

Sermon Notes

Resurrection Sunday 2015

“Biblical Reliability: Answering the Critics”

I. Introduction

A. Past Resurrection Sundays for apologetics.

B. Liberal attack on gospel and Scripture.

1. What if there is corroboration outside Scripture?

C. Melchizedek – Genesis 14:17-24

II. Exposition

A. Genesis 14:17

1. Location

2. King of Sodom

B. Genesis 14:18-20

1. Enter Melchizedek – contrast to the King of Sodom.

a. “King of Righteousness” or “My King is Righteous”

2. King of Salem – Jerusalem.

3. Combines two offices of king and priest.

a. Zech. 6:12-13

C. Genesis 14:21

1. Back to the King of Sodom.

D. Genesis 14:22-24

1. “I have sworn an oath.”

2. Lord (Yahweh) God Most High (El Elyon)

E. Psalm 110:1-4

1. Messianic – Matt. 22; Mark 12; Luke 20; Acts 2

III. New Testament Correspondence.

A. Melchizedek serves as a type or shadow of Christ.

1. Hebrews 7:1-28

B. Note the apologetic aspect.

IV. Dead Sea Scrolls (See White Horse Inn program WHI-1243)

A. The scrolls came from the Essenes in the Qumran Community.

B. Many scroll survived and all have now been translated and published.

1. Not a template for Christianity, but they do contain Messianic expectations.

C. Scroll comments.

1. The Rule Scroll (1QSA, Line 11,12)

2. The Melchizedek Scroll

a. 15 fragments from Cave 11.

D. The New Testament writers of Hebrews and John were invested with first century Messianic and philosophical views.