

HEBREWS

BETTER THAN



HEBREWS 7:1-3

¹ This Melchizedek was king of Salem and priest of God Most High. He met Abraham returning from the defeat of the kings and blessed him, ² and Abraham gave him a tenth of everything. First, the name Melchizedek means “king of righteousness”; then also, “king of Salem” means “king of peace.” ³

Without father or mother, without genealogy, without beginning of days or end of life, resembling the Son of God, he remains a priest forever.

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- Written to
- Why

MAIN THEME

- Better
- Levite vs. Melchizedek

Aaronic Priesthood

Melchizedek Priesthood

- Hereditary

- Personal

- Limited (Israel)

- Global (worldwide)

- Temporary

- Eternal

WHO IS MELCHIZEDEK?

- 11 times
- Gen. 14 – 2,000 B.C.
- Psalm 110 – 1,000 B.C.
- Hebrews – 68 A.D.
- Spans over 2 millenniums, over 2100 years

1. GODLY PROPHET

- “Resembling the Son of God” NIV
- “Like unto the Son of God” NKJV
- Heb. 7:3 – “Without father or mother, without genealogy, without beginning of days or end of life, resembling the Son of God, he remains a priest forever.”

2. SHEM

- One of the 3 sons of Noah.
- Lived to be over 600 years.
- Last 100 years of his life Abraham was alive.

3. THEOPHANY

- Pre-incarnate Christ showing up in the O.T.
- Heb. 7:3 – “Without father or mother, without genealogy, without beginning of days or end of life, resembling the Son of God, he remains a priest forever.”

GENESIS 14:8-20

⁸ Then the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboyim and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) marched out and drew up their battle lines in the Valley of Siddim ⁹ against Kedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of Goyim, Amraphel king of Shinar and Arioch king of Ellasar — four kings against five.

¹⁰ Now the Valley of Siddim was full of tar pits, and when the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, some of the men fell into them and the rest fled to the hills.

11 The four kings seized all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their food; then they went away. **12** They also carried off Abram's nephew Lot and his possessions, since he was living in Sodom.

13 A man who had escaped came and reported this to Abram the Hebrew. Now Abram was living near the great trees of Mamre the Amorite, a brother of Eshkol and Aner, all of whom were allied with Abram.

14 When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, he called out the 318 trained men born in his household and went in pursuit as far as Dan.

¹⁵ During the night Abram divided his men to attack them and he routed them, pursuing them as far as Hobah, north of Damascus.

¹⁶ He recovered all the goods and brought back his relative Lot and his possessions, together with the women and the other people.

¹⁷ After Abram returned from defeating Kedorlaomer and the kings allied with him, the king of Sodom came out to meet him in the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).

18 Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, **19** and he blessed Abram, saying, “Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. **20** And praise be to God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand.” Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

2 QUESTIONS

1. How did Abraham know about tithing?

➤ 500 years before the Law

2. Why did Abraham tithe to Melchizedek?

➤ You bring your tithe only to the Lord.

1. YOU & I ARE CALLED TO BE PRIESTS UNTO GOD.

- 1 Peter 2:5 – “You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood...”
- 1 Peter 2:9 – “But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.”

2. THE MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTHOOD IS A WARRING PRIESTHOOD.

- What happened in Genesis 14, that caused Melchizedek to show up?

PSALM 110:1-4

1 The Lord says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.”

2 The Lord will extend your mighty scepter from Zion, saying, “Rule in the midst of your enemies!”

3 Your troops will be willing on your day of battle. Arrayed in holy splendor, your young men will come to you like dew from the morning’s womb.

4 The Lord has sworn and will not change His mind: “You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.”

MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTHOOD

“It’s a priesthood that is holy to God and committed to extending his Kingdom here on earth.”

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