



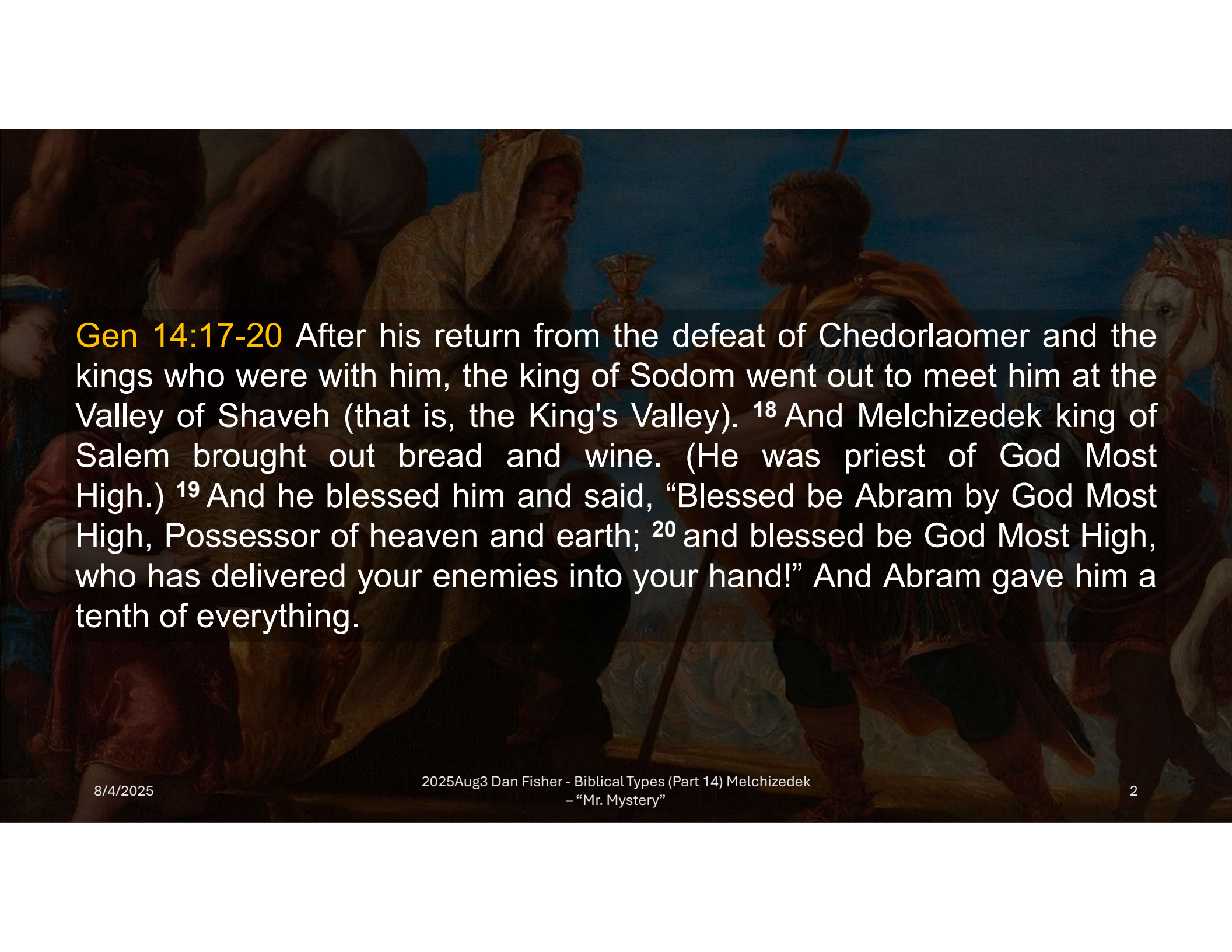
# Biblical Types

## Part 14: Melchizedek – “Mr. Mystery”

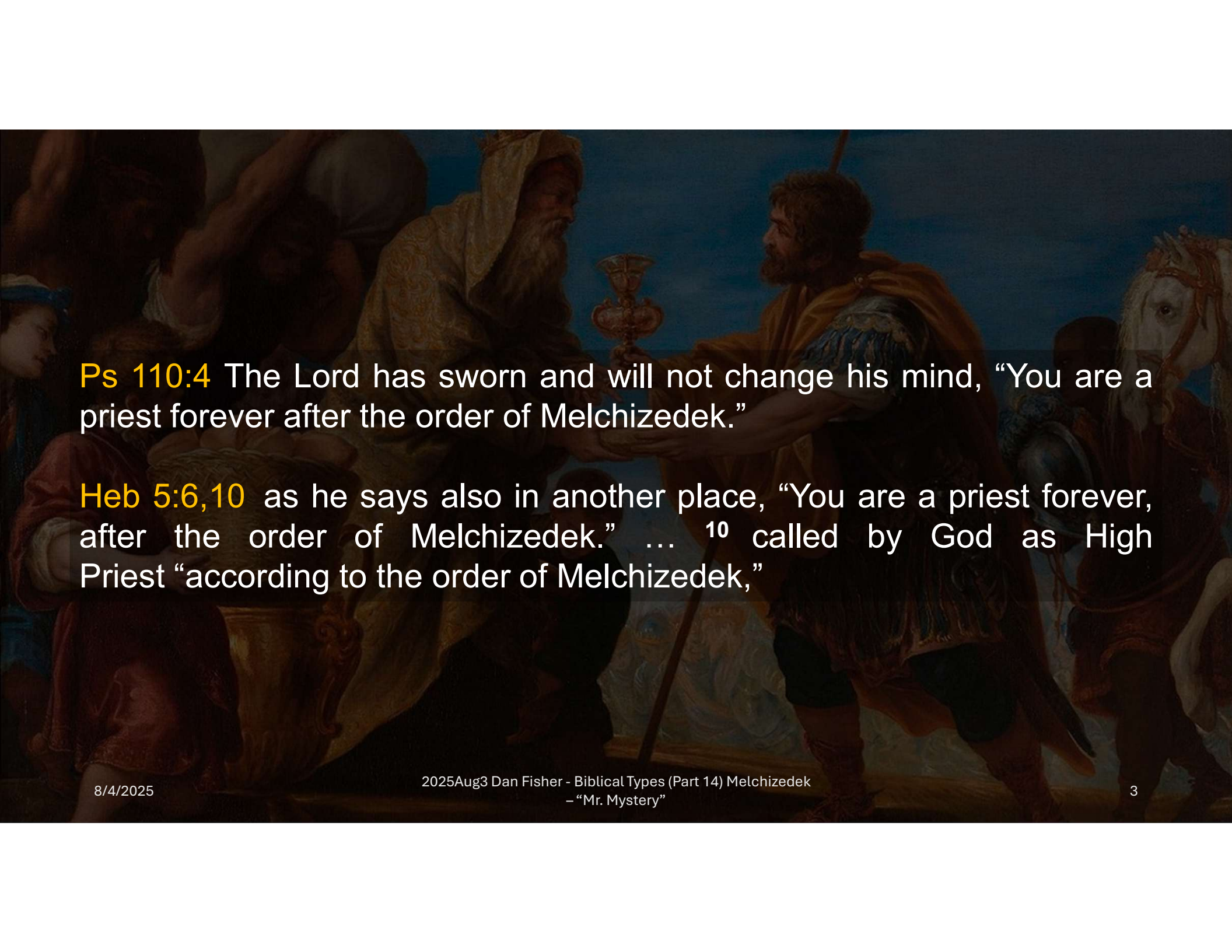
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