

Melchizedek

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Hebrews 7:1 (ESV) O/H

For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham.

Funny story. The culmination about Melchizedek recorded in Hebrews 7, can be given in 5 minutes. So, stay with me to the end. The end is powerful. Melchizedek's history: this is it, nothing more.

Genesis 14:18–20 (ESV)

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.

Big deal that Abraham gave him 10% of all he had. This shows that Melchizedek was greater than Abraham. Melchizedek was a priest of God 500 years before God gave Moses the Law, the role of priest, and temple worship. However, 1000 years later David mentions Melchizedek.

Psalm 110:4 (ESV) O/H
The LORD has sworn
and will not change his mind,
“You are a priest forever
after the order of Melchizedek.”

Psalm 110:1 is quoted often in the NT, and Jesus Himself quotes this in Matthew 22:41-45 to prove HIS deity. So, verse 4 is clearly speaking of Jesus as a priest after the order of Melchizedek. About 1000 years after David, Hebrews quotes verse 4.

Hebrews 5:5–6 (ESV)
⁵ Jesus was appointed by God who said to Jesus,
“You are my Son, today I have begotten you;”
⁶ God also says, “You are a priest forever, after the
order of Melchizedek.”

After being introduced to Melchizedek in Genesis 14 and seeing his connection with Jesus in Psalm 110, here we are reintroduced to Melchizedek in Hebrews 5, plus one verse in Hebrews 6, and one entire chapter in Hebrews Chapter 7. **Note: Melchizedek and never mention anywhere else.**

Hebrews 7:1–2 (ESV)

¹ 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 first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of peace.

This is Melchizedek and Jesus is a priest of the same order. **Why another priest? If perfection could come from the Law, we wouldn't need another priest.**

Hebrews 7:11 (ESV)

Now **if perfection** had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek?

Since we cannot attain perfection through the OT law and priests, we need a new law and priest.

Hebrews 7:12 (ESV) O/H

For when there is a **change** in the priesthood, there is necessarily a **change** in the law as well.

Melchizedek and Jesus were different than OT priest given by the Law of Moses. Jesus brought a change in the priesthood and therefore a change in the Law. This change was absolutely necessary.

Hebrews 7:18-19 (ESV) O/H

¹⁸ The former commandment (the Law) is set aside because of its weakness and uselessness. ¹⁹ (for the law made nothing perfect); but a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God.

The Law is set aside for a better covenant.

Hebrews 7:22 (ESV) O/H

This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant – or – Jesus guarantees a better covenant.

Reason for Hebrews 7. The OT Priest offered sacrifices for the sins of the people so that they would be forgiven. Now Jesus replaced the OT priest and sacrificed HIMSELF so that through Jesus we are forgiven!

Hebrews 7:27 (ESV) O/H

There is no need for OT high priests to offer sacrifices daily, since Jesus did this once for all when HE offered up HIMSELF (on the cross). -John 3:16-