

THE ORDER OF THE LINE OF MELCHIZEDEK (city of refuge connection)

Melchizedek was the King of Salem (Shalem is the root word from which we get the word shalom, in Hebrew) at the time of Abraham. Melchizedek means “King of Righteousness” in Hebrew. Salem was the original name of Jerusalem. Yerusalyem (Jerusalem) means “city of peace”. The “King Of Righteousness” in the “City Of Peace”, or “the King Of Peace”. **Hebr. 7:1-2** *This Malki-Tzedek, king of Shalem, a cohen of God Ha'Elyon, met Avraham on his way back from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him;*



also Avraham gave him a tenth of everything. Now first of all, by translation of his name,

he is “**king of righteousness**”; and then he is also king of Shalem, which means “king of peace.” (CJB)

Gen. 14:18-20 *And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; now he was a priest of Yah Most High. And he blessed him and said, “Blessed be Abram of Yah Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; And blessed be Yah Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand. “And he gave him a tenth of all.”* Here we see the type, origin of the body and the blood of Yeshua long before the Messiah was ever talked about. Melchizedek was the origin of the Order Of Melchizedek and Yeshua was the final in the line of the order thousands of years later. Notice the similarity here to the blessing given on shabbat in most Torah observant Jewish homes to this day: “Blessed are you oh Adonai, king of the universe who brings forth bread from the earth”. It also reminds us of what Yeshua said at Calvary: “this is my body, broken for you”.

The Order Of Melchizedek is totally separate from the Levitical Priesthood. It was in place prior to the great flood. The order usually followed the family line with the eldest son. In some cases this could not be, so another son stood in line as per righteousness requires. The line of the “Order Of Melchizedek” starts with Adam. Adam was the one responsible for teaching the words of the Torah to all his succeeding generations on the earth at that time. Adam taught these instructions long before they were delivered through Moses at Mt. Sinai. You could say that this is one of the reasons Adam lived to be 930 years old.

Adam’s son Cain killed Abel, so the priestly duties were passed down to his son Seth. Then it was passed down to Enosh, Cainan, Mahalaleel, Jared, and on to Methuselah at the time of the flood. Methuselah's name meant “when he dies it comes”. After the flood it was passed down to Noah, then Shem (who killed Nimrod), Heber, Isaac (was the first-born according to promise), to Jacob (not first-born but Esua sold his birthright to Jacob). Because Jacob’s son Rueben was not righteous (he slept with Jacob’s wife) the order was then split in two; one being Joseph (eldest) and the other being Judah (from whom the septer will not depart). The order of Melchizedek splits with Joseph and Judah and will not be restored until Yeshua comes back as the High Priest of the Order Of Melchizedek.

Ps. 110:4 *Yahveh has sworn and will not change His mind, “Thou art a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek.”*

Heb. 5:6 just as He says also in another passage, “Thou art a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek.”

Heb. 5:10 *being designated by Yah as a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.* (Also Hebr. 7:1, 10-11, 15, 17)

Jacob was the twelfth in the line from Melchizedek and he had twelve sons.

Gen. 48:5-6 *“And now your two sons, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, are mine; Ephraim and Manasseh shall be mine, as Rueben and Simeon are. “But your offspring that have been born after them shall be yours; they shall be called by the names of their brothers in their inheritance.”* Jacob adopted Joseph's two sons Manasseh and Ephraim at this time. **Gen. 48:16** *The angel who has redeemed me from all evil, Bless the lads; And may my name live on in them, And the names of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; And may they grow into a multitude in*

the midst of the earth.” Jacob blessed these two and set the blessings into motion. **Gen. 48:19** But his father refused and said, *“I know, my son, I know; he also shall become a people and he also shall be great. However, his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his descendants shall become a multitude of nations.”* The multitude of nations referred to here is the goyim (gentiles). The fullness of the gentiles/goyim, would come. If you recall Sha’ul (Paul) referred to the same thing many years later as recorded in **Rom. 11:25** *For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery, lest you be wise in your own estimation, that a partial hardening has happened to Israel **until the fulness of the Gentiles has come in;***

Hebr. 7:3 *Without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, **he remains a priest perpetually.***

The Melchizedek priesthood, with Yeshua as head, was the ultimate priesthood. The Levitical and Aaronic priesthoods were simply shadows of it.

There is an interesting passage in the book of Joshua that talks about the people in the cities of refuge being set free from prison only after the High Priest of that time died. **Josh. 20:6** *‘And he shall dwell in that city until he stands before the congregation for judgment, **until the death of the one who is high priest in those days. Then the manslayer shall return to his own city and to his own house, to the city from which he fled.**’* People living in a city of refuge (prison) were bound to stay there until the appointed High Priest of that time, died. Here we see another “type” of Messiah Yeshua. Yeshua is the High Priest of the order of Melchizedek who died for us so that we could be set free from prison (city of refuse). So that we could be delivered from Egypt, the world we live in, hence “born again” and “Exodus”. We see Isaiah the great prophet foretelling of Yeshua coming one day as the High priest of the order of Melchizedek to set the prisoners free. **Isa. 61:1** *The Spirit of Yahveh is upon me, Because Yahveh has anointed me To bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, **To proclaim liberty to captives, And freedom to prisoners;**’* What a beautiful thematic connection. It just never stops when we look at His Living Word. Those who claim the Old Testament is of no use anymore miss out on everything the Word has to offer because of their spiritual rebellion. One can't help but feel sorry for those New Testament so-called christians.

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