Why? Because Herod, if he had known the real identities of the Zadok priests and high priest family, would have killed this whole family. There would have been no Miriam and no Yeshua! For Herod had already killed many people, and he had placed his two phony high priests in the Temple.

All this has been said as an introduction for what you can now watch. I present to you a 33 slide Power Point presentation that will walk you through this wonderful mystery of Yeshua, our coming King and our Great High Priest. It shows the Old Testament prophesies and the New Testament fulfillments of just how Yeshua, in the flesh, is the physical fulfillment of both the family line of king **David** and also high priest **Yeshua** of **Zadok** of high priest Aaron, through **the Seed** carried by His mother Miriam. For Yeshua's Blood Sacrifice on the Cross provided **a Perfect Atonement** of both the line of kings and also of the line of Aaronic Zadok high priests.

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