

Why Bothered THE CRADLE OF THE MESSIAH

Part 6: The Priest Who Would Be King

"Then Jesus quoted passages from the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining what all the Scriptures said about himself."
~ Luke 24:27 (NLT)

INTRODUCTION - The White Wizard Approaches

Genesis 14:17-20

WHO IS THE MYSTERIOUS MELCHIZEDEK?

- A _____ king-priest, but nothing more.
- A _____ (or type) of the Messiah.
- A _____ (A pre-appearance of the Messiah himself)

The Compromise Of Priesthood

Exodus 19:6; 20:18-21; 29:9

DINE IN: The "fear of God" is meant to keep us from _____, not keep us from _____!

Jesus As David's Lord & Priest

Psalms 110:1-4

SEVEN SIGNS OF THE MESSIAH & HIS PEOPLE...

- David's "Lord" (Adonai) is called to sit at the _____ hand of Yahweh.
- He will conquer his enemies _____, ruling as a victorious king.
- His throne will be in Jerusalem, surrounded by his _____ (lit. "freewill offerings").
- His followers will be willing _____ (lit. "freewill offerings").
- This army will be clothed in _____ garments (possibly as priests) rather than regular battle armour.
- This King is an _____ priest.
- His priesthood is independent of the normal _____ line of priests. (Also see 1 Samuel 2:35)

1 Timothy 2:5

TAKE OUT: Don't let anyone except Jesus be your " _____ " or _____.

CONCLUSION - The Way It Was Meant To Be

1 Peter 2:9

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS

WARMING UP...

- After briefly reviewing this week's message, share one new thing you learned or one thing that most challenged, convicted, or encouraged you.

LOOK TO THE BOOK...

- What is the point Jesus is trying to make in Matthew 22:41-46?
- Time to put our thinking caps on. After reviewing the key passages of Genesis 14:17-20 & Psalm 110:1-4 read what the author of Hebrews says about Jesus and Melchizedek in Hebrews 6:19 - 7:25. a) What verse stands out as most significant to you? Why? b) What point is the author making about the genealogy of Melchizedek in v 3? c) What is the significance of Melchizedek giving Abraham his blessing (and not vice versa)? d) How does the author of Hebrews go about establishing that the Levitical priesthood (the descendants of Levi and Aaron) is inferior to the priesthood of Melchizedek (7:8-10)? e) According to this passage (see vv. 18-25), why is the Old Covenant of Law inferior to the New Covenant established through Jesus? (Also see 8:6 & 13)

SO WHAT?...

- Read Hebrews 6:11-12. a) What is one key to overcoming our personal patterns of spiritual laziness? b) What are some specific ways we can follow the instruction of v. 12? (Also see 10:24-25). c) Pray for each other in this regard.

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