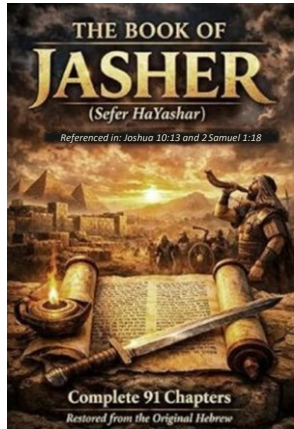


'Behold, it is written in the book of Jasher.'

(2Samuel 1:18)

I had glanced though the book of Jasher before, but missed a lot. It fills in some questions, which are not clearly described in the Bible such as, from where did Cain get his wife? How did Noah know which animals to choose? Etc.

We find the names of the children of Japhet, son of Noah, which we can still recognise today; i.e. the name of his son Tiras, we find in Tiraspol, the capital of Transnistria. Balgar seems like Bulgaria, the great river Dubnee is the Danube and many more possibilities. See for yourself it is fun researching.



We learn about Abram's early life how he had to be hidden from Nimrod the king who wanted him dead. He lived in a cave with his mum for the first ten years and then went to Noah and Shem's house where he lived for 39 years and learned the ways of the Lord.

When Abram returned home, he created havoc and smashed his father's gods. He ended up in the fire, but survives the heat. It is an amazing story and to say the least; the man had guts and a fearless conviction for his faith.

Later Noah and Shem counselled Terah, Abram's father, to listen to Abram and leave the land of Ur, where Terah had a very high position. After that Terah decided to go with Abram. Both Noah and Shem played a very important role in Abram's life. Then Terah and all his family along with Abram's and Lot's family moved to Haran. From there Abram and Sarai moved on to the land of Canaan.

Noah dies when Abram was 58 years old. Noah was 950 years. He was 600 at the time of the flood and lived another 350 years afterwards.

Listen to this:

Now we get to the interesting part, where Abram returns from a battle and with 318 men defeated several kings with a huge army of about 800,000 men. These had conquered Sodom and also took Lot and his family captive. So, Abram went after them as he had promised Lot that if there was ever difficulty that he could count on his help (Jasher 15:43). Abram returned with all this wealth and spoils and he gives a tenth of it to Melchizedek.

The Bible tells us in Genesis:

And **Melchizedek king of Salem** brought forth bread



and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: And blessed be the most high God, which has delivered your enemies into your hand. And he gave him tithes of all. (Genesis 14:18-20)

Then a lightbulb went on, as the book of Jasher has the identical story.

'And Adonizedek king of Jerusalem, the same was Shem, went out with his men to meet Abram and his people, with bread and wine, and they remained together in the valley of Melech. And Adonizedek blessed Abram, and Abram gave him a tenth from all that he had brought from the spoil of his enemies, for Adonizedek was a priest before God. (Jasher 16:11,12)



In Genesis we see that Melchizedek is king of Salem.

In Jasher we see Adonizedek is king of Jerusalem, the same was Shem.

From Google search I learned; Salem is derived from Shalom meaning Peace. **Salem was the old name of the city before it was called Jerusalem.**

Then; "Zedek" appears in ancient Canaanite names that literally mean "right" or "righteousness". For example, the biblical figures *Melchizedek* and *Adonizedek* translate to "king of righteousness" and "lord of righteousness," respectively.

This shows that both Melchizedek and Adonizedek, who is Shem, Noah's son, and Abram's teacher for many years, are the same person: the king or lord of SALEM or JeruSALEM.



And Concerning SALEM and JeruSALEM it says:

'Jeru can be derived from the Hebrew word y-r-h, which refers to 'cornerstone' or 'pointing the way'. Other linguists say that Jeru is derived from the ancient Sumerian word 'uru' meaning city, Hence Jerusalem meaning 'City of Peace'.

