



RESOURCE

Parashah: Lech Lecha = You Go, Get Yourself
Gen 12:1-17:27; Is 40:27-41:16; Rom 4:1-25; Hebrews 7:1-17

TITLE: MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTHOOD + YESHUA AS HIGH PRIEST

WHAT IS THIS?



Melchizedek is introduced in Genesis 14 after Abraham rescues his nephew, Lot, from some kings who had attacked the area where he was living. Not much is said about him in this passage, or anywhere else in Scripture, but he was someone worthy of great respect. Some people believe Melchizedek was a theophany of Yeshua. Our understanding is that “Melchizedek” is a title meaning “King of Righteousness” and “King of Peace” that was passed down from Adam to his designated “firstborn” Seth and the designated firstborn sons in his line—including Noah who passed it on to his son, Shem. We believe it was Shem (or perhaps his great grandson Eber) that Abraham met after winning the battle and to whom he gave 10% of all the spoil. Scripture gives us detailed genealogies to prove that Yeshua also inherited this responsibility as He was the Son of Adam in the line of Shem. By dying He was able to restore the eternal Melchizedek priesthood when He took it back after His resurrection. This makes Yeshua our eternal Melchizedek High Priest.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

MOST RELEVANT TEXT FROM ALL PASSAGES WHERE MELCHIZEDEK IS MENTIONED, OR WHERE YESHUA IS STATED TO BE OUR HIGH PRIEST

Genesis 14:18-20

And Melchizedek King of Salem brought out bread and wine. Now he was the priest of the Most High El. And he blessed him and said, “Blessed be Abram of the Most High El, Possessor of the heavens and earth. And blessed be the Most High El who has delivered your enemies into your hand.” And he gave him a tenth of all.

Psalms 110:4

YHWH has sworn and does not relent, “You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”

Hebrews 3:1

Therefore, set-apart brothers, partakers of the heavenly calling, closely consider the Emissary and High Priest of our confession, Messiah Yeshua....

Hebrews 4:14

Therefore, since we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Yeshua the Son of YHWH, let us hold fast our confession.

Hebrews 5:5-6

So also the Messiah did not extol Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him, “You are My Son; today I have brought You forth.” As He also says in another place, “You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek....”

Hebrews 6:19-20

....which we have as an anchor of the life, both safe and firm, and entering into that within the veil, where Yeshua has entered as a forerunner for us, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 7:1-17

For this Melchizedek, King of Salem, priest of the Most High Elohim, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, his name being translated, indeed, first, ‘king of righteousness,’ and then also ‘king of Salem,’ that is ‘king of peace,’ without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days or end of life, but having been made like the Son of YHWH, remains a priest for all time. Now see how great this one was, to whom even the ancestor Abraham gave a tenth of the choicest booty.... Truly, then, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood... why was there still need for another priest to arise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron? If another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become, not according to the torah of fleshly command, but according to the power of an endless life, for He does witness, “You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”