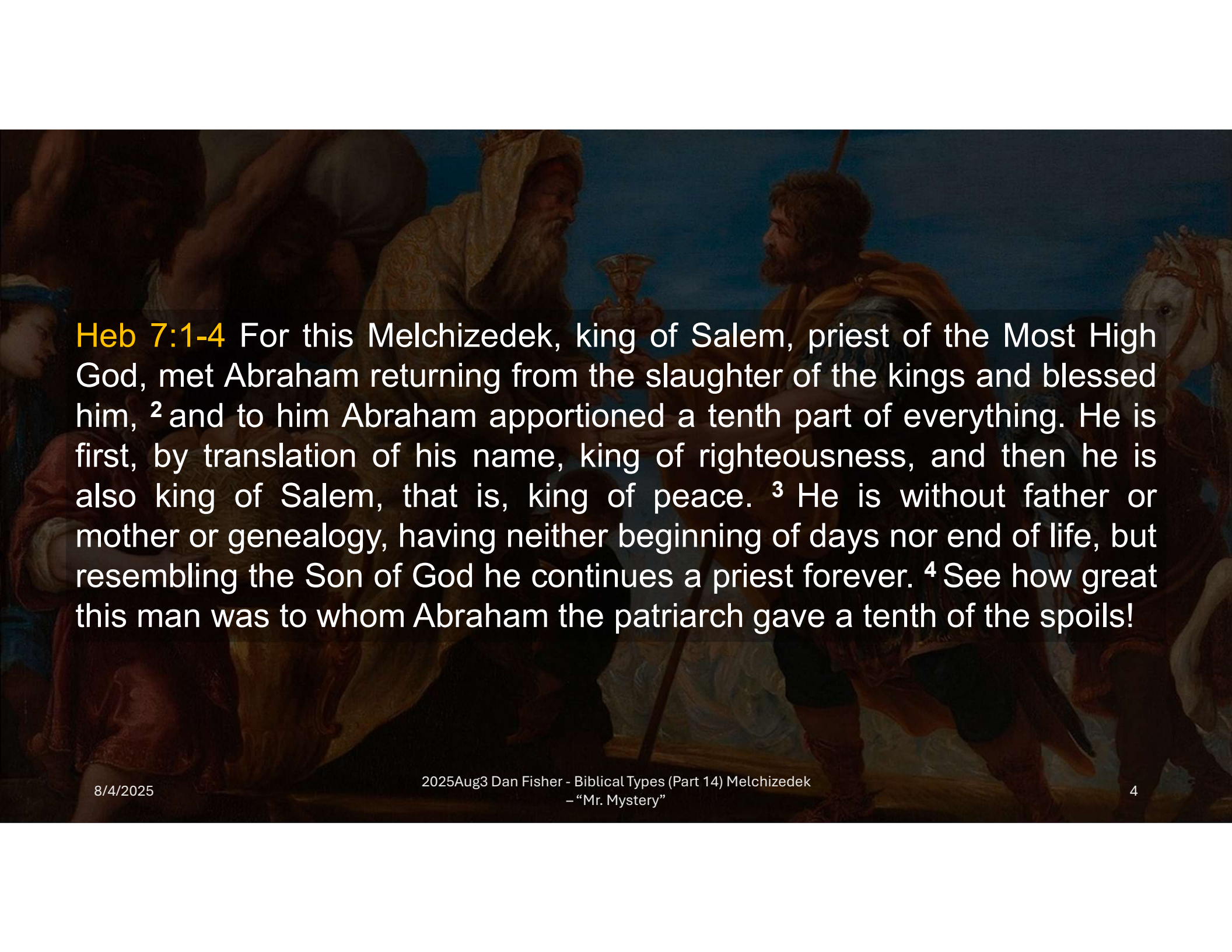
**Gen 14:17-20** After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). <sup>18</sup> And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) <sup>19</sup> And he blessed him and said, “Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; <sup>20</sup> and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!” And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.



