## THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK

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The ORDER of Melchizedek is spoken of in just one place in the New Testament which is in the Book of Hebrews, but this is an explanation and elaboration of what is written in the Old Testament in 2 different places. For some unknown reason the King James translators spelled the name "Melchizedek" two different ways in English. The variance occurs in the last part of the name. It is "zedek" in the Old Testament and "sedec" in the New Testament, but it is one and the same name. In this message the Old Testament spelling will be used to avoid confusion and also the real biblical name of God, YAHWAH, of Jesus, YAHWASUA, and of God's children, ELOHEEM will be used. The correctness of these renderings from the ancient Paleo-Hebrew and Koine Greek is covered in detail in the message "Three Holy Names". There is power in them.

The first place that the name "Melchizedek" is found in the Bible is in the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter of Genesis. This is about 4 Kings who attacked and took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah along with many captives. One of these was Lot, Abraham's brother's son, who lived in Sodom and was taken along with his family and all his goods. Abraham armed 318 of his trained servants and smote these invading Kings taking back all the goods and captives of Sodom and Gomorrah and returned them to the King of Sodom who went out to meet him. Abraham's only purpose in attacking and destroying the invading armies of these 4 Kings was to liberate his nephew Lot, along with his family and goods. It is at this time that Abraham meets someone else. "And Melchizedek KING of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the PRIEST of the most high God. And he (Melchizedek) blessed him (Abraham), and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he (Abraham) gave him (Melchizedek) tithes of all." (Genesis 14:18-20)

The unique thing about "Melchizedek" was that he was a "KING" and "PRIEST" and he is the only one in the Old Testament who held both positions at the same time. Melchizedek comes from a compound Hebrew word which means "King of Righteousness" and he was the "King of Salem". The Hebrew word transliterated "Salem" means "peace". By name and title there is a duality of Kingship which is one of **righteousness** and one of **peace**. The New Testament affirms this by saying Melchizedek "first being interpreted King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace" (Hebrews 7:2). There is also a duality of roles filled by this Kingship which is that of King and Priest. He was not just a "priest", but "THE Priest of the most high God." Use of the definite article "THE" denotes singularity. According to the scripture "Melchizedek" was the ONLY individual who was King-Priest and Abraham, the friend of God, readily gave such recognition by paying "tithes of all" to King Melchizedek. This is clearly pointed out in Hebrews 7:4, 7. "Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils. ... And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better." There is an ORDER here with Melchizedek being higher than the friend of God, Abraham.

There is nothing known about Melchizedek's ancestry, family, descendants, birth, death, or age. No details about him are given except what appears in Genesis 14:18-20. This is pointed out in Hebrews 7:3. Melchizedek "Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually." Here is expressed an eternalness "like unto the Son of God" without "beginning of days, nor end of life". These previous verses also indicate Melchizedek's ORDER of being as King-Priest above that of Abraham. Understand also how high Abraham is above all others for not only was he the friend of God, but also it was to him that YAHWAH God made everlasting covenants which are given in Genesis 12:1-3, 7; 13:14-18; 15:4-21; 17:1-27. They were NEVER disannulled, but are ETERNAL and built upon throughout the scriptures. It was to Abraham's son Isaac that Jacob would be born whose name YAHWAH changed to Israel, Genesis 32:28. He fathered 12 sons, whose descendants would become 12 tribes, and from these tribes came the nation of Israel, YAHWAH God's chosen

people. Contrary to all Christianism the Israel of the Bible is NOT now nor ever has been the Jews. The scriptures make a definite distinction between Jews and Israel and this fact is shown from an abundance of Biblical references contained in other messages such as "Jews Ain't Israel", "The Great Deception", and "Who Is Israel?". This subject will not be addressed here. So don't be confused when the name Israel is used because it has nothing to do with Jews. Even though Abraham had a total of 8 sons, the term Israel only pertains to a particular people who are the descendants of Abraham through Isaac the father of Jacob Israel.

There were 2 sons of Jacob Israel which would become the King and Priest lines. The descendent of Judah, David, would be the King line and the descendent of Levi, Aaron would be the Priest line. These 2 lines and titles remained separate throughout the Old Testament, but pay attention to the covenants that YAHWAH made with David and Levi in Jeremiah 33:17-21. "For thus saith YAHWAH; David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel; Neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before Me to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle meat offerings, and to do sacrifice continually. And the word of YAHWAH came unto Jeremiah, saying, Thus saith YAHWAH; If ye can break My covenant of the day, and My covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season; Then may also My covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, My ministers." According to this David and Levi shall NEVER want for "a MAN". It did NOT say men, but is alluding to THE man who would fill both roles, King and Priest. This union is referred to in a New Testament verse which says, "for to make in Himself of twain one new man, so making peace" (Ephesians 2:15).

