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Songs:	In Jesus Name – Darlene Zschech (6:14)				
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Secrets of the Holy Place, by Perry Stone (begin DVD #7 at 00:07:57)

Christ Our Melchizedek:

- When Lucifer was cast out of Heaven, he was like a high priest in God’s presence. He was the one that brought the worshipping angels to God, and he led the worship of Heaven, and the music and singing of Heaven. When satan fell, he took some worshippers with him.
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- When satan fell, he fell from Heaven (Luke 10:18). He was cast out of Heaven. Heaven knew no sin.

Ezekiel 28:15

¹⁵ Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

Ezekiel 28:17

¹⁷ Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty...

- In other words: you thought you were so great pride came into your heart. You lifted yourself up.
- The law of God of the Old Testament on sin: sin in committed in a certain area. If your house had leprosy, you had to go in and purge your entire house. This is a principle that starts all the way back in ages past.
- There is no sin in Heaven with God or the angels now. God never sinned. 1/3 did. Meaning every sacred piece of furniture that Lucifer had contact with, everywhere he stood and walked and worshipped in his rebellion, and God had to expel him. Sin originated not in the Garden of Eden. Sin originated in the heart of Lucifer in Heaven.
- There was some kind of a defiling that took place with Lucifer at the Holiness of God. The Holiness of God was disrupted by a corrupt angel.
- In the book of Hebrews God talks about the heavenly things – meaning the heavenly altar, the heavenly menorah, the heavenly Ark of the Covenant.

Hebrews 9:23-24

²³ Therefore *it was* necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. ²⁴ For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, *which are* copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.

- Paul says something profound that most preachers have never preached on. It was necessary that the Ark be purified, and the menorah be purified, and the golden altar be purified with blood, but not the blood of a goat and bull – **but through and by the blood of Jesus.**
- Sin originates not on earth with Adam; that was the second place it entered.
- It entered Heaven first through the rebellion of Lucifer, through pride, through his beauty, causing rebellion that 1/3 of the angels fell with him. (Revelation 12:4)
- What God began to say is there are several things He needs and wants to do, but He had to conceal it and hide it, and only reveal it progressively over time.

I Corinthians 2:7-8

⁷ But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden *wisdom* which God ⁶ordained before the ages for our glory, ⁸ which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

- Three things were hidden:
 1. The timing of when ultimate redemption was going to take place.
 - I Peter 1:10-11 says the prophets searched diligently for the time of His coming, trying to discover when it was going to be, but they never found the exact time.
 2. God hid the actual plan of how redemption was going to be accomplished.
 - We now know, looking back in retrospect, that as Abraham put Isaac on the altar, he put wood on his shoulder, and laid him down and Isaac got up – Jesus was crucified on Mt Moriah, the same place Abraham took Isaac, he carried the wood on top of the mountain, and Jesus was laid on that wood but got up three days later through the resurrection.
 - We know that the serpent on the pole represents Christ hanging on the cross. (Numbers 21)
 - We know the burning of the red heifer – where they took a red cow and they threw cedar wood, hyssop, and scarlet in the midst of the burning of the red heifer. The priest took the blood of the heifer, put it in his hand, and sprinkled it 7 times to the door of the Tabernacle (Numbers 19). We know that Jesus Christ shed blood on 7 places on His body, giving us access to the presence of God. We know that they put cedar wood, hyssop, and scarlet – it’s in the story prior to His crucifixion.
 - These are types and shadows, but these types and shadows were veiled to common Jewish people who did not understand it was a reference to the Messiah until after Jesus fulfilled that type or shadow and became the antitype by fulfilling it.
 - The mystery was concealed. The plan was concealed from the foundation of the world.
 3. God masterfully kept hidden from satan, and satan didn’t realize it until his doom was already sealed, was the secret of the power in the blood.
 - Satan knew that he had tainted Adam’s bloodline because of sin. Sin is hereditary. It’s passed on from generation to generation. You don’t have to teach a child how to be rebellious; give them an opportunity and they’ll rebel. You don’t have to teach a child how to lose its temper; give them an opportunity and they’ll lose their temper. When they see people cussing they’ll learn how to cuss. When they see other people sinning, they’ll just follow suit and follow pattern. **It’s called sin nature.** Sin nature is in all human beings. It seems to manifest more in some people’s personality than it does in other people’s personality.
 - Satan missed God concealing the power of the blood.