**Ps 110:4** The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, “You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”

**Heb 5:6,10** as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.” ... <sup>10</sup> called by God as High Priest “according to the order of Melchizedek,”





**Heb 7:1-4** For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, <sup>2</sup> and to him Abraham apportioned a tenth part of everything. He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace. <sup>3</sup> He is without father or mother or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever. <sup>4</sup> See how great this man was to whom Abraham the patriarch gave a tenth of the spoils!



# 1. The Holy Spirit kept Melchizedek a “mysterious” person on purpose





## 2. Mysterious not to confuse but to clarify



## Understanding who Melchizedek was ...

Awakens an awe within us of God's sovereignty and foresight in orchestrating history to reveal His work of redemption in Jesus





### 3. Melchizedek was not ...

- Melchizedek was not an angel
- He was not the pre-incarnate Christ

Heb 7:3 but **resembling** the Son of God he continues a priest forever.

<sup>4</sup> See how great this **man** was (**Jesus does not resemble him, he resembles Jesus**)

- He was a “real” man who was chosen and ordained by God to be a priest of the “Most High” God (El Elyon)





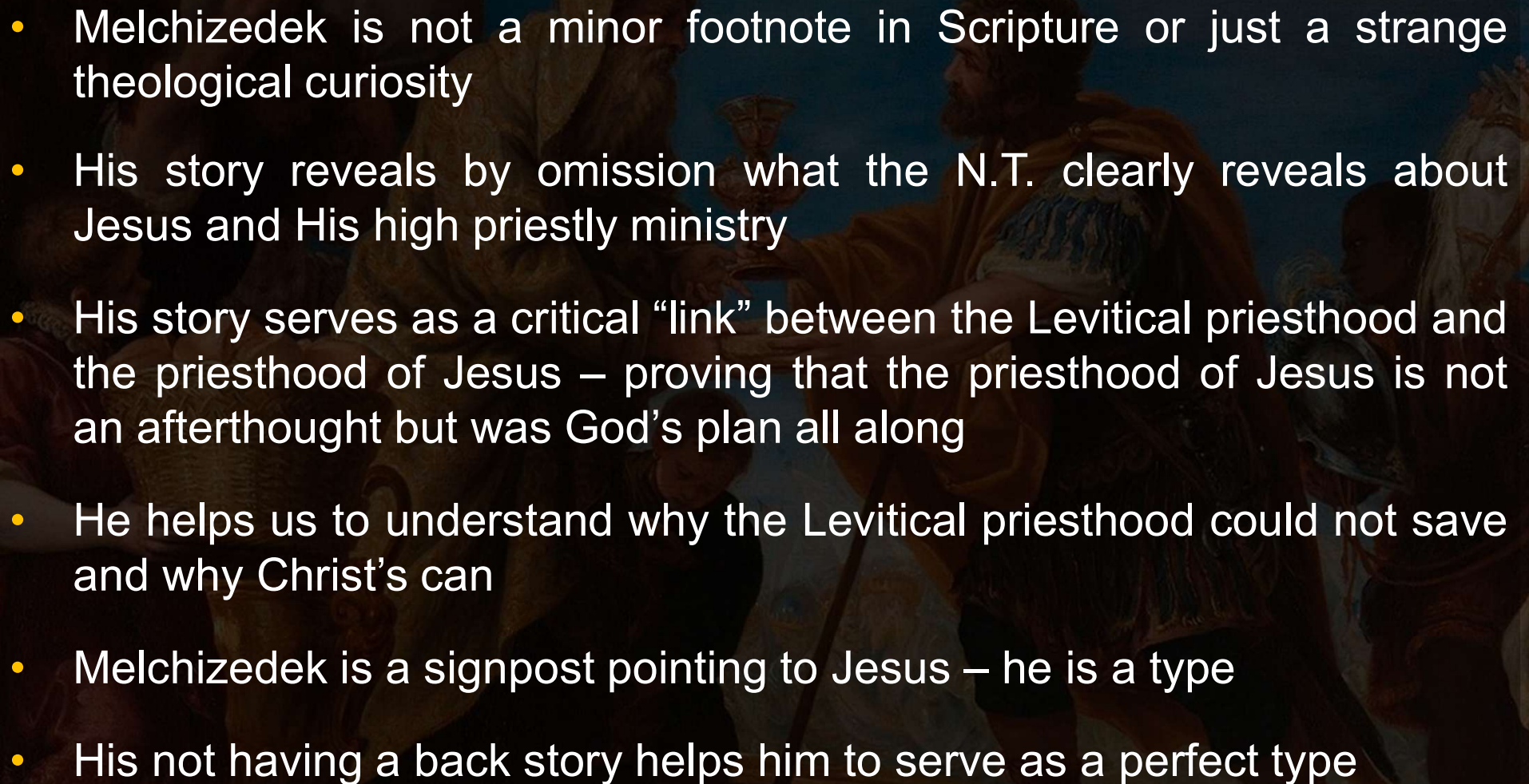
## 4. Then who was he?

- He was a “real” man who was chosen and ordained by God to be a priest of the “Most High” God (El Elyon)
- He was likely functioning as a priest of God long before Abraham was called by God to be a special vessel for blessing
- His priesthood preceded the formation of Israel, establishment of the Mosaic Law, the old covenant, the priesthood of Aaron, and the construction of the Tabernacle/Temple
- Before Abraham and before the nation of Israel, God had witnesses, servants, and at least one priest among the nations



## 5. Why all the mystery?



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- Melchizedek is not a minor footnote in Scripture or just a strange theological curiosity
  - His story reveals by omission what the N.T. clearly reveals about Jesus and His high priestly ministry
  - His story serves as a critical “link” between the Levitical priesthood and the priesthood of Jesus – proving that the priesthood of Jesus is not an afterthought but was God’s plan all along
  - He helps us to understand why the Levitical priesthood could not save and why Christ’s can
  - Melchizedek is a signpost pointing to Jesus – he is a type
  - His not having a back story helps him to serve as a perfect type



Genesis is a book that places emphasis on genealogies – from Adam to Noah, from Shem to Abraham, genealogies are carefully laid out. That is, until Melchizedek shows up with no genealogy.

