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JESUS IS THE BETTER CHOICE

Jesus Christ: The Better Choice

- A better messenger
- Better than the angels
- Better than Moses
- A better rest
- A better high priest
- A better priesthood
- A better covenant
- A better tabernacle
- A better sacrifice
- A better way of living
- A better faith
- A better kingdom



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A Better Priesthood
Christ and Melchizedek
Hebrews 7

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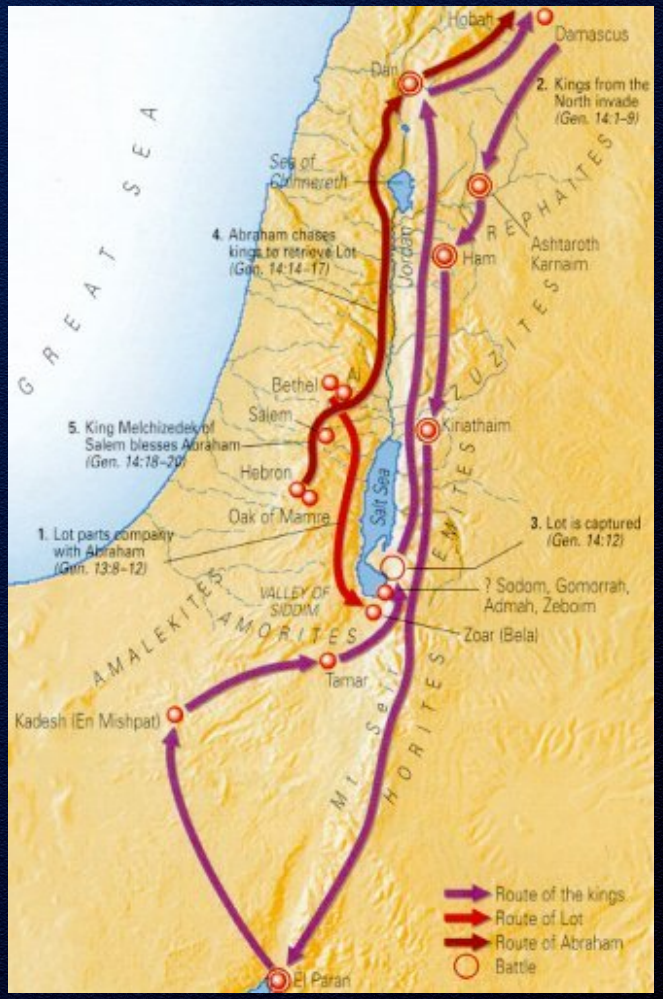
Abraham's rescue of Lot and meeting with Melchizedek
Genesis 14



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“And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; now he was a priest of God Most High. And he blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a tenth of all.”

Gen 14:18-20



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I. A Description of Melchizedek Heb. 7:1-3

- He was king of Salem, later called Jerusalem
- He was a priest of the most high God
- He blessed Abraham
- He received tithes from Abraham
- He was king of righteousness
- He was king of peace
- He was without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life,
- He was made like the Son of God, he abides a priest perpetually.

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II. The Greatness of Melchizedek Heb. 7:4-10

Vs 4-5 Abraham paid tithes to Melchizedek, not Melchizedek to Abraham



* The one receiving tithes (Melchizedek) is greater than the one who gives them (Abraham).

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II. The Greatness of Melchizedek Heb. 7:4-10

Vs 6, 7 Melchizedek blessed Abraham, Abraham did not bless Melchizedek



* the lesser (Abraham) is blessed by the greater (Melchizedek)

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II. The Greatness of Melchizedek Heb. 7:4-10

Vs 8-10 Melchizedek received tithes from Abraham and by extension from Abraham's descendant Levi.

* The lesser (Abraham's descendant, Levi) pays tithes to the greater (Melchizedek)

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III. Christ's Priesthood, like Melchizedek's, is greater than the Levitical priesthood 7:11-28

Vs 11,12 The Levitical priesthood could not bring perfection, only Jesus can.

Vs 13,14 Jesus became a priest not because of His tribal background.

Vs 15,16 Jesus became a priest not because of His pedigree, but because of the power of an indestructible life.

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Vs 17 Christ's priesthood is forever.

" Thou art a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."

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Vs 18 The law, though given by God, has been set aside because of its weakness.

Vs 19 We have a better hope through which we can draw near to God

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Vs 20,21 The Levitical priests were appointed without an oath. But God commissioned Christ as a priest with an unchanging oath.

Vs 22 Christ's priesthood is better because

He is the guarantee of a better covenant.

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Christ's priesthood is better because:

Vs 23, 24 it is permanent, it never changes.

Vs 25a He is able to save forever those who draw near to God through Him.

Vs 25b He always lives to intercede for us.

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Christ's priesthood is better because He is:

Vs 26 holy, innocent, undefiled,
separated from sinners,
exalted above the heavens

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Christ's priesthood is better because He:

vs 27 does not need to offer daily sacrifices…

He offered Himself once for all

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Christ's priesthood is better because:

vs 28 the Law appoints men as high priests
who are weak…
but we have a high priest, Jesus Christ,
who is and always will be perfect!

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