

**New Revelations about the Passover Lamb,
Yeshua, coming from high priest family of Aaron!**

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“... the Spirit of Truth ...”
John 14:17

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit,
whom My Father will send in My name,
He will teach you all things,
and bring to your remembrance
all things that I said to you.”
John 14:26

“He will Glorify Me,
for He will take of what is Mine
and declare it to you!”
John 16:14

So I will make My holy name (**Yeshua**, ‘**Salvation**’)
known in the midst of My people Israel, & I will not
let them profane My holy name (**Yeshua**) anymore!
Ezekiel 39:7

The Key to Revival : new Mysteries of Yeshua's Blood!

“In that Day a Fountain shall be opened for the House of David & for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness.” Zechariah 13:1

This Fountain has new Revelations about the Blood of Yeshua!

God told us clearly through His angel Gabriel that our Lord Yeshua was also from the family of Aaron, besides being from the family of king David. Angel Gabriel told Miriam about her relative Elisheva of Aaron (in Hebrew the word is 'karov,' or close relative). Luke 1:36 This is from the Greek, and the Strong's Greek Concordance number is #4773 for this word relative, which means **a blood relative**. **Yeshua is also from the family of Aaron!**

Since Miriam was a virgin, that meant that she & her Child Yeshua could only be from one tribe, the tribe of Miriam's father, which was Judah, from the family of king David. But God also told us through His angel Gabriel that Miriam's mother's family was Aaron. Also since Miriam was **a virgin** that meant that her Child had no earthly father. Therefore her Child could never be an Aaronic priest, since the Aaronic priesthood was only passed from earthly father to son. Also, it meant that her Child would have no sin, since it was the sins of the fathers, and not the mothers, that was passed to the children up to the third and fourth generations. Exodus 20:25 & 34:7

Since Yeshua is also from Aaron, that means that we have **missed 50% of His earthly physical identity**. But that's only the beginning of what has been missed of this Great Mystery about Lord Yeshua. If Yeshua is from the family of Aaron, are there any Old Covenant prophecies about the Messiah coming from Aaron? Yes, there are three major prophecies. They are found in Jeremiah 33:14-24, Zechariah 3:1, 8, and also in Zechariah 6:11-13.

We have not only **missed 50 %** of Yeshua's full physical earthly identity, but we have also missed the Great Mystery about Yeshua's Blood Offering & Sacrifice that was done by this Man from Aaron! And there are also so many other mysteries about the Blood of Yeshua that have been missed.

For any blood sacrifice to have been done by a son of Aaron, it had to have met certain very specific qualifications or conditions, which tells us

now a lot more about which specific family of Aaron that both Miriam & Miriam's mother had to come from. But before we look into this in the Old Covenant Scriptures, I want to first go back to Luke 1:26-36, and look at the other Truths which angel Gabriel also told Miriam about her Child, such as that He would be named Yeshua, the Hebrew name for **Salvation!**

From His Heavenly Father, Yeshua would be **the Son of the Highest**, and **the Son of God**. (versus 32 and 35) And from His earthly father, which is Miriam's father, He would **Reign on the Throne of His father David**, and **He would Reign over the House of Yacov forever!** (versus 32 & 33)

Yeshua is **the King of Heaven, the King of Glory, and the LORD of hosts**. (Psalm 24:10) Yeshua is also **the Great High Priest of Heaven, Melchi Zedek (my King of Righteousness)**. (Psalm 110:1, 4)

As the King of Heaven, Yeshua would be born as the fulfillment of the family of king David. And as the Great High Priest of Heaven, Melchi Zedek, **my King of Righteousness**, Yeshua would be born from a specific priest family of Aaron called 'righteous.' Is there such a family of Aaron?

Now we can look at the three Old Covenant prophecies about the Messiah coming from Aaron, and to discover Yeshua's Aaronic high priest family.

There is a special Hebrew word found only in the Hebrew Old Covenant for the coming Messiah. In English that word is 'the Branch,' but in Hebrew it is the word **Tzemach**. Tzemach only appears 5 times, in 5 different places in the Old Covenant Hebrew Scriptures.

We will begin by quoting from a specific passage in Jeremiah 33 ...
Jeremiah 33:14-24 [**Tzemach: the Son of David and the Son of Aaron**]
14 'Behold, the days are coming,' says the LORD, 'that I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the House of Israel and to the House of Judah. 15 'In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David a Branch (Tzemach) of Righteousness. He shall execute Judgment and Righteousness in the earth. 16 In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell safely. And this is the name by which she will be called, **The LORD our Righteousness.**' 17 "For thus says the LORD, 'David shall never lack a Man to sit on the Throne of the House of Israel; 18 nor shall the Levitical priests lack a Man before Me, [Ezekiel 44:15,16] to offer burnt offerings, to kindle grain offerings, and to do a Sacrifice forever

(kol ha yamin)!’ ” 19 And the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying, 20 “Thus says the LORD, ‘If you can break My Covenant with the day and My Covenant with the night, so that there will not be day and night in their season, 21 then My Covenant may also be broken with David My servant, so that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne, and with the Levitical priests, My ministers. 22 As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, nor the sand of the sea measured, so will I multiply the descendants of David My servant and the Levites who minister to Me.’ ” 23 Moreover the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying, 24 “Have you not considered what these people have spoken, saying, ‘**the two families which the LORD has chosen ...**’ ”

Verse 24 tells us that God had chosen two families to bring to earth His Son, Tzemach of Righteousness, the Branch of Righteousness, who is also the LORD our Righteousness; God tells us 3 times these two families would be king David’s family of Judah, and Aaron’s family. His Son would come to earth through the virgin. Miriam’s Child would be coming from these two families, David’s family and Aaron’s family, He could only be from one tribe, of Miriam’s father, the tribe of Judah. [The Lion of Judah!]

In Isaiah 7:14, we are told that God’s Son, **Emmanu El, (God with us)** would be birthed to earth thru **the virgin!** But in Isaiah 7:13, we are also told that the father’s family of this Child would be that of King David. [This is also revealed in Jeremiah 23:5, 6]

Why is this so important? Because it clearly explains a mystery about Jeremiah 33 verses 17 and 18. 17 “For thus says the LORD, ‘David shall never lack **a Man** to sit on the Throne of the House of Israel; 18 nor shall the Levitical priests lack **a Man before Me**, [Ezekiel 44:15,16] to offer burnt offerings, to kindle grain offerings, and to do a Sacrifice forever (kol ha yamin)!’ ” You see **the Man** in verse 17 and **the Man** in verse 18 are the same Man. The Man from David’s family who would be King and the Man from Aaron’s family who would do the Eternal Sacrifice, fulfill all the prophesies about the two families that God choose for **His Son, Yeshua**; the two families that God chose to birth His Son through the virgin Miriam. Therefore **the Man** in verse 18 can never be an Aaronic priest, since the Child had no earthly father. And this Child could never be from the tribe of Levi! But this Child will always be from the family of Aaron. But more than that, God is telling us another mystery about this Man in verse 18. It says that this Man is positioned before God, by using the Hebrew word ‘lifne.’

So what does that tell us? God is telling us, through His prophet Jeremiah, which specific family of Aaron **this Man** in verse 18 is coming from. We will look at this answer from four different Scriptures.

But first, let's look at God's Word related to a blood sacrifice being done by a priest who is a son of Aaron. This information is found in five places in Ezekiel 40 through 48. I will now quote from two of these five places found in the book of Ezekiel. Ezekiel 43:18-20
And He said to me, "Son of man, thus says the Lord GOD, 'These are the ordinances for the altar on the day when it is made, for sacrificing burnt offerings on it, and for sprinkling blood on it. You shall give a young bull for a sin offering to the priests, the Levites, who are of the seed of Zadok, who approach Me to minister to Me,' says the Lord GOD. You shall take some of its blood and put it on the four horns of the altar, on the four corners of the ledge, and on the rim around it; thus you shall cleanse it and make atonement for it." [Zadok was high priest under King David and Solomon.]

Ezekiel 44:15, 16, 23, 24

"But the priests, the Levites, the sons of Zadok, who kept charge of My Sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from Me, they shall come near to Me to minister to Me; & they shall stand before Me to offer to Me the fat and the blood," says the Lord GOD. "They shall enter My Sanctuary, & they shall come near My table to minister to Me, and they shall keep My charge."

"And they shall teach My people the difference between the holy and the unholy, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean. In controversy they shall stand as (My) judges, and judge it according to My Judgments. They shall keep My laws and My statutes in all My appointed meetings, and they shall hallow My Sabbaths."

Yeshua is the Great High Priest of Heaven, Melchi Zedek, my King of Righteousness. He was born coming from both the Aaronic high priest family of Zadok, (which means 'righteous') and from the family of king David. Zadok is the priest family of Miriam and Miriam's mother's family. Yeshua's Blood Offering and Sacrifice was done by **the Man**, whose Heavenly title is Melchi Zedek, the Great High Priest of Heaven, from the bloodline of high priest Zadok's family, Miriam's family from her mother.

Let's continue now to see more of these Great Mysteries concerning who our Lord Yeshua really is. Let's go to two more (of the five locations) found in the book of Zechariah where we find **Tzemach** again mentioned.

Zechariah 3:1-9 [**Tzemach : God's Servant, prophesied to Yeshoshua**]

1 Then he showed me Joshua (**Yehoshua, or Yeshua**) the high priest, standing before the Angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at His right hand to oppose Him. 2 And the LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?" 3 Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel. 4 Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, "Take away the filthy garments from him." And to him He said, "See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes." 5 And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head, and they put the clothes on him. And the Angel of the LORD stood by. 6 Then the Angel of the LORD admonished Joshua (Yehoshua), saying, 7 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'If you will walk in My ways, and if you will keep My command, then you shall also judge My House, and likewise have charge of My courts; I will give you places to walk among these who stand here. 8 'Hear, O Joshua (Yehoshua), the high priest, you and your companions who sit before you, for they are a wondrous sign. For behold, I am bringing forth My Servant the Branch (Tzemach). 9 For behold, the Stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon the Stone are Seven Eyes. Behold, I will engrave its inscription,' says the LORD of hosts, 'and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.'" [the Stone: Genesis 49:24; Psalm 118:22; Isaiah 8:14; 28:16; Daniel 2:35, 44; ... & the Seven Spirits or Eyes: Isaiah 11:1-5; Zechariah 4:10; Revelation 1:4; 3:1; 4:5; 5:5, 6]

Here **Tzemach, the Branch** (the Messiah) is prophesied to the Aaronic high priest named Joshua, whose Hebrew name is Yehoshua. But this same high priest is also called Yeshua in the books of Ezra and Nehemiah.

Zechariah 6:11-13 [**The Man Tzemach : Heaven's King and High Priest**]

11 "Take the silver and gold, make elaborate (kings) crowns, and set them on the head of Joshua (Yehoshua) the son of Jeho-zadok, the high priest. 12 Then speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, saying, "Behold, the Man whose name is the Branch (Tzemach)! From His place He shall branch out, and He shall build the Temple of the LORD! 13 Yes, He shall build the Temple of the LORD! He shall bear the Glory, and shall sit and **Rule** on His Throne; so He shall be **a Priest** on His Throne. And the counsel of Peace shall be between them both.'" [see Genesis 14:18-20, where Abram honors Melchi Zedek as Heaven's King and Priest.]

In this passage in Zechariah 6, we are told that Yehoshua is the Zadok high priest whose father's name is Jeho-zadok; God confirming 2 times that **Tzemach** would be coming from the high priest family of Zadok, besides coming from the family of king David. (Jeremiah 23:5, 6 and 33:17, 18, 24) Also we are clearly told twice that it will be **Tzemach who will build the Temple of the LORD** (not the Aaronic priests), and that **Tzemach** will be both the King and the High Priest from His Jerusalem Millennial Temple.

Now we have seen three different proofs that **Tzemach** would be coming from the high priest family of Zadok, & two proofs that only a son of Zadok was allowed to come into God's Presence to offer the blood sacrifice. And also that Tzemach would be coming from the family of king David. Let's now learn more about the Zadokite priesthood, and what happened to the Zadokite high priest and priesthood in recorded Old Covenant history.

King David had two high priests, Zadok and Abiathar. Zadok was from Aaron's son Eleazar, and Abiathar was from Aaron's son Ithamar. Abiathar joined David's son Adonijah to make him the next king. But when Solomon became king, he removed Abiathar and kept Zadok. 1st Kings 2:6 The time was around 1000 B.C. And Solomon kept Zadok on as his high priest. [1st Chronicles 29:22 And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, & anointed him before the LORD to be the leader, & Zadok to be priest.]

From 1000 B.C. until 165 B.C., **a son of Zadok** always served as **God's high priest**, and when Judah was not in exile, he would also serve as high priest of the Jerusalem Temple, serving along with all the other Zadokite priests, and with all the other divisions and families of Aaronic priests.

Around 165 B.C., the Maccabees took back Jerusalem, and cleansed the defilement of the Jerusalem Temple done by Antiochus 1V. What is not known by many, but is recorded in Israeli history, is that the Maccabees, as one of the priest families of Aaron, also took over as high priests of the Jerusalem Temple for the next 165 years, kicking out the Zadok high priest and the Zadokite priesthood. This was direct violation of the Word of God given just to the Zadokite priest family through the prophet Ezekiel. The Zadokite priests went into hiding (most likely by the Dead Sea at Kumran). And so all Temple priesthood activity was corrupted for the next 165 years.

[2nd Samuel 8:15, 17 And David reigned over all Israel; and David administered judgment and justice to all his people. And Zadok the son of

Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, were the priests; 1st Chronicles 12:28 Zadok, a young man, a valiant warrior, and from his father's house twenty-two captains ... 1st Chronicles 15:11 And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests ... 1st Chronicles 18:16 Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, were the priests ... 1st Chronicles 24:3 Then David with Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, divided them (priests) according to the schedule of their service.]

God had told us in **three** of the Old Testament prophecies that **Tzemach, the Branch, (the Messiah)**, besides being a Son from the family of King David of the tribe of Judah, would also be a Son from the Zadokite high priest family of Aaron. (Jeremiah 33:18; Zechariah 3:8; Zechariah 6:11-13) What would God do to correct this corrupted priesthood, since the Zadokite priesthood had been totally removed from the Jerusalem Temple in 165 BC?

How would God restore the Zadokite high priest position for the Messiah to be able to come to earth the first time? For you see, everything had to be in God's perfect divine order & alignment for Messiah's coming to earth the first time, in order **to fulfill all Righteousness!**

The New Covenant Scriptures proving Yeshua is from Aaron

Why did God begin the whole New Covenant chronologically first with the **Aaronic priesthood**? God did this in the very first words, and also in the very first scene in the book of Luke, because God didn't want us to miss this Great Mystery that was somehow specifically related to Yeshua. For God was about to restore the Zadokite high priest calling of the Aaronic priesthood into its rightful position, all for Messiah Yeshua's first coming!

Luke 1:5-7

There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zechariah, of the course of Abijah (8th of 24, in 1st Chronicles 24:10:), and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisheva. And they were both 'righteous' before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the LORD blameless. And they had no child, because Elisheva was barren, and they both were now well advanced in years.

God opened the New Covenant with this elderly Aaronic priest couple, telling us they are both **'righteous'** before God! Zadok means righteous, hinting or indicating that they were both from the Zadokite family.

Luke 1:8-20

So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division (Abijah), according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the Temple of the LORD. And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense. Then an angel of the LORD appeared to him standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And when Zechariah saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elisheva will bear you a son, and you shall call his name Yochanan (John). And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. For he will be great in the sight of the LORD, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb. And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the LORD their God. He will also go before Him in the Spirit and Power of Elijah, ‘to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,’ and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the LORD.” And Zechariah said to the angel, “How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years.” And the angel answered and said to him, “**I am Gabriel**, who stands in the Presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you, & to bring you these glad tidings. But behold, you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time.”

This Scripture passage is so very important, as we shall now discover, because this is how God opened the whole New Covenant, in the very first words and the very first scene. God begins the whole New Covenant with an old priest Zechariah & his old wife Elisheva, both of the family of Aaron. What does the Aaronic priesthood have to do with Yeshua’s birth, anyway?

Before angel Gabriel ever spoke one word to priest Zechariah in Luke 1:8, we now **know** two very important things about priest Zechariah. First of all, God had specifically told us in Ezekiel 43:18, 19 and 44:15, 16, that no Aaronic priest could be able to come into the Presence of God except for a priest who was also from the seed of Zadok.

When God, who can never break His Word, sent His angel Gabriel to speak to priest Zechariah, God was first telling us that this Aaronic priest **Zechariah is a son of Zadok!**

Secondly, God was also telling us about the real mystery identity of this priest Zechariah, that He was really **God’s appointed Aaronic high priest!** How can we know this? Because the angel Gabriel met priest Zechariah while he was serving God at the altar of incense. So what does that tell us?

Numbers 30:7 tells us that **the altar of incense** in the Temple was the position given by God to **His high priest** Aaron, and to Aaron's future generation of sons who would be God's chosen high priest, who would also serve God at that ordained position, at the altar of incense.

“You shall make an altar to burn incense on; you shall make it of acacia wood. **Aaron (the high priest) shall burn on it sweet incense** every morning; when he tends the lamps, he shall burn incense on it. And when Aaron lights the lamps at twilight, he shall burn incense on it, a perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations.” Exodus 30:1, 7, 8
[This revelation of Zechariah as high priest was from Dick Reuben in 1993.]

After 165 years of Temple corruption by the Maccabee priest family, in violation of God's Temple ordinances, God is telling us (but secretly) who **the real Zadok high priest and high priest family** really is. For had it been known who Zechariah and Elisheva his wife really were, then king Herod, who had appointed two phony priests to serve as high priests in the Jerusalem Temple, would most likely **have killed this whole Zadok family**, including Miraim. All this had remained God's secret until current times.

Why did the angel Gabriel specifically tell priest Zechariah that God said his son would have to be **named Yochanan** (John)? Peoples names are very important: Zechariah's name means '**the LORD Remembers.**' Elisheva means '**the LORD of the Oath.**' Yochanan's name means '**God is Gracious.**'

Have you ever wondered why it was so important to God that Zechariah and Elisheva name their unborn son **Yochanan**, the name that God had specifically told His angel Gabriel to tell Zechariah? The reason Zechariah & Elisheva had to name their son **Yochanan** was somehow in direct fulfillment of **God's promises given to the Zadokite high priest family.** But How?

In 2011, researching all the names of the Aaronic high priests of the First and Second Temple periods, I discovered in the Artscroll Publications, Yoma Edition, volume 9, on Kohanim Gedoli, that **Yochanan** was **the name of the last Zadok high priest** around 165 B.C., just before the Maccabees took over, and removed the Zadok High Priest **Yochanan**, and all the other Zadokite priests from the Jerusalem Temple. The Temple priesthood then became corrupted, in violation of the Word of God given to the Zadokite priests, even up till the time when Zechariah, the mystery Zadok high priest ministered at the altar of incense in the Jerusalem Temple. (Luke 1:8-23)

Priest Zechariah had to know that **Yochanan** was the name given to the **last Zadok high priest** before the Jerusalem Temple's corruption in 165 B.C.

Miriam's mother, from the high priest family of Yehoshua (Yeshua), of High Priest Zadok, of High Priest Aaron, had to have been both directed by God and obeying God in order to have **inter-married** with this man from Judah, a different Israeli tribe, from the family line of King David, for the fulfillment of all these prophecies about the Messiah from the Torah & Tanakh to have all come together, for God's only begotten Son, Yeshua!

