

Hebrews 7:1-28 **Eternal Priesthood – Order of Melchizedek**

Uniqueness of Melchizedek

¹ For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, ² to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated "king of righteousness," and then also king of Salem, meaning "king of peace," ³ without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually.

Greatness of Melchizedek

⁴ Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils. ⁵ And indeed those who are of the sons of Levi, who receive the priesthood, have a commandment to receive tithes from the people according to the law, that is, from their brethren, though they have come from the loins of Abraham; ⁶ but he whose genealogy is not derived from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. ⁷ Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better. ⁸ Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives. ⁹ Even Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, so to speak, ¹⁰ for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him.

Change of Priesthood

¹¹ Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron? ¹² For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law. ¹³ For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar.

Order of Melchizedek

¹⁴ For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood. ¹⁵ And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest ¹⁶ who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life. ¹⁷ For He testifies:

"You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek."

Better Hope

¹⁸ For on the one hand there is an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness, ¹⁹ for the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.

Authority for Priesthood of Christ – Better Covenant

²⁰ And inasmuch as He was not made priest without an oath ²¹ (for they have become priests without an oath, but He with an oath by Him who said to Him:

"The LORD has sworn And will not relent,' You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek' "),

²² by so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant.

²³ Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing.

Eternal unchangeable power in Priesthood of Christ Jesus

²⁴ But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. ²⁵ Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶ For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; ²⁷ who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.

²⁸ For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever.

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Facts Revealed:

Uniqueness of Melchizedek [Hebrews 7:1-3]

- † For this Melchizedek, King of Salem (King of Peace), Priest of the Most High God.
 - ✧ First mentioned in Holy Scripture when He came out to bless Abraham as Abraham was returning from the slaughter of the kings who had taken Lot captive, to Whom Abraham gave a tenth of all. [Genesis 14:1-20]
 - ✧ Melchizedek was the only one before Christ Jesus who held the dual office as King of Peace and Priest of God Most High. [Hebrews 7:1, Zechariah 6:12-13, Isaiah 9:6-7]
 - ✧ Melchizedek is translated as King of Righteousness, King of Salem (King of Peace). [Hebrews 7:2]
 - ✧ Melchizedek was without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a Priest continually forever. [Hebrews 7:3]
 - ✧ Eternal reign of Christ. [Exodus 15:18, Psalm 146:10, Micah 4:7, Luke 1:33, Revelation 11:15, 20:5-6, 22:5]

Greatness of Melchizedek [Hebrews 7:4-10]

- † Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils. [Hebrews 7:4]
 - ✧ Melchizedek received a tithe from Abraham and blessed Abraham. [Genesis 14:18-20]
 - ✧ The lesser is blessed by the Greater. [Hebrews 7:7]

Change of Priesthood [Hebrews 7:11-13]

- † Perfection was not provided through the Law under the Levitical Priesthood.
 - ✧ For the Priesthood to change from the Order of Aaron to the Order of Melchizedek, the Law was required to be changed.
 - ✧ The Levitical Priesthood under the Order of Aaron required the Priests to be direct descendants of Aaron of the tribe of Levi.
 - ✧ Jesus came through the tribe of Judah from which no man has officiated at the Altar.

Order of Melchizedek [Hebrews 7:14-17]

- † The Priesthood needed to change from the mortal to the immortal eternal Order of Melchizedek according to the **power of an endless life**.
 - ✧ God had said:
"You are a priest **forever** According to the order of Melchizedek." [Psalm 110:4]

Better Hope [Hebrews 7:18-19]

- † The Levitical Priesthood became annulled because of its weakness and unprofitableness.
 - ✧ The Law made nothing perfect because it identified sin.

- ❖ The change of Priesthood brought in a **better hope** through our ever Living Savior through Whom we draw near to God.

Authority for Priesthood of Christ – Better Covenant [Hebrews 7:20-23]

- † As the Levitical Priesthood was established by the appointment of God, likewise Christ Jesus received His Priesthood by the appointment of God Who said of Him:

"The LORD has sworn And will not relent,' You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek." [Psalm 110:4]

- ❖ As such, Jesus became a surety of a better covenant based on an endless life.
- ❖ Levitical Priests were prevented by death from continuing.

Eternal unchangeable power in Priesthood of Messiah (Christ) Jesus [Hebrews 7:24-28]

- † Jesus has an unchangeable Priesthood because He lives and continues forever.

- ❖ Jesus is able to save to the uttermost, because He always lives to make intercession for those who come to God through Him.
- ❖ It is fitting for us that such a High Priest Who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, has become higher than the heavens.
- ❖ Jesus does not need to daily offer up sacrifices like the Levitical Priests, first for His own sins and then for the sins of the people, because He did it once for all when He offered up Himself.
- ❖ For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever.