

"Two Melchizedeks"  
Genesis 14.17-20 / Hebrews 7

"Abraham - the Father of our Faith"

HOW DOES THE BELIEVER IN GOD REACT AFTER GREAT SUCCESS?  
WHAT IS OUR RESPONSE TO A VICTORY IN OUR LIVES?

□1. The First Melchizedek□

□a. Gratefulness□

TIME OF EXHILARATION - TREMENDOUS MILITARY VICTORY - RESCUED LOT  
EXHAUSTED AND ANXIOUS will the 5 kings return? all 9 in revenge?

LIKE PROPHET ELIJAH AFTER MT. CARMEL? - depression? pity party?

BEFORE ABE HAS CHANCE TO SEND OUT INVITATIONS, IF EVEN WANTS TO??  
GOD SENDS A MESSENGER OF GRACE AND BLESSING TO REFRESH HIM

IF THIS WERE A MOVIE - SOUND TRACK WOULD PLAY STIRRING MUSIC

"see the conquering hero coming!!"

THIS IS REAL LIFE - SIMPLE MAN USED BY A GREAT AND POWERFUL GOD

saying, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and □  
earth. {20} And blessed be God Most High, who delivered your □  
enemies into your hand."

Psalms 136:4 to him who alone does great wonders,  
<His love endures forever>.

MARTIN LUTHER - sanctified imagination, Mel preaches a sermon  
"Previously Abram had been a despised person, and his church was □  
held in utmost contempt in the eyes of the heathen. It is for □  
this reason the he is compelled to move so often from place to □  
place and to seek new abodes. But now, prompted by such an □  
outstanding victory, all come running in large numbers and □  
eagerly desire to see this foreigner whom God in the highest has □  
helped in this way...in this sermon...Melchizedek presents □  
Abraham to the entire world and declares that only with him, in □  
his house and family, are the church, the kingdom of heaven, □  
salvation, forgiveness of sins, and the divine blessing"

GRATEFUL PRAISE OF VICTORIOUS KING DAVID

Psalm 18.35 You give me your shield of victory, and your right □  
hand sustains me; you stoop down to make me great.

Š□b. Greatness□ GREAT MAN ABE MEETS ANOTHER GREAT MAN MEL

WITHIN THESE THREE VERSES CONTAIN MANY QUESTIONS- most unanswered

Who is he? Did Abe know him? How did Abe know to receive him? - □  
i.e. not a trick by the defeated enemy?

Where did he come from? Where did he go? Never appears again

STRANGE SILENCE IN A BOOK FILLED WITH GENEALOGIES

How did Melchizedek learn about the true God?

Was his a recognized priesthood? by whom? for what?

If Mel was a greater man than Abe - why not chosen instead?

Name - NOT REALLY KNOWN, MELCHIZEDEK = TITLE

TITLES "King of Righteousness" "King of Salem / Peace"  
JERUSALEM?? - City of Peace / NOW place of bombs and carnage  
PRINCE OF PEACE DRIVEN OUT OF CITY ON A CROSS

Luther - Noah's son Shem? / then know his father & mother

ONE OF THE GREAT TYPES OF THE LORD JESUS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

NOT PRE-INCARNATE CHRIST - NT WOULD HAVE SAID SO

JOHN CALVIN "He was simply a man who alone was an upright and  
sincere cultivator and guardian of religion"

Hebrews 7.1-4,7 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, his name 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, like the Son of God he remains a priest forever. {4} Just □  
think how great he was!...{7} And without doubt the lesser person □  
is blessed by the greater.

GREAT MEN DIDN'T ACT LIKE YOUNG RAMS BUCKING HORNS W/ E/OTHER  
TO PROVE WHO IS THE GREATEST - IN LOVE THEY SERVED ONE ANOTHER

THEY WERE NOT THREATENED BY E/OTHERS CALL AND ABILITY  
IT WAS THEIR JOY TO SEE THE OTHER PROSPER IN THE LORD

ŠGREAT MEN BECAME EVEN GREATER - POINTING ONE ANOTHER TO GREAT GOD

{18} Then Melchizedek king of Salem...  
He was priest of God Most High, {19} and he blessed Abram,

PRIEST OF EL ELYON = GOD MOST HIGH / CREATOR GOD

GREAT PEOPLE - WHAT THE CHURCH REALLY NEEDS

E.M. BOUNDS "The church is looking for better methods; God is □  
looking for better men. The Holy Spirit does not flow through □  
methods, but through men. He does not come on machinery, but on □  
men. He does not anoint plans, but men - men of prayer."