The Hebrews 7:11-17 Scripture Passage

Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the Torah), what further need was there that another Priest should rise according to the order of Melchi-zedek, (my King of Righteousness) and not be called according to 'the order of Aaron'? For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law. For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar. 14 For **it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah**, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far more evident if in the likeness of Melchi Zedek there arises another Priest who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the Power of an endless life. For He testifies, **"You are a Priest forever according to the order of Melchi Zedek!"**

This Hebrews 7:11-17 passage is perfectly correct regarding Priesthood! This passage refers to **Yeshua's Priesthood** given through His Heavenly Father, the Melchi Zedek Priesthood. In Psalm 110:4 we see this mantle of Priestly Authority given from Father God (יהוה) to His Son Yeshua (ישוע). And also we know that through Miriam's father Yeshua is from the **tribe of Judah**. Jews can only be from the tribe of their father. Jewish genealogy was only recorded from the father's family. But what was never addressed in this key passage is that Yeshua is also from Miriam's mother's family, from **Aaron**. Psalm 40:6, says Messiah's Body has been prepared (from two families). But Hebrews 7 only talks of Yeshua's physical body from Judah.

Every person comes from their father's and their mother's families.

Since the Aaronic priesthood was always passed from father to son, then Zechariah's son Yochanan (John), at his legal priesthood age of 30, received the mantle from his father (from God) as the next mystery Zadok high priest of Aaron, with a most special priesthood calling, **to Prepare the Way** for Israel's coming Savior & Messiah, and for the Kingdom of Heaven to come to Israel. He preached a water baptism of repentance and cleansing for sins.

Yochanan began his ministry around Passover time, and a great many of the children of Israel came out to him for baptism at the Jordan River.

Then one day, around six months later, his cousin Yeshua came to the Jordan River for His water baptism from priest Yochanan, who carried from God **the highest position of priesthood spiritual authority** in all of Israel. Everything was now in perfect position. Yeshua was in spiritual submission to His Father, and also in submission to Israel's true Zadok Aaronic High Priest, Yochanan, for His baptism to be witnessed by His cousin Yochanan. Matthew 3:14, 15 And Yochanan tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" But Yeshua answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all Righteousness!" Then he allowed Him. Then the Spirit of Almighty God came down like a dove and totally filled Yeshua, as His Father spoke from Heaven, "This is **My Beloved Son**, in whom I am well pleased!"

Forty days later, when Yeshua returned to the Jordan River, Yochanan spoke, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!" John 1:29 From that time, Yeshua began His earthly ministry, in absolute submission to His Father and to the Holy Spirit, who fully indwelt Him, even during His physical death of His Flesh on the Cross for mankind's sins.

Yeshua would later begin to establish His Melchi Zedek (my King of Righteousness) Priesthood on earth through His own disciples, but only after His baptism was witnessed by Yochanan, the mystery Zadok high priest. This also was about birthing of the Melchi Zedek Priesthood into the earth to fulfill all Righteousness! And was the Aaronic Priesthood submitted under the Melchi Zedek Priesthood, so it would be able to continue forever? (Exodus 29:9; Exodus 40:13-15; Numbers 25:11-13; Deuteronomy 18:1-5)

Yeshua's own remarks reveal that Yochanan was more than a prophet; for Yochanan was the highest true Aaronic priest spiritual authority in Israel.

Matthew 21:32

"For Yochanan (John) came to you in **the way of Righteousness**, and you did not believe him. But tax collectors and harlots believed him. And when you saw it, you did not afterward relent and believe him." (I believe Yeshua was telling us here that Yochanan was a son of Zadok.)

Matthew 11:9 "But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, **and more than a prophet!**" Luke 7:26 "But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, **and more than a prophet!**"

Now when He came into the Temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people confronted Him as He was teaching, and said, “**By what Authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this Authority?**” But Yeshua answered and said to them, “I also will ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I likewise will tell you **by what Authority I do these things.** The baptism of Yochanan, where was it from? From Heaven or from men?” And they reasoned among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From Heaven,’ He will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘From men,’ we fear the multitude, for all count Yochanan as a prophet.” So they answered Yeshua and said, “We do not know.” And He said to them, “Neither will I tell you **by what Authority I do these things.**” (This same passage is also found in Mark 11:28-30, 33 and in Luke 20:2-8.) Yeshua was telling of Yochanan’s Aaronic high priest position of authority. Matthew 11:11 “Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than Yochanan the Baptist; but he who is least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he.” Matthew 21:23-27 (also Luke 7:28)

Matthew 11:14 “And if you are willing to receive it, he (Yochanan) **is Eliyahu (Elijah) who is to come!**” (see Malachi 4:5, 6)

Mark 9:12 Then He answered and told them, “Indeed, Elijah is coming first and restores all things! And how is it written concerning **the Son of Man**, that He must suffer many things and be treated with contempt?”

Yochanan was truly God’s messenger coming in the Spirit and Power of Elijah (Eliyahu). Malachi 3:1; Malachi 4:5, 6; Luke 1:17 There are still many unrevealed mysteries about Yeshua and this man Yochanan, this mystery Zadok high priest, who was called by God to Prepare the Way of the LORD for Yeshua’s first coming to earth.

Yochanan helped to prepare the Way for Yeshua’s first coming as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. So also another man will be coming in the Spirit and Power of Eliyahu, perhaps again the mystery Zadok high priest, and who restores all things for Yeshua’s second coming.

I have written here a very short summary view of this great Mystery of Yeshua coming from Aaron. Many more keys not mentioned here on this subject of Yeshua’s Blood are in my new 60 page book on these important revelations, free from my website: www.FeedMySheepJerusalem.com

‘King and Great High Priest Yeshua from ‘the Seed’ of David and Aaron!’

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This is He who came by Water and Blood
Yeshua, the Messiah!

Not only by Water, but by Water and Blood.
And it is the Spirit who bears witness,
because the Holy Spirit is Truth!

1 John 5:6

For there are Three that bear witness in Heaven;
the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit;
and these Three are One.

1 John 5:7

And there are Three that bear witness on earth;
the Spirit, the Water, and the Blood;
and **these Three agree** as One.

1 John 5:6, 7, 8

What is in **Yeshua's Blood** is in all believers!

These new Revelations on **the Blood of Yeshua**,
our Great High Priest of Heaven, Melchi Zedek,
(my King of Righteousness), coming from the
Aaronic high priest family of Zadok (righteous),
will cause **the Holy Spirit of Truth** to Release
God's Living Waters, to bring in the World's
Greatest known **End Time Revival!**

**New Revelations about the Passover Lamb,
Yeshua, coming from high priest family of Aaron!**

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“... the Spirit of Truth ...”
John 14:17

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit,
whom My Father will send in My name,
He will teach you all things,
and bring to your remembrance
all things that I said to you.”
John 14:26

“He will Glorify Me,
for He will take of what is Mine
and declare it to you!”
John 16:14

So I will make My holy name (**Yeshua**, ‘**Salvation**’)
known in the midst of My people Israel, & I will not
let them profane My holy name (**Yeshua**) anymore!
Ezekiel 39:7

The Key to Revival : new Mysteries of Yeshua's Blood!

“In that Day a Fountain shall be opened for the House of David & for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness.” Zechariah 13:1

This Fountain has new Revelations about the Blood of Yeshua!

God told us clearly through His angel Gabriel that our Lord Yeshua was also from the family of Aaron, besides being from the family of king David. Angel Gabriel told Miriam about her relative Elisheva of Aaron (in Hebrew the word is 'karov,' or close relative). Luke 1:36 This is from the Greek, and the Strong's Greek Concordance number is #4773 for this word relative, which means **a blood relative**. **Yeshua is also from the family of Aaron!**

Since Miriam was a virgin, that meant that she & her Child Yeshua could only be from one tribe, the tribe of Miriam's father, which was Judah, from the family of king David. But God also told us through His angel Gabriel that Miriam's mother's family was Aaron. Also since Miriam was **a virgin** that meant that her Child had no earthly father. Therefore her Child could never be an Aaronic priest, since the Aaronic priesthood was only passed from earthly father to son. Also, it meant that her Child would have no sin, since it was the sins of the fathers, and not the mothers, that was passed to the children up to the third and fourth generations. Exodus 20:25 & 34:7

Since Yeshua is also from Aaron, that means that we have **missed 50% of His earthly physical identity**. But that's only the beginning of what has been missed of this Great Mystery about Lord Yeshua. If Yeshua is from the family of Aaron, are there any Old Covenant prophecies about the Messiah coming from Aaron? Yes, there are three major prophecies. They are found in Jeremiah 33:14-24, Zechariah 3:1, 8, and also in Zechariah 6:11-13.

We have not only **missed 50 %** of Yeshua's full physical earthly identity, but we have also missed the Great Mystery about Yeshua's Blood Offering & Sacrifice that was done by this Man from Aaron! And there are also so many other mysteries about the Blood of Yeshua that have been missed.

For any blood sacrifice to have been done by a son of Aaron, it had to have met certain very specific qualifications or conditions, which tells us

now a lot more about which specific family of Aaron that both Miriam & Miriam's mother had to come from. But before we look into this in the Old Covenant Scriptures, I want to first go back to Luke 1:26-36, and look at the other Truths which angel Gabriel also told Miriam about her Child, such as that He would be named Yeshua, the Hebrew name for **Salvation!**

From His Heavenly Father, Yeshua would be **the Son of the Highest**, and **the Son of God**. (versus 32 and 35) And from His earthly father, which is Miriam's father, He would **Reign on the Throne of His father David**, and **He would Reign over the House of Yacov forever!** (versus 32 & 33)

Yeshua is **the King of Heaven, the King of Glory, and the LORD of hosts**. (Psalm 24:10) Yeshua is also **the Great High Priest of Heaven, Melchi Zedek (my King of Righteousness)**. (Psalm 110:1, 4)

As the King of Heaven, Yeshua would be born as the fulfillment of the family of king David. And as the Great High Priest of Heaven, Melchi Zedek, **my King of Righteousness**, Yeshua would be born from a specific priest family of Aaron called 'righteous.' Is there such a family of Aaron?

Now we can look at the three Old Covenant prophecies about the Messiah coming from Aaron, and to discover Yeshua's Aaronic high priest family.

There is a special Hebrew word found only in the Hebrew Old Covenant for the coming Messiah. In English that word is 'the Branch,' but in Hebrew it is the word **Tzemach**. Tzemach only appears 5 times, in 5 different places in the Old Covenant Hebrew Scriptures.

We will begin by quoting from a specific passage in Jeremiah 33 ...
Jeremiah 33:14-24 [**Tzemach: the Son of David and the Son of Aaron**]
14 'Behold, the days are coming,' says the LORD, 'that I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the House of Israel and to the House of Judah. 15 'In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David a Branch (Tzemach) of Righteousness. He shall execute Judgment and Righteousness in the earth. 16 In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell safely. And this is the name by which she will be called, **The LORD our Righteousness.**' 17 "For thus says the LORD, 'David shall never lack a Man to sit on the Throne of the House of Israel; 18 nor shall the Levitical priests lack a Man before Me, [Ezekiel 44:15,16] to offer burnt offerings, to kindle grain offerings, and to do a Sacrifice forever

(kol ha yamin)!’ ” 19 And the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying, 20 “Thus says the LORD, ‘If you can break My Covenant with the day and My Covenant with the night, so that there will not be day and night in their season, 21 then My Covenant may also be broken with David My servant, so that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne, and with the Levitical priests, My ministers. 22 As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, nor the sand of the sea measured, so will I multiply the descendants of David My servant and the Levites who minister to Me.’ ” 23 Moreover the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying, 24 “Have you not considered what these people have spoken, saying, ‘**the two families which the LORD has chosen ...**’ ”

Verse 24 tells us that God had chosen two families to bring to earth His Son, Tzemach of Righteousness, the Branch of Righteousness, who is also the LORD our Righteousness; God tells us 3 times these two families would be king David’s family of Judah, and Aaron’s family. His Son would come to earth through the virgin. Miriam’s Child would be coming from these two families, David’s family and Aaron’s family, He could only be from one tribe, of Miriam’s father, the tribe of Judah. [The Lion of Judah!]

In Isaiah 7:14, we are told that God’s Son, **Emmanu El, (God with us)** would be birthed to earth thru **the virgin!** But in Isaiah 7:13, we are also told that the father’s family of this Child would be that of King David. [This is also revealed in Jeremiah 23:5, 6]

Why is this so important? Because it clearly explains a mystery about Jeremiah 33 verses 17 and 18. 17 “For thus says the LORD, ‘David shall never lack **a Man** to sit on the Throne of the House of Israel; 18 nor shall the Levitical priests lack **a Man before Me**, [Ezekiel 44:15,16] to offer burnt offerings, to kindle grain offerings, and **to do a Sacrifice forever** (kol ha yamin)!’ ” You see **the Man** in verse 17 and **the Man** in verse 18 **are the same Man**. The Man from David’s family who would be King and the Man from Aaron’s family who would do the Eternal Sacrifice, fulfill all the prophecies about the two families that God choose for **His Son, Yeshua**; the two families that God chose to birth His Son through the virgin Miriam. Therefore **the Man** in verse 18 **can never be an Aaronic priest**, since the Child had no earthly father. And this Child could never be from the tribe of Levi! But this Child **will always be from the family of Aaron**. But more than that, God is telling us another mystery about this Man in verse 18. It says that this Man is positioned before God, by using the Hebrew word ‘lifne.’

So what does that tell us? God is telling us, through His prophet Jeremiah, which specific family of Aaron **this Man** in verse 18 is coming from. We will look at this answer from four different Scriptures.

But first, let's look at God's Word related to a blood sacrifice being done by a priest who is a son of Aaron. This information is found in five places in Ezekiel 40 through 48. I will now quote from two of these five places found in the book of Ezekiel. Ezekiel 43:18-20
And He said to me, "Son of man, thus says the Lord GOD, 'These are the ordinances for the altar on the day when it is made, for sacrificing burnt offerings on it, and for sprinkling blood on it. You shall give a young bull for a sin offering to the priests, the Levites, who are of the seed of Zadok, who approach Me to minister to Me,' says the Lord GOD. You shall take some of its blood and put it on the four horns of the altar, on the four corners of the ledge, and on the rim around it; thus you shall cleanse it and make atonement for it." [Zadok was high priest under King David and Solomon.]

Ezekiel 44:15, 16, 23, 24

"But the priests, the Levites, the sons of Zadok, who kept charge of My Sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from Me, they shall come near to Me to minister to Me; & they shall stand before Me to offer to Me the fat and the blood," says the Lord GOD. "They shall enter My Sanctuary, & they shall come near My table to minister to Me, and they shall keep My charge."

"And they shall teach My people the difference between the holy and the unholy, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean. In controversy they shall stand as (My) judges, and judge it according to My Judgments. They shall keep My laws and My statutes in all My appointed meetings, and they shall hallow My Sabbaths."

Yeshua is the Great High Priest of Heaven, Melchi Zedek, my King of Righteousness. He was born coming from both the Aaronic high priest family of Zadok, (which means 'righteous') and from the family of king David. Zadok is the priest family of Miriam and Miriam's mother's family. Yeshua's Blood Offering and Sacrifice was done by **the Man**, whose Heavenly title is Melchi Zedek, the Great High Priest of Heaven, from the bloodline of high priest Zadok's family, Miriam's family from her mother.

Let's continue now to see more of these Great Mysteries concerning who our Lord Yeshua really is. Let's go to two more (of the five locations) found in the book of Zechariah where we find **Tzemach** again mentioned.

Zechariah 3:1-9 [**Tzemach : God's Servant, prophesied to Yeshoshua**]

1 Then he showed me Joshua (**Yehoshua, or Yeshua**) the high priest, standing before the Angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at His right hand to oppose Him. 2 And the LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?" 3 Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel. 4 Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, "Take away the filthy garments from him." And to him He said, "See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes." 5 And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head, and they put the clothes on him. And the Angel of the LORD stood by. 6 Then the Angel of the LORD admonished Joshua (Yehoshua), saying, 7 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'If you will walk in My ways, and if you will keep My command, then you shall also judge My House, and likewise have charge of My courts; I will give you places to walk among these who stand here. 8 'Hear, O Joshua (Yehoshua), the high priest, you and your companions who sit before you, for they are a wondrous sign. For behold, I am bringing forth My Servant the Branch (Tzemach). 9 For behold, the Stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon the Stone are Seven Eyes. Behold, I will engrave its inscription,' says the LORD of hosts, 'and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.'" [the Stone: Genesis 49:24; Psalm 118:22; Isaiah 8:14; 28:16; Daniel 2:35, 44; ... & the Seven Spirits or Eyes: Isaiah 11:1-5; Zechariah 4:10; Revelation 1:4; 3:1; 4:5; 5:5, 6]

Here **Tzemach, the Branch** (the Messiah) is prophesied to the Aaronic high priest named Joshua, whose Hebrew name is Yehoshua. But this same high priest is also called Yeshua in the books of Ezra and Nehemiah.

Zechariah 6:11-13 [**The Man Tzemach : Heaven's King and High Priest**]

11 "Take the silver and gold, make elaborate (kings) crowns, and set them on the head of Joshua (Yehoshua) the son of Jeho-zadok, the high priest. 12 Then speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, saying, "Behold, the Man whose name is the Branch (Tzemach)! From His place He shall branch out, and He shall build the Temple of the LORD! 13 Yes, He shall build the Temple of the LORD! He shall bear the Glory, and shall sit and **Rule** on His Throne; so He shall be **a Priest** on His Throne. And the counsel of Peace shall be between them both.'" [see Genesis 14:18-20, where Abram honors Melchi Zedek as Heaven's King and Priest.]

In this passage in Zechariah 6, we are told that Yehoshua is the Zadok high priest whose father's name is Jeho-zadok; God confirming 2 times that **Tzemach** would be coming from the high priest family of Zadok, besides coming from the family of king David. (Jeremiah 23:5, 6 and 33:17, 18, 24) Also we are clearly told twice that it will be **Tzemach who will build the Temple of the LORD** (not the Aaronic priests), and that **Tzemach** will be both the King and the High Priest from His Jerusalem Millennial Temple.

Now we have seen three different proofs that **Tzemach** would be coming from the high priest family of Zadok, & two proofs that only a son of Zadok was allowed to come into God's Presence to offer the blood sacrifice. And also that Tzemach would be coming from the family of king David. Let's now learn more about the Zadokite priesthood, and what happened to the Zadokite high priest and priesthood in recorded Old Covenant history.

King David had two high priests, Zadok and Abiathar. Zadok was from Aaron's son Eleazar, and Abiathar was from Aaron's son Ithamar. Abiathar joined David's son Adonijah to make him the next king. But when Solomon became king, he removed Abiathar and kept Zadok. 1st Kings 2:6 The time was around 1000 B.C. And Solomon kept Zadok on as his high priest. [1st Chronicles 29:22 And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, & anointed him before the LORD to be the leader, & Zadok to be priest.]

From 1000 B.C. until 165 B.C., **a son of Zadok** always served as **God's high priest**, and when Judah was not in exile, he would also serve as high priest of the Jerusalem Temple, serving along with all the other Zadokite priests, and with all the other divisions and families of Aaronic priests.

