

Series "Jesus Is Better"
"An Eternal Priesthood"
Hebrews 7:1-10
Study-14

Genesis 14:17-24 – written 2000 BC. 1000 years of silence, God gives divine inspiration to the Psalmist David to record Psalm 110:4.

Hebrews 7-10 – A Superior Priesthood: Jesus Christ.

The Thought Of Our Passage: "Priesthood Of Jesus Supersedes That Of Aaron's Through Being Eternal, Kingly, And Reigning In Righteousness And Peace."

1. Verses 1-3 – His Person

2. Verses 4-10 – His Position

1. Verses 1-3 – His Person:

Hebrews 7:1

"For this Melchizedek," – conjunction "For" links this discussion with the previous references, Hebrews 5:6.

Hebrews 5:10 – There was this interlude in Hebrews 5:11-6:20

Hebrews 6:20

Verse 1 – His Titles: "For this Melchizedek,"

King Of Salem – "king of Salem" – (A King rules over men for God), Psalm 76:2.

Hebrews 1:3

Hebrews 8:1

Jesus is not yet literally King, nor will He be until He comes again and occupies His own throne – Revelation 19:16.

Priest Of The Most High God – "priest of the Most High God" – (A Priest represents men to God); Genesis 14:18 – "El-Elyon", He is the "possessor of heaven and earth."

"highest" – "His unique supremacy over the created order."

Demons Declared Jesus' Supremacy – Mark 5:7

Angel Gabriel Declared Jesus' Supremacy – Luke 1:32

Foretold That Jesus Would Be Both King And Priest: Zechariah 6:13

Abraham killed the 4 kings responsible for the abduction, Genesis 14:1-24.

“and blessed him,” – Genesis 14:18-20

Hebrews 7:2

Verse 2 – His Meaning: “Abraham apportioned a tenth part of all the spoils,”

Tenth or tithe – 10% was presented to God through Melchizedek.

Leviticus 27:30-32

Abraham recognized that Melchizedek was far greater than himself, acknowledged it through the giving of a tenth.

“Melchizedek” is a Hebrew compound word composed of the words for “king” (melek) and “righteousness” (zedek).

“Salem” – means “peace”; Hebrew word “Shalom”, which is king of peace.

Isaiah 32:17

Jesus, “The Lord Our Righteousness”, Jeremiah 23:5-6.

Jesus, “The Prince of Peace”, Isaiah 9:6-7.

God Wants Us To Bear The Peaceful Fruit Of Righteousness – Hebrews 12:10-11.

True Peace Can Be Experienced Only On The Basis Of Righteousness: Romans 5:1

Romans 4:6.

Galatians 2:21

Melchizedek Typified The Royalty Of Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 7:3

Verse 3 – His Person: “Without father, without mother,” – (Argument from silence).

“without genealogy,” – No genealogy contains his name; (Argument from silence).

“having neither beginning of days nor end of life,” (Argument from silence).

“but made like the Son of God,” – It does not say he was Jesus Christ, but like!

Significance of Melchizedek lies in the fact that he was both a King and a Priest. Jesus Is Both King And Priest!

Jesus Christ is the King, possessing the royal birthright of David out of the tribe of Judah.

Jesus is our Priest by divine oath (Psalm 110:4). Melchizedek Typified The Priest Of Jesus Christ.

2. Verses 4-10 – His Position:

Hebrews 7:4

“observe” – “constant contemplation with insight and discernment.”

Verses 4-7 – His Preeminence: “how great this man was to whom Abraham,”

“Patriarch” – “to be first, the starter of the nation of Israel.”

“gave a tenth of the choicest spoils.” – “choicest” – compound word, consisting of “top” and “heap”; literally means “the top of the pile.”

Hebrews 7:5

Numbers 18:21

Hebrews 7:6-7

“But without any dispute” – “without all contradiction”

Greatness Of Melchizedek Was Affirmed through Abraham giving tithes and in receiving his blessing, through Melchizedek.

Verse 8 – His Permanence: Hebrews 7:8

Permanent Priesthood Of Melchizedek: "he lives on." – Literally "is declared to be living"; Priesthood continues.

Revelation 1:17-18

Verses 9-10 – His Priority: Hebrews 7:9

Hebrews 7:10 – How could Levi pay tithes to Melchizedek when he was not yet alive?

Levi, in the loins of Abraham, paid tithes to Melchizedek; the priesthood of Melchizedek must be superior to that of Aaron.

Joshua's Covenant With The Gibeonites: Joshua 9:15; affected generations of Israel. 400 years later, under King David, suffering; 2 Samuel 21.

The Entire Human Race Sinned In Adam And Shared In His Judgment Of Death: Romans 5:12.

Through A New Birth, A Believing Sinner Participates With Christ In His Crucifixion And Resurrection: Galatians 2:20.

Application:

1. Jesus Is The King Of Righteousness And Peace. True Peace Can Be Experienced Only On The Basis Of Righteousness.
2. Greatness Of Melchizedek Was Affirmed Through Abraham Giving A Tenth And In Receiving His Blessing, Through Melchizedek.
3. Permanent Priesthood Of Melchizedek Guarantees The Permanence Of The Priesthood Of Jesus Christ.