

**HEBREWS:
CHRIST IN ALL OF SCRIPTURE
AMEN BIBLE STUDY 2017-2018**

**The Greatness of Melchizedek – King/Priest
Hebrews 7:1-10
January 4, 2018**

Proposition: Because God crafted Melchizedek to be an illustration of Jesus as our priestly king, we must live confidently in “a hope that enters into the high place behind the curtain” (6:19).

Simpler: Because Jesus is our priest-king, we must live confidently.

Theological sidebar: “Typology”

- Definition: God-created pictures of Christ in Old Testament history
- Examples:
 - Historical: Adam, Melchizedek, Moses, Esther, Joseph
 - Legal: sacrifices, offerings, feasts, rituals
 - Prophetic: Ge. 3:15; Dt. 18:15-19; Is. 7:14; Is. 53; Mi. 5:2
- Type/Antitype: Promise is made in the Old Testament (“type”) and fulfillment is revealed in the New Testament (“antitype”).
Melchizedek was a type of Christ (antitype).

I. Melchizedek was a greater king than Abraham.

A. Abraham was great.

1. Father of Israel (Ge. 12:1, 2; Is. 51:2)
2. Friend of God (2 Ch. 20:7; Is. 41:8; Ja. 2:23)
3. Military hero (Ge. 14)

B. Melchizedek was greater.

1. Made greater by rarity of appearances
2. Made greater by name of exalted role
3. Acknowledged by Abraham as greater when he paid the tribute

II. Melchizedek was a greater priest than Abraham.

A. Abraham was great.

1. Father of Levitical (family) priesthood (Ex. 28:41-43)
2. Founder of the tax system for theocracy

B. Melchizedek was greater.

1. A priest by the order of God (7:11-28)
2. A priest who collected from the collectors

III. Jesus is the Perfect King and Priest.

A. Imperfections of Melchizedek’s Kingship

1. Limited peace
 - a. Provincial
 - b. External
 - c. Temporal
2. Relative righteousness
 - a. Compared to other people
 - b. As viewed from the outside

- c. As defined by the letter of the law
- B. Imperfections of Melchizedek's Priesthood
 1. Only imitative of heaven (8:5)
 2. Never finished (10:1, 4)
 3. Unsatisfying to the conscience (9:9)

Conclusion: The final what to do: Live Confidently in Christ's Mediation.

AMEN Discussion Questions – Hebrews 7:1-10
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1. Explain what a "type" is in your own words.
2. What are some other types of Christ's work of redemption you've noticed in Scripture?
3. How was Melchizedek a better king and priest than Abraham?
4. How is Christ a better king and priest than Melchizedek?

Going Deeper

1. What difference will Christ's perfect kingship and priesthood make in your life today?