Around 165 B.C., the Maccabees took back Jerusalem, and cleansed the defilement of the Jerusalem Temple done by Antiochus 1V. What is not known by many, but is recorded in Israeli history, is that the Maccabees, as one of the priest families of Aaron, also took over as high priests of the Jerusalem Temple for the next 165 years, kicking out the Zadok high priest and the Zadokite priesthood. This was direct violation of the Word of God given just to the Zadokite priest family through the prophet Ezekiel. The Zadokite priests went into hiding (most likely by the Dead Sea at Kumran). And so all Temple priesthood activity was corrupted for the next 165 years.

[2nd Samuel 8:15, 17 And David reigned over all Israel; and David administered judgment and justice to all his people. And Zadok the son of

Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, were the priests; 1st Chronicles 12:28 Zadok, a young man, a valiant warrior, and from his father's house twenty-two captains ... 1st Chronicles 15:11 And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests ... 1st Chronicles 18:16 Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, were the priests ... 1st Chronicles 24:3 Then David with Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, divided them (priests) according to the schedule of their service.]

God had told us in **three** of the Old Testament prophecies that **Tzemach, the Branch, (the Messiah)**, besides being a Son from the family of King David of the tribe of Judah, would also be a Son from the Zadokite high priest family of Aaron. (Jeremiah 33:18; Zechariah 3:8; Zechariah 6:11-13) What would God do to correct this corrupted priesthood, since the Zadokite priesthood had been totally removed from the Jerusalem Temple in 165 BC?

How would God restore the Zadokite high priest position for the Messiah to be able to come to earth the first time? For you see, everything had to be in God's perfect divine order & alignment for Messiah's coming to earth the first time, in order **to fulfill all Righteousness!**

The New Covenant Scriptures proving Yeshua is from Aaron

Why did God begin the whole New Covenant chronologically first with the **Aaronic priesthood**? God did this in the very first words, and also in the very first scene in the book of Luke, because God didn't want us to miss this Great Mystery that was somehow specifically related to Yeshua. For God was about to restore the Zadokite high priest calling of the Aaronic priesthood into its rightful position, all for Messiah Yeshua's first coming!

Luke 1:5-7

There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zechariah, of the course of Abijah (8th of 24, in 1st Chronicles 24:10:), and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisheva. And they were both 'righteous' before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the LORD blameless. And they had no child, because Elisheva was barren, and they both were now well advanced in years.

God opened the New Covenant with this elderly Aaronic priest couple, telling us they are both **'righteous'** before God! Zadok means righteous, hinting or indicating that they were both from the Zadokite family.

Luke 1:8-20

So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division (Abijah), according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the Temple of the LORD. And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense. Then an angel of the LORD appeared to him standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And when Zechariah saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elisheva will bear you a son, and you shall call his name Yochanan (John). And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. For he will be great in the sight of the LORD, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb. And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the LORD their God. He will also go before Him in the Spirit and Power of Elijah, ‘to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,’ and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the LORD.” And Zechariah said to the angel, “How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years.” And the angel answered and said to him, “**I am Gabriel**, who stands in the Presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you, & to bring you these glad tidings. But behold, you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time.”

This Scripture passage is so very important, as we shall now discover, because this is how God opened the whole New Covenant, in the very first words and the very first scene. God begins the whole New Covenant with an old priest Zechariah & his old wife Elisheva, both of the family of Aaron. What does the Aaronic priesthood have to do with Yeshua’s birth, anyway?

Before angel Gabriel ever spoke one word to priest Zechariah in Luke 1:8, we now **know** two very important things about priest Zechariah. First of all, God had specifically told us in Ezekiel 43:18, 19 and 44:15, 16, that no Aaronic priest could be able to come into the Presence of God except for a priest who was also from the seed of Zadok.

When God, who can never break His Word, sent His angel Gabriel to speak to priest Zechariah, God was first telling us that this Aaronic priest **Zechariah is a son of Zadok!**

Secondly, God was also telling us about the real mystery identity of this priest Zechariah, that He was really **God’s appointed Aaronic high priest!** How can we know this? Because the angel Gabriel met priest Zechariah while he was serving God at the altar of incense. So what does that tell us?

Numbers 30:7 tells us that **the altar of incense** in the Temple was the position given by God to **His high priest** Aaron, and to Aaron's future generation of sons who would be God's chosen high priest, who would also serve God at that ordained position, at the altar of incense.

“You shall make an altar to burn incense on; you shall make it of acacia wood. **Aaron (the high priest) shall burn on it sweet incense** every morning; when he tends the lamps, he shall burn incense on it. And when Aaron lights the lamps at twilight, he shall burn incense on it, a perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations.” Exodus 30:1, 7, 8
[This revelation of Zechariah as high priest was from Dick Reuben in 1993.]

After 165 years of Temple corruption by the Maccabee priest family, in violation of God's Temple ordinances, God is telling us (but secretly) who **the real Zadok high priest and high priest family** really is. For had it been known who Zechariah and Elisheva his wife really were, then king Herod, who had appointed two phony priests to serve as high priests in the Jerusalem Temple, would most likely **have killed this whole Zadok family**, including Miraim. All this had remained God's secret until current times.

Why did the angel Gabriel specifically tell priest Zechariah that God said his son would have to be **named Yochanan** (John)? Peoples names are very important: Zechariah's name means '**the LORD Remembers.**' Elisheva means '**the LORD of the Oath.**' Yochanan's name means '**God is Gracious.**'

Have you ever wondered why it was so important to God that Zechariah and Elisheva name their unborn son **Yochanan**, the name that God had specifically told His angel Gabriel to tell Zechariah? The reason Zechariah & Elisheva had to name their son **Yochanan** was somehow in direct fulfillment of **God's promises given to the Zadokite high priest family.** But How?

In 2011, researching all the names of the Aaronic high priests of the First and Second Temple periods, I discovered in the Artscroll Publications, Yoma Edition, volume 9, on Kohanim Gedoli, that **Yochanan** was **the name of the last Zadok high priest** around 165 B.C., just before the Maccabees took over, and removed the Zadok High Priest **Yochanan**, and all the other Zadokite priests from the Jerusalem Temple. The Temple priesthood then became corrupted, in violation of the Word of God given to the Zadokite priests, even up till the time when Zechariah, the mystery Zadok high priest ministered at the altar of incense in the Jerusalem Temple. (Luke 1:8-23)

Priest Zechariah had to know that **Yochanan** was the name given to the **last Zadok high priest** before the Jerusalem Temple's corruption in 165 B.C.

Miriam's mother, from the high priest family of Yehoshua (Yeshua), of High Priest Zadok, of High Priest Aaron, had to have been both directed by God and obeying God in order to have **inter-married** with this man from Judah, a different Israeli tribe, from the family line of King David, for the fulfillment of all these prophecies about the Messiah from the Torah & Tanakh to have all come together, for God's only begotten Son, Yeshua!

The Hebrews 7:11-17 Scripture Passage

Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the Torah), what further need was there that another Priest should rise according to the order of Melchi-zedek, (my King of Righteousness) and not be called according to 'the order of Aaron'? For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law. For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar. 14 For **it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah**, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far more evident if in the likeness of Melchi Zedek there arises another Priest who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the Power of an endless life. For He testifies, **"You are a Priest forever according to the order of Melchi Zedek!"**

This Hebrews 7:11-17 passage is perfectly correct regarding Priesthood! This passage refers to **Yeshua's Priesthood** given through His Heavenly Father, the Melchi Zedek Priesthood. In Psalm 110:4 we see this mantle of Priestly Authority given from Father God (יהוה) to His Son Yeshua (ישוע). And also we know that through Miriam's father Yeshua is from the **tribe of Judah**. Jews can only be from the tribe of their father. Jewish genealogy was only recorded from the father's family. But what was never addressed in this key passage is that Yeshua is also from **Miriam's mother's family**, from **Aaron**. Psalm 40:6, says Messiah's Body has been prepared (from two families). But Hebrews 7 only talks of Yeshua's physical body from Judah.

Every person comes from their father's and their mother's families.

Since the Aaronic priesthood was always passed from father to son, then Zechariah's son Yochanan (John), at his legal priesthood age of 30, received the mantle from his father (from God) as the next mystery Zadok high priest of Aaron, with a most special priesthood calling, **to Prepare the Way** for Israel's coming Savior & Messiah, and for the Kingdom of Heaven to come to Israel. He preached a water baptism of repentance and cleansing for sins.

Yochanan began his ministry around Passover time, and a great many of the children of Israel came out to him for baptism at the Jordan River.

Then one day, around six months later, his cousin Yeshua came to the Jordan River for His water baptism from priest Yochanan, who carried from God **the highest position of priesthood spiritual authority** in all of Israel. Everything was now in perfect position. Yeshua was in spiritual submission to His Father, and also in submission to Israel's true Zadok Aaronic High Priest, Yochanan, for His baptism to be witnessed by His cousin Yochanan. Matthew 3:14, 15 And Yochanan tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" But Yeshua answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all Righteousness!" Then he allowed Him. Then the Spirit of Almighty God came down like a dove and totally filled Yeshua, as His Father spoke from Heaven, "This is **My Beloved Son**, in whom I am well pleased!"

Forty days later, when Yeshua returned to the Jordan River, Yochanan spoke, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!" John 1:29 From that time, Yeshua began His earthly ministry, in absolute submission to His Father and to the Holy Spirit, who fully indwelt Him, even during His physical death of His Flesh on the Cross for mankind's sins.

Yeshua would later begin to establish His Melchi Zedek (my King of Righteousness) Priesthood on earth through His own disciples, but only after His baptism was witnessed by Yochanan, the mystery Zadok high priest. This also was about birthing of the Melchi Zedek Priesthood into the earth to fulfill all Righteousness! And was the Aaronic Priesthood submitted under the Melchi Zedek Priesthood, so it would be able to continue forever? (Exodus 29:9; Exodus 40:13-15; Numbers 25:11-13; Deuteronomy 18:1-5)

Yeshua's own remarks reveal that Yochanan was more than a prophet; for Yochanan was the highest true Aaronic priest spiritual authority in Israel.

Matthew 21:32

"For Yochanan (John) came to you in **the way of Righteousness**, and you did not believe him. But tax collectors and harlots believed him. And when you saw it, you did not afterward relent and believe him." (I believe Yeshua was telling us here that Yochanan was a son of Zadok.)

Matthew 11:9 "But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, **and more than a prophet!**" Luke 7:26 "But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, **and more than a prophet!**"

Now when He came into the Temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people confronted Him as He was teaching, and said, “**By what Authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this Authority?**” But Yeshua answered and said to them, “I also will ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I likewise will tell you by what Authority I do these things. The baptism of Yochanan, where was it from? From Heaven or from men?” And they reasoned among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From Heaven,’ He will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘From men,’ we fear the multitude, for all count Yochanan as a prophet.” So they answered Yeshua and said, “We do not know.” And He said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what Authority I do these things.” (This same passage is also found in Mark 11:28-30, 33 and in Luke 20:2-8.) Yeshua was telling of Yochanan’s Aaronic high priest position of authority. Matthew 11:11 “Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than Yochanan the Baptist; but he who is least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he.” Matthew 21:23-27 (also Luke 7:28)

Matthew 11:14 “And if you are willing to receive it, he (Yochanan) **is Eliyahu (Elijah) who is to come!**” (see Malachi 4:5, 6)

Mark 9:12 Then He answered and told them, “Indeed, Elijah is coming first and restores all things! And how is it written concerning **the Son of Man,** that He must suffer many things and be treated with contempt?”

Yochanan was truly God’s messenger coming in the Spirit and Power of Elijah (Eliyahu). Malachi 3:1; Malachi 4:5, 6; Luke 1:17 There are still many unrevealed mysteries about Yeshua and this man Yochanan, this mystery Zadok high priest, who was called by God to Prepare the Way of the LORD for Yeshua’s first coming to earth.

Yochanan helped to prepare the Way for Yeshua’s first coming as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. So also another man will be coming in the Spirit and Power of Eliyahu, perhaps again the mystery Zadok high priest, and who restores all things for Yeshua’s second coming.

I have written here a very short summary view of this great Mystery of Yeshua coming from Aaron. Many more keys not mentioned here on this subject of Yeshua’s Blood are in my new 60 page book on these important revelations, free from my website: www.FeedMySheepJerusalem.com

‘King and Great High Priest Yeshua from ‘the Seed’ of David and Aaron!’

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This is He who came by Water and Blood
Yeshua, the Messiah!

Not only by Water, but by Water and Blood.
And it is the Spirit who bears witness,
because the Holy Spirit is Truth!

1 John 5:6

For there are Three that bear witness in Heaven;
the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit;
and these Three are One.

1 John 5:7

And there are Three that bear witness on earth;
the Spirit, the Water, and the Blood;
and **these Three agree** as One.

1 John 5:6, 7, 8

What is in **Yeshua's Blood** is in all believers!

These new Revelations on **the Blood of Yeshua**,
our Great High Priest of Heaven, Melchi Zedek,
(my King of Righteousness), coming from the
Aaronic high priest family of Zadok (righteous),
will cause **the Holy Spirit of Truth** to Release
God's Living Waters, to bring in the World's
Greatest known **End Time Revival!**

**New Revelations about the Passover Lamb,
Yeshua, coming from high priest family of Aaron!**

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“... the Spirit of Truth ...”
John 14:17

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit,
whom My Father will send in My name,
He will teach you all things,
and bring to your remembrance
all things that I said to you.”
John 14:26

“He will Glorify Me,
for He will take of what is Mine
and declare it to you!”
John 16:14

So I will make My holy name (**Yeshua**, ‘**Salvation**’)
known in the midst of My people Israel, & I will not
let them profane My holy name (**Yeshua**) anymore!
Ezekiel 39:7

The Key to Revival : new Mysteries of Yeshua's Blood!

“In that Day a Fountain shall be opened for the House of David & for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness.” Zechariah 13:1

This Fountain has new Revelations about the Blood of Yeshua!

God told us clearly through His angel Gabriel that our Lord Yeshua was also from the family of Aaron, besides being from the family of king David. Angel Gabriel told Miriam about her relative Elisheva of Aaron (in Hebrew the word is 'karov,' or close relative). Luke 1:36 This is from the Greek, and the Strong's Greek Concordance number is #4773 for this word relative, which means **a blood relative**. **Yeshua is also from the family of Aaron!**

Since Miriam was a virgin, that meant that she & her Child Yeshua could only be from one tribe, the tribe of Miriam's father, which was Judah, from the family of king David. But God also told us through His angel Gabriel that Miriam's mother's family was Aaron. Also since Miriam was **a virgin** that meant that her Child had no earthly father. Therefore her Child could never be an Aaronic priest, since the Aaronic priesthood was only passed from earthly father to son. Also, it meant that her Child would have no sin, since it was the sins of the fathers, and not the mothers, that was passed to the children up to the third and fourth generations. Exodus 20:25 & 34:7

Since Yeshua is also from Aaron, that means that we have **missed 50% of His earthly physical identity**. But that's only the beginning of what has been missed of this Great Mystery about Lord Yeshua. If Yeshua is from the family of Aaron, are there any Old Covenant prophecies about the Messiah coming from Aaron? Yes, there are three major prophecies. They are found in Jeremiah 33:14-24, Zechariah 3:1, 8, and also in Zechariah 6:11-13.

We have not only **missed 50 %** of Yeshua's full physical earthly identity, but we have also missed the Great Mystery about Yeshua's Blood Offering & Sacrifice that was done by this Man from Aaron! And there are also so many other mysteries about the Blood of Yeshua that have been missed.

For any blood sacrifice to have been done by a son of Aaron, it had to have met certain very specific qualifications or conditions, which tells us

now a lot more about which specific family of Aaron that both Miriam & Miriam's mother had to come from. But before we look into this in the Old Covenant Scriptures, I want to first go back to Luke 1:26-36, and look at the other Truths which angel Gabriel also told Miriam about her Child, such as that He would be named Yeshua, the Hebrew name for **Salvation!**

From His Heavenly Father, Yeshua would be **the Son of the Highest**, and **the Son of God**. (versus 32 and 35) And from His earthly father, which is Miriam's father, He would **Reign on the Throne of His father David**, and **He would Reign over the House of Yacov forever!** (versus 32 & 33)

Yeshua is **the King of Heaven, the King of Glory, and the LORD of hosts**. (Psalm 24:10) Yeshua is also **the Great High Priest of Heaven, Melchi Zedek (my King of Righteousness)**. (Psalm 110:1, 4)

As the King of Heaven, Yeshua would be born as the fulfillment of the family of king David. And as the Great High Priest of Heaven, Melchi Zedek, **my King of Righteousness**, Yeshua would be born from a specific priest family of Aaron called 'righteous.' Is there such a family of Aaron?

Now we can look at the three Old Covenant prophecies about the Messiah coming from Aaron, and to discover Yeshua's Aaronic high priest family.

There is a special Hebrew word found only in the Hebrew Old Covenant for the coming Messiah. In English that word is 'the Branch,' but in Hebrew it is the word **Tzemach**. Tzemach only appears 5 times, in 5 different places in the Old Covenant Hebrew Scriptures.

We will begin by quoting from a specific passage in Jeremiah 33 ...
Jeremiah 33:14-24 [**Tzemach: the Son of David and the Son of Aaron**]
14 'Behold, the days are coming,' says the LORD, 'that I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the House of Israel and to the House of Judah. 15 'In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David a Branch (Tzemach) of Righteousness. He shall execute Judgment and Righteousness in the earth. 16 In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell safely. And this is the name by which she will be called, **The LORD our Righteousness.**' 17 "For thus says the LORD, 'David shall never lack a Man to sit on the Throne of the House of Israel; 18 nor shall the Levitical priests lack a Man before Me, [Ezekiel 44:15,16] to offer burnt offerings, to kindle grain offerings, and to do a Sacrifice forever

(kol ha yamin)!’ ” 19 And the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying, 20 “Thus says the LORD, ‘If you can break My Covenant with the day and My Covenant with the night, so that there will not be day and night in their season, 21 then My Covenant may also be broken with David My servant, so that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne, and with the Levitical priests, My ministers. 22 As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, nor the sand of the sea measured, so will I multiply the descendants of David My servant and the Levites who minister to Me.’ ” 23 Moreover the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying, 24 “Have you not considered what these people have spoken, saying, ‘**the two families which the LORD has chosen ...**’ ”

Verse 24 tells us that God had chosen two families to bring to earth His Son, Tzemach of Righteousness, the Branch of Righteousness, who is also the LORD our Righteousness; God tells us 3 times these two families would be king David’s family of Judah, and Aaron’s family. His Son would come to earth through the virgin. Miriam’s Child would be coming from these two families, David’s family and Aaron’s family, He could only be from one tribe, of Miriam’s father, the tribe of Judah. [The Lion of Judah!]

In Isaiah 7:14, we are told that God’s Son, **Emmanu El, (God with us)** would be birthed to earth thru **the virgin!** But in Isaiah 7:13, we are also told that the father’s family of this Child would be that of King David. [This is also revealed in Jeremiah 23:5, 6]

Why is this so important? Because it clearly explains a mystery about Jeremiah 33 verses 17 and 18. 17 “For thus says the LORD, ‘David shall never lack **a Man** to sit on the Throne of the House of Israel; 18 nor shall the Levitical priests lack **a Man before Me**, [Ezekiel 44:15,16] to offer burnt offerings, to kindle grain offerings, and to do a Sacrifice forever (kol ha yamin)!’ ” You see **the Man** in verse 17 and **the Man** in verse 18 are the same Man. The Man from David’s family who would be King and the Man from Aaron’s family who would do the Eternal Sacrifice, fulfill all the prophecies about the two families that God choose for **His Son, Yeshua**; the two families that God chose to birth His Son through the virgin Miriam. Therefore **the Man** in verse 18 can never be an Aaronic priest, since the Child had no earthly father. And this Child could never be from the tribe of Levi! But this Child will always be from the family of Aaron. But more than that, God is telling us another mystery about this Man in verse 18. It says that this Man is positioned before God, by using the Hebrew word ‘lifne.’

