

per name, and therefore, as the *head* and *father* of his race, Abraham paid tithes to him. This seems to be *well* founded, and the idea is *confirmed* by these remarkable words, Psalms, 110, Jehovah hath sworn and will not repent, or change, *at tah cohenleolam al dibarte Malkisedek*. As if he had said, Thou my only begotten Son, first born of many brethren, not according to the *substituted* priesthood of the sons of Levi, who, after the sin of the golden calf, stood up in lieu of all the first born of Israel, invested with their forfeited rights of primogeniture of king and priest: the Lord hath sworn and will not repent, (change.) *Thou* art a priest for ever, after the (my order of Melchisedec, my own original primitive) order of primogeniture: even as *Shem*, the *man of name*, the *Shem* that stands the first and foremost of the sons of Noah. The *righteous Prince, and Priest of the Most High God* meets his descendant, ABRAHAM, after the slaughter of the kings, with refreshments; and blessed him, as the head and father of his race; the Jews in particular, and, as such, he received from Abraham, the tithe of all the spoil.

How beautifully does Paul of Tarsus, writing to the Hebrews, point, through Melchisedec, or (SHEM, the head and father of their race,) invested in all the original rights of primogeniture, Priest of the most High God, blessing Abraham as such, before Levi had existence, and as such receiving tithes from Abraham, and in him *from Levi*, yet in the loins of his forefathers: Moses, on this great and solemn occasion, records simply this:—Melchisedec, king of SALEM, Priest of the Most High God, *sine genealogia*; his pedigree not mentioned, but standing as *Adam* in St. Luke's genealogy without father, and without mother, *Adam of God*. Luke iii. 38. How beautifully, I say, doth St. Paul point, through Melchisedec, to Jehoshua, our Great High Priest and King, Jesus Christ, whose eternal generation who shall declare! *Ha Mashiach*, the Lord's Anointed High Priest, and King, after the order of Melchisedec; only begotten, first born son."

Thus far for the preface on the subject of *Melchisedec*, showing that he was none other than *Shem*, the son of Noah. We shall now give the same author's views of the same *supposed* mysterious character, Melchisedec, as found in his notes on the 7th of Hebrews, commencing at the third verse.

WITHOUT FATHER, WITHOUT MOTHER, without descent, having neither beginning of days nor end of life. "The object of the