Rom 15:2 Each of us should please his neighbor for his good,  
to build him up.

GOD KNEW ABE WAS ABOUT TO FACE A STRONG TEMPTATION - MEL PREPARES

PAUL DESCRIBED HIS MINISTRY TO THE CORINTHIANS SAYING

2 Corinthians 12:19 everything we do, dear friends, is for your □  
strengthening.

c. Giving v. 20b "Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything."

THE TITHE WAS THE LORD'S / 10% OF ALL HE RECEIVED

Heb 7.4b Even the patriarch Abraham gave him a tenth of the □  
plunder!...{6} This man...did not trace his descent from Levi, □  
yet he collected a tenth from Abraham and blessed him who had the □  
promises....

TITHING IS A TIMELESS PRINCIPLE - NOT JUST FOR THE LAW OF MOSES

GRANDSON JACOB ACKNOWLEDGE THE SAME PRINCIPLE OF THE TITHE

Genesis 28:22 of all that you give me I will give you a tenth"

FOR ABE - AND THE OBEDIENT CHRISTIAN - TITHING IS ACT OF WORSHIP

## □2. The Second Melchizedek□

MULTITUDE OF QUESTIONS ARE COMPOUNDED - 2 Melchizedeks

□a. Preview□ MEETING OF TWO GREAT MEN - something very thrilling

President Clinton meet Governor Cayetano and worship at Haili  
FULL HOUSE OF INTERESTED PEOPLE - EVEN STAUNCH REPUBLICANS!!

TOO BAD WE DO NOT ACKNOWLEDGE REAL PRESENCE OF JESUS IN MIDST!!

signing of Treaty on White House Lawn - MEETINGS OF HISTORY  
NOTHING SO DRAMATIC AS MOMENT WHEN GREAT MEN SHAKE HANDS!!

ABE & MEL - GREAT SPIRITUAL LEADERS - ARGUABLY GREATEST OF O.T.

WHAT DID THEY TALK ABOUT? THINGS TAUGHT TO THEM BY GOD -

ABE - GREAT PROMISES 1) Land 2) Son 3) Bless all People

MEL - Priesthood - MEANING & FULFILLMENT OF SACRIFICES

DO YOU THINK THEY WERE ABLE TO PUT THE PIECES TOGETHER??

COULD JESUS HAVE ALSO SAID

Jn 8:56 Your father Abraham (AND HIS FRIEND MELCHIZEDEK) rejoiced   
at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad."

Malachi 3:16-18 Then those who feared the LORD talked with   
each other, and the LORD listened and heard. A scroll of   
remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who   
feared the LORD and honored his name. {17} "They will be mine,"   
says the LORD Almighty, "in the day when I make up my treasured   
possession. I will spare them, just as in compassion a man spares   
his son who serves him. {18} And you will again see the   
distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those   
who serve God and those who do not.

MORE UNANSWERED QUESTIONS! - WAIT TO SIT W/ THEM IN HEAVEN & ASK

WHETHER ABE & MEL SAW HIM OR NOT - WE SEE JESUS

Matt 13:16-17 blessed are your eyes because they see, and your   
ears because they hear. {17} For I tell you the truth, many   
prophets and righteous men longed to see what you see but did not   
see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

THREE OBSCURE VERSES ABOUT MELCHIZEDEK IN GENESIS 14

FOR MANY FORGOTTEN ALMOST AS QUICKLY AS HE COMES ON THE SCENE  
ANOTHER OF THE HUNDREDS OF UNUSUAL BIBLE NAMES

1000 YEARS LATER - OUT OF NOWHERE HE APPEARS AGAIN  
IN PROPHETIC WRITINGS OF KING DAVID

Psalms 110:1,4 The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand   
until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."...{4} The   
LORD has sworn and will not change his mind: "You are a priest   
forever, in the order of Melchizedek."