The light of revelation grows in brightness with what King David said about this united ORDER in Psalms 110 which is the only other time the name "Melchizedek" appears in the Old Testament. David well understood the covenants that YAHWAH made with him, one of which was referred to in Jeremiah 33:17-21. In Psalms 110 David prophesies of Christ. "YAHWAH said unto my Lord (YAHWASUA Christ), Sit thou at My right hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool. ... YAHWAH hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou (YAHWASUA Christ) art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek." (Psalms 110:1, 4) It was David, a man after God's own heart, that YAHWAH revealed the great mystery of "the ORDER of Melchizedek" which unites the Kingship and Priesthood. Abraham SAW it in Genesis 14:18-20, and Jesus YAHWASUA refers to this in John 8:56. "Abraham rejoiced to SEE My day: and he SAW it, and was glad." Isaiah also spoke of this united Order in prophesying about the coming Christ. "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, **The Prince of Peace**. Of the increase of **His government and peace** there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of YAHWAH of hosts will perform this." (Isaiah 9:6-7) It is Jesus YAHWASUA that would be King of righteousness, justice, and Salem, peace. It is Jesus YAHWASUA that is the "faithful high priest in things pertaining to God" (Hebrews 2:17) and the "great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God" (Hebrews 4:14).

Here is a shocker. Jesus' ancestry will NEVER be found in any of the Bible's genealogies. How then can His ancestry be traced back to David and Levi in order to fulfill the prophecy of Jeremiah 33:17-21? Where can His lineage be found? It is in the Bible, but not in any of the genealogies. The message "Elijah Was John" goes into Jesus' heritage in great detail and it will only be briefly touched upon here. Elisabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, was a descendent of the priesthood line within that tribe of Levi for she "was of the daughters of Aaron" (Luke 1:5). According to Biblical law being a "daughter of Aaron" necessitates that BOTH parents of Elisabeth must be of the Aaronic line. The angel Gabriel tells Jesus' mother Mary "behold, thy COUSIN Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age" (Luke 1:36). Since Elisabeth and Mary are COUSINS then Mary's father and/or mother would be of the Aaronic line also. This not only links Jesus back to Levi, but

also to the Aaron priest line within that tribe. Now what about Jesus being the descendant of David? Paul says "Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel" (2 Timothy 2:8). The apostle John says "And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof." (Revelation 5:5) Who is this "Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David"? In the next 4 verses it says that this is "the LAMB" and in Revelation 17:14 that He "is Lord of lords, and King of kings". Now John the Baptist "looking upon Jesus as He walked, he saith, Behold the LAMB of God!" (John 1:36) It is Jesus that is "the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David", "the Lamb", "Lord of lords, and King of kings", and "the seed of David". Not only is this the testimony of men and angles, but also of THE ANOINTED YAHWASUA Himself. "I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the OFFSPRING of David, and the bright and morning star." (Revelation 22:16)

It is Jesus YAHWASUA who is both the King descended from David and the High Priest descended from Aaron. He is truly of the ORDER of Melchizedek, the ruler KING of righteousness and peace, PRIEST of YAHWAH, and did not have a "beginning of days, nor end of Life", John 17:5 and Acts 1:1-9. There is only one place in the New Testament where the ORDER of Melchizedek is ever mentioned and it is in the Book of Hebrews. Take time to read Hebrews 6:20-7:21, and the following are a few verses from this. "As He saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the ORDER of Melchizedek. ... Called of God an high priest after the ORDER of Melchizedek. ... Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the ORDER of Melchizedek. ... For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him ... For he (Levi) was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchizedek met him (Abraham). If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, what further need was there that another priest should rise after the ORDER of Melchizedek, and not be called after the order of Aaron? ... And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchizedek there ariseth another priest, ... For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek." (Hebrews 5:6, 10; 6:20; 7:1, 10-11, 15, 17)