Genesis 3:15

¹⁵ And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

- When this prophecy came forth, all satan hears is “*the seed of a woman.*” God faked him out right there – because the woman doesn’t carry a seed. The seed comes from the loins of a man. *Seed of Abraham, seed of Isaac, seed of Jacob* – it’s the sperm of the man that is identified as that which produces the baby. A woman carries an egg. So God fakes the devil out.
- Seed of a woman: satan comes to the conclusion that a man is going to be born through a woman, so Cain kills his brother Abel and gets rid of him, so now Cain has sinned. So satan thought he had gotten rid of the man (Genesis 4). Then God gives Adam another son to replace that one which was taken, and from the lineage Adam’s seed continued: (Genesis 5)
 - Adam >> Seth >> Enos >> Cainan >> Mahalaleel >> Jared >> Enoch >> Methuselah >> Lamech >> Noah – Ten righteous seeds that come for ten generations!
- Satan’s trying to figure out who this Messiah is and he can’t figure it out. If he had only caught the use of one word in one verse in the Bible:

Isaiah 7:14 (CJB)

¹⁴ Therefore *Adonai* himself will give you people a sign: **the young woman** will become pregnant, bear a son and name him ‘Immanu El [God is with us].

- In Hebrew, however, the same word which translates as **young woman** can be used to apply to a **virgin**, because a young woman is considered to be a virgin until she consummates her marriage. Therefore the translation in the English Bible is proper:

Isaiah 7:14 (KJV)

¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, **a virgin shall conceive**, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

- Satan can't figure this out, because what God is going to do is bring a bloodline that doesn't have the seed of a man, and the seed of the woman would be the seed of the Word of God that is implanted in Mary.
- So all the time while the devil is looking for a man, created flesh and blood, to go into a woman and create a child, what he doesn't realize is God doesn't need a man to do this. He needs a woman. Mary became impregnated by the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 1:20)
- This was not a sexual thing.
 - Muhamad was so anti Jesus being the son of God because there was a group of people in Arabia who taught that it was the father, the son, and Mary. They taught that Mary was the feminine side of the Holy Spirit. They taught that God had sex with Mary in order to produce Jesus. So Muhamad came along saying it was impossible, God can't be God and Alah has no sons, and that's why Muhamad was so anti against Jesus being the son of God. In the teaching of some heretics in Arabia, they said God had physical sex with Mary to produce a child, and Muhamad didn't understand it was a heretical teaching so he went to the extreme.
- God never had sex with Mary. Mary was a virgin.

Luke 8:11

¹¹Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

John 1:1

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

- Jesus is the Word made flesh

John 1:14

¹⁴And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us...

- Jesus took the seed of His Word and implanted the seed of His Word in the womb of the woman, and thus is became **seed of the woman**.
- Then Jesus began to grow in Mary's womb.

Hebrews 10:5

⁵Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, **but a body hast thou prepared me:**

- There was only one other person that was ever born so supernaturally, but was never born – Adam.
 - Adam had no mom and dad.
 - Adam was created full grown.
 - He was alone, and God said He would make him a helpmate. He put Adam to sleep, took a rib out, and made a female. (Genesis 2:18-25)
 - Adam was created full grown – meaning he didn't have to go through the 9 month birth process to get blood created in his body to make that blood go into the heart, brain, lungs. God breathed in him the breath of life and he had everything – body, soul, and spirit – the moment God breathed. (Genesis 2:7)
 - How was Jesus conceived of the Holy Spirit?

Luke 1:35

³⁵And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall **overshadow thee**: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

- What that means is that God breathed life into the womb. He spoke the Word into the womb. It's called the **incarnation**. It's a mystery of how it all came together.

