



**\*\*Melchizedek\*\***  
**Who Is He?**

**Genesis 14:18-20**

**Hebrews 6:20—7:28**

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What is a Theophany or a Christophany:  
Do They Exist?

- Theophany = ***Theos*** plus ***phaino***
- Christophany = ***Christos*** plus ***phaino***

“Appearance of God”

“Appearance of Christ”



## Encounter with Jacob - Genesis 32:22-29



<sup>22</sup> That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.

<sup>23</sup> After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions.

<sup>24</sup> So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak.

<sup>25</sup> When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man.

<sup>26</sup> Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

<sup>27</sup> The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered.

<sup>28</sup> Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome."

<sup>29</sup> Jacob said, "Please tell me your name." But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there.

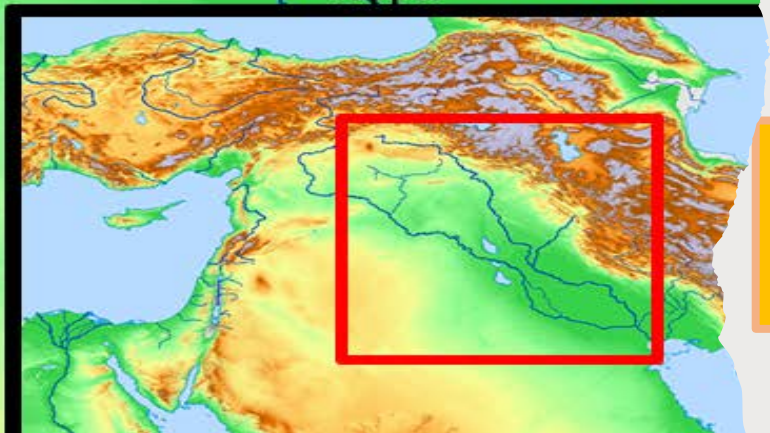
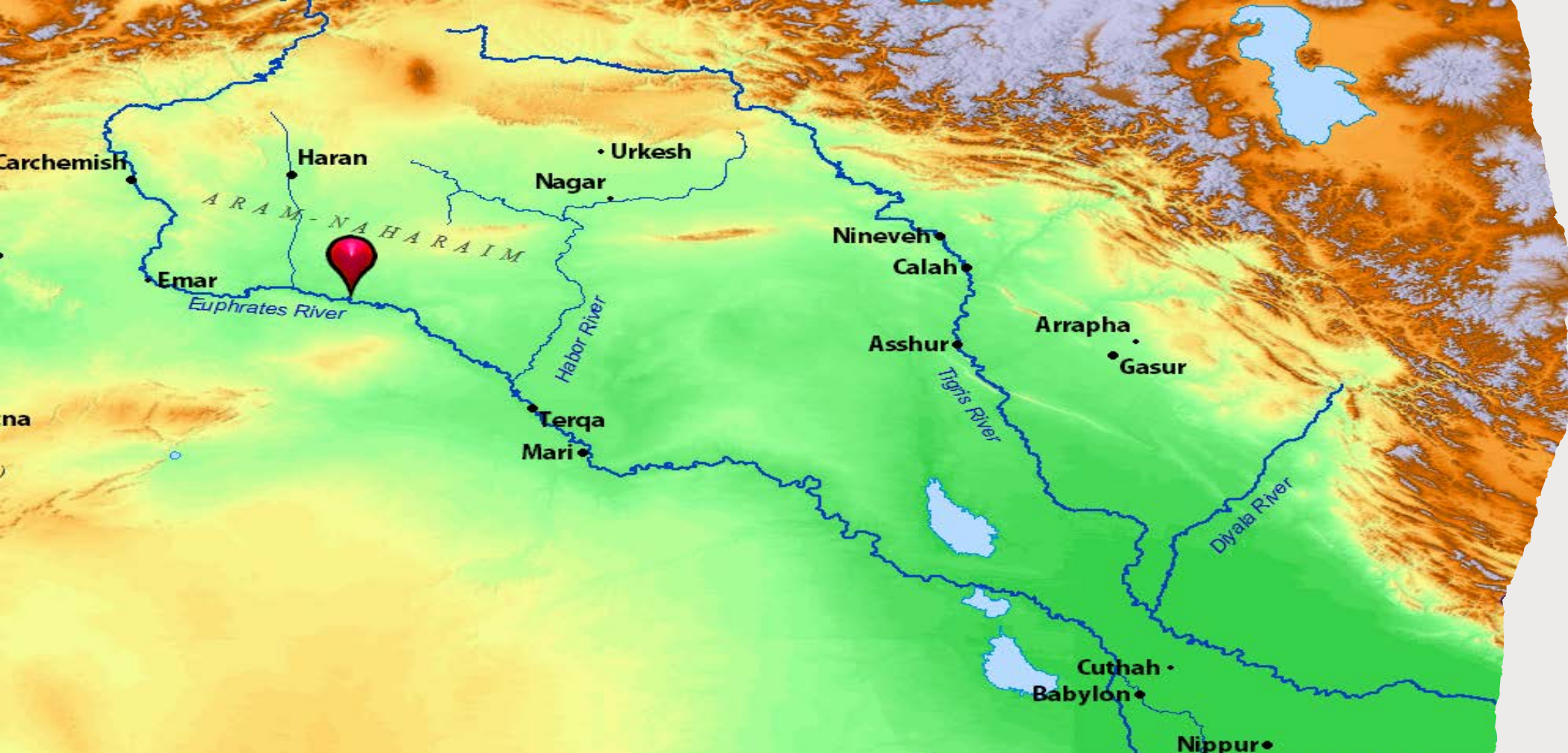




