



Genesis 14:17-20

¹⁷ Then after his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). ¹⁸ And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; now he was a priest of God Most High. ¹⁹ He blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; ²⁰ And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." He gave him a tenth of all.

Psalm 110

A Psalm of David.

¹ Yahweh says to my Lord:
 "Sit at My right hand
 Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet"...

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

Hebrews 4:14 -10:18

➤ Jesus, our all-sufficient high priest

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 remains a priest perpetually.

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. ⁸ In this case mortal men receive tithes, but in that case one *receives them*, of whom it is witnessed that he lives on.

⁹And, so to speak, through Abraham even Levi, who received tithes, paid tithes, ¹⁰for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him. (Hebrews 7:1-10)

Who is Melchizedek?

- He is a prefigurement of Christ's permanent, superior priesthood

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1. He is a king-priest

- a figure like Adam – a reigning king who mediates between people and God as priest
- his name prefigures what Jesus will establish as king-priest – “righteousness and peace”

And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

There will be no end to the increase of *His*
government or of peace,
On the throne of David and over his kingdom,
To establish it and to uphold it with justice and
righteousness

From then on and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

(Isaiah 9:6-7)

Who is Melchizedek?

2. He is an eternal, divine-like being

- his genealogy is not recorded in Scripture – he is outside of the line of Aaron/Levi
- he has been patterned in advance to foreshadow the eternal, divine nature of the Son of God
- as such, he remains a priest forever – picturing the permanent, unending priesthood of Jesus

²³ The *former* priests, on the one hand, existed in greater numbers because they were prevented by death from continuing, ²⁴ but Jesus, on the other hand, because He abides forever, holds His priesthood permanently.

²⁵ Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. (Hebrews 7:23-25)