- Two people, and two people alone, had the original blood of God in them. Adam wasn't just a dust bunny – he had blood in his body. The life of the flesh is in the blood (Leviticus 17:11). When God breathed into Adam He breathed a life force of not only air, but He breathed the substance that kept him alive called blood.
- The only other person who could say that they had the life of God in them, and a blood that was never touched by sin, was when the virgin Mary gave birth to Jesus Christ. She never knew the seed of a man – she'd never touched a man because Joseph had no relationship with her.
- Mary:
 - A lot of Catholics love Mary and point to Mary, and Protestants say they think of her too much. Think about a female woman 14 years of age that God chooses out of millions of women on earth and thousands in Israel, and says, "You are going to carry God in your belly."
 - We need to understand that the Bible even says that Elizabeth tells her generations will call her blessed. (Luke 1:41-49)
 - This was a woman highly favoured of God who needs respect from people who often don't show her the respect – not worship, but respect. There are Protestant preachers who have disrespected Mary because some people carried the admiration of her too far. Don't do that.
 - This is a very blessed woman because of what God chose her to do above all the women of the earth.
 - She understood – probably not the fullness at the beginning because the Bible says she hid some things in her heart. (Luke 2:19)
- **6 Things Hidden in the Plan of Redemption:**
 1. His name was hidden from the foundation of the world – He was called Immanuel [God with us], he was called the Meshiach [the anointed one], but His name was hidden.
 2. The timing of His birth
 3. His type of ministry
 4. His type or manner of His suffering
 5. His ultimate conquest of satan
 6. The power in His blood

There is a 7 stage process Jesus went through to do three things:

1. To redeem you
2. To take on the new priesthood of Melchizedek
3. To take His blood into Heaven to purify the articles of Heaven so you and I could have access to Heaven.

- **Scene 1: The Last Supper (Luke 22:12-20)**

- It is believed by some that the last supper happened in the house of John-Mark, who was a young man from a very wealthy family. Christian tradition says it took place in his house.
- This is where Jesus was sitting down with His disciples and where He broke the bread and said to them:

Matthew 26:26-28

²⁶And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." ²⁷Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

- It was at that moment that Jesus finally unleashed and revealed the plan of God to His disciples in that lone room. That plan was this: "I'm about to introduce a brand new covenant."

Jeremiah 31:33

³³But this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and ***write it on their hearts***; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

- Jesus knew that He was going to be the fulfillment of that.

- Scene 1 is the introduction to His closest followers that He is about to introduce a brand new covenant on the earth.
- At the end of Passover you sing what is called the **Hallel Songs**. They are psalms in the latter part of the book of Psalms that begin with “Praise ye the Lord...”

Matthew 26:30

³⁰ And when they had **sung a hymn**, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

- This is in reference to those Hallel psalms.
- Jesus knows He’s about to be betrayed, beaten, crucified, and one of the Psalms Jesus would have sang with His disciples is:

Psalms 118:24

²⁴ This *is* the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.

- Knowing what was about to happen, He is rejoicing with His father – knowing that He’s about to fulfill the greatest sacrifice of all mankind to replace every animal offering of the Temple, and now become one offering.

- **Scene 2: The Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 25:36)**

- Something is happening in the garden that people have missed.

Luke 22:44

⁴⁴ And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became **like great drops of blood** falling down to the ground.

- From medical research you can find that three times in history people had blood opening up in their capillaries that only happens under the worst stress imaginable.
- Why is Jesus’ sweat becoming great drops of blood?
 - It’s not because He’s praying hard, which He is – He prays three hours in the garden.
 - Something is happening that most have never preached about.

Hebrews 5:7-8

⁷ Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

⁸ Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

- This verse indicates that Christ almost died in the agony of the garden. The weight of what was happening to Him was so great that Paul said that in the days of His flesh He cried to keep from dying.

Matthew 26:39

³⁹ And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

- Paul wasn’t talking about this statement – he was saying something happened that was so great that Jesus just about prematurely died in the garden, He wasn’t able to take this and is crying out to God, and God prevented Him from death in the garden prematurely because He couldn’t die in the garden, He had to die on the cross.
- What would be so horrible – is it knowing you’re going to die?
 - There have been many martyrs that knew they were going to die and accepted it. Jesus accepted this as well.
- Why the agony?

