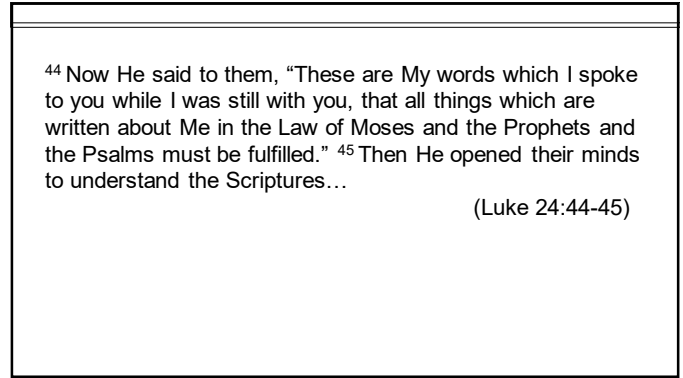




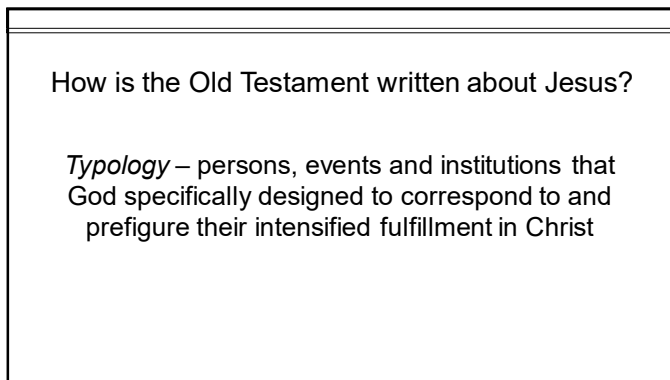
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⁴⁴ Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures...

(Luke 24:44-45)

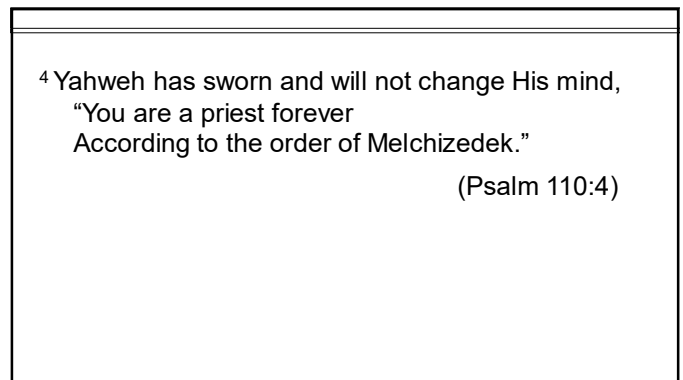
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How is the Old Testament written about Jesus?

Typology – persons, events and institutions that God specifically designed to correspond to and prefigure their intensified fulfillment in Christ

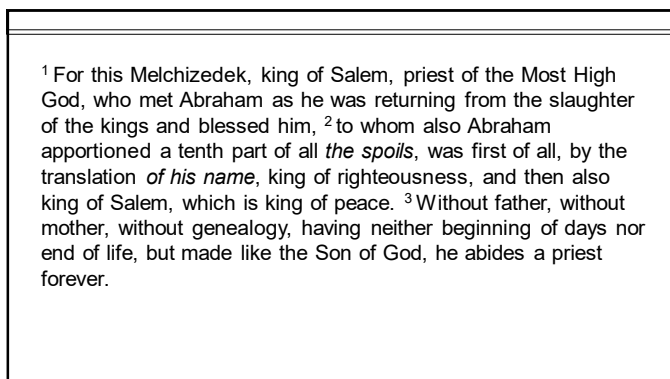
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⁴ Yahweh has sworn and will not change His mind,
"You are a priest forever
According to the order of Melchizedek."

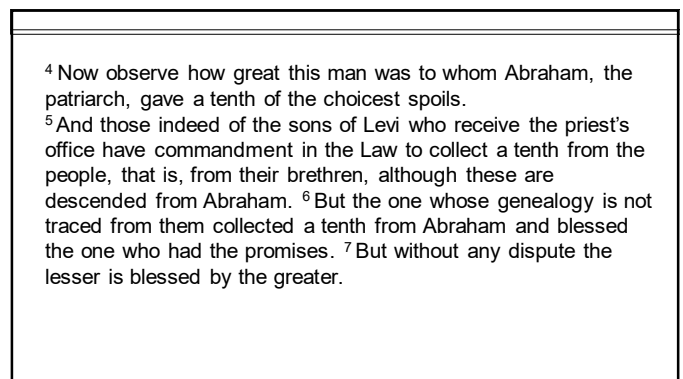
(Psalm 110:4)

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¹ For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham as he was returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, ² to whom also Abraham apportioned a tenth part of all *the spoils*, was first of all, by the translation of *his name*, king of righteousness, and then also king of Salem, which is 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, he abides a priest forever.

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⁴ Now observe how great this man was to whom Abraham, the patriarch, gave a tenth of the choicest spoils.

⁵ And those indeed of the sons of Levi who receive the priest's office have commandment in the Law to collect a tenth from the people, that is, from their brethren, although these are descended from Abraham. ⁶ But the one whose genealogy is not traced from them collected a tenth from Abraham and blessed the one who had the promises. ⁷ But without any dispute the lesser is blessed by the greater.

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⁸ In this case mortal men receive tithes, but in that case one *receives them*, of whom it is witnessed that he lives on.
⁹ And, so to speak, through Abraham even Levi, who received tithes, paid tithes, ¹⁰ for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him. (Hebrews 7:1-10)

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Who is Melchizedek?

- He is a prefigurement of Christ in His permanent, superior priesthood

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What is his Significance?

- As a priest, he is greater than the Levitical priesthood (v.4-10)

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What is his Significance?

- “*See how great this man was!*”
 - his greatness is displayed in the quality of the gift and the dignity of the one who offered it (Abraham, *the patriarch!*)

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The Greatness of Melchizedek

1. Melchizedek vs. Levitical Priests (*round 1*)
 - the Levites authority to receive tithes was based on their genealogy and God’s ordinance
 - they could only collect tithes from the people of Israel, who were also descended from Abraham

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The Greatness of Melchizedek

1. Melchizedek vs. Levitical Priests (*round 1*)
 - Melchizedek’s divine, priestly authority transcends genealogy and is recognized by Abraham
 - as priest of God, he mediated the blessing of God to Abraham who had the promises

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The Greatness of Melchizedek

2. Melchizedek vs. Levitical Priests (*round 2*)

- a contrast between the mortality of the Levitical priests and the “eternity” of Melchizedek
- he is a “type” of Son who is a “priest forever” on the basis on an indestructible life

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¹⁵And this is clearer still, if another priest arises according to the likeness of Melchizedek, ¹⁶who has become *such* not on the basis of a law of physical requirement, but according to the power of an indestructible life.

¹⁷For it is witnessed *of Him*,

“YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER

ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK.”

(Hebrews 7:15-16)

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