The King-Priest ORDER of Melchizedek was established BEFORE the Levitical Aaronic Priesthood and the Davidical Kingship and yet all of this points directly to Jesus YAHWASUA Christ the Anointed Messiah. Not only did Abraham see this day, but also the prophets and David. Two thousand years ago the people wanted Jesus to be King and reestablish the Kingdom of Israel. They were not thinking about a priest to offer sacrifice. From the crucifixion till today all focus has shifted to the priestly sacrificial role of Jesus. Christianity is fixated with the cross. No one is looking for the King with a sharp sword and a rod of iron who will break in pieces the nations and be Lord of Lords and King of Kings. Christ has been banished from all things pertaining to government and relegated to the religious auspices of the Church. Christians proclaim "separation of church and state" while singing "Onward Christian Solders" and never see the contradiction. When the Bible was translated a Kingdom was a government and the King was its absolute ruler. YAHWAH'S government will come into earth, Matthew 6:9-10, and YAHWASUA will be the King, ruler, of it.

Jesus YAHWSUA Christ the Anointed Messiah is of the King-Priest ORDER of Melchizedek, but is He the only one? The word ORDER is not singular in scope or meaning. Are there others in this ORDER? Yes, according to the Bible. "John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from Him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before His throne; And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, And hath made US Kings And Priests unto God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen." (Revelation 1:4-6) The "church" spoken of in this verse is not a building, something attended, or anything that can be

joined. To understand what the Bible says the "church" is, then go to the message "What Is The Church?". It is Jesus YAHWASUA that "hath made US Kings And Priests". The "HATH" is past tense even though this appears in Revelation. The "US" is the ELOHEEM who have been chosen to administer the government of YAHWAH in earth. This Devine selection was done before ELOHEEM ever came into earth, and their preexistence is spoken of by Jesus in John 17:6 when He says to YAHWAH, "Thine they were". When? When they were with Him in Heaven just as Christ was, John 17:5, 14 and 16. YAHWAH took His children out of Himself, gave them names, and wrote them in the Book of Life before the foundation of the world, Revelation 13:8 and 17:8. Now can the following be understood? "For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He did predestinate, them He also called: and whom He called, them He also justified: and whom He justified, them He also glorified." (Romans 8:29-30)

The **foreknown predestinated** ELOHEEM are to be of that same King-Priest ORDER of Melchizedek. "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. ... But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light" (1 Peter 2:5, 9). The word translated "royal" in this passage is the Greek word meaning KING. Now to who is Peter writing? These are the "Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father" (1 Peter 1:2). The maturing ELOHEEM will feel this truth vibrating within their spirit. "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and jointheirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together." (Romans 8:16-17) Being HEIRS of YAHWAH and JOINT-HEIRS with Christ brings the CONFORMITY into that same image, the King-Priest ORDER of Melchizedek. YAHWASUA "hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth." (Revelation 5:10) It is this King-Priest ORDER of Melchizedek that shall REIGN on the earth which is also spoken of in Revelation 20:6.

The King-Priest ORDER of Melchizedek is made up of YAHWASUA and His brethren ELOHEEM who will reign in RIGHTEOUSNESS and this will establish PEACE in the creation "Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God." (Romans 8:21) When will this happen? According to Romans 8:19 it will be when the ELOHEEM who have grown up and matured into the adult SONS of YAHWAH are MANIFESTED. These ELOHEEM are the Lords and Kings of which YAHWASUA is the head, the "Lord of Lords and King of Kings". These ELOHEEM are priests unto YAHWAH who enter into His Holy presence. These ELOHEEM are placed into the King-Priest ORDER of Melchizedek to administer YAHWAH'S kingdom government in earth as it is in heaven. Language fails to convey the glories which are for these ELOHEEM in whose spirit this message reverberates. The worsening conditions of this age will perfect the ELOHEEM chosen for this most sacred ORDER. It is during this time that they nobly arise lifting up the sacrifice of Praise unto their Father YAHWAH. We are more than a band of brothers with YAHWASUA. We are of the most exalted ORDER which is without "beginning of days, nor end of life." All ELOHEEM of this royal holy ORDER, you are more precious to your Father than all His creation. He's chosen you to reign and rule it. He is perfecting you to do this in righteousness. He is transforming you from glory to glory. He has begun a good work in you and He will finish it. He is in control of ALL things and you will not miss it or mess it up for YAHWAH God omnipotent reigneth. "Bless His name", for He is YAHWAH "the only true God." "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise, be thankful unto Him", for He has predestined you to be King-Priest of "The Order Of Melchizedek."

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