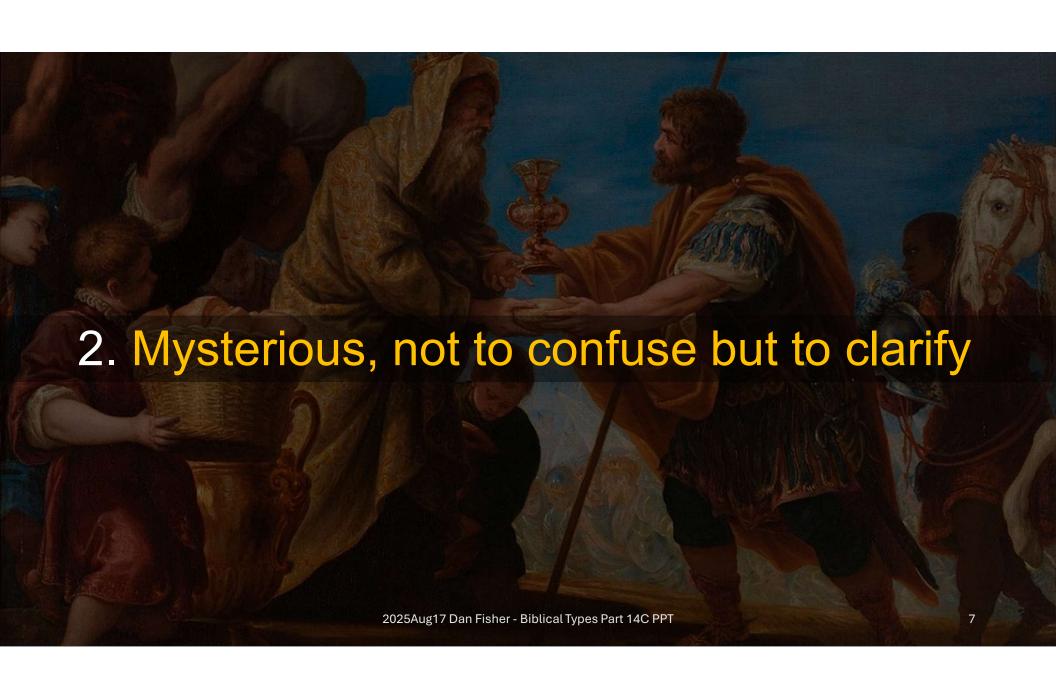
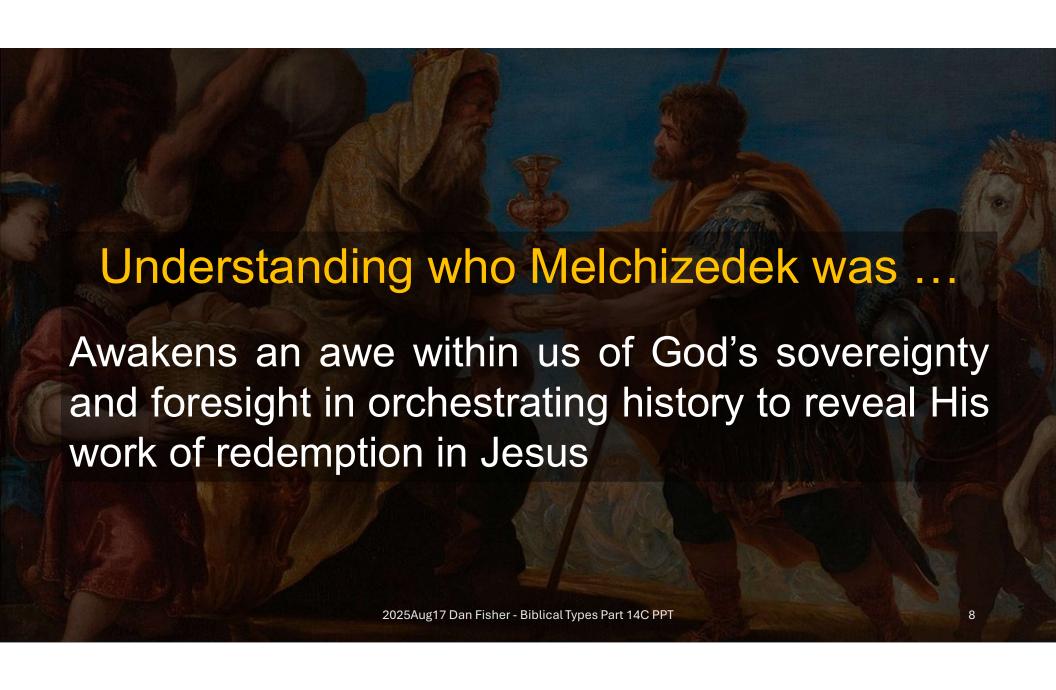


