

A Priest Like Melchizedek

**BUILDING
BLOCKS**

SEARCHING FOR THE KING

Genesis 13 tells us about Abram settling in the land of Canaan, while his nephew Lot settled in Sodom. In Genesis 14, four kings from a foreign land invaded and fought five other kings in the Jordan Valley. That's a lot of kings and a lot of armies! Who was caught in the middle of it all? Lot (14:11-16).

Abram and 318 of his trained men rescued Lot and all that had been taken. In Genesis 14:17-20, two kings meet Abram on his way back home. The **second** king is really important in our search for OUR King...

And Melchizedek (means “_____ of righteousness”) king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was _____ of God Most High.)

Well, how does this relate to our search for the King? Melchizedek is mentioned only one other time in the Old Testament, Psalm 110. Notice what King David wrote in Psalm 110:

- “The LORD says to my Lord...” (110:1)
But who would be sent from God, **greater** than King David?
- “The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter” (110:2).
But who would be a **greater** King than David?
- “You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek” (110:4).

But who could serve as King **and** Priest? And who would possibly serve “**forever**”?

All of this gets picked up and quoted in the New Testament letter to the Hebrews (chapters 5-7).

Notice especially Hebrews 6:19-20:

_____ have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where _____ has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high _____ forever after the order of Melchizedek.

Who has been sent from God, greater than Abraham? Who is a greater King than David? Who can serve as King **and** Priest? **Jesus**. Jesus is our King and High Priest, forever. Let's talk about that...

FOUNDATION STONES

Let's think about **Jesus** being our **High Priest** AND our **King**...



☆ If Jesus is our **King**, what does that mean? What can he do?
What should **WE** do?

☆ If Jesus is our **High Priest**, what does that mean? What do we need? What does he do for us? (**hint**: when you say a prayer, how do you end it? Before you say, "**Amen**," you say, "**In** _____ **name**." Why do you do that?)

☆ Now, this is really important. We read in **Hebrews 6:20** that Jesus has become our High Priest **FOREVER**. I can't do anything **FOREVER**, and neither can you. So how can **Jesus** serve as our High Priest **FOREVER**?

☆ **Melchizedek** was a **King** and a **Priest**. He blessed Abram. **JESUS** is our **King** and **Priest** who blesses us!