John 14:30

³⁰ Hereafter I will not talk much with you: **for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.**

- Most scholars believe that satan came into the garden there, not understanding what was happening, and was literally trying to torture and torment Jesus while all of this was going on. Something’s going on in the spirit.

- According to the Apostle Paul, here is what is going on:

II Corinthians 5:21

²¹ For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Isaiah 53:4

⁴ Surely he hath **borne [put on Himself] our griefs, and carried our sorrows**: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

- We think of grief as being crying because of a loved one that has died.

Matthew 8:17

¹⁷ That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, **Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.**

- Here is what's happening to Jesus in the garden:

Isaiah 53:5

⁵ ...the chastisement of our peace **was upon him**...

Isaiah 53:10

¹⁰ ... he [God] hath **put him to grief**: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin...

II Corinthians 5:21

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Matthew 8:17

¹⁷ ... Himself **took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.**

- Here is the spotless, sinless son of God, who has known no sin from the beginning of time – with the Father and 33 years on earth, never disobeyed God one time, never did anything questionable. And all of a sudden a sinless man is being made a sin offering.
- How did they make the sacrifices? A sin offering: the priest laid his hands on the animals and transferred the sins of the people onto the animal. (Leviticus 4:29)
- God Himself is taking the sins of the world, of everybody that would ever live, and He's transferring them to Jesus.
 - He has to go all the way back to the Old Testament and He has to release all those people.
- Based on these scriptures, Jesus has to go into that garden and He has to have all the sin of mankind placed on Him.
 - Can you imagine a man who has never sinned feeling sins guilt when it comes on you? He's never felt this. He's agonizing. He doesn't want to feel this. He doesn't want to have this weight.
 - Not only that but Matthew indicates that God put sickness in the body of Jesus (Matthew 8:17). Jesus began to feel sickness in his stomach, his breathing in His lungs, He began to carry every disease that mankind knew. The pain that you feel when you have pancreatic cancer – a pain would shoot through His pancreas. The pain you feel with liver cancer, etc. His organs and body began to carry and bear pains, grief, sorrow, and sickness. This is the reason why Jesus is praying and His sweat is becoming great drops of blood (Luke 22:44).
 - This man Jesus, a human man, is now having everything placed on Him and His body, soul, and spirit is feeling the pressure of what it feels like to be separated from God. He's never been separated from His Father.

Matthew 27:46

⁴⁶ ... My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

- Why? Because God can't look on sin and justify sin.
- It was the one time that God had to step back and refuse to intercede for His own Son.

- Jesus could have sent the angels, but He refused to do it. Thank God He didn't!
- **Scene 3: The Arrest (Matthew 26:47-57)**
 - When those soldiers are coming in, Jesus has interceded for 3 hours, He's ready now. He's got the weight of sin and sickness.
 - Why does He carry it?
 - He carries it on Him to release it from you. That's what **atonement** is: **to stand in the place of another; to atone for another.**

John 18:4-5

⁴ Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye?

⁵ They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, **I am he**. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them.

- **"I am he"**: The he is not in the Greek text. That's not what He literally said. What He said was: **"I am"**
- The Bible says a band of men fell out backwards. A band is 600. 600 men with torches... and this also includes Judas Iscariot, who was in the bunch.
- Who said, "I am"?

Exodus 3:14

¹⁴ And God said unto Moses, ***I AM THAT I AM***: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, ***I AM*** hath sent me unto you.

- God said to Moses, the builder of the Tabernacle, "I am that I am"
- In Hebrew it means: "I was what I was, I am what I am, and I will be what I will be."
- Past, present, and future – Alpha and Omega – Beginning and the end – Everything in between
- The power of His word was still on Him despite the fact that He's carrying the whole world on Him. When He spoke and said, "I am," *pow* – the power of God blasted them.

"I AM":

Exodus 3:11-14 (CJB)

¹¹ Moshe [Moses] said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and lead the people of Isra'el out of Egypt?"

¹² He replied, "I will surely be with you. Your sign that I have sent you will be that when you have led the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."