So what does that tell us? God is telling us, through His prophet Jeremiah, which specific family of Aaron **this Man** in verse 18 is coming from. We will look at this answer from four different Scriptures.

But first, let's look at God's Word related to a blood sacrifice being done by a priest who is a son of Aaron. This information is found in five places in Ezekiel 40 through 48. I will now quote from two of these five places found in the book of Ezekiel. Ezekiel 43:18-20
And He said to me, "Son of man, thus says the Lord GOD, 'These are the ordinances for the altar on the day when it is made, for sacrificing burnt offerings on it, and for sprinkling blood on it. You shall give a young bull for a sin offering to the priests, the Levites, who are of the seed of Zadok, who approach Me to minister to Me,' says the Lord GOD. You shall take some of its blood and put it on the four horns of the altar, on the four corners of the ledge, and on the rim around it; thus you shall cleanse it and make atonement for it." [Zadok was high priest under King David and Solomon.]

Ezekiel 44:15, 16, 23, 24

"But the priests, the Levites, the sons of Zadok, who kept charge of My Sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from Me, they shall come near to Me to minister to Me; & they shall stand before Me to offer to Me the fat and the blood," says the Lord GOD. "They shall enter My Sanctuary, & they shall come near My table to minister to Me, and they shall keep My charge."

"And they shall teach My people the difference between the holy and the unholy, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean. In controversy they shall stand as (My) judges, and judge it according to My Judgments. They shall keep My laws and My statutes in all My appointed meetings, and they shall hallow My Sabbaths."

Yeshua is the Great High Priest of Heaven, Melchi Zedek, my King of Righteousness. He was born coming from both the Aaronic high priest family of Zadok, (which means 'righteous') and from the family of king David. Zadok is the priest family of Miriam and Miriam's mother's family. Yeshua's Blood Offering and Sacrifice was done by **the Man**, whose Heavenly title is Melchi Zedek, the Great High Priest of Heaven, from the bloodline of high priest Zadok's family, Miriam's family from her mother.

Let's continue now to see more of these Great Mysteries concerning who our Lord Yeshua really is. Let's go to two more (of the five locations) found in the book of Zechariah where we find **Tzemach** again mentioned.

Zechariah 3:1-9 [**Tzemach : God's Servant, prophesied to Yeshoshua**]

1 Then he showed me Joshua (**Yehoshua, or Yeshua**) the high priest, standing before the Angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at His right hand to oppose Him. 2 And the LORD said to Satan, “The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?” 3 Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel. 4 Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, “Take away the filthy garments from him.” And to him He said, “See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes.” 5 And I said, “Let them put a clean turban on his head.” So they put a clean turban on his head, and they put the clothes on him. And the Angel of the LORD stood by. 6 Then the Angel of the LORD admonished Joshua (Yehoshua), saying, 7 “Thus says the LORD of hosts, ‘If you will walk in My ways, and if you will keep My command, then you shall also judge My House, and likewise have charge of My courts; I will give you places to walk among these who stand here. 8 ‘Hear, O Joshua (Yehoshua), the high priest, you and your companions who sit before you, for they are a wondrous sign. For behold, I am bringing forth My Servant the Branch (Tzemach). 9 For behold, the Stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon the Stone are Seven Eyes. Behold, I will engrave its inscription,’ says the LORD of hosts, ‘and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.’ ” [the Stone: Genesis 49:24; Psalm 118:22; Isaiah 8:14; 28:16; Daniel 2:35, 44; ... & the Seven Spirits or Eyes: Isaiah 11:1-5; Zechariah 4:10; Revelation 1:4; 3:1; 4:5; 5:5, 6]

Here **Tzemach, the Branch** (the Messiah) is prophesied to the Aaronic high priest named Joshua, whose Hebrew name is Yehoshua. But this same high priest is also called Yeshua in the books of Ezra and Nehemiah.

Zechariah 6:11-13 [**The Man Tzemach : Heaven's King and High Priest**]

11 “Take the silver and gold, make elaborate (kings) crowns, and set them on the head of Joshua (Yehoshua) the son of Jeho-zadok, the high priest. 12 Then speak to him, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, saying, “Behold, the Man whose name is the Branch (Tzemach)! From His place He shall branch out, and He shall build the Temple of the LORD! 13 Yes, He shall build the Temple of the LORD! He shall bear the Glory, and shall sit and **Rule** on His Throne; so He shall be **a Priest** on His Throne. And the counsel of Peace shall be between them both.’ ” [see Genesis 14:18-20, where Abram honors Melchi Zedek as Heaven's King and Priest.]

In this passage in Zechariah 6, we are told that Yehoshua is the Zadok high priest whose father's name is Jeho-zadok; God confirming 2 times that **Tzemach** would be coming from the high priest family of Zadok, besides coming from the family of king David. (Jeremiah 23:5, 6 and 33:17, 18, 24) Also we are clearly told twice that it will be **Tzemach who will build the Temple of the LORD** (not the Aaronic priests), and that **Tzemach** will be both the King and the High Priest from His Jerusalem Millennial Temple.

Now we have seen three different proofs that **Tzemach** would be coming from the high priest family of Zadok, & two proofs that only a son of Zadok was allowed to come into God's Presence to offer the blood sacrifice. And also that Tzemach would be coming from the family of king David. Let's now learn more about the Zadokite priesthood, and what happened to the Zadokite high priest and priesthood in recorded Old Covenant history.

King David had two high priests, Zadok and Abiathar. Zadok was from Aaron's son Eleazar, and Abiathar was from Aaron's son Ithamar. Abiathar joined David's son Adonijah to make him the next king. But when Solomon became king, he removed Abiathar and kept Zadok. 1st Kings 2:6 The time was around 1000 B.C. And Solomon kept Zadok on as his high priest. [1st Chronicles 29:22 And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, & anointed him before the LORD to be the leader, & Zadok to be priest.]

From 1000 B.C. until 165 B.C., **a son of Zadok** always served as **God's high priest**, and when Judah was not in exile, he would also serve as high priest of the Jerusalem Temple, serving along with all the other Zadokite priests, and with all the other divisions and families of Aaronic priests.

Around 165 B.C., the Maccabees took back Jerusalem, and cleansed the defilement of the Jerusalem Temple done by Antiochus 1V. What is not known by many, but is recorded in Israeli history, is that the Maccabees, as one of the priest families of Aaron, also took over as high priests of the Jerusalem Temple for the next 165 years, kicking out the Zadok high priest and the Zadokite priesthood. This was direct violation of the Word of God given just to the Zadokite priest family through the prophet Ezekiel. The Zadokite priests went into hiding (most likely by the Dead Sea at Kumran). And so all Temple priesthood activity was corrupted for the next 165 years.

[2nd Samuel 8:15, 17 And David reigned over all Israel; and David administered judgment and justice to all his people. And Zadok the son of

Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, were the priests; 1st Chronicles 12:28 Zadok, a young man, a valiant warrior, and from his father's house twenty-two captains ... 1st Chronicles 15:11 And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests ... 1st Chronicles 18:16 Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, were the priests ... 1st Chronicles 24:3 Then David with Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, divided them (priests) according to the schedule of their service.]

God had told us in **three** of the Old Testament prophecies that **Tzemach, the Branch, (the Messiah)**, besides being a Son from the family of King David of the tribe of Judah, would also be a Son from the Zadokite high priest family of Aaron. (Jeremiah 33:18; Zechariah 3:8; Zechariah 6:11-13) What would God do to correct this corrupted priesthood, since the Zadokite priesthood had been totally removed from the Jerusalem Temple in 165 BC?

How would God restore the Zadokite high priest position for the Messiah to be able to come to earth the first time? For you see, everything had to be in God's perfect divine order & alignment for Messiah's coming to earth the first time, in order **to fulfill all Righteousness!**

The New Covenant Scriptures proving Yeshua is from Aaron

Why did God begin the whole New Covenant chronologically first with the **Aaronic priesthood**? God did this in the very first words, and also in the very first scene in the book of Luke, because God didn't want us to miss this Great Mystery that was somehow specifically related to Yeshua. For God was about to restore the Zadokite high priest calling of the Aaronic priesthood into its rightful position, all for Messiah Yeshua's first coming!

Luke 1:5-7

There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zechariah, of the course of Abijah (8th of 24, in 1st Chronicles 24:10:), and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisheva. And they were both 'righteous' before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the LORD blameless. And they had no child, because Elisheva was barren, and they both were now well advanced in years.

God opened the New Covenant with this elderly Aaronic priest couple, telling us they are both **'righteous'** before God! Zadok means righteous, hinting or indicating that they were both from the Zadokite family.

Luke 1:8-20

So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division (Abijah), according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the Temple of the LORD. And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense. Then an angel of the LORD appeared to him standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And when Zechariah saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elisheva will bear you a son, and you shall call his name Yochanan (John). And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. For he will be great in the sight of the LORD, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb. And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the LORD their God. He will also go before Him in the Spirit and Power of Elijah, ‘to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,’ and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the LORD.” And Zechariah said to the angel, “How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years.” And the angel answered and said to him, “**I am Gabriel**, who stands in the Presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you, & to bring you these glad tidings. But behold, you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time.”

This Scripture passage is so very important, as we shall now discover, because this is how God opened the whole New Covenant, in the very first words and the very first scene. God begins the whole New Covenant with an old priest Zechariah & his old wife Elisheva, both of the family of Aaron. What does the Aaronic priesthood have to do with Yeshua’s birth, anyway?

Before angel Gabriel ever spoke one word to priest Zechariah in Luke 1:8, we now **know** two very important things about priest Zechariah. First of all, God had specifically told us in Ezekiel 43:18, 19 and 44:15, 16, that no Aaronic priest could be able to come into the Presence of God except for a priest who was also from the seed of Zadok.

When God, who can never break His Word, sent His angel Gabriel to speak to priest Zechariah, God was first telling us that this Aaronic priest **Zechariah is a son of Zadok!**

Secondly, God was also telling us about the real mystery identity of this priest Zechariah, that He was really **God’s appointed Aaronic high priest!** How can we know this? Because the angel Gabriel met priest Zechariah while he was serving God at the altar of incense. So what does that tell us?

Numbers 30:7 tells us that **the altar of incense** in the Temple was the position given by God to **His high priest** Aaron, and to Aaron's future generation of sons who would be God's chosen high priest, who would also serve God at that ordained position, at the altar of incense.

“You shall make an altar to burn incense on; you shall make it of acacia wood. **Aaron (the high priest) shall burn on it sweet incense** every morning; when he tends the lamps, he shall burn incense on it. And when Aaron lights the lamps at twilight, he shall burn incense on it, a perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations.” Exodus 30:1, 7, 8
[This revelation of Zechariah as high priest was from Dick Reuben in 1993.]

After 165 years of Temple corruption by the Maccabee priest family, in violation of God's Temple ordinances, God is telling us (but secretly) who **the real Zadok high priest and high priest family** really is. For had it been known who Zechariah and Elisheva his wife really were, then king Herod, who had appointed two phony priests to serve as high priests in the Jerusalem Temple, would most likely **have killed this whole Zadok family**, including Miraim. All this had remained God's secret until current times.

Why did the angel Gabriel specifically tell priest Zechariah that God said his son would have to be **named Yochanan** (John)? Peoples names are very important: Zechariah's name means '**the LORD Remembers.**' Elisheva means '**the LORD of the Oath.**' Yochanan's name means '**God is Gracious.**'

Have you ever wondered why it was so important to God that Zechariah and Elisheva name their unborn son **Yochanan**, the name that God had specifically told His angel Gabriel to tell Zechariah? The reason Zechariah & Elisheva had to name their son **Yochanan** was somehow in direct fulfillment of **God's promises given to the Zadokite high priest family.** But How?

In 2011, researching all the names of the Aaronic high priests of the First and Second Temple periods, I discovered in the Artscroll Publications, Yoma Edition, volume 9, on Kohanim Gedoli, that **Yochanan** was **the name of the last Zadok high priest** around 165 B.C., just before the Maccabees took over, and removed the Zadok High Priest **Yochanan**, and all the other Zadokite priests from the Jerusalem Temple. The Temple priesthood then became corrupted, in violation of the Word of God given to the Zadokite priests, even up till the time when Zechariah, the mystery Zadok high priest ministered at the altar of incense in the Jerusalem Temple. (Luke 1:8-23)

Priest Zechariah had to know that **Yochanan** was the name given to the **last Zadok high priest** before the Jerusalem Temple's corruption in 165 B.C.

Miriam's mother, from the high priest family of Yehoshua (Yeshua), of High Priest Zadok, of High Priest Aaron, had to have been both directed by God and obeying God in order to have **inter-married** with this man from Judah, a different Israeli tribe, from the family line of King David, for the fulfillment of all these prophecies about the Messiah from the Torah & Tanakh to have all come together, for God's only begotten Son, Yeshua!

The Hebrews 7:11-17 Scripture Passage

Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the Torah), what further need was there that another Priest should rise according to the order of Melchi-zedek, (my King of Righteousness) and not be called according to 'the order of Aaron'? For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law. For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar. 14 For **it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah**, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far more evident if in the likeness of Melchi Zedek there arises another Priest who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the Power of an endless life. For He testifies, **"You are a Priest forever according to the order of Melchi Zedek!"**

This Hebrews 7:11-17 passage is perfectly correct regarding Priesthood! This passage refers to **Yeshua's Priesthood** given through His Heavenly Father, the Melchi Zedek Priesthood. In Psalm 110:4 we see this mantle of Priestly Authority given from Father God (יהוה) to His Son Yeshua (ישוע). And also we know that through Miriam's father Yeshua is from the **tribe of Judah**. Jews can only be from the tribe of their father. Jewish genealogy was only recorded from the father's family. But what was never addressed in this key passage is that Yeshua is also from Miriam's mother's family, from **Aaron**. Psalm 40:6, says Messiah's Body has been prepared (from two families). But Hebrews 7 only talks of Yeshua's physical body from Judah.

Every person comes from their father's and their mother's families.

Since the Aaronic priesthood was always passed from father to son, then Zechariah's son Yochanan (John), at his legal priesthood age of 30, received the mantle from his father (from God) as the next mystery Zadok high priest of Aaron, with a most special priesthood calling, **to Prepare the Way** for Israel's coming Savior & Messiah, and for the Kingdom of Heaven to come to Israel. He preached a water baptism of repentance and cleansing for sins.

Yochanan began his ministry around Passover time, and a great many of the children of Israel came out to him for baptism at the Jordan River.

Then one day, around six months later, his cousin Yeshua came to the Jordan River for His water baptism from priest Yochanan, who carried from God **the highest position of priesthood spiritual authority** in all of Israel. Everything was now in perfect position. Yeshua was in spiritual submission to His Father, and also in submission to Israel's true Zadok Aaronic High Priest, Yochanan, for His baptism to be witnessed by His cousin Yochanan. Matthew 3:14, 15 And Yochanan tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" But Yeshua answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all Righteousness!" Then he allowed Him. Then the Spirit of Almighty God came down like a dove and totally filled Yeshua, as His Father spoke from Heaven, "This is **My Beloved Son**, in whom I am well pleased!"

Forty days later, when Yeshua returned to the Jordan River, Yochanan spoke, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!" John 1:29 From that time, Yeshua began His earthly ministry, in absolute submission to His Father and to the Holy Spirit, who fully indwelt Him, even during His physical death of His Flesh on the Cross for mankind's sins.

Yeshua would later begin to establish His Melchi Zedek (my King of Righteousness) Priesthood on earth through His own disciples, but only after His baptism was witnessed by Yochanan, the mystery Zadok high priest. This also was about birthing of the Melchi Zedek Priesthood into the earth to fulfill all Righteousness! And was the Aaronic Priesthood submitted under the Melchi Zedek Priesthood, so it would be able to continue forever? (Exodus 29:9; Exodus 40:13-15; Numbers 25:11-13; Deuteronomy 18:1-5)

Yeshua's own remarks reveal that Yochanan was more than a prophet; for Yochanan was the highest true Aaronic priest spiritual authority in Israel.

Matthew 21:32

"For Yochanan (John) came to you in **the way of Righteousness**, and you did not believe him. But tax collectors and harlots believed him. And when you saw it, you did not afterward relent and believe him."
(I believe Yeshua was telling us here that Yochanan was a son of Zadok.)

Matthew 11:9 "But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, **and more than a prophet!**" Luke 7:26 "But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, **and more than a prophet!**"

Now when He came into the Temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people confronted Him as He was teaching, and said, “**By what Authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this Authority?**” But Yeshua answered and said to them, “I also will ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I likewise will tell you by what Authority I do these things. The baptism of Yochanan, where was it from? From Heaven or from men?” And they reasoned among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From Heaven,’ He will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘From men,’ we fear the multitude, for all count Yochanan as a prophet.” So they answered Yeshua and said, “We do not know.” And He said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what Authority I do these things.” (This same passage is also found in Mark 11:28-30, 33 and in Luke 20:2-8.) Yeshua was telling of Yochanan’s Aaronic high priest position of authority. Matthew 11:11 “Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than Yochanan the Baptist; but he who is least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he.” Matthew 21:23-27 (also Luke 7:28)

Matthew 11:14 “And if you are willing to receive it, he (Yochanan) **is Eliyahu (Elijah) who is to come!**” (see Malachi 4:5, 6)

Mark 9:12 Then He answered and told them, “Indeed, Elijah is coming first and restores all things! And how is it written concerning **the Son of Man,** that He must suffer many things and be treated with contempt?”

Yochanan was truly God’s messenger coming in the Spirit and Power of Elijah (Eliyahu). Malachi 3:1; Malachi 4:5, 6; Luke 1:17 There are still many unrevealed mysteries about Yeshua and this man Yochanan, this mystery Zadok high priest, who was called by God to Prepare the Way of the LORD for Yeshua’s first coming to earth.

Yochanan helped to prepare the Way for Yeshua’s first coming as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. So also another man will be coming in the Spirit and Power of Eliyahu, perhaps again the mystery Zadok high priest, and who restores all things for Yeshua’s second coming.

I have written here a very short summary view of this great Mystery of Yeshua coming from Aaron. Many more keys not mentioned here on this subject of Yeshua’s Blood are in my new 60 page book on these important revelations, free from my website: www.FeedMySheepJerusalem.com

‘King and Great High Priest Yeshua from ‘the Seed’ of David and Aaron!’

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This is He who came by Water and Blood
Yeshua, the Messiah!

Not only by Water, but by Water and Blood.
And it is the Spirit who bears witness,
because the Holy Spirit is Truth!

1 John 5:6

For there are Three that bear witness in Heaven;
the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit;
and these Three are One.

1 John 5:7

And there are Three that bear witness on earth;
the Spirit, the Water, and the Blood;
and **these Three agree** as One.

1 John 5:6, 7, 8

What is in **Yeshua's Blood** is in all believers!

