

to Abram and his descendants. In the *Apocalypse of Abraham*, the figure who appeared to Abram immediately after he met Melchi-Zedek was named Yahwehel. He told Abram he had been appointed to guard him and his heirs, and to *reveal secret things*. Yahwehel was a glowing human figure dressed as a high priest with turban, purple garments and a golden staff. The radiant figure then led Abram up into heaven to receive a vision of the future.<sup>24</sup> Now the form of the name Yahwehel suggests he was an angel, like Gabriel, Raphael or Michael; and his glowing appearance confirms this. He was the angel Yahweh.

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