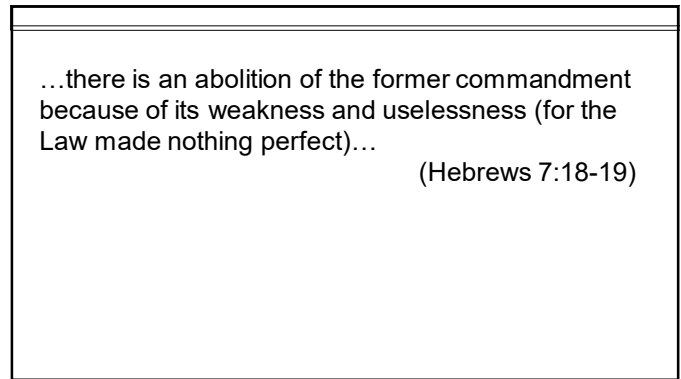




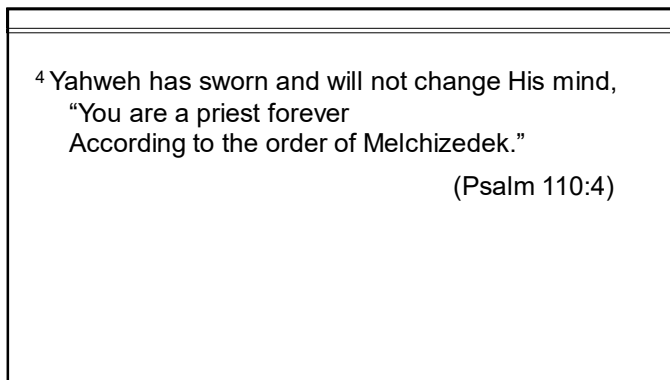
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...there is an abolition of the former commandment because of its weakness and uselessness (for the Law made nothing perfect)...

(Hebrews 7:18-19)

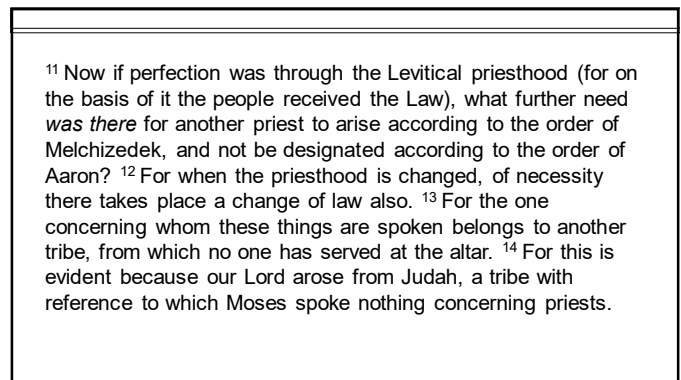
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<sup>4</sup> Yahweh has sworn and will not change His mind,  
"You are a priest forever  
According to the order of Melchizedek."

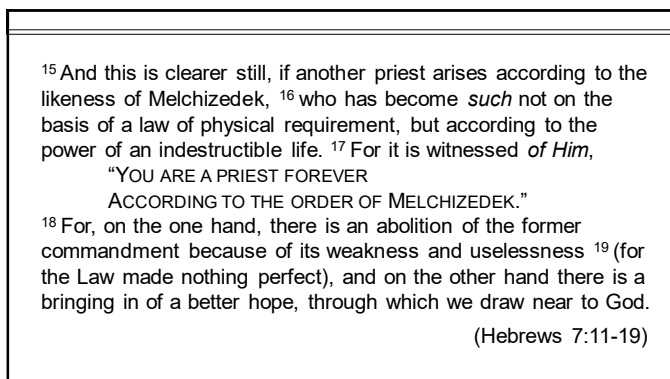
(Psalm 110:4)

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<sup>11</sup> 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? <sup>12</sup> For when the priesthood is changed, of necessity there takes place a change of law also. <sup>13</sup> For the one concerning whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no one has served at the altar. <sup>14</sup> 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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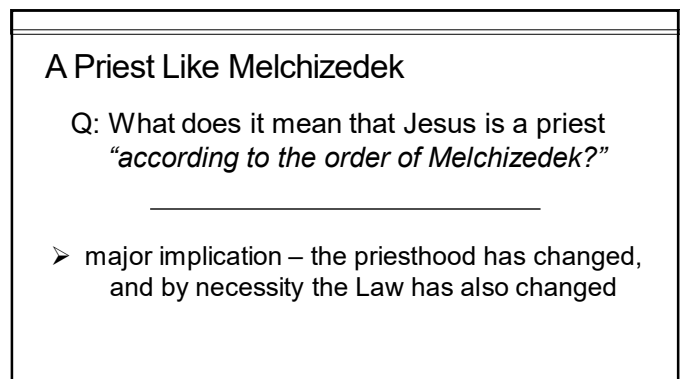
<sup>15</sup> And this is clearer still, if another priest arises according to the likeness of Melchizedek, <sup>16</sup> who has become *such* not on the basis of a law of physical requirement, but according to the power of an indestructible life. <sup>17</sup> For it is witnessed *of Him*,  
"YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER

ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK."

<sup>18</sup> For, on the one hand, there is an abolition of the former commandment because of its weakness and uselessness <sup>19</sup> (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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## A Priest Like Melchizedek

Q: What does it mean that Jesus is a priest  
"according to the order of Melchizedek?"

- major implication – the priesthood has changed, and by necessity the Law has also changed

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## A Priest Like Melchizedek

### 1. The Meaning

- like Melchizedek (the type), the Son's priesthood is not based on a law of physical descent, but on His "indestructible life"
- this is nothing less the eternal life of God shared by the eternal Son, emphatically displayed in the power of His resurrection

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## A Priest Like Melchizedek

### 2. The Implications

#### A. The abolition of the Levitical legislation

- it could not provide cleansing from sin and access to the presence of God
- it reveals the inadequacy and abolition of the entire Mosaic-law covenant

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## A Priest Like Melchizedek

### 2. The Implications

#### B. The establishment of a "better hope"

- the "perfection" provided by Christ – removal of sin and direct access to God
- this hope provides not only present but ultimate entrance into God's presence

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<sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, <sup>4</sup>and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be *any* death; there will no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup>And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true." (Revelation 21:3-5)

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