# *Paniel*

*Pani*  
(face)

*El*  
(God)



Jabbok River—  
Haran



Jabbok River—Haran








Jabbok River—Haran



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The Encounter with Gideon  
Judges 6:21-24

<sup>21</sup> Then the Angel of the LORD put out the end of the staff that *was* in His hand, and touched the meat and the unleavened bread; and fire rose out of the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened bread. And the Angel of the LORD departed out of his sight.

<sup>22</sup> Now Gideon perceived that He *was* the Angel of the LORD. So Gideon said, “Alas, O Lord GOD! For I have seen the Angel of the LORD face to face.”

<sup>23</sup> Then the LORD said to him, “Peace *be* with you; do not fear, you shall not die.”

<sup>24</sup> So Gideon built an altar there to the LORD, and called it The-LORD-/s-Peace. To this day it *is* still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.



## The Encounter with Manoah and His wife Judges 13:16-20



**16** And the Angel of the LORD said to Manoah, “Though you detain Me, I will not eat your food. But if you offer a burnt offering, you must offer it to the LORD.” (For Manoah did not know He *was* the Angel of the LORD.)

**17** Then Manoah said to the Angel of the LORD, “What *is* Your name, that when Your words come *to pass* we may honor You?”

**18** And the Angel of the LORD said to him, “Why do you ask My name, seeing it *is* wonderful?”

**19** So Manoah took the young goat with the grain offering, and offered it upon the rock to the LORD. And He did a wondrous thing while Manoah and his wife looked on—

**20** it happened as the flame went up toward heaven from the altar—the Angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar! When Manoah and his wife saw *this*, they fell on their faces to the ground.

## The Encounter with Manoah and His wife Judges 13:21-25



**21** When the Angel of the LORD appeared no more to Manoah and his wife, then Manoah knew that He *was* the Angel of the LORD.

**22** And Manoah said to his wife, “We shall surely die, because we have seen God!”

**23** But his wife said to him, “If the LORD had desired to kill us, He would not have accepted a burnt offering and a grain offering from our hands, nor would He have shown us all these *things*, nor would He have told us *such things* as these at this time.”

**24** So the woman bore a son and called his name Samson; and the child grew, and the LORD blessed him.

**25** And the Spirit of the LORD began to move upon him at Mahaneh Dan between Zorah and Eshtaol.



“Used only for God”

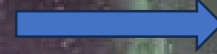


“Wonderful”

*pele*



Hebrew



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## The Three Hebrew Children Daniel 3:16-18, 25



<sup>16</sup> Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter.

<sup>17</sup> If that *is the case*, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver *us* from your hand, O king.

<sup>18</sup> But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up.”

<sup>25</sup> “Look!” he answered, “I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the<sup>l</sup>Son of God.”

