

Who is Melchizedek?

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Hebrews 7:1-11

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Intro:

- Theme of Hebrews: Jesus is Better!
- Heb 5-10 shows us Jesus as our Great High Priest - the Gospel
- The original recipients were beginning to face persecution^{10:32-34;12:4}
- Chp 7 is a tough chapter for modern minds

Who was Melchizedek?

- Many varied answers over the years...
- Melchizedek was a real person presented as a "type" of Christ
- Type is a prophetic symbol that represents something future
- Ex: Num 21⁴⁻⁹; Jn 3¹⁴⁻¹⁵ serpent on pole lifted up; Jesus lifted up
- Started to explain 5^{6,10}; took side-trip 5^{11-6²⁰} starts again 7¹

Melchizedek - a type of Christ

- Melchizedek 1st mentioned Gen 14¹⁷⁻²⁴
- Melchizedek again mentioned Psalm 110⁴ by David
- Now in Hebrews... shows God's divine inspiration of Bible
- Melchizedek: king of Salem (Jerusalem); king of righteousness and peace

Melchizedek without father, mother or genealogy

- Melchizedek declared w/o mention of parents or genealogy³
- These not recorded to be a "type" of Christ
- Levitical priesthood was only by genealogy^{Lev 21; Ezek 44:22}
- After return from exile; many Levites excluded^{Ez 2:62; Neh 7:64}
- Jesus was Great Priest with no Levitical genealogy
- Levitical priests could only serve ages 25-50yrs^{Num 4:3; 8:23-26}
- Melchizedek no beginning or end mentioned
- Jesus' priesthood rested on His eternal dignity of Sonship

Jesus is better than Abraham

- V4-10: Jewish arguments
- Levitical priests collected tithes from worshipers
- Melchizedek collected tithes from Abraham & blessed him
- Therefore Melchizedek was greatest: type of Christ
- Jesus has fulfilled the type - He is the BEST!

Jesus is the Perfect High Priest we need!

- We've seen Jesus is greater than Melchizedek & Abraham & Levitical priesthood

So What?

- How does sinful man draw near to God?
- Only by God's provision of Jesus the Great High Priest which was foreshadowed by Melchizedek
- The Gospel is not us imitating Jesus, God transforms us by our faith in Jesus - God's perfect provision for our salvation!
- Trust only in Jesus for your salvation, nothing else!

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