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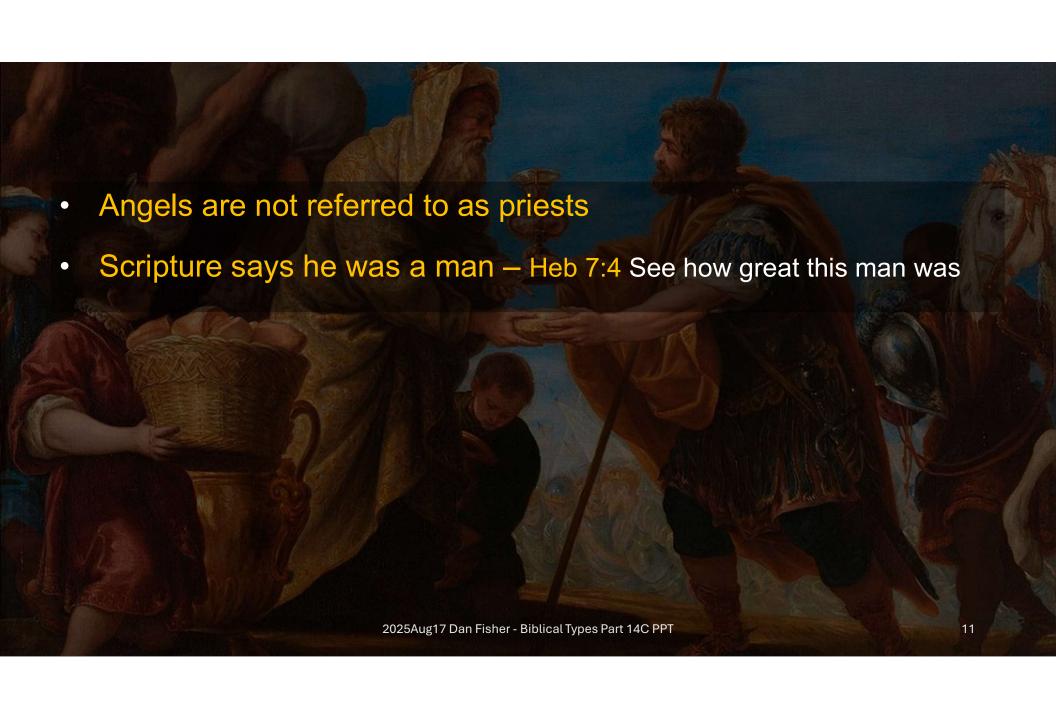
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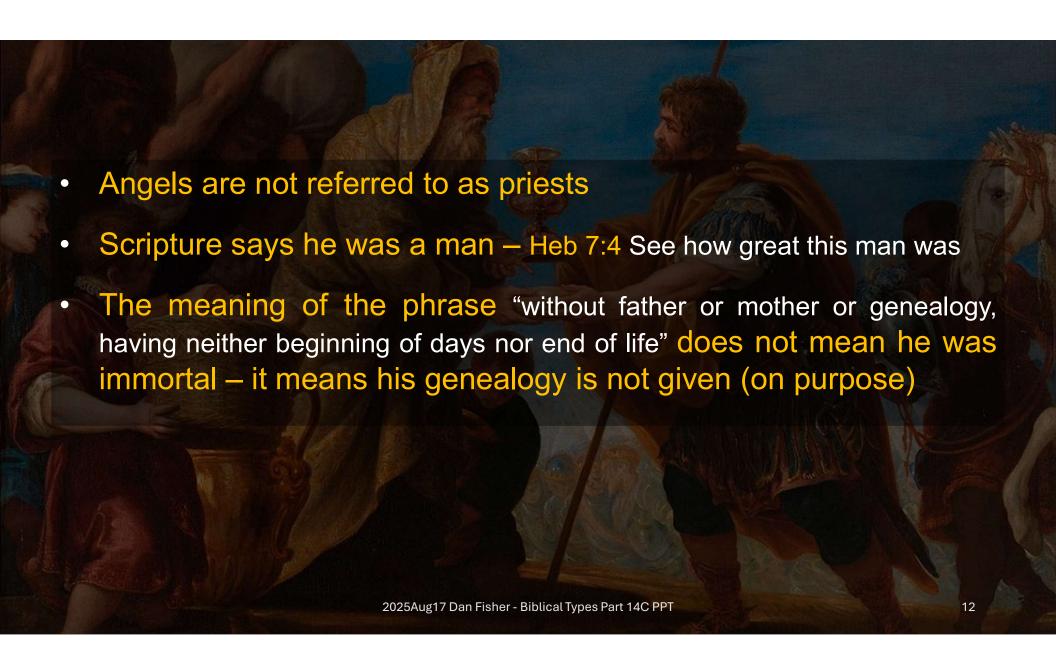
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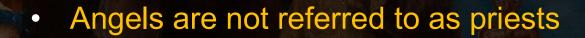
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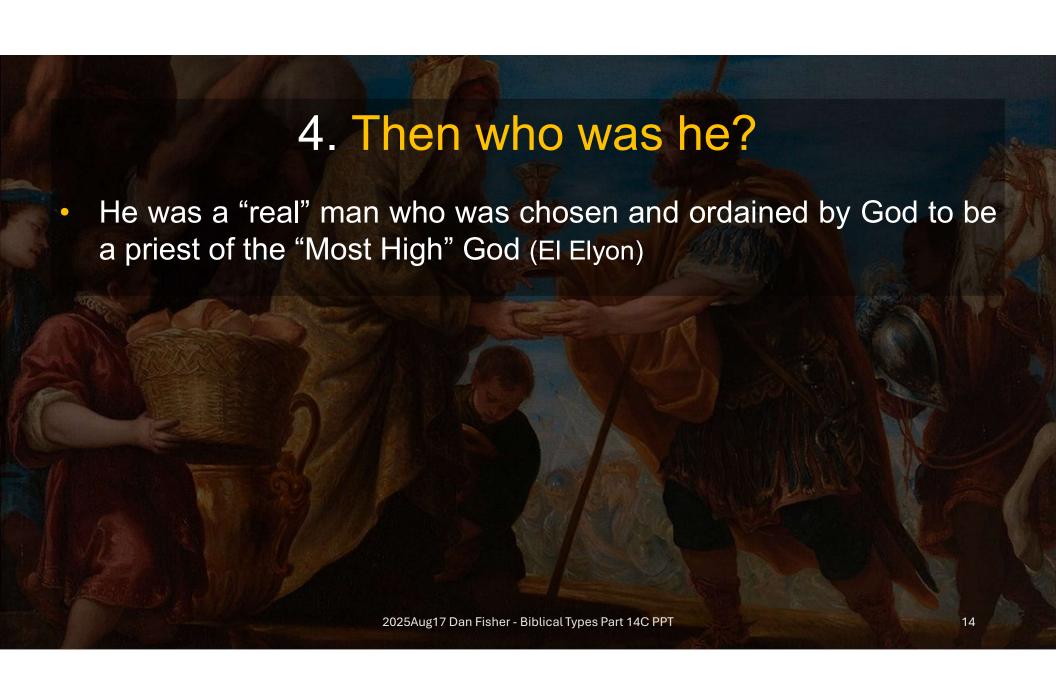








- Scripture says he was a man Heb 7:4 See how great this man was
- The meaning of the phrase "without father or mother or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life" does not mean he was immortal – it means his genealogy is not given (on purpose)
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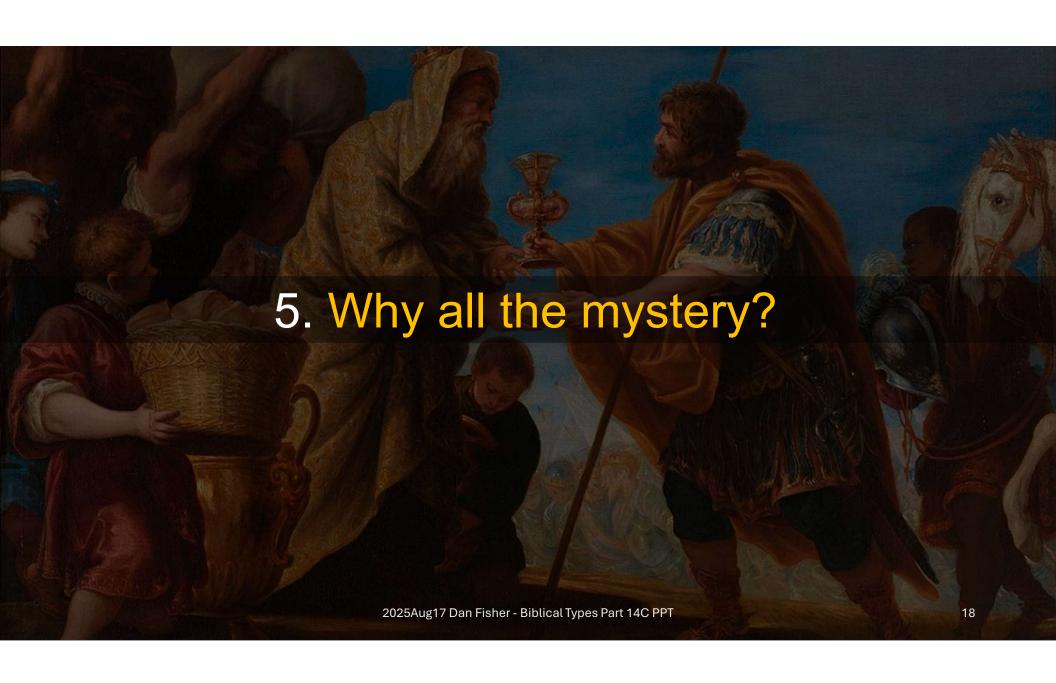
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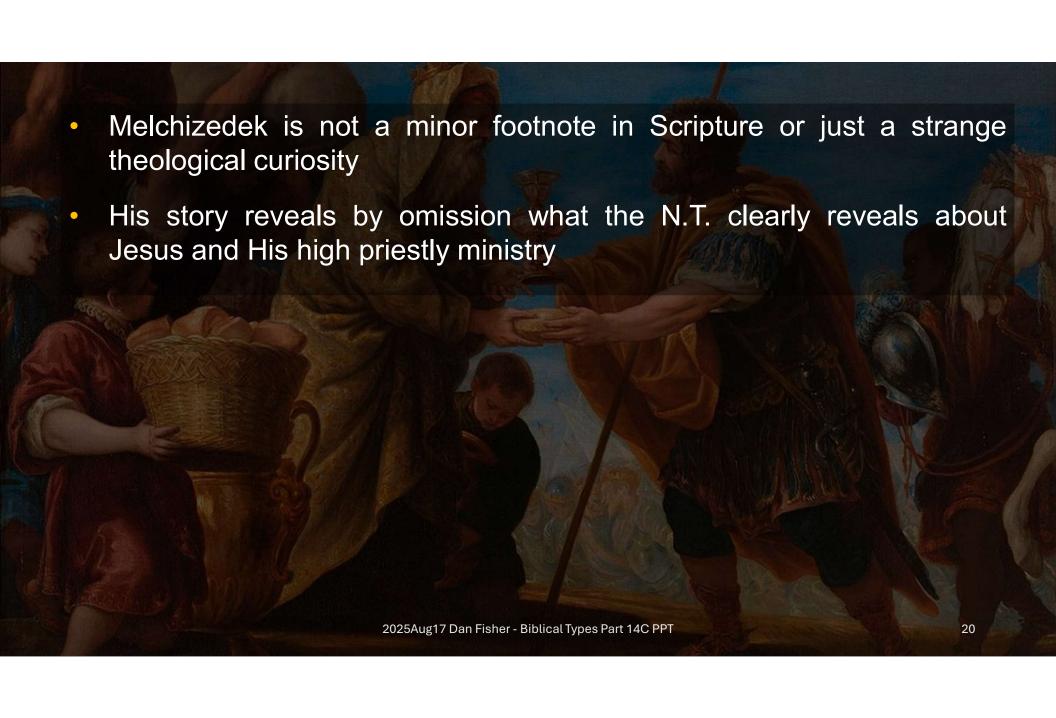
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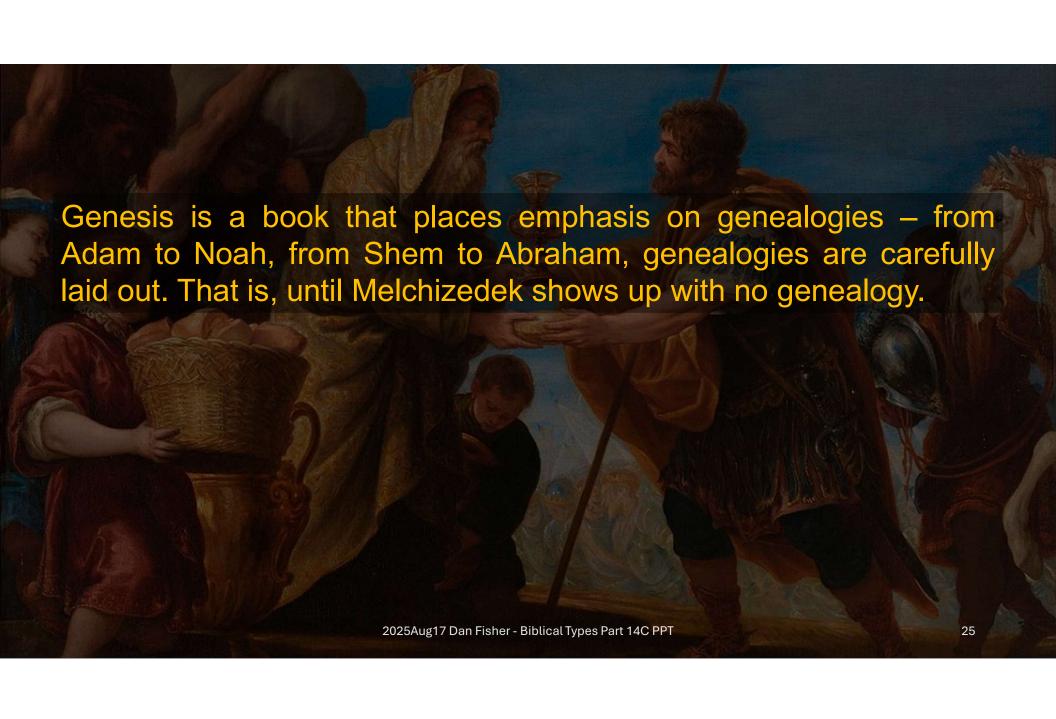


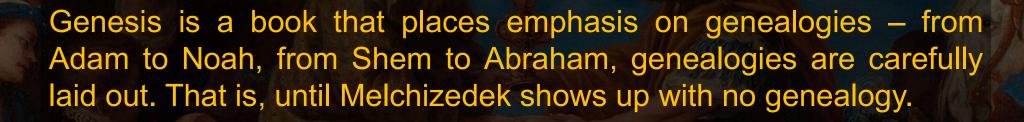
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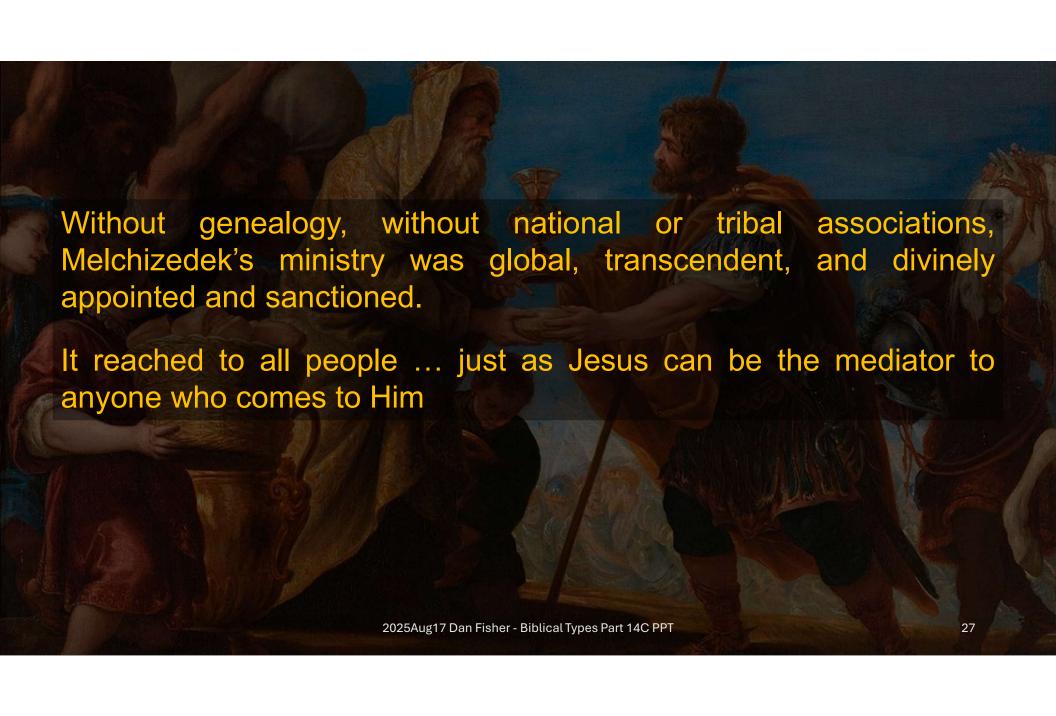
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Without genealogy, without national or tribal associations, Melchizedek's ministry was global, transcendent, and divinely appointed and sanctioned.

