

It is a superior priesthood because:

Aaronic Priesthood	Melchizedek's Priesthood
was <u>national</u>	is <u>universal</u>
was <u>subject</u> to kings	is a <u>royal</u> priesthood
offered <u>no lasting</u> righteousness and peace	offers <u>eternal</u> righteousness and peace
was based on <u>heredity</u>	is based on <u>personal</u> merit
was <u>temporal</u>	is <u>eternal</u>

God ordained Jesus a High Priest that would not be *limited in scope, authority, power, blessing or time* – a priesthood initiated after the order of *Melchizedek!* (Psalm 100:1-4; Heb 5:8-10; 6:19-20; 8:1-2)

Bring It Home...

Identify one or two insights that really impacted you from this message. What was it that seemed significant to you and why?

How and why did Abraham honor Melchizedek? How do you honor Jesus?

Do you think about Jesus praying for you as you go through the day? How might that affect the way you go about your daily activities this week?

Seeing Jesus Through The Old Testament
Jesus: Our HIGH PRIEST Forever!
 Gen 14:17-24 (p. 9); Ps 110:1-4 (p. 426); Heb 7:1-28 (p. 831)
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Who is Melchizedek? (Genesis 14:17-24; Ps 110:1-4)

There are a grand total of four verses in two books of the Old Testament that mention Melchizedek

- Genesis 14:17-20
- Psalm 110:4

Melchizedek (Gen 14:17-20):

- is the King of *Salem* (v 18)
- is the priest of the *Most High God* (v18)
- provided Abraham and his men bread and wine (v 18)
- blesses Abraham (vs 19-20)
- receives a tenth of the booty from Abraham (v 20)

Some suggest that Melchizedek was:

- An angel
- Noah's son S hem
- A Christophany (a pre-incarnate appearance of Christ)
- Simply a man

About a thousand years later, he appears again in a Messianic prophecy (Psalm 110:4)

- Melchizedek is an amazing *proof* of the inspiration and unity of the Bible

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What is the significance of Melchizedek?

(Hebrews 7:1-28)

Melchizedek is a picture of the superior High Priestly ministry of Jesus Christ over the Aaronic priesthood (Heb 7:1-3)

Consider these comparisons...

His n a m e:

- Melchizedek means “*King of Righteousness*” (Heb 7:2; Ps 85:13; 89:14; Isa 9:7)
 - *Melek* = king
 - *Zedek* = righteousness

His t i t l e:

- *King of Salem* = King of peace – “shalom” (Heb 7:1; Isa 9:6; John 14:27; 18:33-37)

His s e r v i c e:

- A *priest of the Most High God* (Heb 7:1; Zech 6:13; Heb 5:8-10; 1 Tim 2:5; 1 Pet 2:24; 2 Cor 5:21)
- Offers *bread and wine* (Matt 26:26-29; Luke 22:14-20; 1 Cor 11:23-26)

His g r e a t n e s s:

- Abraham is *blessed* by Melchizedek (Heb 7:1; John 8:56; Gal 3:14)
- Abraham *tithed* to Melchizedek (Heb 7:2, 4-10; Luke 11:31-32; John 8:53)

His o r i g i n:

- Without beginning or end of life (Heb 7:3; John 1:1; 8:58)

His priesthood:

- Is not according to the Levitical line (Heb 7:11-22)
- Is not limited by death (Heb 7:23-25)
- Is not performed in weakness but in perfection (Heb 7:26-28)

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