

Seeing Jesus in Genesis: Melchizedek



- what we need most

The STORY of a priest-king

➤ Melchizedek ¹

The PROPHECY about a priest-king

➤ king ²

➤ priest ³

The FULFILLMENT of the priest-king

➤ Jesus is the priest ⁴

○ provided

○ purifying

○ present

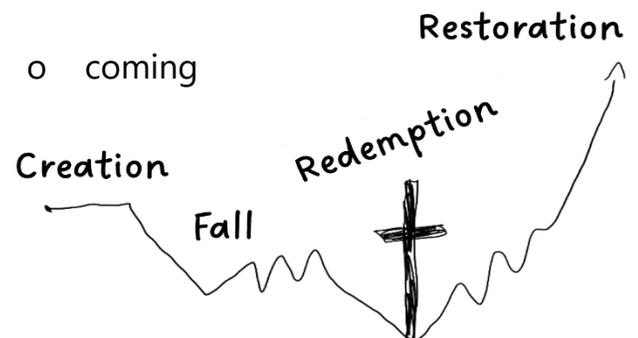
○ permanent

○ perfect

➤ Jesus is the king ⁵

○ conquering

○ coming



¹ **Genesis 14:17-20** (this is the first of 5 places where Melchizedek shows up by name in the Bible (Gen. 14, Ps. 110; Hebrews 5, 6, 7).

² **Psalm 110:1-3, 5-7**

³ **Psalm 110:4**

⁴ **Matthew 22:41-46; Hebrews 5:5; 1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 9:26; 9:24; 7:25b; 1 John 2:1; Hebrews 7:3, 15-16, 24, 28; 7:25a**

⁵ **Psalm 110:1-2; John 12:31; Colossians 2:15; Luke 23:42; 2 Timothy 1:10; Psalm 110:1 Acts 2:32; 1 Corinthians 15:23-26; Hebrews 7:2**

GENESIS 14

¹⁷ After Abram returned from defeating Kedorlaomer and the kings allied with him, the king of Sodom came out to meet him in the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).

¹⁸ Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, ¹⁹ and he blessed Abram, saying,

"Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. ²⁰ And praise be to God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand."

Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

PSALM 110

Of David. A psalm.

¹ The LORD says to my lord:

"Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies
a footstool for your feet."

² The LORD will extend your mighty scepter from Zion, saying,
"Rule in the midst of your enemies!"

³ Your troops will be willing
on your day of battle.
Arrayed in holy splendor,
your young men will come to you
like dew from the morning's womb.

⁴ The LORD has sworn
and will not change his mind:
"You are a priest forever,
in the order of Melchizedek."

⁵ The Lord is at your right hand;
he will crush kings on the day of his wrath.

⁶ He will judge the nations, heaping up the dead and crushing the rulers of the whole earth.

⁷ He will drink from a brook along the way,
and so he will lift his head high.

HEBREWS 5:1-10

Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. ³ This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people. ⁴ And no one takes this honor on himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵ In the same way, Christ did not take himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him,

"You are my Son;
today I have become your Father (Ps. 2:7)."

⁶ And he says in another place,

"You are a priest forever,
in the order of Melchizedek (Ps. 110:4)."

⁷ During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹ and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him ¹⁰ and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