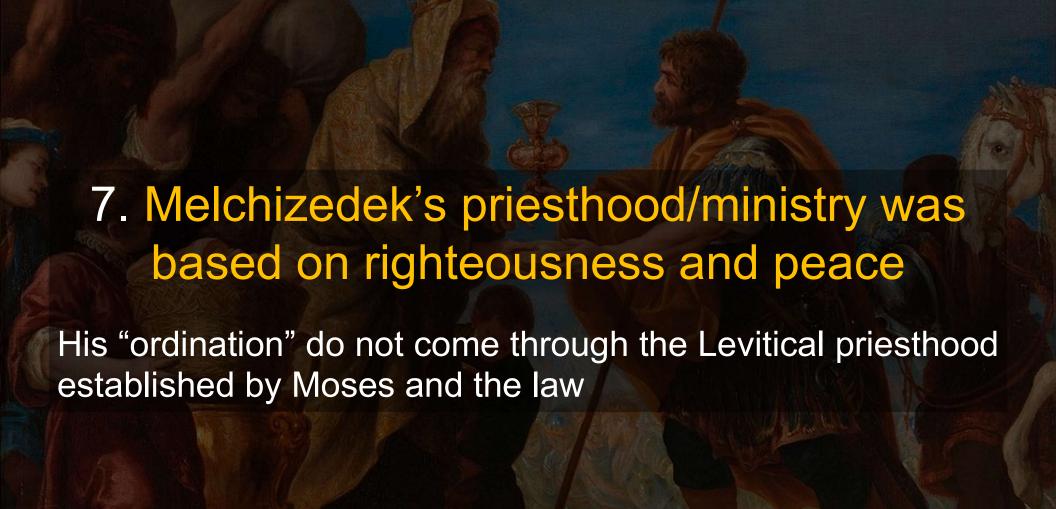
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Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

6. What Melchizedek means

Heb 7:1-2 king of Salem, ... ² He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace.

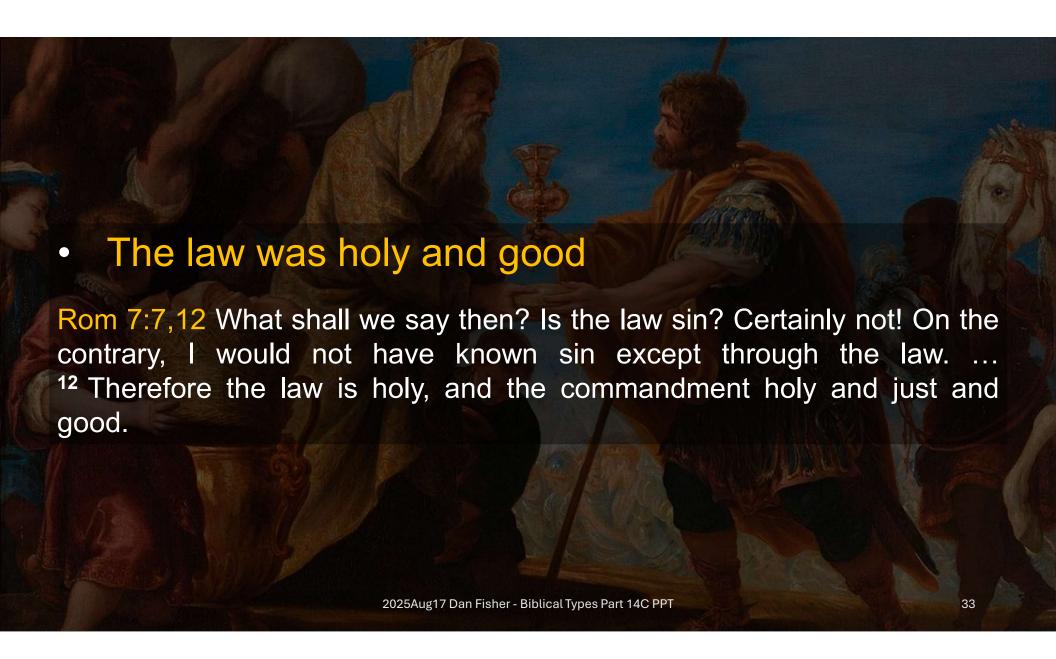
- Salem = peace
- Melek = king
- Sadeq = righteousness

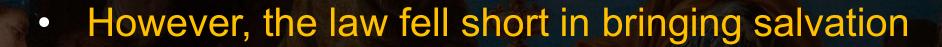


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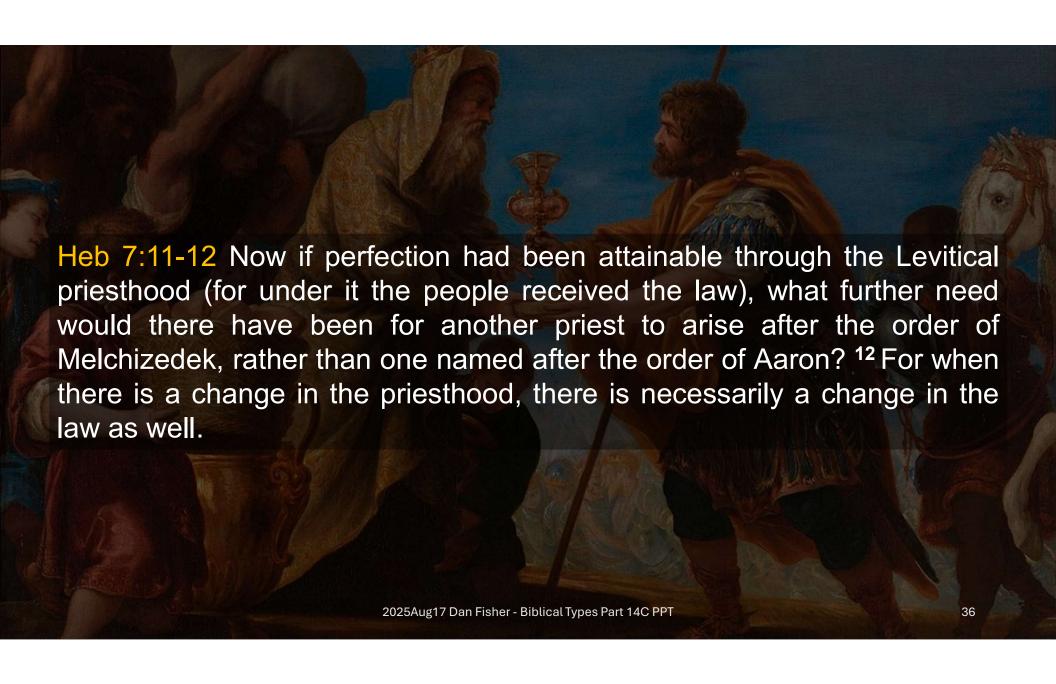


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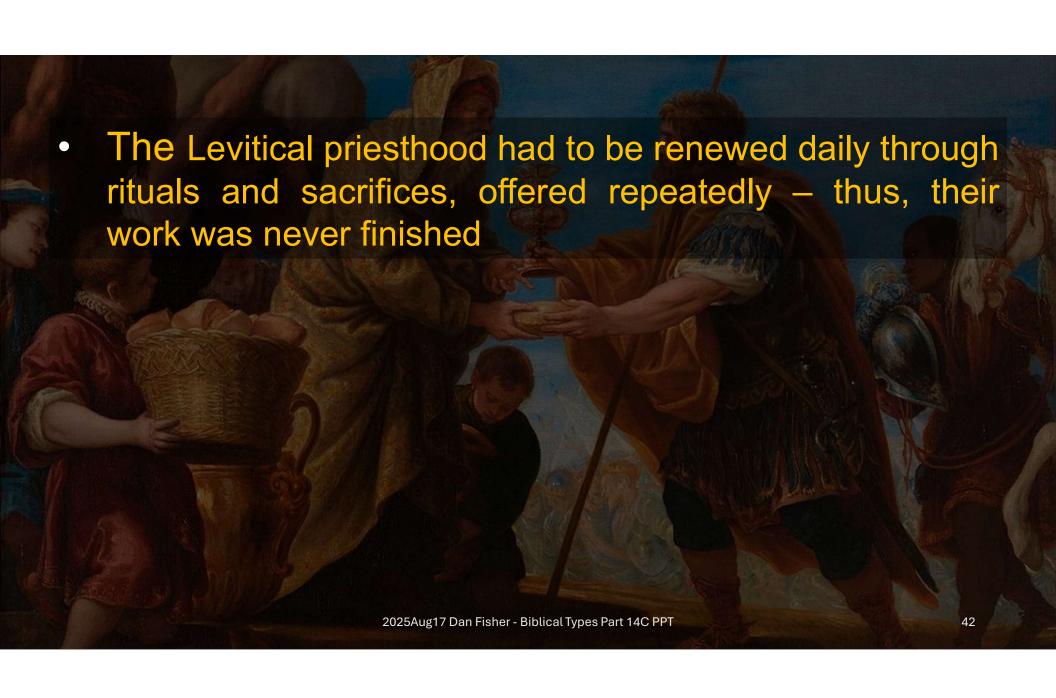
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 Priests were determined by genealogy (lineage & law) – not by personal righteousness or character

