

Background Information

Melchizedek is a mysterious king who is also the High Priest of the Most-High God. His name is translated both King of Righteousness and also King of Salem, meaning peace. The prophet Isaiah tells us that the ideal king rules in righteousness which assures peace. *The work of righteousness will be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.* (Is. 32:17)

Melchizedek is said to *have no father or mother*, what the author is saying is that there is no genealogy found in scripture for Melchizedek. He is also said to *have neither beginning of days nor end of life*. To the Greek readers to be without beginning or end was understood to be divine. He is both Priest and King, independent of the priesthood of Aaron. The fact that he was a real historical figure is clear, but the author in accordance with Jewish interpretation uses the silence of Scripture about his genealogy to portray him as a prefiguration of Christ's eternal existence and His unending priesthood.

BOILING IT DOWN – WHAT DOES IT MEAN?



What **lesson** can I draw from my observations?

State each lesson in a simple sentence (aim for 10 words or less).

Hebrews 7:1–3

Hebrews 7:4-10



REFINED AS GOLD – HOW CAN I APPLY IT?

How should it change me? Ask yourself, “What **course of action** do I need to take to apply each lesson?” (aim for 10 words or less)

Hebrews 7:1–3

Hebrews 7:4-10

CHALLENGE: Use cross-references to find correlating scripture that backs up a main point of the chapter. Summarize your findings in your own words.



STORING UP YOUR TREASURE . . .

FOR DISCUSSION:

Think about what it means to be the King of Righteousness and Peace

Why is Melchizedek “better” than Abraham?

What words or phrases are repeated? Repeated words help us discover the main point.

CHECKING FOR CLARITY: See if you can boil down the meaning of **each section** into one or two words. This helps you fully understand what the author is trying to convey. (It's fun to alliterate if you want to try) Did you catch the vision?

Hebrews 7:1-3 _____

Hebrews 7:4-10 _____

BARS OF GOLD: State the main **point** of the passage in the form of a title.

FLEX YOUR MUSCLES: Can you discover an O.T. example of this N.T. truth?



HIDE YOUR TREASURE IN YOUR HEART

The Lord has sworn and will not relent, "You are a priest forever
According to the order of Melchizedek." Ps 110:4

Radiating His Truth . . .

Jesus Christ is both King and Priest, and His throne is a throne of grace. As King He can control circumstances around you; as Priest, He can change attitudes within you. You will experience righteousness and peace as you yield to Him. - Warren Wiersbe

