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 t**hey 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 Atone]ment" 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).]

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