

11Q13 Melchizedek Scroll from the Dead Sea Scrolls

2[...] And concerning what Scripture says, “In [this] year of jubilee [you shall return, every one of you, to your property” (Lev. 25:13) and what is also written, “And this] 3 is the [ma]nner of [the remission:] every creditor shall remit the claim that is held [against a neighbor, not exacting it of a neighbor who is a member of the community, because Elohim’s] remission [has been proclaimed” (Deut. 15:2):] 4 [the interpretation] is that it applies [to the L]ast Days and concerns the captives, just as [Isaiah said: “To proclaim the jubilee to the captives” (Isa. 61:1)....] and 5 whose teachers have been hidden and kept secr[et], even from the inheritance of Melchizedek, f[or ...] and they are the inherit[ance of Melchize]dek, who 6 will return them to what is rightfully theirs. He will proclaim to them the jubilee, thereby releasing th[em from the debt of a]ll their sins. This word [will thus co]me 7 in the first week of the jubilee period that follows ni[ne j]ubilee periods. Then the “D[ay of Aton]ement” shall follow at the e[nd of] the tenth [ju]bilee period, 8 when he shall atone for all the Sons of [Light] and the peopl[e who are pre]destined to Mel[chi]zedek. [...] upo[n the]m [...] For 9 this is the time decreed for “the year of Melchiz[edek]’s favor” (Isa. 61:2, modified) and for [his] hos[ts, together] with the holy ones of Elohim, for a kingdom of judgment, just as it is written 10 concerning him in the Songs of David, “Elohim has taken his place in the coun[cil of elohim;] in the midst of the elohim he holds judgment” (Ps. 82:1). Scripture also s[ays] about him, “Over [it] 11 take your seat in the highest heaven; Elohim will judge the peoples” (Ps. 7:7–8). Concerning what scripture s[ays], “How long will y[ou] judge unjustly, and sh[ow] partiality to the wick[e]d? [S]el[ah]” (Ps. 82:2),] 12 the interpretation applies to Belial and the spirits predestined to him, becau[se all of them have rebe]lled, turn[ing] from Elohim’s precepts [and so becoming utterly wicked.] 13 Therefore Melchizedek will thoroughly prosecute the vengeance required by Elohi[m’s] statutes. [In that day he will de]liv[er them from the power] of Belial, and from the power of all the sp[irits predestined to him.] 14 Allied with him will be all the [“righteous] divine beings” (Isa. 61:3). [Th]is is that wh[ich ... al]l the divine beings. This vi[sitation] 15 is the Day of [Salvation] that He has decreed [... through Isai]ah the prophet [concerning all the captives,] inasmuch as Scripture sa[ys], “How] beautiful 16 upon the mountains are the fee[t of] the messeng[er] who [an]nounces peace, who brings [good] news, [who announces salvat]ion, who [sa]ys to Zion, ‘Your [E]lohim [reigns’ ” (Isa. 52:7).] 17 This scripture’s interpretation: “the mountains” [are] the prophet[s,] they w[ho were sent to proclaim God’s truth and to] proph[esy] to all I[srael.] 18 And “the messenger” is the Anointed of the Spir[it,] of whom Dan[iel] spoke, [“After the sixty-two weeks, an Anointed One shall be cut off” (Dan. 9:26). The “messenger who brings] 19 good news, who announ[ces salvation”] is the one of whom it is wri[tt]en, [“to proclaim the year of the YHWH’s favor, the day of vengeance of our Elohim;] 20 to comfo[rt all who mourn” (Isa. 61:2). This scripture’s interpretation:] he is to inst[r]uct them about all the periods of history for eter[nity ... and in the statutes of] 21 [the] truth. [...] 22[... dominion] that passes from Belial and ret[urns to the Sons of Light ...] 23[...] by the judgment of Elohim, just as it is written concerning him, [“who says to Zi]on ‘Your Elohim reigns’ ” (Isa. 52:7). [“Zi]on” is 24 [the congregation of all the sons of righteousness, who] uphold the covenant and turn from walking [in the way] of the people. “Your E[lo]him” is 25 [Melchizedek, who will del]iv[er them from the po]wer of Belial. Concerning what Scripture says, “Then you shall have the trumpet [sounded loud in] all the land [of ...” (Lev. 25:9, modified).]