

#650 The Cotton Saints vs. the Linen Saints – Salem: The name means Peace, but is connected with the sword-carrying Cotton Saints of War

In departing the previous Unsealing, the question was why the Lord chose **Salem** to be associated with the theme of the *sword-bearing Cotton Saints* in the first place. Let's find out the answer.

Salem and Peace

In scripture, Salem is usually identified with ancient Jerusalem, or Jebus, the Jebusite city captured by David and turned into the capital of the nation of Judah (1 Chronicles 11:4-9). Salem represents the Hebrew *salom*, 'peace'.



Hebrews 7:1-2 (KJV) For this Melchisedec, KING OF SALEM, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him;

2 To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also KING OF SALEM, which is, KING OF PEACE;

Salem and War

While Salem means *peace*, it is connected with *war*:

- (i) **Abraham.** First, as is seen in Genesis 14:17-18 and Hebrews 7:1, Abraham was returning from *war* – from the slaughter of the kings – when he was blessed by Melchisedec, King of Salem.
- (ii) **Psalm 76.** Secondly, in Psalm 76 – the only other time Salem (referring to Jerusalem) is mentioned in the Old Testament besides Genesis 14:18 – it is again connected to *war*.

Psalm 76:1-3 (KJV) In Judah is God known: his name is great in Israel.

*2 In **Salem** also is his tabernacle, and his dwelling place in Zion.*

*3 **There brake he the arrows of the bow, the shield, and the sword, and the battle. Selah.***

- (iii) **David.** Then, of course, there is the event of David numbering the Men of War of Israel, and then sacrificing at the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite in Jerusalem (Salem).



In answering the question of why the Lord chose **Salem** to be associated with the theme of the *sword*-bearing **Cotton** Saints in the first place . . .

Key Understanding: *Salem: war and peace.* The Lord is using Salem to represent the critical aspect of the cross vs. the sword. The *sword*-carrying *Cotton* Saints felt they were establishing and defending Boston and Salem as ‘Cities Upon a Hill’ and the Massachusetts Bay Colony as a type of new Salem-Jerusalem-Israel, but in an Old Testament *sword*-carrying context. There was no understanding of the true meaning of David’s sacrifice at Ornan’s threshingfloor, and no understanding of why the Lord would not allow David – because he was a Man of War – to build the House of God at Salem-Jerusalem.

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