

Our Kingly Priest: Hebrews 7:1-10

Intro: We all enjoy the stories of kings and kingdoms; how are they made? Interestingly, they are made through the hardships of facing enemies, fighting battles, establishing their conquests and ruling with superior authority. How about the kingdom of God? How does the legitimate King from God rise to power and authority over the enemies? How does our Christian life relate to the struggle, ascendancy and victory of our King?

- 1) The righteous holy Kingdom of God suffered the violence of Satan's rebellion which created a rival kingdom of wickedness. The first Adam was placed in a position to do battle against the adversary to establish dominion in obedience to God, yet failed to do so. As a result, the illegitimate prince of darkness established a stronghold in creation through sin, death, and the "world city" of the rebellious seed. The kingdoms of the world have fallen prey to the adversary and stand in need of redemption by the true legitimate King, Christ Jesus. Ex: Lot's captivity, Sodom/Gomorrah, the conquering kings. **Genesis 14, Matthew 4:8-11**
- 2) Melchizedek is a type of such a King that God had promised as the seed that would crush the adversary dominions. He rules in the city of Salem which can be identified with Jerusalem, namely, with the establishment of God's Kingdom on the earth. Melchizedek's rule in a city associated with righteousness and peace typify the eschatological/final victory and redemption of the world for God through Christ, the King of kings! **Genesis 14:18-24, Psalm 2, Rev.11:15-17**
- 3) A king's job is to rule on behalf of His people, but in order to rule, their captains and servants must be deployed in the fight to overcome and defeat the enemy. Abraham's deployment in the battlefield unto an amazing victory against many foes is revealed to be under the superintendence of God's power and kingdom symbolized by the blessing of Melchizedek. Christ was also deployed/sent of the righteous Father as the Son/King who would rescue for the Father the captive kingdom restoring it to righteousness and peace. **Psalm 110, Ephe.4:7-10, 2 Cor.2:14**
- 4) Melchizedek/Abraham are displayed in a kingly/priestly function. They conquer enemies and rule while representing/interceding or standing on behalf of their people. Christ is the antitype/fulfillment King/Priest who overcomes enemies and rules by the mighty work of His Priesthood through His death and resurrection. While earthy/wicked rulers lord over their subjects, Christ, our Priest/King came to serve His people and deliver them unto righteousness and peace through the cross. **Colos.1:12-15, 19-22, 2:13-15, Ephes.2:1-7**
- 5) If the Hebrews wanted to inherit the Kingdom, they must not look to Moses and the law but to promise(s) fulfilled in Christ. Yes, Moses/law/Levi had also a kingdom, kings, priests, and power but they were but a preparatory/anticipatory/typological history to the realities that would be established in Christ, our true and eternally victorious King/Priest. **Heb.10:1, 9:6-11, Gal.3:19-25**
- 6) Melchizedek/Abraham before Moses/law/Levitical priesthood typifies the eternal heavenly and superior realities in Christ for God's people. The Mosaic covenant was a temporal, national, and conditional covenant that demanded obedience for blessing and threatened curse for disobedience. It highlighted the holiness/righteousness of God and His kingdom, which can only be established by the perfect obedience and deliverance of a spiritual seed and received by his people by grace through faith alone. **Gal.3:10-18, Rom.3:19-20, 4:13-17, Rom 5:19-21, 6:17-23**