

## Hebrews 6:13—8:6

### Melchizedek

#### Prince of Peace, King of Salem

##### I. Who Is Melchizedek?

- A. His whole appearance consists of but 3 verses in Genesis (Genesis 14:18-20)
- B. Without lineage
  - 1. He receives a tithe from Abraham
  - 2. He blesses Abraham
  - 3. He offers Abraham Bread & Wine
- C. Perhaps he is only a significant leader whose background is either unknown or unmentioned
- D. Potentially he is a Theophany
  - 1. John 8:53-58: Abraham saw Jesus' day
  - 2. He has no parents, he has no beginning and has no end—he is a king eternally
  - 3. He is Priest of Righteousness, King of Salem
  - 4. He comes from Jerusalem
  - 5. He is not from the tribe of Levi
  - 6. He broke bread and gave the cup

##### II. Why is he important, why does the author of Hebrews spend so much time on him?

- A. He is greater than Abraham, the father of the faithful
  - B. He blesses Abraham and supersedes the Levitical priesthood who mediated the Law
  - C. Jesus appeared as a priest of the order of Melchizedek, not from the tribe of Levi but of Judah
  - D. With the change of the Priestly line there is a change of the Law

##### III. In What Way Is This Significant To Us Who Believe?

- A. The Law is no longer applicable, it could never impart righteousness
- B. We are born again to a new race and family and our lineage is the line of Jesus
- C. Like our Elder Brother, we are made
  - 1. a Royal Priesthood (1 Peter 2:9)
  - 2. A Kingdom of Priests (Revelation 1:6, 5:10; 20:6)
- D. What does a priest do?
  - 1. Makes intercession for others
  - 2. Mediates the covenant
  - 3. Administers the spiritual power of the Kingdom