These new Revelations on **the Blood of Yeshua**,
our Great High Priest of Heaven, Melchi Zedek,
(my King of Righteousness), coming from the
Aaronic high priest family of Zadok (righteous),
will cause **the Holy Spirit of Truth** to Release
God's Living Waters, to bring in the World's
Greatest known **End Time Revival!**

**New Revelations about the Passover Lamb,
Yeshua, coming from high priest family of Aaron!**

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“... the Spirit of Truth ...”
John 14:17

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit,
whom My Father will send in My name,
He will teach you all things,
and bring to your remembrance
all things that I said to you.”
John 14:26

“He will Glorify Me,
for He will take of what is Mine
and declare it to you!”
John 16:14

So I will make My holy name (**Yeshua**, ‘**Salvation**’)
known in the midst of My people Israel, & I will not
let them profane My holy name (**Yeshua**) anymore!
Ezekiel 39:7

The Key to Revival : new Mysteries of Yeshua's Blood!

“In that Day a Fountain shall be opened for the House of David & for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness.” Zechariah 13:1

This Fountain has new Revelations about the Blood of Yeshua!

God told us clearly through His angel Gabriel that our Lord Yeshua was also from the family of Aaron, besides being from the family of king David. Angel Gabriel told Miriam about her relative Elisheva of Aaron (in Hebrew the word is ‘karov,’ or close relative). Luke 1:36 This is from the Greek, and the Strong's Greek Concordance number is #4773 for this word relative, which means **a blood relative**. **Yeshua is also from the family of Aaron!**

Since Miriam was a virgin, that meant that she & her Child Yeshua could only be from one tribe, the tribe of Miriam's father, which was Judah, from the family of king David. But God also told us through His angel Gabriel that Miriam's mother's family was Aaron. Also since Miriam was **a virgin** that meant that her Child had no earthly father. Therefore her Child could never be an Aaronic priest, since the Aaronic priesthood was only passed from earthly father to son. Also, it meant that her Child would have no sin, since it was the sins of the fathers, and not the mothers, that was passed to the children up to the third and fourth generations. Exodus 20:25 & 34:7

Since Yeshua is also from Aaron, that means that we have **missed 50% of His earthly physical identity**. But that's only the beginning of what has been missed of this Great Mystery about Lord Yeshua. If Yeshua is from the family of Aaron, are there any Old Covenant prophecies about the Messiah coming from Aaron? Yes, there are three major prophecies. They are found in Jeremiah 33:14-24, Zechariah 3:1, 8, and also in Zechariah 6:11-13.

We have not only **missed 50 %** of Yeshua's full physical earthly identity, but we have also missed the Great Mystery about Yeshua's Blood Offering & Sacrifice that was done by this Man from Aaron! And there are also so many other mysteries about the Blood of Yeshua that have been missed.

For any blood sacrifice to have been done by a son of Aaron, it had to have met certain very specific qualifications or conditions, which tells us

now a lot more about which specific family of Aaron that both Miriam & Miriam's mother had to come from. But before we look into this in the Old Covenant Scriptures, I want to first go back to Luke 1:26-36, and look at the other Truths which angel Gabriel also told Miriam about her Child, such as that He would be named Yeshua, the Hebrew name for **Salvation!**

From His Heavenly Father, Yeshua would be **the Son of the Highest**, and **the Son of God**. (versus 32 and 35) And from His earthly father, which is Miriam's father, He would **Reign on the Throne of His father David**, and **He would Reign over the House of Yacov forever!** (versus 32 & 33)

Yeshua is **the King of Heaven, the King of Glory, and the LORD of hosts**. (Psalm 24:10) Yeshua is also **the Great High Priest of Heaven, Melchi Zedek (my King of Righteousness)**. (Psalm 110:1, 4)

As the King of Heaven, Yeshua would be born as the fulfillment of the family of king David. And as the Great High Priest of Heaven, Melchi Zedek, **my King of Righteousness**, Yeshua would be born from a specific priest family of Aaron called 'righteous.' Is there such a family of Aaron?

Now we can look at the three Old Covenant prophecies about the Messiah coming from Aaron, and to discover Yeshua's Aaronic high priest family.

There is a special Hebrew word found only in the Hebrew Old Covenant for the coming Messiah. In English that word is 'the Branch,' but in Hebrew it is the word **Tzemach**. Tzemach only appears 5 times, in 5 different places in the Old Covenant Hebrew Scriptures.

We will begin by quoting from a specific passage in Jeremiah 33 ...
Jeremiah 33:14-24 [**Tzemach: the Son of David and the Son of Aaron**]
14 'Behold, the days are coming,' says the LORD, 'that I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the House of Israel and to the House of Judah. 15 'In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David a Branch (Tzemach) of Righteousness. He shall execute Judgment and Righteousness in the earth. 16 In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell safely. And this is the name by which she will be called, **The LORD our Righteousness.**' 17 "For thus says the LORD, 'David shall never lack **a Man** to sit on the Throne of the House of Israel; 18 nor shall the Levitical priests lack **a Man before Me**, [Ezekiel 44:15,16] to offer burnt offerings, to kindle grain offerings, and to do **a Sacrifice forever**

(kol ha yamin)!’ ” 19 And the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying, 20 “Thus says the LORD, ‘If you can break My Covenant with the day and My Covenant with the night, so that there will not be day and night in their season, 21 then My Covenant may also be broken with David My servant, so that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne, and with the Levitical priests, My ministers. 22 As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, nor the sand of the sea measured, so will I multiply the descendants of David My servant and the Levites who minister to Me.’ ” 23 Moreover the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying, 24 “Have you not considered what these people have spoken, saying, ‘**the two families which the LORD has chosen ...**’ ”

Verse 24 tells us that God had chosen two families to bring to earth His Son, Tzemach of Righteousness, the Branch of Righteousness, who is also the LORD our Righteousness; God tells us 3 times these two families would be king David’s family of Judah, and Aaron’s family. His Son would come to earth through the virgin. Miriam’s Child would be coming from these two families, David’s family and Aaron’s family, He could only be from one tribe, of Miriam’s father, the tribe of Judah. [The Lion of Judah!]

In Isaiah 7:14, we are told that God’s Son, **Emmanu El, (God with us)** would be birthed to earth thru **the virgin!** But in Isaiah 7:13, we are also told that the father’s family of this Child would be that of King David. [This is also revealed in Jeremiah 23:5, 6]

Why is this so important? Because it clearly explains a mystery about Jeremiah 33 verses 17 and 18. 17 “For thus says the LORD, ‘David shall never lack **a Man** to sit on the Throne of the House of Israel; 18 nor shall the Levitical priests lack **a Man before Me**, [Ezekiel 44:15,16] to offer burnt offerings, to kindle grain offerings, and to do a Sacrifice forever (kol ha yamin)!’ ” You see **the Man** in verse 17 and **the Man** in verse 18 are the same Man. The Man from David’s family who would be King and the Man from Aaron’s family who would do the Eternal Sacrifice, fulfill all the prophesies about the two families that God choose for **His Son, Yeshua**; the two families that God chose to birth His Son through the virgin Miriam. Therefore **the Man** in verse 18 can never be an Aaronic priest, since the Child had no earthly father. And this Child could never be from the tribe of Levi! But this Child will always be from the family of Aaron. But more than that, God is telling us another mystery about this Man in verse 18. It says that this Man is positioned before God, by using the Hebrew word ‘lifne.’

So what does that tell us? God is telling us, through His prophet Jeremiah, which specific family of Aaron **this Man** in verse 18 is coming from. We will look at this answer from four different Scriptures.

But first, let's look at God's Word related to a blood sacrifice being done by a priest who is a son of Aaron. This information is found in five places in Ezekiel 40 through 48. I will now quote from two of these five places found in the book of Ezekiel. Ezekiel 43:18-20
And He said to me, "Son of man, thus says the Lord GOD, 'These are the ordinances for the altar on the day when it is made, for sacrificing burnt offerings on it, and for sprinkling blood on it. You shall give a young bull for a sin offering to the priests, the Levites, who are of the seed of Zadok, who approach Me to minister to Me,' says the Lord GOD. You shall take some of its blood and put it on the four horns of the altar, on the four corners of the ledge, and on the rim around it; thus you shall cleanse it and make atonement for it." [Zadok was high priest under King David and Solomon.]

Ezekiel 44:15, 16, 23, 24

"But the priests, the Levites, the sons of Zadok, who kept charge of My Sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from Me, they shall come near to Me to minister to Me; & they shall stand before Me to offer to Me the fat and the blood," says the Lord GOD. "They shall enter My Sanctuary, & they shall come near My table to minister to Me, and they shall keep My charge."

"And they shall teach My people the difference between the holy and the unholy, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean. In controversy they shall stand as (My) judges, and judge it according to My Judgments. They shall keep My laws and My statutes in all My appointed meetings, and they shall hallow My Sabbaths."

Yeshua is the Great High Priest of Heaven, Melchi Zedek, my King of Righteousness. He was born coming from both the Aaronic high priest family of Zadok, (which means 'righteous') and from the family of king David. Zadok is the priest family of Miriam and Miriam's mother's family. Yeshua's Blood Offering and Sacrifice was done by **the Man**, whose Heavenly title is Melchi Zedek, the Great High Priest of Heaven, from the bloodline of high priest Zadok's family, Miriam's family from her mother.

Let's continue now to see more of these Great Mysteries concerning who our Lord Yeshua really is. Let's go to two more (of the five locations) found in the book of Zechariah where we find **Tzemach** again mentioned.

Zechariah 3:1-9 [**Tzemach : God's Servant, prophesied to Yeshoshua**]

1 Then he showed me Joshua (**Yehoshua, or Yeshua**) the high priest, standing before the Angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at His right hand to oppose Him. 2 And the LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?" 3 Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel. 4 Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, "Take away the filthy garments from him." And to him He said, "See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes." 5 And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head, and they put the clothes on him. And the Angel of the LORD stood by. 6 Then the Angel of the LORD admonished Joshua (Yehoshua), saying, 7 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'If you will walk in My ways, and if you will keep My command, then you shall also judge My House, and likewise have charge of My courts; I will give you places to walk among these who stand here. 8 'Hear, O Joshua (Yehoshua), the high priest, you and your companions who sit before you, for they are a wondrous sign. For behold, I am bringing forth My Servant the Branch (Tzemach). 9 For behold, the Stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon the Stone are Seven Eyes. Behold, I will engrave its inscription,' says the LORD of hosts, 'and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.'" [the Stone: Genesis 49:24; Psalm 118:22; Isaiah 8:14; 28:16; Daniel 2:35, 44; ... & the Seven Spirits or Eyes: Isaiah 11:1-5; Zechariah 4:10; Revelation 1:4; 3:1; 4:5; 5:5, 6]

Here **Tzemach, the Branch** (the Messiah) is prophesied to the Aaronic high priest named Joshua, whose Hebrew name is Yehoshua. But this same high priest is also called Yeshua in the books of Ezra and Nehemiah.

Zechariah 6:11-13 [**The Man Tzemach : Heaven's King and High Priest**]

11 "Take the silver and gold, make elaborate (kings) crowns, and set them on the head of Joshua (Yehoshua) the son of Jeho-zadok, the high priest. 12 Then speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, saying, "Behold, the Man whose name is the Branch (Tzemach)! From His place He shall branch out, and He shall build the Temple of the LORD! 13 Yes, He shall build the Temple of the LORD! He shall bear the Glory, and shall sit and **Rule** on His Throne; so He shall be **a Priest** on His Throne. And the counsel of Peace shall be between them both.'" [see Genesis 14:18-20, where Abram honors Melchi Zedek as Heaven's King and Priest.]

In this passage in Zechariah 6, we are told that Yehoshua is the Zadok high priest whose father's name is Jeho-zadok; God confirming 2 times that **Tzemach** would be coming from the high priest family of Zadok, besides coming from the family of king David. (Jeremiah 23:5, 6 and 33:17, 18, 24) Also we are clearly told twice that it will be **Tzemach who will build the Temple of the LORD** (not the Aaronic priests), and that **Tzemach** will be both the King and the High Priest from His Jerusalem Millennial Temple.

Now we have seen three different proofs that **Tzemach** would be coming from the high priest family of Zadok, & two proofs that only a son of Zadok was allowed to come into God's Presence to offer the blood sacrifice. And also that Tzemach would be coming from the family of king David. Let's now learn more about the Zadokite priesthood, and what happened to the Zadokite high priest and priesthood in recorded Old Covenant history.

King David had two high priests, Zadok and Abiathar. Zadok was from Aaron's son Eleazar, and Abiathar was from Aaron's son Ithamar. Abiathar joined David's son Adonijah to make him the next king. But when Solomon became king, he removed Abiathar and kept Zadok. 1st Kings 2:6 The time was around 1000 B.C. And Solomon kept Zadok on as his high priest. [1st Chronicles 29:22 And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, & anointed him before the LORD to be the leader, & Zadok to be priest.]

From 1000 B.C. until 165 B.C., **a son of Zadok** always served as **God's high priest**, and when Judah was not in exile, he would also serve as high priest of the Jerusalem Temple, serving along with all the other Zadokite priests, and with all the other divisions and families of Aaronic priests.

Around 165 B.C., the Maccabees took back Jerusalem, and cleansed the defilement of the Jerusalem Temple done by Antiochus 1V. What is not known by many, but is recorded in Israeli history, is that the Maccabees, as one of the priest families of Aaron, also took over as high priests of the Jerusalem Temple for the next 165 years, kicking out the Zadok high priest and the Zadokite priesthood. This was direct violation of the Word of God given just to the Zadokite priest family through the prophet Ezekiel. The Zadokite priests went into hiding (most likely by the Dead Sea at Kumran). And so all Temple priesthood activity was corrupted for the next 165 years.

[2nd Samuel 8:15, 17 And David reigned over all Israel; and David administered judgment and justice to all his people. And Zadok the son of

Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, were the priests; 1st Chronicles 12:28 Zadok, a young man, a valiant warrior, and from his father's house twenty-two captains ... 1st Chronicles 15:11 And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests ... 1st Chronicles 18:16 Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, were the priests ... 1st Chronicles 24:3 Then David with Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, divided them (priests) according to the schedule of their service.]

God had told us in **three** of the Old Testament prophecies that **Tzemach, the Branch, (the Messiah)**, besides being a Son from the family of King David of the tribe of Judah, would also be a Son from the Zadokite high priest family of Aaron. (Jeremiah 33:18; Zechariah 3:8; Zechariah 6:11-13) What would God do to correct this corrupted priesthood, since the Zadokite priesthood had been totally removed from the Jerusalem Temple in 165 BC?

How would God restore the Zadokite high priest position for the Messiah to be able to come to earth the first time? For you see, everything had to be in God's perfect divine order & alignment for Messiah's coming to earth the first time, in order **to fulfill all Righteousness!**

The New Covenant Scriptures proving Yeshua is from Aaron

Why did God begin the whole New Covenant chronologically first with the **Aaronic priesthood**? God did this in the very first words, and also in the very first scene in the book of Luke, because God didn't want us to miss this Great Mystery that was somehow specifically related to Yeshua. For God was about to restore the Zadokite high priest calling of the Aaronic priesthood into its rightful position, all for Messiah Yeshua's first coming!

Luke 1:5-7

There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zechariah, of the course of Abijah (8th of 24, in 1st Chronicles 24:10:), and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisheva. And they were both 'righteous' before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the LORD blameless. And they had no child, because Elisheva was barren, and they both were now well advanced in years.

God opened the New Covenant with this elderly Aaronic priest couple, telling us they are both **'righteous'** before God! Zadok means righteous, hinting or indicating that they were both from the Zadokite family.

Luke 1:8-20

So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division (Abijah), according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the Temple of the LORD. And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense. Then an angel of the LORD appeared to him standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And when Zechariah saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elisheva will bear you a son, and you shall call his name Yochanan (John). And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. For he will be great in the sight of the LORD, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb. And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the LORD their God. He will also go before Him in the Spirit and Power of Elijah, ‘to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,’ and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the LORD.” And Zechariah said to the angel, “How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years.” And the angel answered and said to him, “**I am Gabriel**, who stands in the Presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you, & to bring you these glad tidings. But behold, you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time.”

This Scripture passage is so very important, as we shall now discover, because this is how God opened the whole New Covenant, in the very first words and the very first scene. God begins the whole New Covenant with an old priest Zechariah & his old wife Elisheva, both of the family of Aaron. What does the Aaronic priesthood have to do with Yeshua’s birth, anyway?

Before angel Gabriel ever spoke one word to priest Zechariah in Luke 1:8, we now **know** two very important things about priest Zechariah. First of all, God had specifically told us in Ezekiel 43:18, 19 and 44:15, 16, that no Aaronic priest could be able to come into the Presence of God except for a priest who was also from the seed of Zadok.

When God, who can never break His Word, sent His angel Gabriel to speak to priest Zechariah, God was first telling us that this Aaronic priest **Zechariah is a son of Zadok!**

Secondly, God was also telling us about the real mystery identity of this priest Zechariah, that He was really **God’s appointed Aaronic high priest!** How can we know this? Because the angel Gabriel met priest Zechariah while he was serving God at the altar of incense. So what does that tell us?

Numbers 30:7 tells us that **the altar of incense** in the Temple was the position given by God to **His high priest** Aaron, and to Aaron's future generation of sons who would be God's chosen high priest, who would also serve God at that ordained position, at the altar of incense.

“You shall make an altar to burn incense on; you shall make it of acacia wood. **Aaron (the high priest) shall burn on it sweet incense** every morning; when he tends the lamps, he shall burn incense on it. And when Aaron lights the lamps at twilight, he shall burn incense on it, a perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations.” Exodus 30:1, 7, 8
[This revelation of Zechariah as high priest was from Dick Reuben in 1993.]

After 165 years of Temple corruption by the Maccabee priest family, in violation of God's Temple ordinances, God is telling us (but secretly) who **the real Zadok high priest and high priest family** really is. For had it been known who Zechariah and Elisheva his wife really were, then king Herod, who had appointed two phony priests to serve as high priests in the Jerusalem Temple, would most likely **have killed this whole Zadok family**, including Miraim. All this had remained God's secret until current times.

Why did the angel Gabriel specifically tell priest Zechariah that God said his son would have to be **named Yochanan** (John)? Peoples names are very important: Zechariah's name means '**the LORD Remembers.**' Elisheva means '**the LORD of the Oath.**' Yochanan's name means '**God is Gracious.**'

Have you ever wondered why it was so important to God that Zechariah and Elisheva name their unborn son **Yochanan**, the name that God had specifically told His angel Gabriel to tell Zechariah? The reason Zechariah & Elisheva had to name their son **Yochanan** was somehow in direct fulfillment of **God's promises given to the Zadokite high priest family.** But How?

In 2011, researching all the names of the Aaronic high priests of the First and Second Temple periods, I discovered in the Artscroll Publications, Yoma Edition, volume 9, on Kohanim Gedoli, that **Yochanan** was **the name of the last Zadok high priest** around 165 B.C., just before the Maccabees took over, and removed the Zadok High Priest **Yochanan**, and all the other Zadokite priests from the Jerusalem Temple. The Temple priesthood then became corrupted, in violation of the Word of God given to the Zadokite priests, even up till the time when Zechariah, the mystery Zadok high priest ministered at the altar of incense in the Jerusalem Temple. (Luke 1:8-23)

Priest Zechariah had to know that **Yochanan** was the name given to the **last Zadok high priest** before the Jerusalem Temple's corruption in 165 B.C.

