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THE HIGH PRIESTHOOD of MELCHIZEDEK

Melchizedek is a compound Hebrew word (my king / righteous) (Gen.14:18). This name is a translation from Greek of Septuagint Bible.

- Melchizedek is mention in three books of the Bible: (Gen.14:17-20), (Ps.110:4) and (Heb.5-7).
- Melchizedek is the first official high priest of the Lord God recorded in the Bible.

The writer of Hebrews says that Melchizedek was modeled after the Son of God (aphomioo) (perf.p.ptc.nsm) (apo+homioo) [type, copy, and replica] because his priesthood remains (meno) (p.a.ind.3ps) perpetual (eis+acc.of time) (to) (dienekes) (asn) [unbroken tenure or continuously] (Heb.7:3).

Since Melchizedek existed prior to Moses and Aaron, his priesthood is not connected to the Law. Melchizedek's priesthood was fulfilled in Jesus Christ apart from the Law (Heb.7).

This lesson will study <u>five aspects</u> of the High Priesthood of Melchizedek.
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1. The writer of Hebrews discussed the subject of the high priesthood of Jesus Christ in chapter 3 -10.

These chapters teach the superiority of the New Covenant priesthood of Jesus Christ (Heb.3:1-6; 4:14-16; 5:5-20; 6:19-20; 7:1-28; 8:1-6; 9:11-15; 10:12-25).

The high priesthood of Jesus Christ is not based on biblical lineage or Mosaic Law.

It is based upon:

- His impeccable death as the lamb of God for the sin of the world (John 1:29; Heb.7:26-28)
- His being buried and raised from the dead to live forever.
- Therefore His priesthood is eternal. (Heb.5:6-10; 6:19-20 7:14-17; 10:19-25).
- He is not called a high priest until after His resurrection-ascension (Heb.4:14-16; 7:3, 14-17; Ps.110:4).

2. Melchizedek introduced to Abraham the prophetic priesthood of Christ when Melchizedek introduced himself as the high priest of El-Elyon the most high God (Gen.14:17-20).

Melchizedek initiated the meeting with Abraham and informed Abraham that El-Elyon had given him the victory over coalition armies (Gen.14:22) Positive volition towards the Word of God. (PV to CBD).

He reminded Abraham that El-Elyon (Most High God) was superior to all gods. This was important since Abraham had been saved from a polytheism culture (Josh.24:2) Worldly or Old Man Cosmos Diabolicus Thinking (OMCD).

Melchizedek's high priesthood was based on personal faith in the prophetic gospel of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. He was saved the same way as Abraham.

(Gal.3:8) "The Scriptures, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, 'All nations will be blessed in you.'" (1 Cor.15:3-4)

3. Melchizedek was given two official kingly titles in (Heb.7:1-3).

- 1st (protos) King of Salem (Jerusalem) (Ps.76:2) which is king of peace (Heb.7:2; Col.1:20).
- 2nd (epeita) King of righteousness because of his name (Heb.7:2; 2 Cor.5:21).

To find both Abraham and Melchizedek in the land of Canaan at the same time and place is how the Plan of God works with Positive Volition (PV) to the Directive Will of God.

Jesus Christ was a high priest after the order of Melchizedek but a king after the order of David (2 Sam. 7:12-17; Luke 1:31-35; 3:23-38; Matt.1:1-17) (Genealogy).

In the Millennium, Jesus Christ will reign as both priest and king.

(Zech.6:13b) “Thus, He will be a priest on His throne, and the counsel of peace will be between the two offices.”

4. Most Christian theologians believe Melchizedek was a person and not a theophany (an appearance of God).

They give two reasons for Melchizedek not being a theophany.

- A theophany is not given a proper name like with Melchizedek (Heb.7:1-3).
- A theophany discloses God as the messenger. Melchizedek represents El-Elyon to Abram (Heb.7:1).

El-Elyon was the God of all blessings.

5. The writer of Hebrews says that Melchizedek was made like (aphomoioo) (perf.p.ptc.nsm) the Son of God in that he abides a high priest forever (Heb.7:3).

Melchizedek performed a blessing ceremony with Abraham following his military victory (Heb.7:1) (eulogeo) (a.a.ptc.nsm) [to invoke a praise blessing] (1 Cor.10:16).

The blessing ceremony consisted of bread, wine, and prophecies, much like the Last Supper of Jesus (Gen.14:18-20, 22; Luke 22:14-23).

The high priesthood of Jesus Christ was based in Him being the Son of God from eternity to eternity (Heb.5:6; 6:20; 7:17, 21).

(Ps.110:4) “The Lord has sworn and will not change His mind; You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”