

Was Melchizedek never born?

Question: What does Hebrews 7:1-3 mean when it says Melchizedek was without a father and mother?

Answer: It doesn't mean that Melchizedek didn't have any parents, or that he wasn't born or didn't die. It means there was no record of his genealogy (Heb. 7:3). This was unusual for a priest because they needed genealogical records to qualify for the priesthood. Because of his unusual priesthood, Melchizedek became a type (an illustration or picture) of Christ.

- Jesus was a priest "according to the order of Melchizedek." (Heb. 7:17, Psalm 110:4)
- Melchizedek had no record of beginning or end. Jesus has no beginning or end.
- Melchizedek was both a king and priest (Gen. 14:17-20). Jesus is both a king and priest.