Miriam's mother, from the high priest family of Yehoshua (Yeshua), of High Priest Zadok, of High Priest Aaron, had to have been both directed by God and obeying God in order to have **inter-married** with this man from Judah, a different Israeli tribe, from the family line of King David, for the fulfillment of all these prophecies about the Messiah from the Torah & Tanakh to have all come together, for God's only begotten Son, Yeshua!

The Hebrews 7:11-17 Scripture Passage

Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the Torah), what further need was there that another Priest should rise according to the order of Melchi-zedek, (my King of Righteousness) and not be called according to 'the order of Aaron'? For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law. For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar. 14 For **it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah**, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far more evident if in the likeness of Melchi Zedek there arises another Priest who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the Power of an endless life. For He testifies, **"You are a Priest forever according to the order of Melchi Zedek!"**

This Hebrews 7:11-17 passage is perfectly correct regarding Priesthood! This passage refers to **Yeshua's Priesthood** given through His Heavenly Father, the Melchi Zedek Priesthood. In Psalm 110:4 we see this mantle of Priestly Authority given from Father God (יהוה) to His Son Yeshua (ישוע). And also we know that through Miriam's father Yeshua is from the **tribe of Judah**. Jews can only be from the tribe of their father. Jewish genealogy was only recorded from the father's family. But what was never addressed in this key passage is that Yeshua is also from Miriam's mother's family, from **Aaron**. Psalm 40:6, says Messiah's Body has been prepared (from two families). But Hebrews 7 only talks of Yeshua's physical body from Judah.

Every person comes from their father's and their mother's families.

Since the Aaronic priesthood was always passed from father to son, then Zechariah's son Yochanan (John), at his legal priesthood age of 30, received the mantle from his father (from God) as the next mystery Zadok high priest of Aaron, with a most special priesthood calling, **to Prepare the Way** for Israel's coming Savior & Messiah, and for the Kingdom of Heaven to come to Israel. He preached a water baptism of repentance and cleansing for sins.

Yochanan began his ministry around Passover time, and a great many of the children of Israel came out to him for baptism at the Jordan River.

Then one day, around six months later, his cousin Yeshua came to the Jordan River for His water baptism from priest Yochanan, who carried from God **the highest position of priesthood spiritual authority** in all of Israel. Everything was now in perfect position. Yeshua was in spiritual submission to His Father, and also in submission to Israel's true Zadok Aaronic High Priest, Yochanan, for His baptism to be witnessed by His cousin Yochanan. Matthew 3:14, 15 And Yochanan tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" But Yeshua answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all Righteousness!" Then he allowed Him. Then the Spirit of Almighty God came down like a dove and totally filled Yeshua, as His Father spoke from Heaven, "This is **My Beloved Son**, in whom I am well pleased!"

Forty days later, when Yeshua returned to the Jordan River, Yochanan spoke, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!" John 1:29 From that time, Yeshua began His earthly ministry, in absolute submission to His Father and to the Holy Spirit, who fully indwelt Him, even during His physical death of His Flesh on the Cross for mankind's sins.

Yeshua would later begin to establish His Melchi Zedek (my King of Righteousness) Priesthood on earth through His own disciples, but only after His baptism was witnessed by Yochanan, the mystery Zadok high priest. This also was about birthing of the Melchi Zedek Priesthood into the earth to fulfill all Righteousness! And was the Aaronic Priesthood submitted under the Melchi Zedek Priesthood, so it would be able to continue forever? (Exodus 29:9; Exodus 40:13-15; Numbers 25:11-13; Deuteronomy 18:1-5)

Yeshua's own remarks reveal that Yochanan was more than a prophet; for Yochanan was the highest true Aaronic priest spiritual authority in Israel.

Matthew 21:32

"For Yochanan (John) came to you in **the way of Righteousness**, and you did not believe him. But tax collectors and harlots believed him. And when you saw it, you did not afterward relent and believe him." (I believe Yeshua was telling us here that Yochanan was a son of Zadok.)

Matthew 11:9 "But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, **and more than a prophet!**" Luke 7:26 "But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, **and more than a prophet!**"

Now when He came into the Temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people confronted Him as He was teaching, and said, “**By what Authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this Authority?**” But Yeshua answered and said to them, “I also will ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I likewise will tell you **by what Authority I do these things.** The baptism of Yochanan, where was it from? From Heaven or from men?” And they reasoned among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From Heaven,’ He will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘From men,’ we fear the multitude, for all count Yochanan as a prophet.” So they answered Yeshua and said, “We do not know.” And He said to them, “Neither will I tell you **by what Authority I do these things.**” (This same passage is also found in Mark 11:28-30, 33 and in Luke 20:2-8.) Yeshua was telling of Yochanan’s Aaronic high priest position of authority. Matthew 11:11 “Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than Yochanan the Baptist; but he who is least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he.” Matthew 21:23-27 (also Luke 7:28)

Matthew 11:14 “And if you are willing to receive it, he (Yochanan) **is Eliyahu (Elijah) who is to come!**” (see Malachi 4:5, 6)

Mark 9:12 Then He answered and told them, “Indeed, Elijah is coming first and restores all things! And how is it written concerning **the Son of Man**, that He must suffer many things and be treated with contempt?”

Yochanan was truly God’s messenger coming in the Spirit and Power of Elijah (Eliyahu). Malachi 3:1; Malachi 4:5, 6; Luke 1:17 There are still many unrevealed mysteries about Yeshua and this man Yochanan, this mystery Zadok high priest, who was called by God to Prepare the Way of the LORD for Yeshua’s first coming to earth.

Yochanan helped to prepare the Way for Yeshua’s first coming as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. So also another man will be coming in the Spirit and Power of Eliyahu, perhaps again the mystery Zadok high priest, and who restores all things for Yeshua’s second coming.

I have written here a very short summary view of this great Mystery of Yeshua coming from Aaron. Many more keys not mentioned here on this subject of Yeshua’s Blood are in my new 60 page book on these important revelations, free from my website: www.FeedMySheepJerusalem.com

‘King and Great High Priest Yeshua from ‘the Seed’ of David and Aaron!’

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This is He who came by Water and Blood
Yeshua, the Messiah!

Not only by Water, but by Water and Blood.
And it is the Spirit who bears witness,
because the Holy Spirit is Truth!

1 John 5:6

For there are Three that bear witness in Heaven;
the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit;
and these Three are One.

1 John 5:7

And there are Three that bear witness on earth;
the Spirit, the Water, and the Blood;
and **these Three agree** as One.

1 John 5:6, 7, 8

What is in **Yeshua's Blood** is in all believers!

These new Revelations on **the Blood of Yeshua**,
our Great High Priest of Heaven, Melchi Zedek,
(my King of Righteousness), coming from the
Aaronic high priest family of Zadok (righteous),
will cause **the Holy Spirit of Truth** to Release
God's Living Waters, to bring in the World's
Greatest known **End Time Revival!**

**New Revelations about the Passover Lamb,
Yeshua, coming from high priest family of Aaron!**

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“... the Spirit of Truth ...”
John 14:17

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit,
whom My Father will send in My name,
He will teach you all things,
and bring to your remembrance
all things that I said to you.”
John 14:26

“He will Glorify Me,
for He will take of what is Mine
and declare it to you!”
John 16:14

So I will make My holy name (**Yeshua**, ‘**Salvation**’)
known in the midst of My people Israel, & I will not
let them profane My holy name (**Yeshua**) anymore!
Ezekiel 39:7

The Key to Revival : new Mysteries of Yeshua's Blood!

“In that Day a Fountain shall be opened for the House of David & for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness.” Zechariah 13:1

This Fountain has new Revelations about the Blood of Yeshua!

God told us clearly through His angel Gabriel that our Lord Yeshua was also from the family of Aaron, besides being from the family of king David. Angel Gabriel told Miriam about her relative Elisheva of Aaron (in Hebrew the word is ‘karov,’ or close relative). Luke 1:36 This is from the Greek, and the Strong's Greek Concordance number is #4773 for this word relative, which means **a blood relative**. **Yeshua is also from the family of Aaron!**

Since Miriam was a virgin, that meant that she & her Child Yeshua could only be from one tribe, the tribe of Miriam's father, which was Judah, from the family of king David. But God also told us through His angel Gabriel that Miriam's mother's family was Aaron. Also since Miriam was **a virgin** that meant that her Child had no earthly father. Therefore her Child could never be an Aaronic priest, since the Aaronic priesthood was only passed from earthly father to son. Also, it meant that her Child would have no sin, since it was the sins of the fathers, and not the mothers, that was passed to the children up to the third and fourth generations. Exodus 20:25 & 34:7

Since Yeshua is also from Aaron, that means that we have **missed 50% of His earthly physical identity**. But that's only the beginning of what has been missed of this Great Mystery about Lord Yeshua. If Yeshua is from the family of Aaron, are there any Old Covenant prophecies about the Messiah coming from Aaron? Yes, there are three major prophecies. They are found in Jeremiah 33:14-24, Zechariah 3:1, 8, and also in Zechariah 6:11-13.

We have not only **missed 50 %** of Yeshua's full physical earthly identity, but we have also missed the Great Mystery about Yeshua's Blood Offering & Sacrifice that was done by this Man from Aaron! And there are also so many other mysteries about the Blood of Yeshua that have been missed.

For any blood sacrifice to have been done by a son of Aaron, it had to have met certain very specific qualifications or conditions, which tells us

now a lot more about which specific family of Aaron that both Miriam & Miriam's mother had to come from. But before we look into this in the Old Covenant Scriptures, I want to first go back to Luke 1:26-36, and look at the other Truths which angel Gabriel also told Miriam about her Child, such as that He would be named Yeshua, the Hebrew name for **Salvation!**

From His Heavenly Father, Yeshua would be **the Son of the Highest**, and **the Son of God**. (versus 32 and 35) And from His earthly father, which is Miriam's father, He would **Reign on the Throne of His father David**, and **He would Reign over the House of Yacov forever!** (versus 32 & 33)

Yeshua is **the King of Heaven, the King of Glory, and the LORD of hosts**. (Psalm 24:10) Yeshua is also **the Great High Priest of Heaven, Melchi Zedek (my King of Righteousness)**. (Psalm 110:1, 4)

As the King of Heaven, Yeshua would be born as the fulfillment of the family of king David. And as the Great High Priest of Heaven, Melchi Zedek, **my King of Righteousness**, Yeshua would be born from a specific priest family of Aaron called 'righteous.' Is there such a family of Aaron?

Now we can look at the three Old Covenant prophecies about the Messiah coming from Aaron, and to discover Yeshua's Aaronic high priest family.

There is a special Hebrew word found only in the Hebrew Old Covenant for the coming Messiah. In English that word is 'the Branch,' but in Hebrew it is the word **Tzemach**. Tzemach only appears 5 times, in 5 different places in the Old Covenant Hebrew Scriptures.

We will begin by quoting from a specific passage in Jeremiah 33 ...
Jeremiah 33:14-24 [**Tzemach: the Son of David and the Son of Aaron**]
14 'Behold, the days are coming,' says the LORD, 'that I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the House of Israel and to the House of Judah. 15 'In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David a Branch (Tzemach) of Righteousness. He shall execute Judgment and Righteousness in the earth. 16 In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell safely. And this is the name by which she will be called, **The LORD our Righteousness.**' 17 'For thus says the LORD, 'David shall never lack a Man to sit on the Throne of the House of Israel; 18 nor shall the Levitical priests lack a Man before Me, [Ezekiel 44:15,16] to offer burnt offerings, to kindle grain offerings, and to do a Sacrifice forever

(kol ha yamin)!’ ” 19 And the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying, 20 “Thus says the LORD, ‘If you can break My Covenant with the day and My Covenant with the night, so that there will not be day and night in their season, 21 then My Covenant may also be broken with David My servant, so that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne, and with the Levitical priests, My ministers. 22 As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, nor the sand of the sea measured, so will I multiply the descendants of David My servant and the Levites who minister to Me.’ ” 23 Moreover the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying, 24 “Have you not considered what these people have spoken, saying, ‘**the two families which the LORD has chosen ...**’ ”

Verse 24 tells us that God had chosen two families to bring to earth His Son, Tzemach of Righteousness, the Branch of Righteousness, who is also the LORD our Righteousness; God tells us 3 times these two families would be king David’s family of Judah, and Aaron’s family. His Son would come to earth through the virgin. Miriam’s Child would be coming from these two families, David’s family and Aaron’s family, He could only be from one tribe, of Miriam’s father, the tribe of Judah. [The Lion of Judah!]

In Isaiah 7:14, we are told that God’s Son, **Emmanu El, (God with us)** would be birthed to earth thru **the virgin!** But in Isaiah 7:13, we are also told that the father’s family of this Child would be that of King David. [This is also revealed in Jeremiah 23:5, 6]

Why is this so important? Because it clearly explains a mystery about Jeremiah 33 verses 17 and 18. 17 “For thus says the LORD, ‘David shall never lack **a Man** to sit on the Throne of the House of Israel; 18 nor shall the Levitical priests lack **a Man before Me**, [Ezekiel 44:15,16] to offer burnt offerings, to kindle grain offerings, and to do a Sacrifice forever (kol ha yamin)!’ ” You see **the Man** in verse 17 and **the Man** in verse 18 are the same Man. The Man from David’s family who would be King and the Man from Aaron’s family who would do the Eternal Sacrifice, fulfill all the prophecies about the two families that God choose for **His Son, Yeshua**; the two families that God chose to birth His Son through the virgin Miriam. Therefore **the Man** in verse 18 can never be an Aaronic priest, since the Child had no earthly father. And this Child could never be from the tribe of Levi! But this Child will always be from the family of Aaron. But more than that, God is telling us another mystery about this Man in verse 18. It says that this Man is positioned before God, by using the Hebrew word ‘lifne.’

So what does that tell us? God is telling us, through His prophet Jeremiah, which specific family of Aaron **this Man** in verse 18 is coming from. We will look at this answer from four different Scriptures.

But first, let's look at God's Word related to a blood sacrifice being done by a priest who is a son of Aaron. This information is found in five places in Ezekiel 40 through 48. I will now quote from two of these five places found in the book of Ezekiel. Ezekiel 43:18-20
And He said to me, "Son of man, thus says the Lord GOD, 'These are the ordinances for the altar on the day when it is made, for sacrificing burnt offerings on it, and for sprinkling blood on it. You shall give a young bull for a sin offering to the priests, the Levites, who are of the seed of Zadok, who approach Me to minister to Me,' says the Lord GOD. You shall take some of its blood and put it on the four horns of the altar, on the four corners of the ledge, and on the rim around it; thus you shall cleanse it and make atonement for it." [Zadok was high priest under King David and Solomon.]

Ezekiel 44:15, 16, 23, 24

"But the priests, the Levites, the sons of Zadok, who kept charge of My Sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from Me, they shall come near to Me to minister to Me; & they shall stand before Me to offer to Me the fat and the blood," says the Lord GOD. "They shall enter My Sanctuary, & they shall come near My table to minister to Me, and they shall keep My charge."

"And they shall teach My people the difference between the holy and the unholy, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean. In controversy they shall stand as (My) judges, and judge it according to My Judgments. They shall keep My laws and My statutes in all My appointed meetings, and they shall hallow My Sabbaths."

Yeshua is the Great High Priest of Heaven, Melchi Zedek, my King of Righteousness. He was born coming from both the Aaronic high priest family of Zadok, (which means 'righteous') and from the family of king David. Zadok is the priest family of Miriam and Miriam's mother's family. Yeshua's Blood Offering and Sacrifice was done by **the Man**, whose Heavenly title is Melchi Zedek, the Great High Priest of Heaven, from the bloodline of high priest Zadok's family, Miriam's family from her mother.

Let's continue now to see more of these Great Mysteries concerning who our Lord Yeshua really is. Let's go to two more (of the five locations) found in the book of Zechariah where we find **Tzemach** again mentioned.

Zechariah 3:1-9 [**Tzemach : God's Servant, prophesied to Yeshoshua**]

1 Then he showed me Joshua (**Yehoshua, or Yeshua**) the high priest, standing before the Angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at His right hand to oppose Him. 2 And the LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?" 3 Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel. 4 Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, "Take away the filthy garments from him." And to him He said, "See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes." 5 And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head, and they put the clothes on him. And the Angel of the LORD stood by. 6 Then the Angel of the LORD admonished Joshua (Yehoshua), saying, 7 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'If you will walk in My ways, and if you will keep My command, then you shall also judge My House, and likewise have charge of My courts; I will give you places to walk among these who stand here. 8 'Hear, O Joshua (Yehoshua), the high priest, you and your companions who sit before you, for they are a wondrous sign. For behold, I am bringing forth My Servant the Branch (Tzemach). 9 For behold, the Stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon the Stone are Seven Eyes. Behold, I will engrave its inscription,' says the LORD of hosts, 'and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.'" [the Stone: Genesis 49:24; Psalm 118:22; Isaiah 8:14; 28:16; Daniel 2:35, 44; ... & the Seven Spirits or Eyes: Isaiah 11:1-5; Zechariah 4:10; Revelation 1:4; 3:1; 4:5; 5:5, 6]

Here **Tzemach, the Branch** (the Messiah) is prophesied to the Aaronic high priest named Joshua, whose Hebrew name is Yehoshua. But this same high priest is also called Yeshua in the books of Ezra and Nehemiah.

Zechariah 6:11-13 [**The Man Tzemach : Heaven's King and High Priest**]

11 "Take the silver and gold, make elaborate (kings) crowns, and set them on the head of Joshua (Yehoshua) the son of Jeho-zadok, the high priest. 12 Then speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, saying, "Behold, the Man whose name is the Branch (Tzemach)! From His place He shall branch out, and He shall build the Temple of the LORD! 13 Yes, He shall build the Temple of the LORD! He shall bear the Glory, and shall sit and **Rule** on His Throne; so He shall be **a Priest** on His Throne. And the counsel of Peace shall be between them both.'" [see Genesis 14:18-20, where Abram honors Melchi Zedek as Heaven's King and Priest.]

In this passage in Zechariah 6, we are told that Yehoshua is the Zadok high priest whose father's name is Jeho-zadok; God confirming 2 times that **Tzemach** would be coming from the high priest family of Zadok, besides coming from the family of king David. (Jeremiah 23:5, 6 and 33:17, 18, 24) Also we are clearly told twice that it will be **Tzemach who will build the Temple of the LORD** (not the Aaronic priests), and that **Tzemach** will be both the King and the High Priest from His Jerusalem Millennial Temple.

Now we have seen three different proofs that **Tzemach** would be coming from the high priest family of Zadok, & two proofs that only a son of Zadok was allowed to come into God's Presence to offer the blood sacrifice. And also that Tzemach would be coming from the family of king David. Let's now learn more about the Zadokite priesthood, and what happened to the Zadokite high priest and priesthood in recorded Old Covenant history.

King David had two high priests, Zadok and Abiathar. Zadok was from Aaron's son Eleazar, and Abiathar was from Aaron's son Ithamar. Abiathar joined David's son Adonijah to make him the next king. But when Solomon became king, he removed Abiathar and kept Zadok. 1st Kings 2:6 The time was around 1000 B.C. And Solomon kept Zadok on as his high priest. [1st Chronicles 29:22 And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, & anointed him before the LORD to be the leader, & Zadok to be priest.]

From 1000 B.C. until 165 B.C., **a son of Zadok** always served as **God's high priest**, and when Judah was not in exile, he would also serve as high priest of the Jerusalem Temple, serving along with all the other Zadokite priests, and with all the other divisions and families of Aaronic priests.

