

Jesus, Our Melchizedekian Priest, Part 3 – Heb. 7:1-28  
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In Hebrews 7 the author returns to the central theological idea of the letter, that Jesus Christ is our eternal High Priest. In order to draw out the full significance of Jesus' unique priesthood, he expounds Psalm 110:4, where a King is foretold who will also hold the office of a Priest, like Melchizedek. The author exalts the priesthood of Jesus by expounding first how Melchizedek is greater than the Levitical priesthood of the OT, and second how Jesus is the greatest Melchizedekian priest.

1. The Superiority of Melchizedek to Levi (7:1-10)
  - a. The Person of Melchizedek (1-3)
  - b. The Greatness of Melchizedek (4-10)
    - (1) He receives tithes from the Patriarch of Levi (4-6a).
    - (2) He blesses the Patriarch of Levi (6b-7).
    - (3) He survives the Priests of Levi (8).
    - (4) He receives tithes from the Priests of Levi (9-10).
2. The Superiority of Jesus' Melchizedekian Priesthood (7:11-28)
  - a. Only the Priesthood of Jesus can 'perfect' believers (11-14).

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- b. Only the Priesthood of Jesus is "forever" (15-19).