- Moses here is talking to God **ELOHIM** (revealed in vs. 6). This is a title referring to God as the supreme being, the creator.
- God's answer is I WILL BE with you – the Hebrew word for this is **Ehyeh**. He then tells them that after they are freed from Egypt they will come and worship on this mountain (Horeb / Sinai)

¹³ Moshe [Moses] said to God, "Look, when I appear before the people of Isra'el and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you'; and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what am I to tell them?"

- Moses says, "If they ask me what your name is, what do I say?" This is in reference to the fact that **ELOHIM** is a title, not a specific name.

¹⁴ God said to Moshe [Moses], "**Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh [I am/will be what I am/will be]**," and added, "Here is what to say to the people of Isra'el: '**Ehyeh** [I Am or I Will Be] has sent me to you.'"

- We translate this name as **I AM THAT I AM**. God's name here is **I AM** or **I EXIST**. That is his actual name.

John 18:4-6

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- When they come to arrest Jesus, they ask his name, and he answers **I AM**. There is so much power in that name that they all fall backwards when he speaks it aloud.

Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh can be translated many different ways. Here are just a few of them:

- I am that I am
- I am who I am (or I am because I am)
- I will be what I will be
- I create what[ever] I create

Ehyeh is the first person singular. **Asher** can mean that, who, which, or where

(<< read right to left)

ה	י	ה	א
HEY	YOD	HEY	ALEF
To Reveal		To Reveal	

HEY YOD HEY ALEF (<< read right to left)	א ה י ה	I AM	Present
Take the ALEF off: (<<) HEY YOD HEY	ה י ה	HE WAS	Past
Replace the ALEF with YOD: (<<) HEY YOD HEY YOD	ה י ה י	HE WILL BE	Future
Take off ALEF and put VAV instead of YOD: (<<) HEY VAV HEY	ה ו ה	HE IS	
The name of God: (<<) YOD HEY VAV HEY means: (the hand) (revealed) (the nail) (revealed)	י ה ו ה	HE WHO IS / HE WHO EXISTS	third person singular

The **Tetragrammaton**, referred to in rabbinic literature as **HaShem** (The Name) or **Shem Hameforash** (The Special Name), is the word used to refer to the four-letter word, *yod-hey-vav-hey* (יהוה), that is the name for God used in the Hebrew Bible.

The name, which some people pronounce as **Yahweh** and others (mostly Christians) as **Jehovah**, appears 5,410 times in the Bible (1,419 of those in the Torah).

It is unclear what the original pronunciation of the word was, due to the longstanding Jewish prohibition on speaking God's name aloud. Instead, a variety of pseudonyms are used, such as *Adonai* (Lord), *Elohim* (God) and *HaShem* (The Name).

The four letters of the Tetragrammaton form the root meaning "to be," and some have understood the original meaning to be "He-Who-Is," or "He who brings being into being." This is the God of creation found in Genesis.

Mark 14:51-52

⁵¹ And there followed him a certain young man, having a linen cloth cast about his naked body; and the young men laid hold on him: ⁵² And he left the linen cloth, and fled from them naked.

- There's a guy running through the garden with a sheet wrapped around him. Tradition says that's John-Mark, because he writes about it. The Garden of Gethsemane was not far from the cemetery. When you go read in the Greek of that wrapping, it's in Greek the same thing you bury a dead person in. So it could be that just as Jesus stood at the tomb of Lazarus and said, "Lazarus, come forth," (John 11:43-44), if He hadn't of put the name there anyone in His voice could have come out of the grave. When Jesus said, "I am," the power brought down 600 men, but raised a dead man that was near Him, who came out of the grave screaming and running through the garden (John 18:6; Mark 14:51-52).
- It says that when Jesus rose from the dead many of the saints which had died were raised and seen walking the streets (Matthew 27:50-53).
- That'd be a hoot – somebody banging on your door late that night, and it's your dad with a sheet wrapped around him who died a few days before.
- So Jesus then goes to the trial.

John 11:47-49

⁴⁷ Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles. ⁴⁸ If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation. ⁴⁹ And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all,

- This is the high priest of Israel talking – the guy that's got the high priests' garments on, he says:

John 11:49-53

⁴⁹ And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all, ⁵⁰ Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. ⁵¹ And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; ⁵² And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad. ⁵³ Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death.