Whatever it was or is, one thing is sure **Melchizedek and Adonizedek are obvious the same person and Adonizedek is Shem.** Doesn't this make much more sense, than Melchizedek being a total stranger coming out of nowhere?

Shem honoured Abram and Abram honoured Shem, who was by this time king or lord of righteousness in JeruSALEM; Abram's life and Shem's life were totally intertwined, as Shem taught Abram, Isaac and Jacob.

So Melchizedek was definitely not, "Without father (1), without mother (2), without descent (3), having neither beginning of days (4), nor end of life (5)"

(1) *Without father* - his father was Noah.
 (2) *Without mother* - his mother was Naamah daughter of Enoch.
 (3) *Without descents* - Shem's descents:
 'And these are the sons of Shem; Elam, Ashur, Arpachshad, Lud and Aram, five sons. Arpachshad begat Shelach, and Shelach begat Eber and to Eber were born two children, the name of one was Peleg, for in his days the sons of men were divided, (*Through the different languages at the Tower of Babel the people divided*) and in the latter days (of Peleg: Peleg became 239 years old), the earth was divided.

(First the Lord scattered the people through the different languages at the Tower of Babel. And then later on in Peleg's life after population had spread out over the "Pangea supercontinent" then the Lord divided the close-nit landmass



into continents through the moving of the tectonic plates, and pulling the continents apart. While the collisions of the different tectonic plates forced the mountain ranges to rise to much greater heights: i.e. the Himalayas, the Andes, the Rockies, the Alps, the Dolomites, etc.)

And Peleg begat Yen, and Yen begat Serug, and Serug begat Nahor and Nahor begat Terah, and Terah was seventy years old when he begat Abram. (Jasher 7:19-22 & 51) As we see Abram was a direct descendent from Shem, followed by: Arpachshad - Eber - Peleg - Yen - Serug - Nahor - Terah and then Abram.

(4) *Neither beginning of days* - And Noah was five hundred and two years old when Naamah bare Shem, and the boys grew up and went in the ways of the Lord, in all that Methuselah and Noah their father taught them. (Jasher 5:18)

(5) *Nor end of life* - And it came to pass in those days, in the hundred and tenth year of the life of Isaac, that is in the fiftieth year of the life of Jacob, in that year died Shem the son of Noah; Shem was six hundred years old at his death. And when Shem died Jacob returned to his father to Hebron, which is in the land of Canaan. (Jasher 28:24,25)

After the victorious return of Abram and his men, the king of Sodom wanted to give Abram as much as he wanted, but he took nothing as he didn't want to hear the king of Sodom say, "I have made Abram rich." (Genesis 14:23)

All this happened approximately 25 years before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.

Although the Bible mainly explains the sexual aspect of Sodom and Gomorrah's men (Genesis 19:4,5), the book of Jasher tells us how cruel and corrupt the judges and inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah had become. They actually burned Lot's daughter Paltith in the street for giving bread to a hungry traveller, and many other revolting crimes. (Jasher 19:25-35) After reading this I don't feel bad anymore that the Lord had to completely wipe them out.

In Jasher we also find the beautiful heart-touching conversation, that takes place between Abraham and Isaac, as they were ascending mount Moriah. A soul-searching must-read.



Next Sarah dies and after the funeral, Abraham sends Isaac to be with Shem for a couple of years to learn more about the ways of the Lord.

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The Mysterious Melchizedek is no longer a Mystery



The book of Hebrews writes about Melchisedec: 'For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; Without father (1), without mother (2), without descent (3), having neither beginning of days (4), nor end of life (5)"; but made like unto the Son of God; abides a priest continually.

Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils. (Hebrews 7:1-4)

Here we see that according to the book of Hebrews this Melchisedec appeared out of nowhere. But it says consider how great this man was, as Abraham gave him a tenth of the spoils.

At present I try to index the apocryphal book of Jasher. It is one of the most reliable apocryphal books as it is referred to two times in the Bible: 'Is not this written in the book of Jasher?' (Joshua 10:13)