**Heb 7:3** He is without father or mother or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever.

This is no accident – it is on purpose.





Without genealogy, without national or tribal associations, Melchizedek's ministry was global, transcendent, and divinely appointed and sanctioned.

It reached to all people ... just as Jesus can be the mediator to anyone who comes to Him

**Gal 3:28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.



## 6. What Melchizedek means

**Heb 7:1-2** king of Salem, ... <sup>2</sup> He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace.

- **Salem** = peace
- **Melek** = king
- **Sadeq** = righteousness





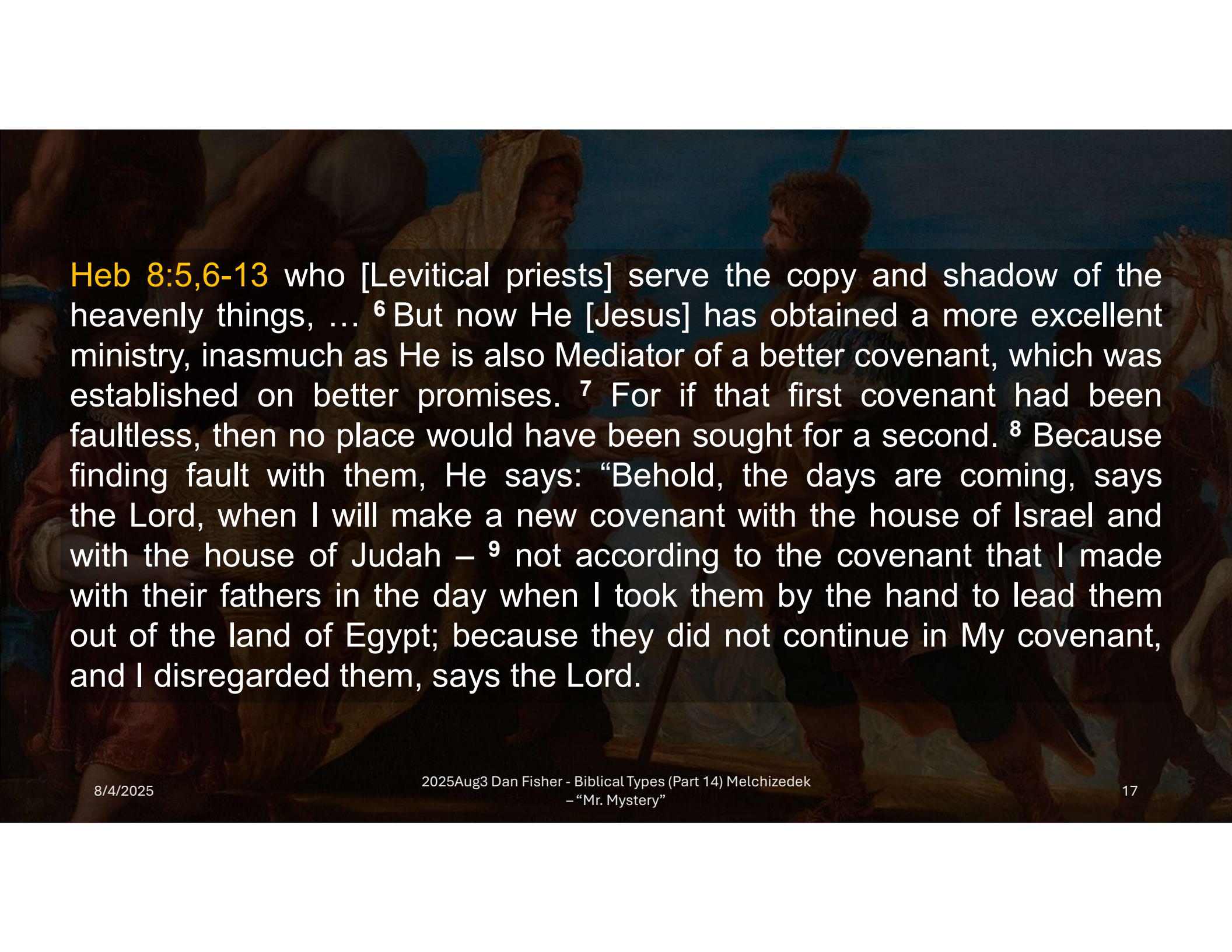
## 7. Melchizedek's priesthood/ministry was based on righteousness and peace