- The high priest knew the Bible, and said to those men, "Are y'all stupid? Do you not know our prophecies? One man must die for Israel's sins (Isaiah 53). Not only that, but this same man will gather together all the nations under Him."
- So they said, "What do we do?" and he answered, "We need to put Him to death."
- From that moment on, they sought to put Jesus to death for two reasons:
 - some wanted Him dead because He was a threat
 - Caiaphas knew He had to die to save the nation
- Caiaphas knew John the Revelator. The Apostle was a friend because John was a part of the priestly family.

John 18:14-15

¹⁴ Now Caiaphas was he, which gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people. ¹⁵ And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple ***[John]: that disciple was known unto the high priest, and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest.***

- Why does John the Apostle, who leaned on Jesus and wrote the book of Revelation, is friends with the high priest? Why does he get access to the trial to watch Jesus while Caiaphas is talking? (John 13:25; John 21:20)

In Ecclesiastical history, chapter 3 section 31 – Polycrates: 2nd Century Bishop of Ephesus

"For great luminaries sleep in Asia, and they will rise again at the last day... and there is also John, who leaned on the Lord's breast, who was a priest wearing the mitre, and martyr, and teacher, and he sleeps at Ephesus."

- The word **mitre** here in Greek is the word petalon, which is the high priests diadem [his crown].
- John the revelator, before becoming a disciple of Jesus, was a member of the priestly family and was related to these men. According to history he would have worn the diadem of the priest, meaning John would have been in line to be a priest.

- Whoever wrote the book of Revelation was totally familiar with Jewish offerings, and Jewish sacrifices, and the Jewish relationships of the Temple. It is all written from a Temple perspective of a priest.

Matthew 26: 59-60

⁵⁹ Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death; ⁶⁰ But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses,

- False witnesses came before the priests.

Isaiah 53:7

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

- Jesus had to be silent. He was fulfilling prophecy while standing in front of Caiaphas and not speaking. They accuse Him and He doesn't speak.

Matthew 26:63

⁶³ But Jesus held his peace, And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God.

- The moment that the high priest said, "I adjure you by God," the law of Moses says if you are adjured in God's name to speak and you don't speak, you've sinned (Leviticus 5:1).
- At this moment after the high priest commands Him to speak, to tell the truth, Jesus cannot keep His mouth closed. Jesus at that point has to say what is the truth.
- So the question is asked: "Are you the son of God?" He now has to tell the truth, but He doesn't say, "I am the son of God." He replies, "You have said."
 - He doesn't answer what He thinks, he says *Caiaphas said He is*.
 - When did Caiaphas say this?

John 11:50

⁵⁰ Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not.

- Caiaphas is really just trying to figure out if this is really the man he is looking for.
- When Jesus said, "You said," it says Caiaphas reached up and ripped the top part of his garment in half and then sentenced Jesus to death (Matthew 26:65-66).
- What you might not know is the law of Moses said this high priests' garment had a double hem on the top so that it would not be torn (Leviticus 21:10). If you tear the collar of the priests garment by hand, you void your priesthood.
- Everybody there who was a priest, and anyone associated with the priesthood, were shocked.
- This meant that Passover is coming the next day and because he just put a rip in his garment he cannot be the priest at Passover.
- Now of course there are backup garments for him to wear, but symbolically Caiaphas was saying, *"My priesthood is done, because You're the man. And if You're the man, I'm not the man."*
- To the rest of the Jew Caiaphas is angry, he's grieved about this Jesus. He vehemently says, *"He must die; He's blaspheming God by saying that!"* Caiaphas plays the game, because he's got the authority to order the crucifixion and he's already said one man must die for the sins of the people.
- That's the scene of Caiaphas who has voided [his priesthood] by the ripping of the top part of his garment and disqualified himself. He has to do it, because a new priesthood is in the making. In a few days a brand new priesthood will enter the universe. A new Melchizedek priesthood – not sons of Aaron, not appointed by Rome, not even sons of Zadok – but one man who's not even a Levite from the tribe of Levi, but is a Lion from the tribe of Judah, is about to become the brand new priest.