

King of Righteousness Hebrews 7:1-10 Lesson 7

#### **Background Information**

Melchizedek is a mysterious king who is also the High Priest of the Most-High God. His name is translated both King of Righteousness and also King of Salem, meaning peace. The prophet Isaiah tells us that the ideal king rules in righteousness which assures peace. The work of righteousness will be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever. (Is. 32:17)

Melchizedek is said to *have no father or mother*, what the author is saying is that there is no genealogy found in scripture for Melchizedek. He is also said to *have neither beginning of days nor end of life*. To the Greek readers to be without beginning or end was understood to be divine. He is both Priest and King, independent of the priesthood of Aaron. The fact that he was a real historical figure is clear, but the author in accordance with Jewish interpretation uses the silence of Scripture about his genealogy to portray him as a prefiguration of Christ's eternal existence and His unending priesthood.

## LOOKING FOR GOLD - WHAT DOES IT SAY?



The first step in mining for gold is getting the lay of the land. Carefully observe the text looking to see where you might dig to find hidden treasure. Mark your text looking for repeated words, contrasts or similarities. Look for answers to, Who? What? When? Why or How?

Setting the scene: You may want to begin your reading with Gen. 14:17-20, Zech. 6:11-13, Ps. 110

#### Hebrews 7:1-3

1 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, 2 to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated "king of righteousness," and then also king of Salem, meaning "king of peace," 3 without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually.

#### **Digging Deeper**

AR	Dig deeper using other resources such as a dictionary, concordance, maps & cross-references. Notate where you found it to share with the group. Look for commands to obey or questions to be answered. What does God want you to know about Himself?			

#### Hebrews 7:4-10

4 Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils. 5 And indeed those who are of the sons of Levi, who receive the priesthood, have a commandment to receive tithes from the people according to the law, that is, from their brethren, though they have come from the loins of Abraham; 6 but he whose genealogy is not derived from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. 7 Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better. 8 Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives. 9 Even Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, so to speak, 10 for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him.

# BOILING IT DOWN - WHAT DOES IT MEAN?



What **lesson** can I draw from my observations? State each lesson in a simple sentence (aim for 10 words or less).

Hebrews 7	7:1–3
Hebrews 7	7:4-10
	REFINED AS GOLD - HOW CAN I APPLY IT?
	How should it change me? Ask yourself, "What course of action do I need to take to apply each lesson?" (aim for 10 words or less)
Hebrews 7	7:1–3
Hebrews 7	7:4-10

	SE: Use cross-references to find correlating scripture that backs up a main chapter. Summarize your findings in your own words.
	STORING UP YOUR TREASURE
For Disci	USSION:
Think abou	t what it means to be the King of Righteousness and Peace
Why is Mel	chizedek "better" than Abraham?
What word	s or phrases are repeated? Repeated words help us discover the main point.

CHECKING FOR CLARITY: See if you can boil down the meaning of each section into one				
or two words. This helps you fully understand what the author is trying to convey. (It's fun to alliterate				
if you want to try) Did you catch the vision?				
Hebrews 7:1-3				
Hebrews 7:4-10				
BARS OF GOLD: State the main <b>point</b> of the passage in the form of a title.				
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<u>FLEX YOUR MUSCLES:</u> Can you discover an O.T. example of this N.T. truth?				
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## HIDE YOUR TREASURE IN YOUR HEART

The Lord has sworn and will not relent, "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek." Ps 110:4

### Radiating His Truth . . .

Jesus Christ is both King and Priest, and His throne is a throne of grace. As King He can control circumstances around you; as Priest, He can change attitudes within you. You will experience righteousness and peace as you yield to Him. - warren Wiersbe



# Message Notes