Around 165 B.C., the Maccabees took back Jerusalem, and cleansed the defilement of the Jerusalem Temple done by Antiochus 1V. What is not known by many, but is recorded in Israeli history, is that the Maccabees, as one of the priest families of Aaron, also took over as high priests of the Jerusalem Temple for the next 165 years, kicking out the Zadok high priest and the Zadokite priesthood. This was direct violation of the Word of God given just to the Zadokite priest family through the prophet Ezekiel. The Zadokite priests went into hiding (most likely by the Dead Sea at Kumran). And so all Temple priesthood activity was corrupted for the next 165 years.

[2nd Samuel 8:15, 17 And David reigned over all Israel; and David administered judgment and justice to all his people. And Zadok the son of

Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, were the priests; 1st Chronicles 12:28 Zadok, a young man, a valiant warrior, and from his father's house twenty-two captains ... 1st Chronicles 15:11 And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests ... 1st Chronicles 18:16 Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, were the priests ... 1st Chronicles 24:3 Then David with Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, divided them (priests) according to the schedule of their service.]

God had told us in **three** of the Old Testament prophecies that **Tzemach, the Branch, (the Messiah)**, besides being a Son from the family of King David of the tribe of Judah, would also be a Son from the Zadokite high priest family of Aaron. (Jeremiah 33:18; Zechariah 3:8; Zechariah 6:11-13) What would God do to correct this corrupted priesthood, since the Zadokite priesthood had been totally removed from the Jerusalem Temple in 165 BC?

How would God restore the Zadokite high priest position for the Messiah to be able to come to earth the first time? For you see, everything had to be in God's perfect divine order & alignment for Messiah's coming to earth the first time, in order **to fulfill all Righteousness!**

The New Covenant Scriptures proving Yeshua is from Aaron

Why did God begin the whole New Covenant chronologically first with the **Aaronic priesthood**? God did this in the very first words, and also in the very first scene in the book of Luke, because God didn't want us to miss this Great Mystery that was somehow specifically related to Yeshua. For God was about to restore the Zadokite high priest calling of the Aaronic priesthood into its rightful position, all for Messiah Yeshua's first coming!

Luke 1:5-7

There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zechariah, of the course of Abijah (8th of 24, in 1st Chronicles 24:10:), and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisheva. And they were both 'righteous' before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the LORD blameless. And they had no child, because Elisheva was barren, and they both were now well advanced in years.

God opened the New Covenant with this elderly Aaronic priest couple, telling us they are both **'righteous'** before God! Zadok means righteous, hinting or indicating that they were both from the Zadokite family.

Luke 1:8-20

So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division (Abijah), according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the Temple of the LORD. And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense. Then an angel of the LORD appeared to him standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And when Zechariah saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elisheva will bear you a son, and you shall call his name Yochanan (John). And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. For he will be great in the sight of the LORD, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb. And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the LORD their God. He will also go before Him in the Spirit and Power of Elijah, ‘to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,’ and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the LORD.” And Zechariah said to the angel, “How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years.” And the angel answered and said to him, “**I am Gabriel**, who stands in the Presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you, & to bring you these glad tidings. But behold, you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time.”

This Scripture passage is so very important, as we shall now discover, because this is how God opened the whole New Covenant, in the very first words and the very first scene. God begins the whole New Covenant with an old priest Zechariah & his old wife Elisheva, both of the family of Aaron. What does the Aaronic priesthood have to do with Yeshua’s birth, anyway?

Before angel Gabriel ever spoke one word to priest Zechariah in Luke 1:8, we now **know** two very important things about priest Zechariah. First of all, God had specifically told us in Ezekiel 43:18, 19 and 44:15, 16, that no Aaronic priest could be able to come into the Presence of God except for a priest who was also from the seed of Zadok.

When God, who can never break His Word, sent His angel Gabriel to speak to priest Zechariah, God was first telling us that this Aaronic priest **Zechariah is a son of Zadok!**

Secondly, God was also telling us about the real mystery identity of this priest Zechariah, that He was really **God’s appointed Aaronic high priest!** How can we know this? Because the angel Gabriel met priest Zechariah while he was serving God at the altar of incense. So what does that tell us?

Numbers 30:7 tells us that **the altar of incense** in the Temple was the position given by God to His high priest Aaron, and to Aaron's future generation of sons who would be God's chosen high priest, who would also serve God at that ordained position, at the altar of incense.

“You shall make an altar to burn incense on; you shall make it of acacia wood. Aaron (the high priest) shall burn on it sweet incense every morning; when he tends the lamps, he shall burn incense on it. And when Aaron lights the lamps at twilight, he shall burn incense on it, a perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations.” Exodus 30:1, 7, 8
[This revelation of Zechariah as high priest was from Dick Reuben in 1993.]

After 165 years of Temple corruption by the Maccabee priest family, in violation of God's Temple ordinances, God is telling us (but secretly) who the real Zadok high priest and high priest family really is. For had it been known who Zechariah and Elisheva his wife really were, then king Herod, who had appointed two phony priests to serve as high priests in the Jerusalem Temple, would most likely have killed this whole Zadok family, including Miraim. All this had remained God's secret until current times.

Why did the angel Gabriel specifically tell priest Zechariah that God said his son would have to be named Yochanan (John)? Peoples names are very important: Zechariah's name means 'the LORD Remembers.' Elisheva means 'the LORD of the Oath.' Yochanan's name means 'God is Gracious.'

Have you ever wondered why it was so important to God that Zechariah and Elisheva name their unborn son **Yochanan**, the name that God had specifically told His angel Gabriel to tell Zechariah? The reason Zechariah & Elisheva had to name their son **Yochanan** was somehow in direct fulfillment of God's promises given to the Zadokite high priest family. But How?

In 2011, researching all the names of the Aaronic high priests of the First and Second Temple periods, I discovered in the Artscroll Publications, Yoma Edition, volume 9, on Kohanim Gedoli, that **Yochanan** was the name of the last Zadok high priest around 165 B.C., just before the Maccabees took over, and removed the Zadok High Priest **Yochanan**, and all the other Zadokite priests from the Jerusalem Temple. The Temple priesthood then became corrupted, in violation of the Word of God given to the Zadokite priests, even up till the time when Zechariah, the mystery Zadok high priest ministered at the altar of incense in the Jerusalem Temple. (Luke 1:8-23)

Priest Zechariah had to know that **Yochanan** was the name given to the last Zadok high priest before the Jerusalem Temple's corruption in 165 B.C.

Miriam's mother, from the high priest family of Yehoshua (Yeshua), of High Priest Zadok, of High Priest Aaron, had to have been both directed by God and obeying God in order to have **inter-married** with this man from Judah, a different Israeli tribe, from the family line of King David, for the fulfillment of all these prophecies about the Messiah from the Torah & Tanakh to have all come together, for God's only begotten Son, Yeshua!

The Hebrews 7:11-17 Scripture Passage

Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the Torah), what further need was there that another Priest should rise according to the order of Melchi-zedek, (my King of Righteousness) and not be called according to 'the order of Aaron'? For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law. For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar. 14 For **it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah**, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far more evident if in the likeness of Melchi Zedek there arises another Priest who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the Power of an endless life. For He testifies, **"You are a Priest forever according to the order of Melchi Zedek!"**

This Hebrews 7:11-17 passage is perfectly correct regarding Priesthood! This passage refers to **Yeshua's Priesthood** given through His Heavenly Father, the Melchi Zedek Priesthood. In Psalm 110:4 we see this mantle of Priestly Authority given from Father God (יהוה) to His Son Yeshua (ישוע). And also we know that through Miriam's father Yeshua is from the **tribe of Judah**. Jews can only be from the tribe of their father. Jewish genealogy was only recorded from the father's family. But what was never addressed in this key passage is that Yeshua is also from **Miriam's mother's family**, from **Aaron**. Psalm 40:6, says Messiah's Body has been prepared (from two families). But Hebrews 7 only talks of Yeshua's physical body from Judah.

Every person comes from their father's and their mother's families.

Since the Aaronic priesthood was always passed from father to son, then Zechariah's son Yochanan (John), at his legal priesthood age of 30, received the mantle from his father (from God) as the next mystery Zadok high priest of Aaron, with a most special priesthood calling, **to Prepare the Way** for Israel's coming Savior & Messiah, and for the Kingdom of Heaven to come to Israel. He preached a water baptism of repentance and cleansing for sins.

Yochanan began his ministry around Passover time, and a great many of the children of Israel came out to him for baptism at the Jordan River.

Then one day, around six months later, his cousin Yeshua came to the Jordan River for His water baptism from priest Yochanan, who carried from God **the highest position of priesthood spiritual authority** in all of Israel. Everything was now in perfect position. Yeshua was in spiritual submission to His Father, and also in submission to Israel's true Zadok Aaronic High Priest, Yochanan, for His baptism to be witnessed by His cousin Yochanan. Matthew 3:14, 15 And Yochanan tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" But Yeshua answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all Righteousness!" Then he allowed Him. Then the Spirit of Almighty God came down like a dove and totally filled Yeshua, as His Father spoke from Heaven, "This is **My Beloved Son**, in whom I am well pleased!"

Forty days later, when Yeshua returned to the Jordan River, Yochanan spoke, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!" John 1:29 From that time, Yeshua began His earthly ministry, in absolute submission to His Father and to the Holy Spirit, who fully indwelt Him, even during His physical death of His Flesh on the Cross for mankind's sins.

Yeshua would later begin to establish His Melchi Zedek (my King of Righteousness) Priesthood on earth through His own disciples, but only after His baptism was witnessed by Yochanan, the mystery Zadok high priest. This also was about birthing of the Melchi Zedek Priesthood into the earth to fulfill all Righteousness! And was the Aaronic Priesthood submitted under the Melchi Zedek Priesthood, so it would be able to continue forever? (Exodus 29:9; Exodus 40:13-15; Numbers 25:11-13; Deuteronomy 18:1-5)

Yeshua's own remarks reveal that Yochanan was more than a prophet; for Yochanan was the highest true Aaronic priest spiritual authority in Israel.

Matthew 21:32

"For Yochanan (John) came to you in **the way of Righteousness**, and you did not believe him. But tax collectors and harlots believed him. And when you saw it, you did not afterward relent and believe him."
(I believe Yeshua was telling us here that Yochanan was a son of Zadok.)

Matthew 11:9 "But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, **and more than a prophet!**" Luke 7:26 "But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, **and more than a prophet!**"

Now when He came into the Temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people confronted Him as He was teaching, and said, “**By what Authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this Authority?**” But Yeshua answered and said to them, “I also will ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I likewise will tell you by what Authority I do these things. The baptism of Yochanan, where was it from? From Heaven or from men?” And they reasoned among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From Heaven,’ He will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘From men,’ we fear the multitude, for all count Yochanan as a prophet.” So they answered Yeshua and said, “We do not know.” And He said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what Authority I do these things.” (This same passage is also found in Mark 11:28-30, 33 and in Luke 20:2-8.) Yeshua was telling of Yochanan’s Aaronic high priest position of authority. Matthew 11:11 “Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than Yochanan the Baptist; but he who is least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he.” Matthew 21:23-27 (also Luke 7:28)

Matthew 11:14 “And if you are willing to receive it, he (Yochanan) **is Eliyahu (Elijah) who is to come!**” (see Malachi 4:5, 6)

Mark 9:12 Then He answered and told them, “Indeed, Elijah is coming first and restores all things! And how is it written concerning **the Son of Man,** that He must suffer many things and be treated with contempt?”

Yochanan was truly God’s messenger coming in the Spirit and Power of Elijah (Eliyahu). Malachi 3:1; Malachi 4:5, 6; Luke 1:17 There are still many unrevealed mysteries about Yeshua and this man Yochanan, this mystery Zadok high priest, who was called by God to Prepare the Way of the LORD for Yeshua’s first coming to earth.

Yochanan helped to prepare the Way for Yeshua’s first coming as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. So also another man will be coming in the Spirit and Power of Eliyahu, perhaps again the mystery Zadok high priest, and who restores all things for Yeshua’s second coming.

I have written here a very short summary view of this great Mystery of Yeshua coming from Aaron. Many more keys not mentioned here on this subject of Yeshua’s Blood are in my new 60 page book on these important revelations, free from my website: www.FeedMySheepJerusalem.com

‘King and Great High Priest Yeshua from ‘the Seed’ of David and Aaron!’

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This is He who came by Water and Blood
Yeshua, the Messiah!

Not only by Water, but by Water and Blood.
And it is the Spirit who bears witness,
because the Holy Spirit is Truth!

1 John 5:6

For there are Three that bear witness in Heaven;
the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit;
and these Three are One.

1 John 5:7

And there are Three that bear witness on earth;
the Spirit, the Water, and the Blood;
and **these Three agree** as One.

1 John 5:6, 7, 8

What is in **Yeshua's Blood** is in all believers!

These new Revelations on **the Blood of Yeshua**,
our Great High Priest of Heaven, Melchi Zedek,
(my King of Righteousness), coming from the
Aaronic high priest family of Zadok (righteous),
will cause **the Holy Spirit of Truth** to Release
God's Living Waters, to bring in the World's
Greatest known **End Time Revival!**

**New Revelations about the Passover Lamb,
Yeshua, coming from high priest family of Aaron!**

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“... the Spirit of Truth ...”
John 14:17

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit,
whom My Father will send in My name,
He will teach you all things,
and bring to your remembrance
all things that I said to you.”
John 14:26

“He will Glorify Me,
for He will take of what is Mine
and declare it to you!”
John 16:14

So I will make My holy name (**Yeshua**, ‘**Salvation**’)
known in the midst of My people Israel, & I will not
let them profane My holy name (**Yeshua**) anymore!
Ezekiel 39:7

The Key to Revival : new Mysteries of Yeshua's Blood!

“In that Day a Fountain shall be opened for the House of David & for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness.” Zechariah 13:1

This Fountain has new Revelations about the Blood of Yeshua!

God told us clearly through His angel Gabriel that our Lord Yeshua was also from the family of Aaron, besides being from the family of king David. Angel Gabriel told Miriam about her relative Elisheva of Aaron (in Hebrew the word is ‘karov,’ or close relative). Luke 1:36 This is from the Greek, and the Strong's Greek Concordance number is #4773 for this word relative, which means **a blood relative**. **Yeshua is also from the family of Aaron!**

Since Miriam was a virgin, that meant that she & her Child Yeshua could only be from one tribe, the tribe of Miriam's father, which was Judah, from the family of king David. But God also told us through His angel Gabriel that Miriam's mother's family was Aaron. Also since Miriam was **a virgin** that meant that her Child had no earthly father. Therefore her Child could never be an Aaronic priest, since the Aaronic priesthood was only passed from earthly father to son. Also, it meant that her Child would have no sin, since it was the sins of the fathers, and not the mothers, that was passed to the children up to the third and fourth generations. Exodus 20:25 & 34:7

Since Yeshua is also from Aaron, that means that we have **missed 50% of His earthly physical identity**. But that's only the beginning of what has been missed of this Great Mystery about Lord Yeshua. If Yeshua is from the family of Aaron, are there any Old Covenant prophecies about the Messiah coming from Aaron? Yes, there are three major prophecies. They are found in Jeremiah 33:14-24, Zechariah 3:1, 8, and also in Zechariah 6:11-13.

We have not only **missed 50 %** of Yeshua's full physical earthly identity, but we have also missed the Great Mystery about Yeshua's Blood Offering & Sacrifice that was done by this Man from Aaron! And there are also so many other mysteries about the Blood of Yeshua that have been missed.

For any blood sacrifice to have been done by a son of Aaron, it had to have met certain very specific qualifications or conditions, which tells us

now a lot more about which specific family of Aaron that both Miriam & Miriam's mother had to come from. But before we look into this in the Old Covenant Scriptures, I want to first go back to Luke 1:26-36, and look at the other Truths which angel Gabriel also told Miriam about her Child, such as that He would be named Yeshua, the Hebrew name for **Salvation!**

From His Heavenly Father, Yeshua would be **the Son of the Highest**, and **the Son of God**. (versus 32 and 35) And from His earthly father, which is Miriam's father, He would **Reign on the Throne of His father David**, and **He would Reign over the House of Yacov forever!** (versus 32 & 33)

Yeshua is **the King of Heaven, the King of Glory, and the LORD of hosts**. (Psalm 24:10) Yeshua is also **the Great High Priest of Heaven, Melchi Zedek (my King of Righteousness)**. (Psalm 110:1, 4)

As the King of Heaven, Yeshua would be born as the fulfillment of the family of king David. And as the Great High Priest of Heaven, Melchi Zedek, **my King of Righteousness**, Yeshua would be born from a specific priest family of Aaron called 'righteous.' Is there such a family of Aaron?

Now we can look at the three Old Covenant prophecies about the Messiah coming from Aaron, and to discover Yeshua's Aaronic high priest family.

There is a special Hebrew word found only in the Hebrew Old Covenant for the coming Messiah. In English that word is 'the Branch,' but in Hebrew it is the word **Tzemach**. Tzemach only appears 5 times, in 5 different places in the Old Covenant Hebrew Scriptures.

We will begin by quoting from a specific passage in Jeremiah 33 ...
Jeremiah 33:14-24 [**Tzemach: the Son of David and the Son of Aaron**]
14 'Behold, the days are coming,' says the LORD, 'that I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the House of Israel and to the House of Judah. 15 'In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David a Branch (Tzemach) of Righteousness. He shall execute Judgment and Righteousness in the earth. 16 In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell safely. And this is the name by which she will be called, **The LORD our Righteousness.**' 17 "For thus says the LORD, 'David shall never lack a Man to sit on the Throne of the House of Israel; 18 nor shall the Levitical priests lack a Man before Me, [Ezekiel 44:15,16] to offer burnt offerings, to kindle grain offerings, and to do a Sacrifice forever

(kol ha yamin)!’ ” 19 And the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying, 20 “Thus says the LORD, ‘If you can break My Covenant with the day and My Covenant with the night, so that there will not be day and night in their season, 21 then My Covenant may also be broken with David My servant, so that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne, and with the Levitical priests, My ministers. 22 As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, nor the sand of the sea measured, so will I multiply the descendants of David My servant and the Levites who minister to Me.’ ” 23 Moreover the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying, 24 “Have you not considered what these people have spoken, saying, ‘**the two families which the LORD has chosen ...**’ ”

Verse 24 tells us that God had chosen two families to bring to earth His Son, Tzemach of Righteousness, the Branch of Righteousness, who is also the LORD our Righteousness; God tells us 3 times these two families would be king David’s family of Judah, and Aaron’s family. His Son would come to earth through the virgin. Miriam’s Child would be coming from these two families, David’s family and Aaron’s family, He could only be from one tribe, of Miriam’s father, the tribe of Judah. [The Lion of Judah!]

In Isaiah 7:14, we are told that God’s Son, **Emmanu El, (God with us)** would be birthed to earth thru **the virgin!** But in Isaiah 7:13, we are also told that the father’s family of this Child would be that of King David. [This is also revealed in Jeremiah 23:5, 6]

Why is this so important? Because it clearly explains a mystery about Jeremiah 33 verses 17 and 18. 17 “For thus says the LORD, ‘David shall never lack **a Man** to sit on the Throne of the House of Israel; 18 nor shall the Levitical priests lack **a Man before Me**, [Ezekiel 44:15,16] to offer burnt offerings, to kindle grain offerings, and to do a Sacrifice forever (kol ha yamin)!’ ” You see **the Man** in verse 17 and **the Man** in verse 18 are the same Man. The Man from David’s family who would be King and the Man from Aaron’s family who would do the Eternal Sacrifice, fulfill all the prophesies about the two families that God choose for **His Son, Yeshua**; the two families that God chose to birth His Son through the virgin Miriam. Therefore **the Man** in verse 18 can never be an Aaronic priest, since the Child had no earthly father. And this Child could never be from the tribe of Levi! But this Child will always be from the family of Aaron. But more than that, God is telling us another mystery about this Man in verse 18. It says that this Man is positioned before God, by using the Hebrew word ‘lifne.’