His "ordination" do not come through the Levitical priesthood established by Moses and the law

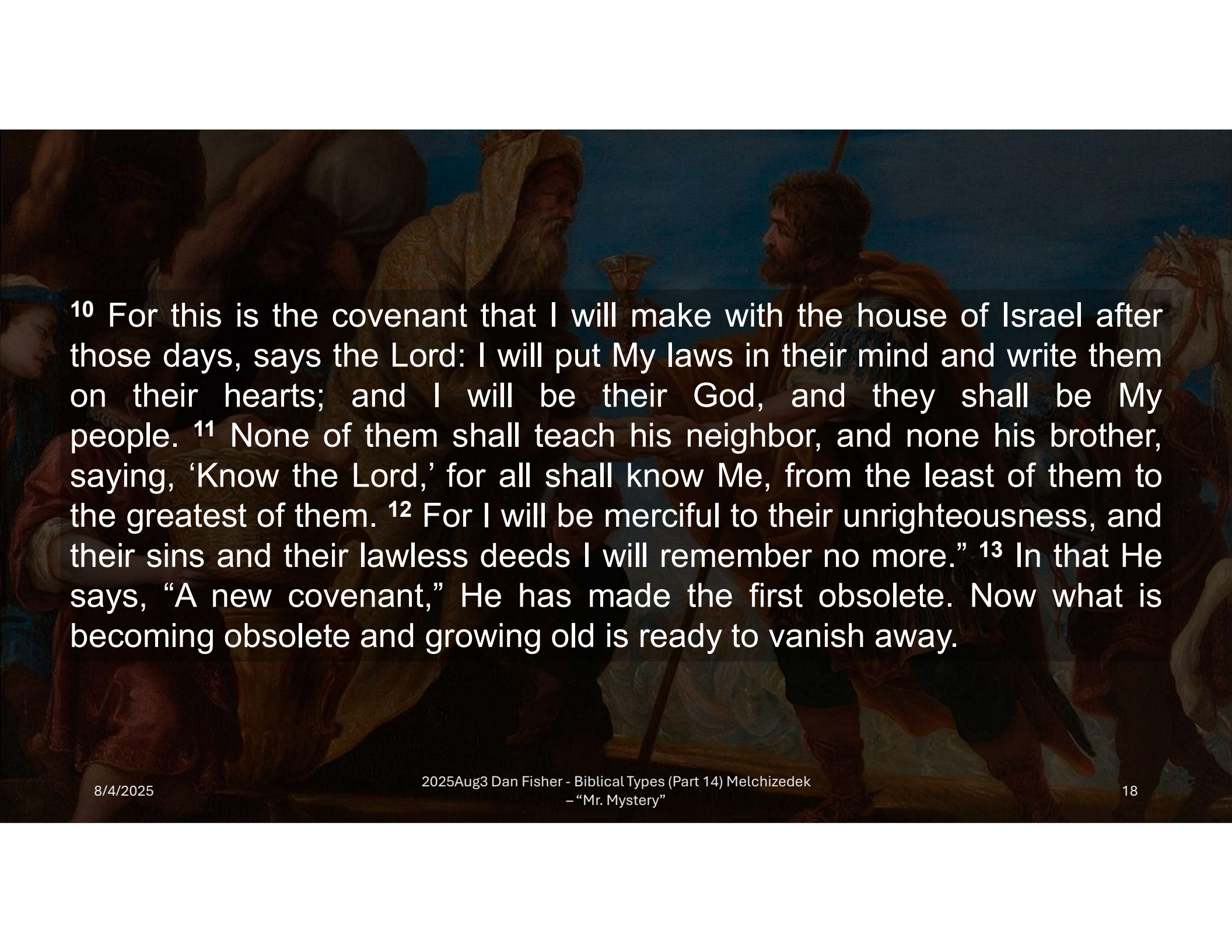


## 8. The Levitical priesthood (through Aaron) was faulty





**Heb 8:5,6-13** who [Levitical priests] serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, ... <sup>6</sup> But now He [Jesus] has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises. <sup>7</sup> For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. <sup>8</sup> Because finding fault with them, He says: “Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah — <sup>9</sup> not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the Lord.



<sup>10</sup> For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. <sup>11</sup> None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. <sup>12</sup> For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more." <sup>13</sup> In that He says, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.