## MELCHIZEDEK : A SUPERIOR PRIEST, AND A TYPE OF CHRIST

*Hebrews 7:1-3* 

## I. Melchizedek in the Bible

Hebrews 5:5-10; 6:19-20

Genesis 14:18-20

Psalm 110:1-4

*melek* – king; my king *tsedeq* – righteous; just; right

## II. King of Salem, and Priest of The Most High God

Basileús - one who has absolute authority within a particular area

Shalem – complete, safe, at peace

hiereús - a priest, one who offers sacrifices and in general in busied with sacred rites; referring to priests of Gentiles or the Jews

2 Chronicles 26:16-21

Ezekiel 21:25-27

## III. Without Genealogy, Made Like Jesus

agenealógētos - pertaining to one for whom there is no record of ancestors

*aphomoióō* - be similar to, be like

Exodus 28:1-4; 40:15

Closing Thought: Melchizedek, priest of the Most High God, was a priest superior to the Levitical priests. First, he was not only a priest, but also a king. Next, his priesthood preceded the establishment of the biological Levitical priesthood. Also, Melchizedek remained a priest without end, whereas Levitical priests retired at age 50. Furthermore, Abram worshipped by paying a tithe to God, via Melchizedek, before the Law required a tithe be paid to the Levites. In all ways Melchizedek was a superior priest to the Levitical priests. And God's purpose for his life was to be a type, pointing to the Great High Priest, Christ Jesus, the most superior Priest of all.