

Exegesis on who is King Melchizedek



Genesis 14:18-20- (NIV)

18 Then Melchizedek, king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High,

19 and he blessed Abram, saying, “Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth.

20 And praise be to God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand.” Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

**** Why would Abram give Tithes of everything he had to Melchizedek?**

Circa: 2144 B.C.

Let us begin to examining his NAME and what his name means in the Hebrew; Melchizedek:

King of Righteousness, King of Salem, and Priest of the most high God, who met Abram in the valley of Shaveh, which is the King's valley, brought out bread and wine, blessed him, and received **tithes** from Abram.

Why would Abram **tithe** to Melchizedek, of everything that Abram owned ?

Three Men Visit Abraham

Genesis: 18- 1-5 (NIV)

18 The Lord appeared to Abraham near the large trees of Mamre.

Abraham was sitting at the entrance to his tent.
It was the hottest time of the day.

2 Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby.
So he quickly left the entrance to his tent to greet them.
He bowed low to the ground.

3 He said, “My lord, if you are pleased with me, don’t pass me by.

4 Let me get you some water.

Then all of you can wash your feet and rest under this tree.

5 Let me get you something to eat to give you strength.

Then you can go on your way. I want to do this for you now that you have come to me.”

“All right,” they answered. “Do as you say.”

Psalms 110:4 - (NIV)

The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind:

“You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.”

What is the Order of Melchizedek:

it is explained to be “manner,” likeness in official dignity, a King and Priest.

The relationship between Melchizedek and Christ as type and antitype is made in the epistle to the Hebrews to consist in the following particulars:

Each was a Priest - Not of the Levitical Tribe - Superior to Abraham

Who's beginnings and endings are unknown?

Who is not only a Priest but also a King of Righteousness and Peace?

A fruitful source of discussion has been found in the site of Salem

A Priest Forever: Hebrews 5:5-6,9,10, (NKJV)

5 So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but *it was* He who said to Him:

“You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.”

6 As *He* also says in another *place*:

“You *are* a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek”;

9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

10 called by God as High Priest “according to the order of Melchizedek,”

Hebrews: 6:20 (NKJV)

20 where the forerunner has entered for us, *even* Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 7:1-17 (NIV)

Melchizedek the Priest

7 This Melchizedek was king of Salem and priest of God Most High. He met Abraham returning from the defeat of the kings and blessed him,

2 and Abraham gave him a tenth of everything. First, the name Melchizedek means “king of righteousness”; then also, “king of Salem” means “king of peace.”

3 Without father or mother, without genealogy, without beginning of days or end of life, resembling the Son of God, he remains a priest forever.

4 Just think how great he was: Even the patriarch Abraham gave him a tenth of the plunder!

5 Now the law requires the descendants of Levi who become priests to collect a tenth from the people—that is, from their fellow Israelites—even though they also are descended from Abraham.

6 This man, however, did not trace his descent from Levi, yet he collected a tenth from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises.

7 And without doubt the lesser is blessed by the greater.

8 In the one case, the tenth is collected by people who die; but in the other case, by him who is declared to be living.

9 One might even say that Levi, who collects the tenth, paid the tenth through Abraham,

10 because when Melchizedek met Abraham, Levi was still in the body of his ancestor.

Jesus Like Melchizedek

11 If perfection could have been attained through the Levitical priesthood—and indeed the law given to the people established that priesthood—why was there still need for another priest to come, one in the order of Melchizedek, not in the order of Aaron?

12 For when the priesthood is changed, the law must be changed also.

13 He of whom these things are said belonged to a different tribe, and no one from that tribe has ever served at the altar.

14 For it is clear that our Lord descended from Judah, and in regard to that tribe Moses said nothing about priests.

15 And what we have said is even more clear if another priest like Melchizedek appears,

16 one who has become a priest not on the basis of a regulation as to his ancestry but on the basis of the power of an indestructible life.

17 For it is declared:

“You are a priest forever,
in the order of Melchizedek.”^[a]

Hebrews 7:20-21

Greatness of the New Priest

20 And it was not without an oath! Others became priests without any oath,

21 but he became a priest with an oath when God said to him:

“The Lord has sworn
and will not change his mind:
‘You are a priest forever.’”^[b]

Let us Examine the similarities between Melchizedek & Jesus:

Melchizedek & Jesus are both Kings

Melchizedek & Jesus are both Priest of the Most High God

Melchizedek & Jesus are both blessed people

Melchizedek is the First to Receive Tithes in the Bible

Abram knew God because he had met Him, so why would he tithe to Melchizedek, if HE wasn't God ?

Neither Melchizedek nor Jesus were Not of the Levitical Tribe, Melchizedek and Jesus were both superior to Abraham.

Melchizedek and Jesus who's beginnings and endings are both unknown.

Melchizedek and Jesus are both not only a Priest but also a - King of Righteousness and Peace Melchizedek:

where the forerunner has entered for us, *even* Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

See Hebrews 6:20 (NIV)

20 where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.

So, we conclude that Melchizedek, HE is Jesus !

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