Ex 28:1

Heb 7:5,16 And those descendants of Levi who receive the priestly office have a commandment in the law to take tithes from the people, that is, from their brothers, though these also are descended from Abraham. ... ¹⁶ on the basis of a legal requirement concerning bodily descent,





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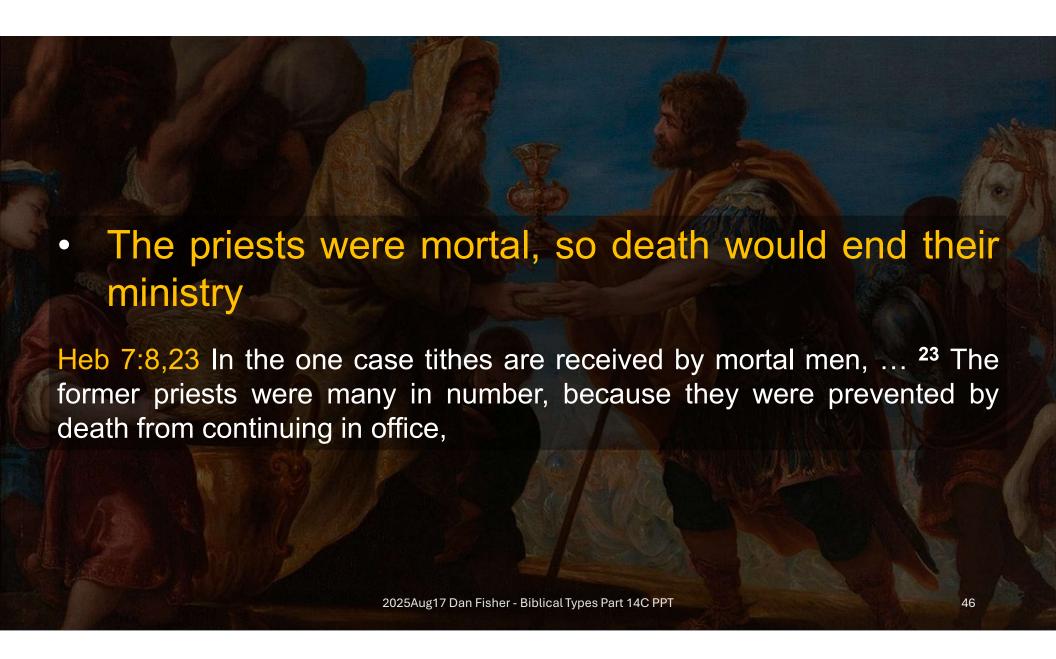
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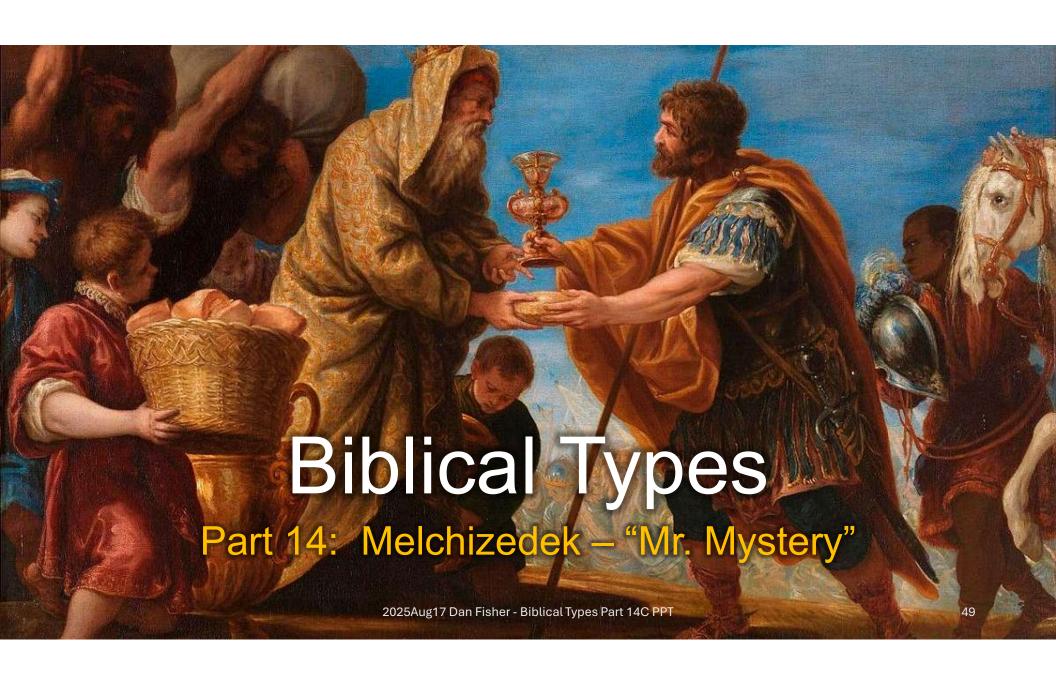
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23-25 But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

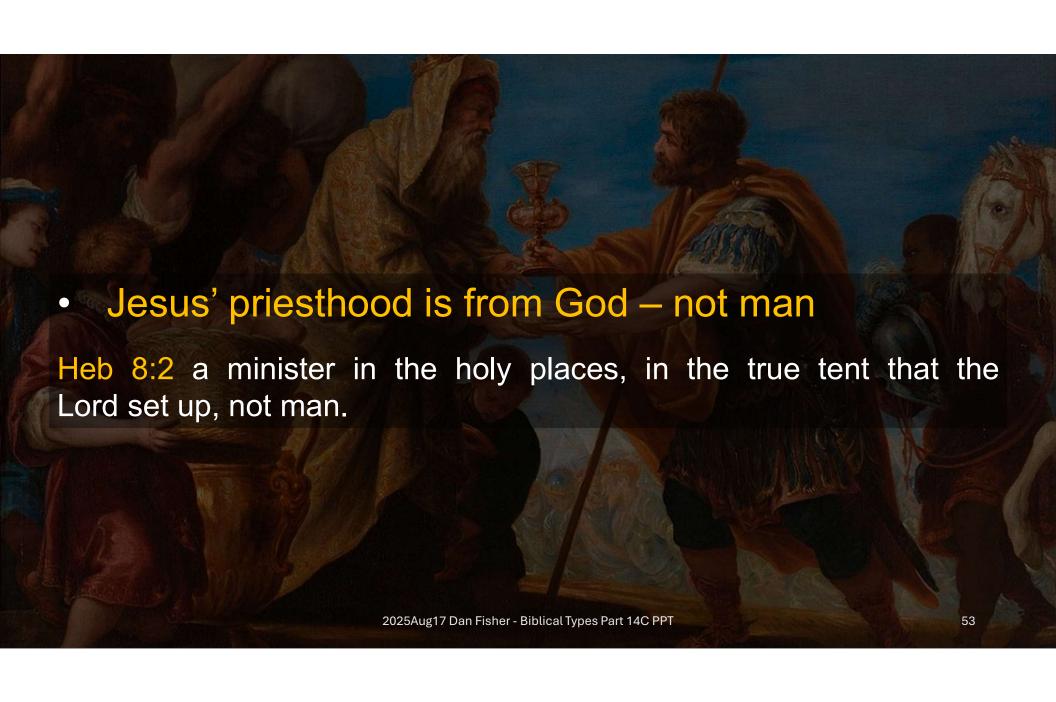




Rom 3:21-22 But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²² even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe.

