

# Hebrews Lesson 30

## Chapter 6

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**Vs 1** “<sup>1</sup> For this Melchisedec...”

**Three bible references for Melchisedec:**

- History: Genesis
- Prophecy: Psalms
- Doctrine: Hebrews

**Genesis 14:17-21**

- Melchizedec:
  - He is human
  - He is the king of Salem
  - He is the priest of the most high God
  - He pronounced blessing on Abram in the name of God
  - He blessed God
  - He received tithes from Abram

**Psalms 110: 1-4**

- The Lord
  - Has sworn and will not repent (He cannot lie and he will not break His word)
  - He will come to Earth, smite His enemies, and rule and reign.
  - He will be a king and a priest
    - His priesthood will be forever
    - His priesthood is not in the order of Levi (human priesthood, temporary).
    - His priesthood will be in the order of Melchizedek
      - His priesthood, therefore, predates the Law and the Levitical priesthood
        - Proving that Hebrews was not written for the benefit of Jews under the Law during the Tribulation.

**Hebrews 7**

**Vs 1** Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, blessed Abraham.

**Vs 2** Abraham gave a tenth part of all to Melchizedek.

- His name means King of righteousness
- He is King of Salem, which is King of peace
- **First...King of righteousness...after that...King of peace.** There is an order.
  - Lesson: you must have righteousness before you can have peace
    - We are made righteous in Christ (1 Cor. 1:30)
    - We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 5:1)

**Vs 3** “Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life...”

- Genesis is a record of “begats,” births, birthright, genealogy, and deaths.
  - The bible gives no record of any of these things for Melchizedek.
    - This is not proof that he was Jesus Christ.

- The characteristics of Melchizedek point to Christ.
  - Righteousness, peace, lack of tainted history, priestly blessings.

**“But made like unto the Son of God...”**

- If Melchizedek is “**made like unto the Son of God,**” then he is not the Son of God. He is like Him.

**“...abideth a priest continually.”**

- Priests under the Aaronic, Levitical system did not have a continuous priesthood. They all died (vs 8).
- There is no record of the death of Melchizedek. Therefore, the Holy Spirit can point to him as being “made like unto the Son of God” with a continual priesthood.

**4-7 Melchizedek was better than Abraham, receiving tithes from him.**

- Jesus angered the religious leaders by claiming to be better than Abraham (John 8:51-59)
- Tithing is a command given according to the law.
- Tithing is a command given to people who came from Abraham’s loins.
- Abraham gave tithes to Melchizedek, who was not under the law, nor was he a descendant of Abraham.
- Melchizedek blessed Abraham. The less is blessed of the better (vs 7).
  - Abraham and all his descendants are inferior to Melchizedek.
  - Jesus Christ is after the order of Melchizedek. Therefore, He is superior to every member of the Hebrew nation.

**Vs 8 The writer seems to suggest that Melchizedek is still alive.**

- It could simply indicate that there is no record of his death.

**9-10 Levi paid tithes to Melchizedek by proxy, being in Abraham’s loins when he tithed.**

**Vs 11 “If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood...”** This implies that the Hebrew priesthood and system of law is imperfect.

- This is another proof that Hebrews is not written to Tribulation Jews under the law.
  - Hebrews is written to tell Hebrew people not to go back to the law.

**“...what further need was *there* that ANOTHER priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec...”**

- If Jesus Christ is “another priest” after the order of Melchisedec, then Melchisedec is not Jesus Christ.

**12-13 “For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law.”**

- The Old Testament law and priesthood has been replaced.