1000 YEARS LATER - WRITER TO THE HEBREWS  
DESCRIBING DAVID'S SON & DAVID'S LORD - almost 3 chs. on Melchiz

b. Priesthood

JEWES HAD MISUNDERSTOOD AND ABUSED AARONIC PRIESTHOOD / LEVITES

ABUSED THE PRIESTHOOD AND AVOIDED SALVATION / LOST IN SIN

JESUS A PRIEST FROM A NEW LINE - GOD DOES AN END RUN AROUND LEVI

Heb 7:11-16 If perfection could have been attained through the Levitical priesthood (for on the basis of it the law was given to the people), why was there still need for another priest to come--one in the order of Melchizedek, not in the order of Aaron?

Hebrews 8:1-2 The point of what we are saying is this: We do not have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by man.

IN CHRIST IS SOMETHING THE LAW OF MOSES WOULD NOT ALLOW  
JOINING OF OFFICES OF PRIEST AND KING  
KINGS OF ANCIENT WORLD - MANY THOUGHT DIVINE - PRIEST TOO!

KING SAUL THAT HE SHOULD BE AS GOOD AS NEIGHBOR KINGS  
COULD NOT WAIT FOR SAMUEL & PRIESTS - OFFERED AMALAKITES HIMSELF

WHEN SAMUEL FINALLY ARRIVED HE REBUKED REBELLIOUS KING  
1 Samuel 15:22 Samuel replied: "Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams.

FOR TRYING TO BECOME A PRIEST - SAUL LOST HIS KINGSHIP

SAME THING HAPPENED TO KING UZZIAH - DARED TO ENTER HOLY PLACE  
2 Chronicles 26:16 after Uzziah became powerful, his pride led to his downfall. He was unfaithful to the LORD his God, and entered the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense.

NO O.T. KING COULD BE A PRIEST - NO PRIEST COULD BE A KING

UNIQUE ROLE RESERVED FOR JESUS - PROPHET, PRIEST, & KING

Heb 7.13} 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.

c. Promise

GOD MADE GREAT PROMISES TO ABRAHAM - FULFILLED IN CHRIST

Hebrews 7:17-22 For it is declared: "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek." {18} The former regulation is set aside because it was weak and useless {19} (for the law made nothing perfect), and a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God. {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.'" {22} Because of □  
this oath, Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant.

2 Corinthians 1:20 For no matter how many promises God has made, □  
they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken □  
by us to the glory of God.

2 Pet 1:4 he has given us his very great and precious promises

#### d. Perfection□

Hebrews 7:26-27 Such a high priest meets our need--one who is □  
holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the □  
heavens. {27} Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to □  
offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then □  
for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for □  
all when he offered himself.

OF ALL THE PIECES OF FURNITURE IN THE O.T. TEMPLE - ONE MISSING

A CHAIR!! NO PLACE FOR THE PRIEST TO SIT - NO TIME TO SIT!!  
THE WORK OF SACRIFICING NEVER ENDED - DAY AFTER DAY - NO STOPPING

Hebrews 10:11-12 Day after day every priest stands and □  
performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same □  
sacrifices, which can never take away sins. {12} But when this □  
priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat □  
down at the right hand of God.

#### e. Permanent□

Hebrews 7:23-25 Now there have been many of those priests, □  
since death prevented them from continuing in office; {24} but □  
because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. {25} □  
Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God □  
through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

Hebrews 7:28 For the law appoints as high priests men who are □  
weak; but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, □  
who has been made perfect forever.

Hebrews 12:1-2 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great □  
cloud of witnesses, (INCLUDING ABRAHAM AND MELCHIZEDEK) let us □  
throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily □  
entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out □  
for us. {2} Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and □  
perfector of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured □  
the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of □  
the throne of God.

{18} Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine.

LATER TO BECOME SYMBOLS OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS  
FOR ABRAHAM THERE WERE EVIDENCE OF GOD'S GRACIOUS REFRESHMENT

AS WE PREPARE TO RECEIVE THESE NEW COVENANT SYMBOLS -  
THEY EVIDENCE FOR US THE BLESSING OF ABRAHAM

Acts 3:19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be   
wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord