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Melchizedek

CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY

- I. The blessing he remitted o Abraham
 - A. Who he was—He was the mysterious king and priest of the city known as Salem (Gen. 14:18).
 - B. What he did
 - 1. He met Abraham when the patriarch was returning from a war (Gen. 14:17).
 - 2. He brought out bread and wine (Gen. 14:18).
 - 3. He blessed Abraham in the name of “the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth” (Gen. 14:19).
- II. The bounty he received from Abraham—Abraham gave to Melchizedek a tithe of all he possessed (Gen. 14:20).

THEOLOGICAL SUMMARY

- I. David predicted that the Messiah would be a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek (Psa. 110:4).
- II. The book of Hebrews refers to this truth on six occasions (Heb. 5:6, 10; 6:20; 7:11, 15, 17).
 - A. Hebrews states Melchizedek was without father or mother, without genealogy, and without beginning days or end of life (Heb. 7:3).
 - B. Hebrews demonstrates the high priesthood of Melchizedek is superior to the high priesthood of Aaron (Heb. 7:11-19).

STATISTICS

First mention: Genesis 14:18

Final mention: Hebrews 7:21

Meaning of his name: “My king is righteous”

Frequency of his name: Referred to 11 times

Biblical books mentioning him: Three books (Genesis, Psalms, Hebrews)

Occupation: King and priest (Gen. 14:18)

Important fact about his life: He was the mysterious king/priest of Jerusalem to whom Abraham paid tithes (Gen. 14:18-20).