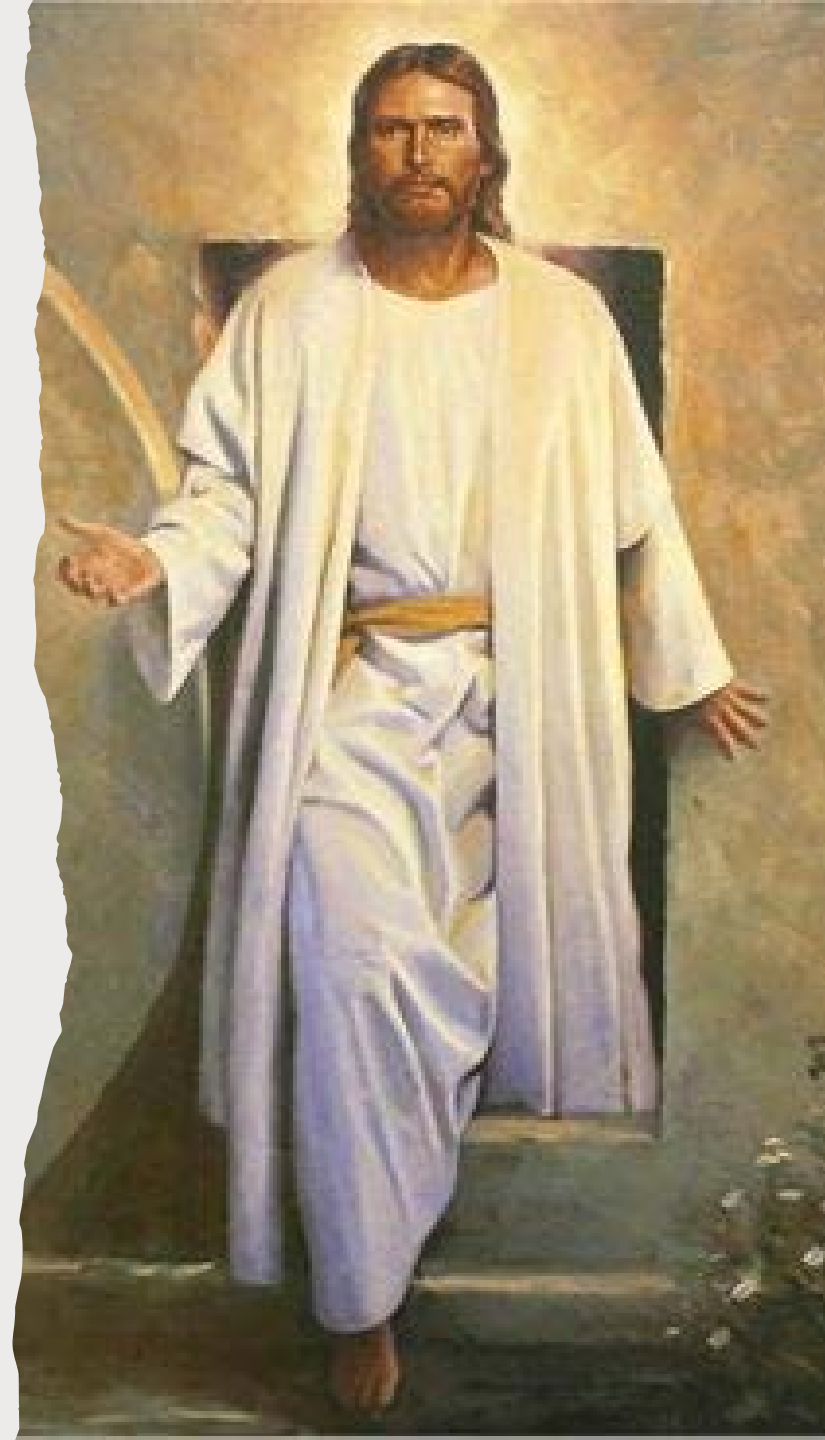




The choices for the identity  
of Melchizedek

**\*\*only two\*\***

- An Amorite Priest in Jebus who worshipped the true God
- A Christophany



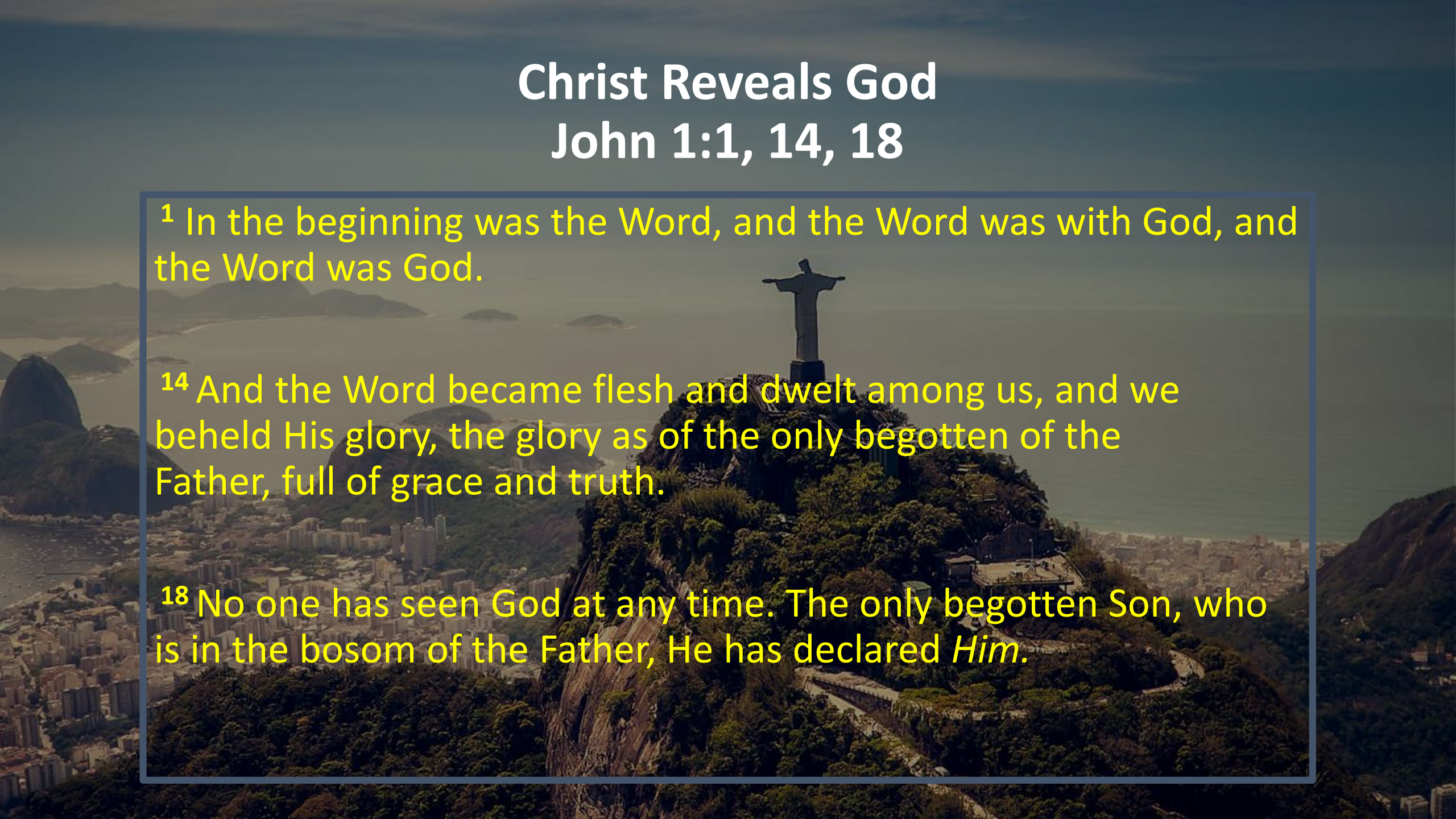
# Christ Reveals God

## John 1:1, 14, 18

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

<sup>18</sup> No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared *Him*.







## Appearance of Melchizedek Genesis 14:18-20

<sup>18</sup> Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he *was* the priest of God Most High.

<sup>19</sup> And he blessed him and said:

“Blessed be Abram of 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 he gave him a tithe of all.



# Hebrews 6:20—7:2

<sup>20</sup> where the forerunner has entered for us, *even* Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

## **The King of Righteousness**

<sup>1</sup> For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him,

<sup>2</sup> to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated “king of righteousness,” and then also king of Salem, meaning “king of peace,”



# Priest of the Most High God

King

King of Righteousness



Melchi-zedek

King

King of Peace



Salem or Shalom

## Hebrews 7:3

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Without parents

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Without genealogy

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Without beginning

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Without end of life

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Remains a priest continually



## Hebrews 7:4-7

<sup>4</sup> Now consider how great this man *was*, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils.

<sup>5</sup> And indeed those who are of the sons of Levi, who receive the priesthood, have a commandment to receive tithes from the people according to the law, that is, from their brethren, though they have come from the loins of Abraham;

<sup>6</sup> but he whose genealogy is not derived from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises.

<sup>7</sup> Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better.

- Abraham gave tithes and was blessed
- The lesser is blessed by the **better**

## Hebrews 7:8-10

Here mortal men  
receive tithes

There He received  
them of whom it  
is witnessed “He  
lives”