So what does that tell us? God is telling us, through His prophet Jeremiah, which specific family of Aaron **this Man** in verse 18 is coming from. We will look at this answer from four different Scriptures.

But first, let's look at God's Word related to a blood sacrifice being done by a priest who is a son of Aaron. This information is found in five places in Ezekiel 40 through 48. I will now quote from two of these five places found in the book of Ezekiel. Ezekiel 43:18-20
And He said to me, "Son of man, thus says the Lord GOD, 'These are the ordinances for the altar on the day when it is made, for sacrificing burnt offerings on it, and for sprinkling blood on it. You shall give a young bull for a sin offering to the priests, the Levites, who are of the seed of Zadok, who approach Me to minister to Me,' says the Lord GOD. You shall take some of its blood and put it on the four horns of the altar, on the four corners of the ledge, and on the rim around it; thus you shall cleanse it and make atonement for it." [Zadok was high priest under King David and Solomon.]

Ezekiel 44:15, 16, 23, 24

"But the priests, the Levites, the sons of Zadok, who kept charge of My Sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from Me, they shall come near to Me to minister to Me; & they shall stand before Me to offer to Me the fat and the blood," says the Lord GOD. "They shall enter My Sanctuary, & they shall come near My table to minister to Me, and they shall keep My charge."

"And they shall teach My people the difference between the holy and the unholy, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean. In controversy they shall stand as (My) judges, and judge it according to My Judgments. They shall keep My laws and My statutes in all My appointed meetings, and they shall hallow My Sabbaths."

Yeshua is the Great High Priest of Heaven, Melchi Zedek, my King of Righteousness. He was born coming from both the Aaronic high priest family of Zadok, (which means 'righteous') and from the family of king David. Zadok is the priest family of Miriam and Miriam's mother's family. Yeshua's Blood Offering and Sacrifice was done by **the Man**, whose Heavenly title is Melchi Zedek, the Great High Priest of Heaven, from the bloodline of high priest Zadok's family, Miriam's family from her mother.

Let's continue now to see more of these Great Mysteries concerning who our Lord Yeshua really is. Let's go to two more (of the five locations) found in the book of Zechariah where we find **Tzemach** again mentioned.

Zechariah 3:1-9 [**Tzemach : God's Servant, prophesied to Yeshoshua**]

1 Then he showed me Joshua (**Yehoshua, or Yeshua**) the high priest, standing before the Angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at His right hand to oppose Him. 2 And the LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?" 3 Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel. 4 Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, "Take away the filthy garments from him." And to him He said, "See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes." 5 And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head, and they put the clothes on him. And the Angel of the LORD stood by. 6 Then the Angel of the LORD admonished Joshua (Yehoshua), saying, 7 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'If you will walk in My ways, and if you will keep My command, then you shall also judge My House, and likewise have charge of My courts; I will give you places to walk among these who stand here. 8 'Hear, O Joshua (Yehoshua), the high priest, you and your companions who sit before you, for they are a wondrous sign. For behold, I am bringing forth My Servant the Branch (Tzemach). 9 For behold, the Stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon the Stone are Seven Eyes. Behold, I will engrave its inscription,' says the LORD of hosts, 'and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.'" [the Stone: Genesis 49:24; Psalm 118:22; Isaiah 8:14; 28:16; Daniel 2:35, 44; ... & the Seven Spirits or Eyes: Isaiah 11:1-5; Zechariah 4:10; Revelation 1:4; 3:1; 4:5; 5:5, 6]

Here **Tzemach, the Branch** (the Messiah) is prophesied to the Aaronic high priest named Joshua, whose Hebrew name is Yehoshua. But this same high priest is also called Yeshua in the books of Ezra and Nehemiah.

Zechariah 6:11-13 [**The Man Tzemach : Heaven's King and High Priest**]

11 "Take the silver and gold, make elaborate (kings) crowns, and set them on the head of Joshua (Yehoshua) the son of Jeho-zadok, the high priest. 12 Then speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, saying, "Behold, the Man whose name is the Branch (Tzemach)! From His place He shall branch out, and He shall build the Temple of the LORD! 13 Yes, He shall build the Temple of the LORD! He shall bear the Glory, and shall sit and **Rule** on His Throne; so He shall be **a Priest** on His Throne. And the counsel of Peace shall be between them both.'" [see Genesis 14:18-20, where Abram honors Melchi Zedek as Heaven's King and Priest.]

In this passage in Zechariah 6, we are told that Yehoshua is the Zadok high priest whose father's name is Jeho-zadok; God confirming 2 times that **Tzemach** would be coming from the high priest family of Zadok, besides coming from the family of king David. (Jeremiah 23:5, 6 and 33:17, 18, 24) Also we are clearly told twice that it will be **Tzemach who will build the Temple of the LORD** (not the Aaronic priests), and that **Tzemach** will be both the King and the High Priest from His Jerusalem Millennial Temple.

Now we have seen three different proofs that **Tzemach** would be coming from the high priest family of Zadok, & two proofs that only a son of Zadok was allowed to come into God's Presence to offer the blood sacrifice. And also that Tzemach would be coming from the family of king David. Let's now learn more about the Zadokite priesthood, and what happened to the Zadokite high priest and priesthood in recorded Old Covenant history.

King David had two high priests, Zadok and Abiathar. Zadok was from Aaron's son Eleazar, and Abiathar was from Aaron's son Ithamar. Abiathar joined David's son Adonijah to make him the next king. But when Solomon became king, he removed Abiathar and kept Zadok. 1st Kings 2:6 The time was around 1000 B.C. And Solomon kept Zadok on as his high priest. [1st Chronicles 29:22 And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, & anointed him before the LORD to be the leader, & Zadok to be priest.]

From 1000 B.C. until 165 B.C., **a son of Zadok** always served as **God's high priest**, and when Judah was not in exile, he would also serve as high priest of the Jerusalem Temple, serving along with all the other Zadokite priests, and with all the other divisions and families of Aaronic priests.

Around 165 B.C., the Maccabees took back Jerusalem, and cleansed the defilement of the Jerusalem Temple done by Antiochus 1V. What is not known by many, but is recorded in Israeli history, is that the Maccabees, as one of the priest families of Aaron, also took over as high priests of the Jerusalem Temple for the next 165 years, kicking out the Zadok high priest and the Zadokite priesthood. This was direct violation of the Word of God given just to the Zadokite priest family through the prophet Ezekiel. The Zadokite priests went into hiding (most likely by the Dead Sea at Kumran). And so all Temple priesthood activity was corrupted for the next 165 years.

[2nd Samuel 8:15, 17 And David reigned over all Israel; and David administered judgment and justice to all his people. And Zadok the son of

Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, were the priests; 1st Chronicles 12:28 Zadok, a young man, a valiant warrior, and from his father's house twenty-two captains ... 1st Chronicles 15:11 And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests ... 1st Chronicles 18:16 Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, were the priests ... 1st Chronicles 24:3 Then David with Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, divided them (priests) according to the schedule of their service.]

God had told us in **three** of the Old Testament prophecies that **Tzemach, the Branch, (the Messiah)**, besides being a Son from the family of King David of the tribe of Judah, would also be a Son from the Zadokite high priest family of Aaron. (Jeremiah 33:18; Zechariah 3:8; Zechariah 6:11-13) What would God do to correct this corrupted priesthood, since the Zadokite priesthood had been totally removed from the Jerusalem Temple in 165 BC?

How would God restore the Zadokite high priest position for the Messiah to be able to come to earth the first time? For you see, everything had to be in God's perfect divine order & alignment for Messiah's coming to earth the first time, in order **to fulfill all Righteousness!**

The New Covenant Scriptures proving Yeshua is from Aaron

Why did God begin the whole New Covenant chronologically first with the **Aaronic priesthood**? God did this in the very first words, and also in the very first scene in the book of Luke, because God didn't want us to miss this Great Mystery that was somehow specifically related to Yeshua. For God was about to restore the Zadokite high priest calling of the Aaronic priesthood into its rightful position, all for Messiah Yeshua's first coming!

Luke 1:5-7

There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zechariah, of the course of Abijah (8th of 24, in 1st Chronicles 24:10:), and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisheva. And they were both 'righteous' before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the LORD blameless. And they had no child, because Elisheva was barren, and they both were now well advanced in years.

God opened the New Covenant with this elderly Aaronic priest couple, telling us they are both **'righteous'** before God! Zadok means righteous, hinting or indicating that they were both from the Zadokite family.

Luke 1:8-20

So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division (Abijah), according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the Temple of the LORD. And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense. Then an angel of the LORD appeared to him standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And when Zechariah saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elisheva will bear you a son, and you shall call his name Yochanan (John). And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. For he will be great in the sight of the LORD, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb. And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the LORD their God. He will also go before Him in the Spirit and Power of Elijah, ‘to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,’ and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the LORD.” And Zechariah said to the angel, “How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years.” And the angel answered and said to him, “**I am Gabriel**, who stands in the Presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you, & to bring you these glad tidings. But behold, you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time.”

This Scripture passage is so very important, as we shall now discover, because this is how God opened the whole New Covenant, in the very first words and the very first scene. God begins the whole New Covenant with an old priest Zechariah & his old wife Elisheva, both of the family of Aaron. What does the Aaronic priesthood have to do with Yeshua’s birth, anyway?

Before angel Gabriel ever spoke one word to priest Zechariah in Luke 1:8, we now **know** two very important things about priest Zechariah. First of all, God had specifically told us in Ezekiel 43:18, 19 and 44:15, 16, that no Aaronic priest could be able to come into the Presence of God except for a priest who was also from the seed of Zadok.

When God, who can never break His Word, sent His angel Gabriel to speak to priest Zechariah, God was first telling us that this Aaronic priest **Zechariah is a son of Zadok!**

Secondly, God was also telling us about the real mystery identity of this priest Zechariah, that He was really **God’s appointed Aaronic high priest!** How can we know this? Because the angel Gabriel met priest Zechariah while he was serving God at the altar of incense. So what does that tell us?

Numbers 30:7 tells us that **the altar of incense** in the Temple was the position given by God to His high priest Aaron, and to Aaron's future generation of sons who would be God's chosen high priest, who would also serve God at that ordained position, at the altar of incense.

“You shall make an altar to burn incense on; you shall make it of acacia wood. Aaron (the high priest) shall burn on it sweet incense every morning; when he tends the lamps, he shall burn incense on it. And when Aaron lights the lamps at twilight, he shall burn incense on it, a perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations.” Exodus 30:1, 7, 8
[This revelation of Zechariah as high priest was from Dick Reuben in 1993.]

After 165 years of Temple corruption by the Maccabee priest family, in violation of God's Temple ordinances, God is telling us (but secretly) who the real Zadok high priest and high priest family really is. For had it been known who Zechariah and Elisheva his wife really were, then king Herod, who had appointed two phony priests to serve as high priests in the Jerusalem Temple, would most likely have killed this whole Zadok family, including Miraim. All this had remained God's secret until current times.

Why did the angel Gabriel specifically tell priest Zechariah that God said his son would have to be named Yochanan (John)? Peoples names are very important: Zechariah's name means 'the LORD Remembers.' Elisheva means 'the LORD of the Oath.' Yochanan's name means 'God is Gracious.'

Have you ever wondered why it was so important to God that Zechariah and Elisheva name their unborn son **Yochanan**, the name that God had specifically told His angel Gabriel to tell Zechariah? The reason Zechariah & Elisheva had to name their son **Yochanan** was somehow in direct fulfillment of God's promises given to the Zadokite high priest family. But How?

In 2011, researching all the names of the Aaronic high priests of the First and Second Temple periods, I discovered in the Artscroll Publications, Yoma Edition, volume 9, on Kohanim Gedoli, that **Yochanan** was the name of the last Zadok high priest around 165 B.C., just before the Maccabees took over, and removed the Zadok High Priest **Yochanan**, and all the other Zadokite priests from the Jerusalem Temple. The Temple priesthood then became corrupted, in violation of the Word of God given to the Zadokite priests, even up till the time when Zechariah, the mystery Zadok high priest ministered at the altar of incense in the Jerusalem Temple. (Luke 1:8-23)

Priest Zechariah had to know that **Yochanan** was the name given to the last Zadok high priest before the Jerusalem Temple's corruption in 165 B.C.

Miriam's mother, from the high priest family of Yehoshua (Yeshua), of High Priest Zadok, of High Priest Aaron, had to have been both directed by God and obeying God in order to have **inter-married** with this man from Judah, a different Israeli tribe, from the family line of King David, for the fulfillment of all these prophecies about the Messiah from the Torah & Tanakh to have all come together, for God's only begotten Son, Yeshua!

The Hebrews 7:11-17 Scripture Passage

Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the Torah), what further need was there that another Priest should rise according to the order of Melchi-zedek, (my King of Righteousness) and not be called according to 'the order of Aaron'? For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law. For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar. 14 For **it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah**, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far more evident if in the likeness of Melchi Zedek there arises another Priest who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the Power of an endless life. For He testifies, **"You are a Priest forever according to the order of Melchi Zedek!"**

This Hebrews 7:11-17 passage is perfectly correct regarding Priesthood! This passage refers to **Yeshua's Priesthood** given through His Heavenly Father, the Melchi Zedek Priesthood. In Psalm 110:4 we see this mantle of Priestly Authority given from Father God (יהוה) to His Son Yeshua (ישוע). And also we know that through Miriam's father Yeshua is from the **tribe of Judah**. Jews can only be from the tribe of their father. Jewish genealogy was only recorded from the father's family. But what was never addressed in this key passage is that Yeshua is also from Miriam's mother's family, from **Aaron**. Psalm 40:6, says Messiah's Body has been prepared (from two families). But Hebrews 7 only talks of Yeshua's physical body from Judah.

Every person comes from their father's and their mother's families.

Since the Aaronic priesthood was always passed from father to son, then Zechariah's son Yochanan (John), at his legal priesthood age of 30, received the mantle from his father (from God) as the next mystery Zadok high priest of Aaron, with a most special priesthood calling, **to Prepare the Way** for Israel's coming Savior & Messiah, and for the Kingdom of Heaven to come to Israel. He preached a water baptism of repentance and cleansing for sins.

Yochanan began his ministry around Passover time, and a great many of the children of Israel came out to him for baptism at the Jordan River.

Then one day, around six months later, his cousin Yeshua came to the Jordan River for His water baptism from priest Yochanan, who carried from God **the highest position of priesthood spiritual authority** in all of Israel. Everything was now in perfect position. Yeshua was in spiritual submission to His Father, and also in submission to Israel's true Zadok Aaronic High Priest, Yochanan, for His baptism to be witnessed by His cousin Yochanan. Matthew 3:14, 15 And Yochanan tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" But Yeshua answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all Righteousness!" Then he allowed Him. Then the Spirit of Almighty God came down like a dove and totally filled Yeshua, as His Father spoke from Heaven, "This is **My Beloved Son**, in whom I am well pleased!"

Forty days later, when Yeshua returned to the Jordan River, Yochanan spoke, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!" John 1:29 From that time, Yeshua began His earthly ministry, in absolute submission to His Father and to the Holy Spirit, who fully indwelt Him, even during His physical death of His Flesh on the Cross for mankind's sins.

Yeshua would later begin to establish His Melchi Zedek (my King of Righteousness) Priesthood on earth through His own disciples, but only after His baptism was witnessed by Yochanan, the mystery Zadok high priest. This also was about birthing of the Melchi Zedek Priesthood into the earth to fulfill all Righteousness! And was the Aaronic Priesthood submitted under the Melchi Zedek Priesthood, so it would be able to continue forever? (Exodus 29:9; Exodus 40:13-15; Numbers 25:11-13; Deuteronomy 18:1-5)

Yeshua's own remarks reveal that Yochanan was more than a prophet; for Yochanan was the highest true Aaronic priest spiritual authority in Israel.

Matthew 21:32

"For Yochanan (John) came to you in **the way of Righteousness**, and you did not believe him. But tax collectors and harlots believed him. And when you saw it, you did not afterward relent and believe him." (I believe Yeshua was telling us here that Yochanan was a son of Zadok.)

Matthew 11:9 "But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, **and more than a prophet!**" Luke 7:26 "But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, **and more than a prophet!**"

Now when He came into the Temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people confronted Him as He was teaching, and said, “**By what Authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this Authority?**” But Yeshua answered and said to them, “I also will ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I likewise will tell you **by what Authority I do these things.** The baptism of Yochanan, where was it from? From Heaven or from men?” And they reasoned among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From Heaven,’ He will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘From men,’ we fear the multitude, for all count Yochanan as a prophet.” So they answered Yeshua and said, “We do not know.” And He said to them, “Neither will I tell you **by what Authority I do these things.**” (This same passage is also found in Mark 11:28-30, 33 and in Luke 20:2-8.) Yeshua was telling of Yochanan’s Aaronic high priest position of authority. Matthew 11:11 “Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than Yochanan the Baptist; but he who is least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he.” Matthew 21:23-27 (also Luke 7:28)

Matthew 11:14 “And if you are willing to receive it, he (Yochanan) **is Eliyahu (Elijah) who is to come!**” (see Malachi 4:5, 6)

Mark 9:12 Then He answered and told them, “Indeed, Elijah is coming first and restores all things! And how is it written concerning **the Son of Man**, that He must suffer many things and be treated with contempt?”

Yochanan was truly God’s messenger coming in the Spirit and Power of Elijah (Eliyahu). Malachi 3:1; Malachi 4:5, 6; Luke 1:17 There are still many unrevealed mysteries about Yeshua and this man Yochanan, this mystery Zadok high priest, who was called by God to Prepare the Way of the LORD for Yeshua’s first coming to earth.

Yochanan helped to prepare the Way for Yeshua’s first coming as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. So also another man will be coming in the Spirit and Power of Eliyahu, perhaps again the mystery Zadok high priest, and who restores all things for Yeshua’s second coming.

I have written here a very short summary view of this great Mystery of Yeshua coming from Aaron. Many more keys not mentioned here on this subject of Yeshua’s Blood are in my new 60 page book on these important revelations, free from my website: www.FeedMySheepJerusalem.com

‘King and Great High Priest Yeshua from ‘the Seed’ of David and Aaron!’

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This is He who came by Water and Blood
Yeshua, the Messiah!

Not only by Water, but by Water and Blood.
And it is the Spirit who bears witness,
because the Holy Spirit is Truth!

1 John 5:6

For there are Three that bear witness in Heaven;
the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit;
and these Three are One.

1 John 5:7

And there are Three that bear witness on earth;
the Spirit, the Water, and the Blood;
and **these Three agree** as One.

1 John 5:6, 7, 8

What is in **Yeshua's Blood** is in all believers!

These new Revelations on **the Blood of Yeshua**,
our Great High Priest of Heaven, Melchi Zedek,
(my King of Righteousness), coming from the
Aaronic high priest family of Zadok (righteous),
will cause **the Holy Spirit of Truth** to Release
God's Living Waters, to bring in the World's
Greatest known **End Time Revival!**