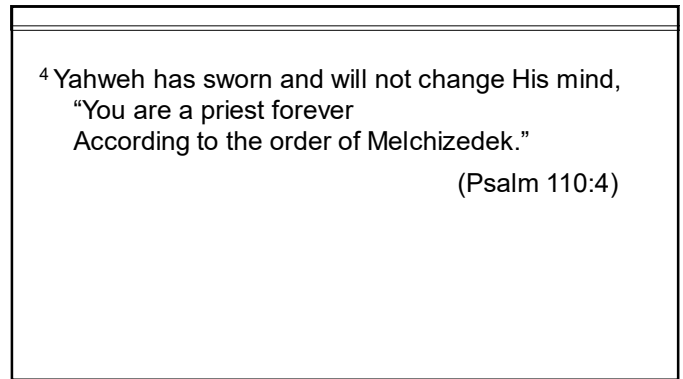




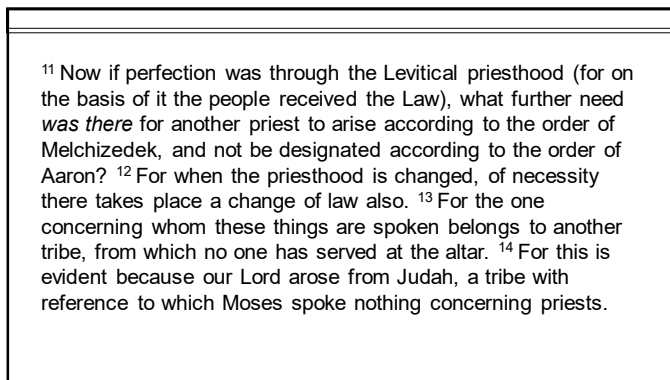
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⁴ Yahweh has sworn and will not change His mind,
 "You are a priest forever
 According to the order of Melchizedek."

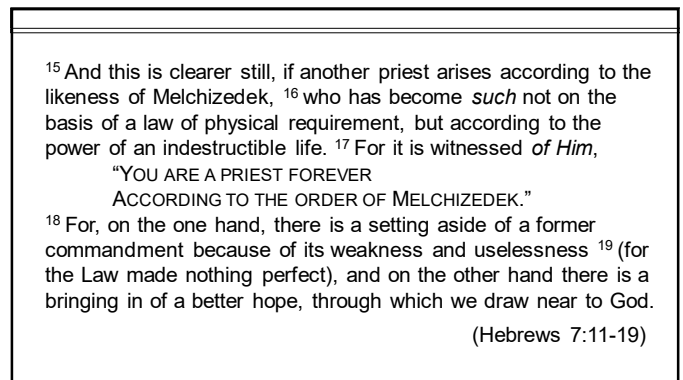
(Psalm 110:4)

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¹¹ Now if perfection was through the Levitical priesthood (for on the basis of it the people received the Law), what further need *was there* for another priest to arise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be designated according to the order of Aaron? ¹² For when the priesthood is changed, of necessity there takes place a change of law also. ¹³ For the one concerning whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no one has served at the altar. ¹⁴ For this is evident because our Lord arose from Judah, a tribe with reference to which Moses spoke nothing concerning priests.

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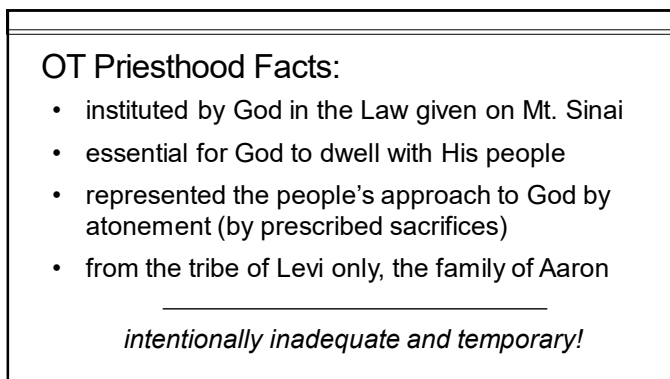


¹⁵ And this is clearer still, if another priest arises according to the likeness of Melchizedek, ¹⁶ who has become *such* not on the basis of a law of physical requirement, but according to the power of an indestructible life. ¹⁷ For it is witnessed *of Him*,
 "YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER
 ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK."

¹⁸ For, on the one hand, there is a setting aside of a former commandment because of its weakness and uselessness ¹⁹ (for the Law made nothing perfect), and on the other hand there is a bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.

(Hebrews 7:11-19)

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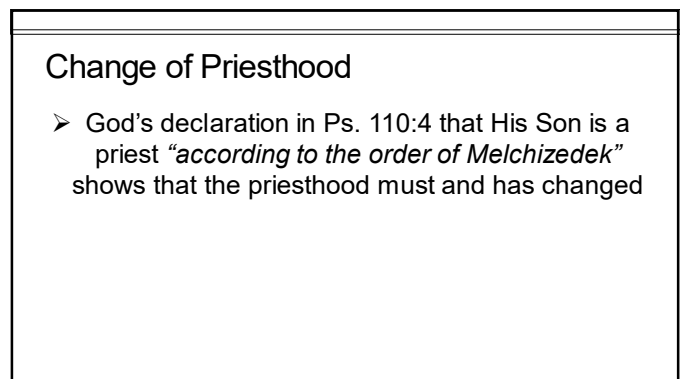


OT Priesthood Facts:

- instituted by God in the Law given on Mt. Sinai
- essential for God to dwell with His people
- represented the people's approach to God by atonement (by prescribed sacrifices)
- from the tribe of Levi only, the family of Aaron

intentionally inadequate and temporary!

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Change of Priesthood

- God's declaration in Ps. 110:4 that His Son is a priest "*according to the order of Melchizedek*" shows that the priesthood must and has changed

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Change of Priesthood

1. The Inadequacy of the Levitical Priesthood

- it could never provide ultimate cleansing from sin and access to God (“perfection”)
- this implies the inadequacy and replacement of the entire Mosaic law-covenant

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Change of Priesthood

2. The Different Order of Christ's Priesthood

- He was not from the priestly tribe of Levi and could not trace his genealogy from Aaron
- He “arose” from the tribe of Judah and could never serve as a Levitical priest

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(for the Law made nothing perfect), and on the other hand there is a bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God. (7:19)

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