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Heb 8:5,6,8-10,12-13 [Levitical priests] serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, ... ⁶ But now He [Jesus] has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises. ... 8 He says: "Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah – 9 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers ... because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the Lord. 10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. ... ¹² For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more." 13 In that He says, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.





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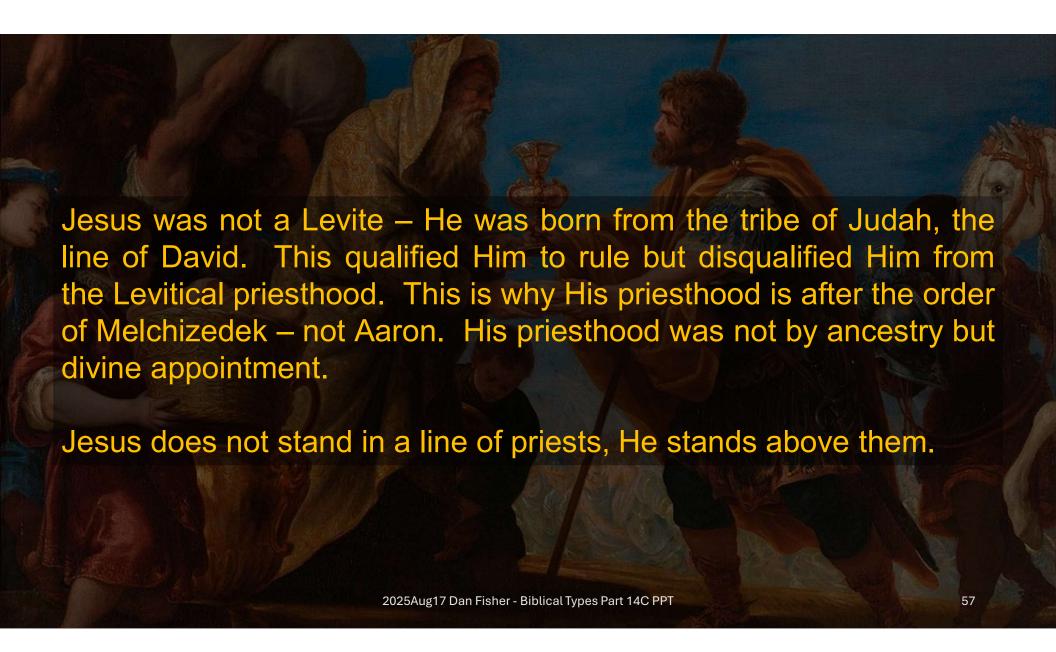
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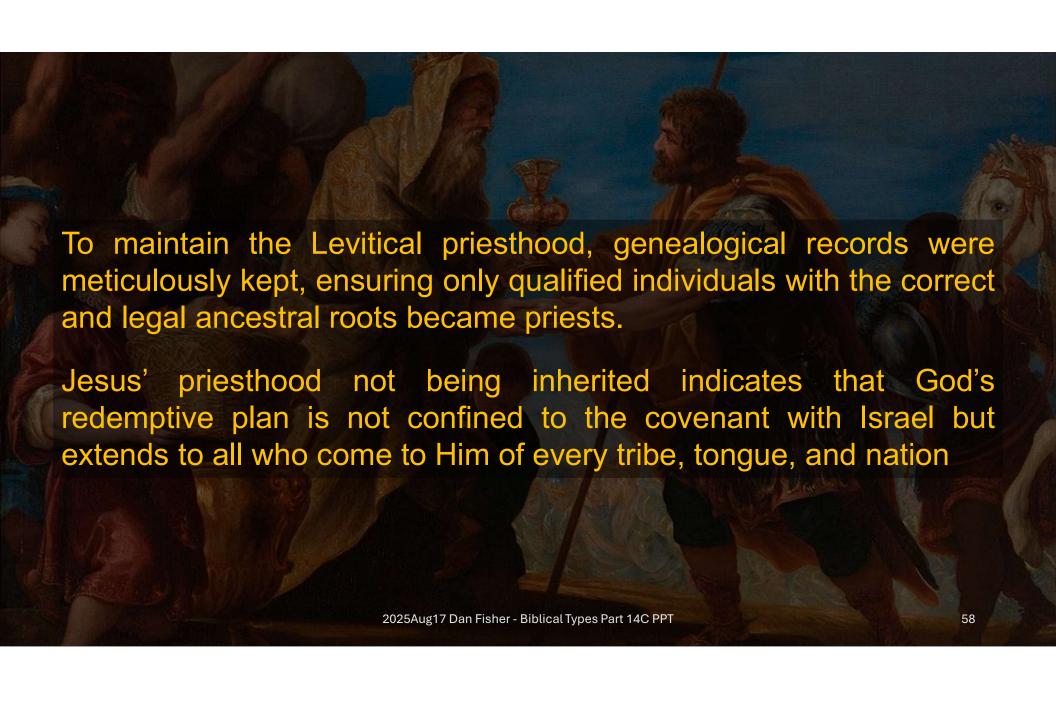
 Jesus' priesthood is not inherited but is by oath from God, the Father

Heb 7:13-17 For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. ¹⁴ For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. ¹⁵ This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, ¹⁶ who has become a priest, not on the basis of a legal requirement concerning bodily descent, but by the power of an indestructible life. ¹⁷ For it is witnessed of him, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

Heb 7:20-22 And it was not without an oath. For those who formerly became priests were made such without an oath, ²¹ but this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to him: "The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, 'You are a priest forever." ²² This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant.

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Jesus is sinless

Heb 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Heb 7:26-28 For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷ He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. ²⁸ For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Jesus' priesthood finished the work, once & for all

Heb 10:5-7,9 Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; ⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷ Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book." ... ⁹ then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He does away with the first in order to establish the second.

Heb 10:10-14 And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. ¹¹ And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

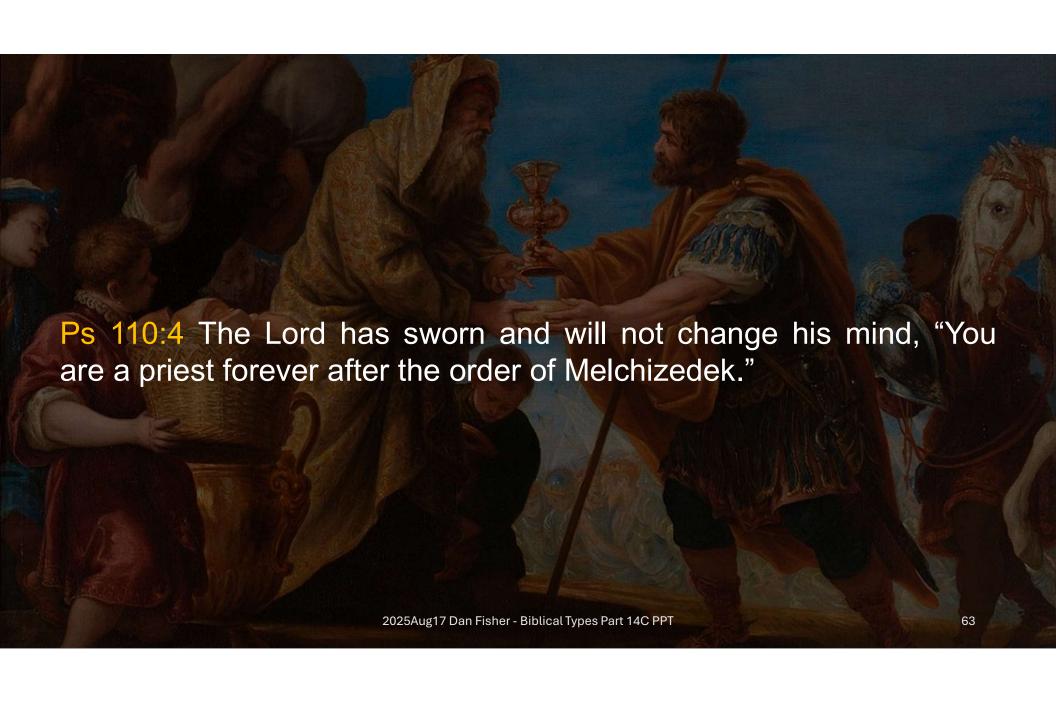
Rom 6:10 For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.

Jn 19:30 So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

Jesus' priesthood is eternal

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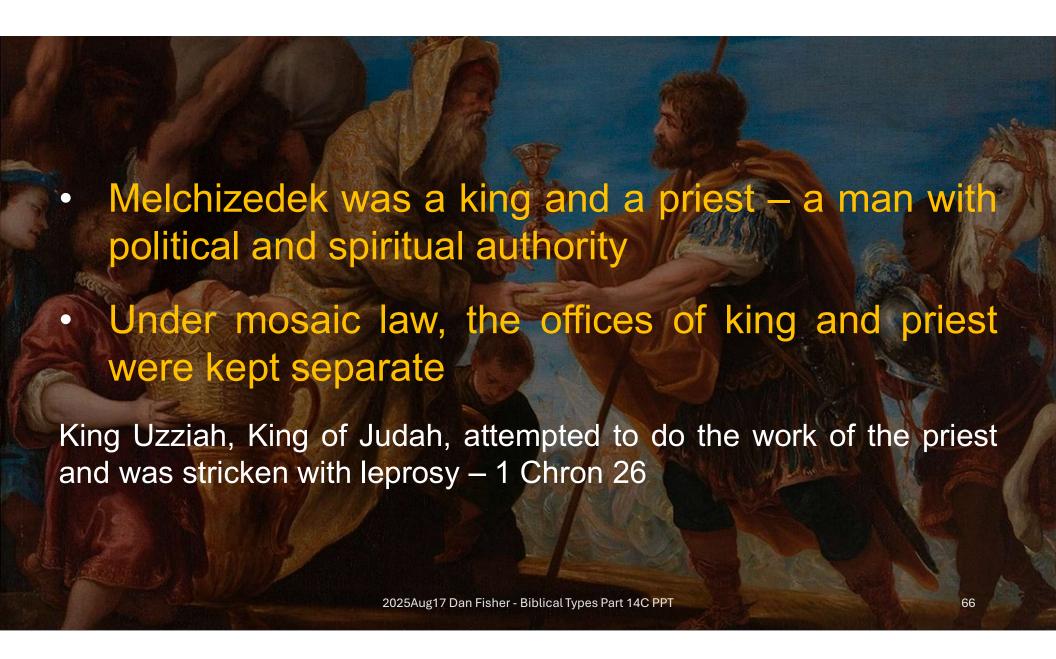
Heb 7:23-25 The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, ²⁴ but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵ ... he always lives to make intercession for them.





Gen 14:17-20 After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). ¹⁸ And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) ¹⁹ And he blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; ²⁰ and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!" And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

Heb 7:1-4 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, ² and to him Abraham apportioned a tenth part of everything. He is ... king of righteousness, and ... king of peace. ... ⁴ See how great this man was to whom Abraham the patriarch gave a tenth of the spoils!



Yet, Melchizedek was accepted as both – laying a prophetic type for Christ

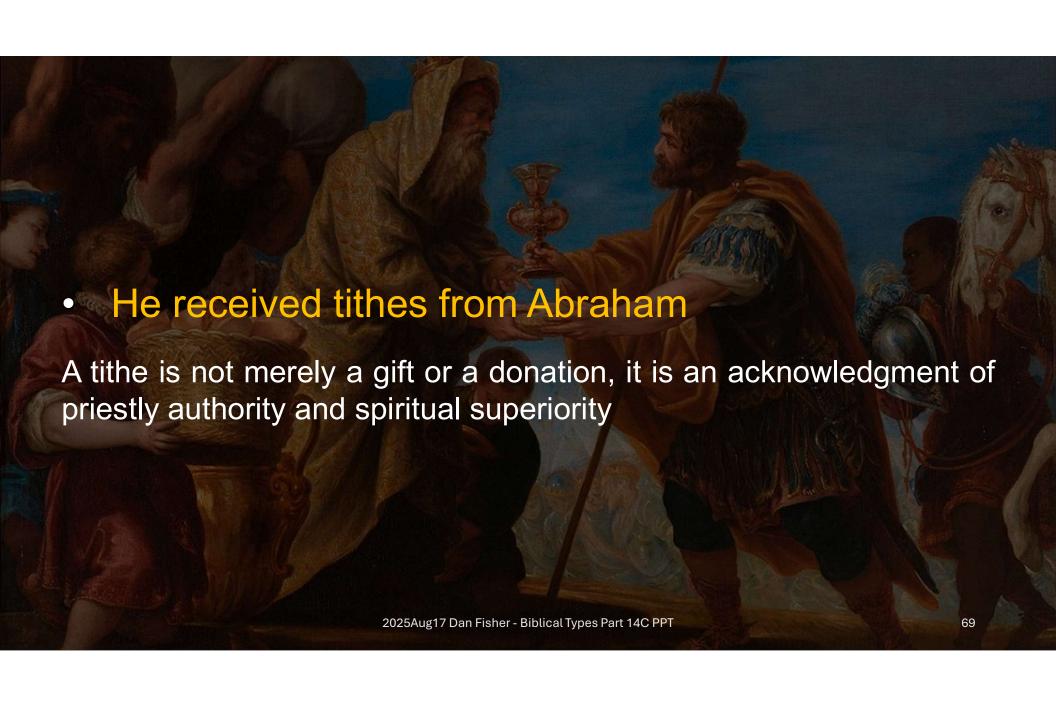
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Rev 19:15-16 From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. ¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

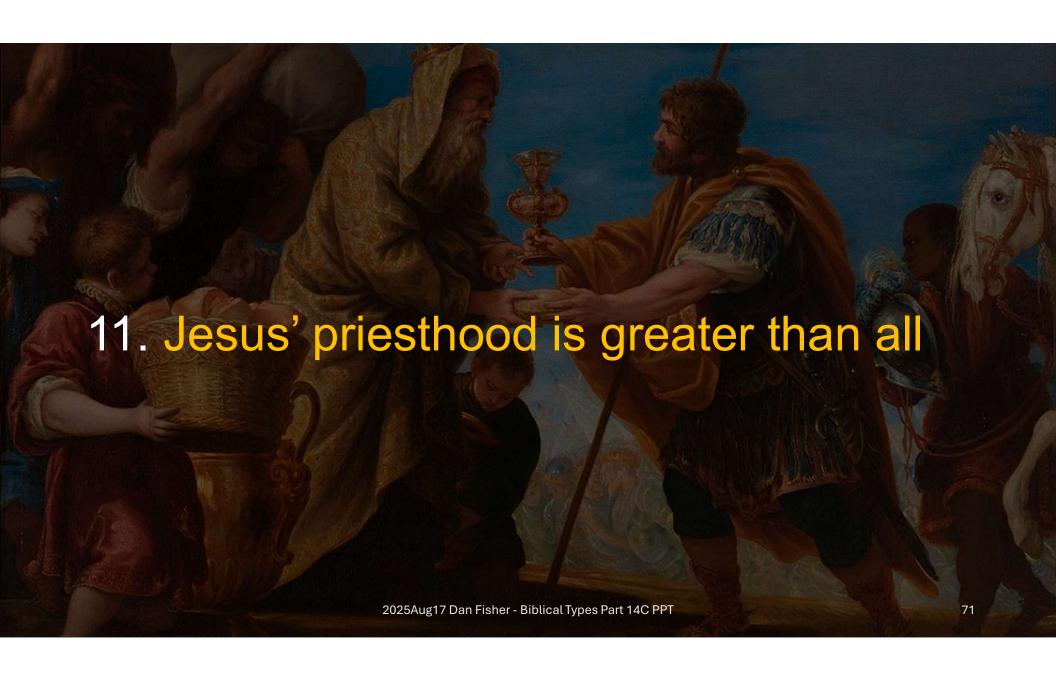
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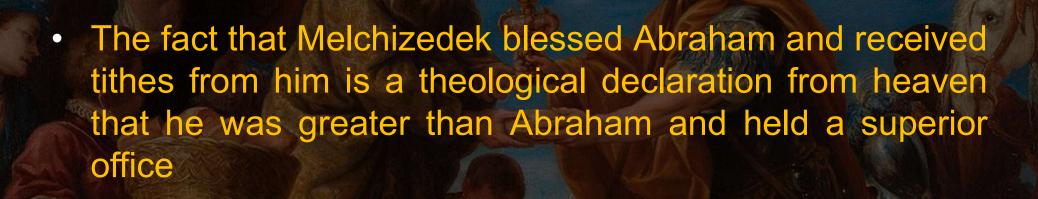
- These are not the elements of a military feast
- These are celebratory/spiritual gifts
- Bread & wine would become symbols of the new covenant instituted by Jesus at the Last Supper/Lord's Supper
- He blessed Abraham

Blessing is not just a kind word, it is an act of spiritual authority







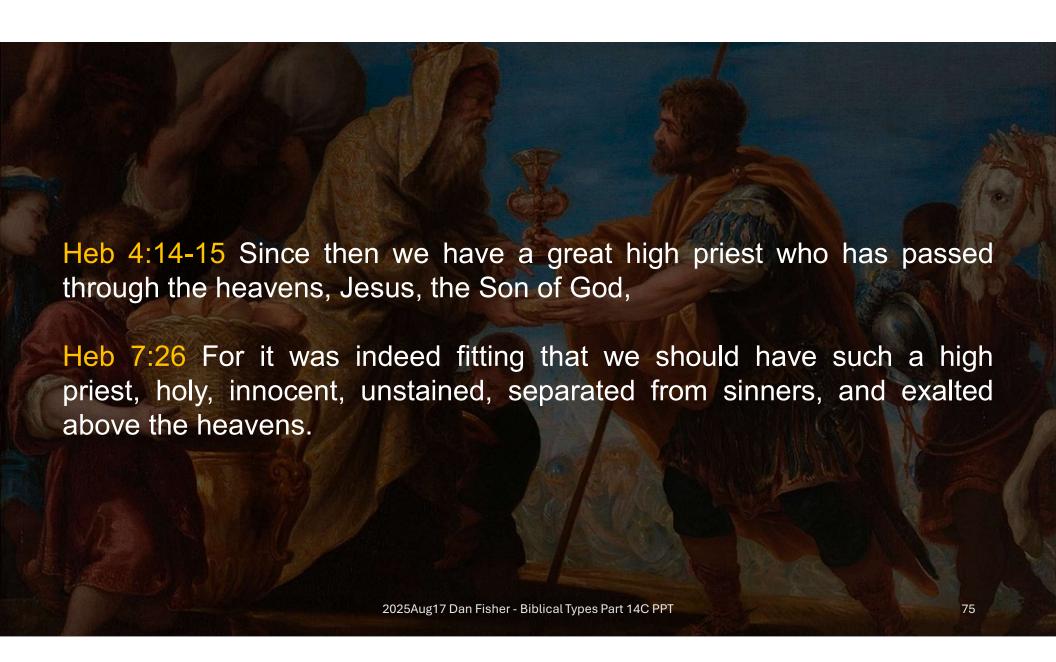


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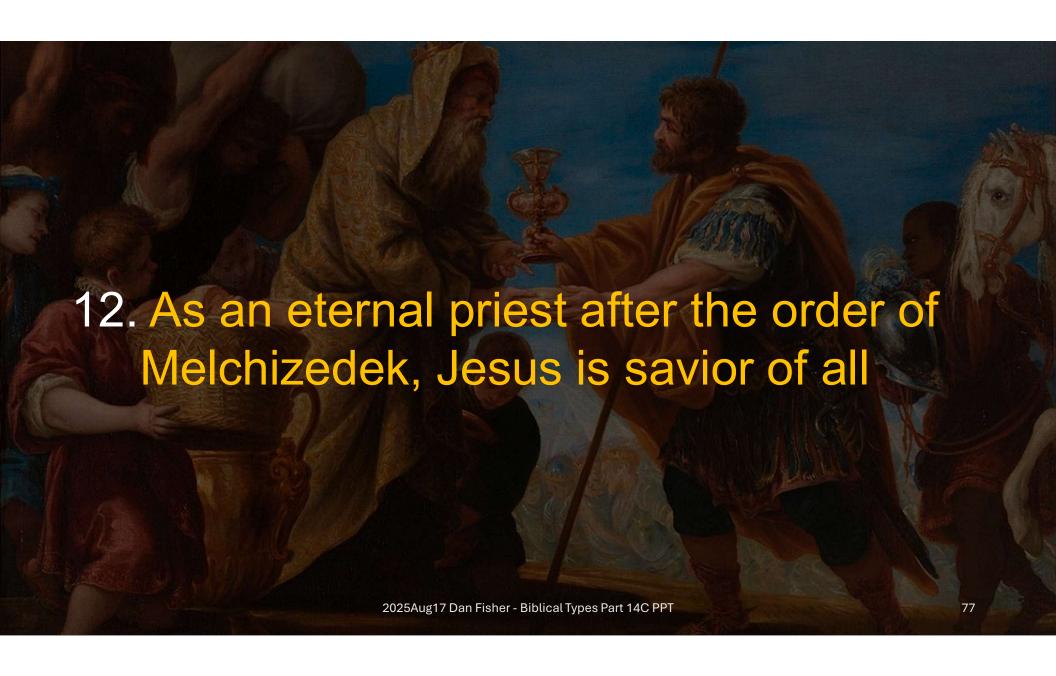


Jn 8:53-54,56,58 Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" ⁵⁴ Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' ... ⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." ... ⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."

Heb 3:3,5-6 For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses ... ⁵ Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, ⁶ but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son.







- Jesus wasn't just an adaptation to the existing Levitical priesthood
- He wasn't just another prophet or teacher
- He didn't come to simply become an example of the perfect life
- He wasn't just a figure of compassion, a good moral teacher, or a political revolutionary
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