

*The Letter to the Hebrews:
Chapter 7-8*

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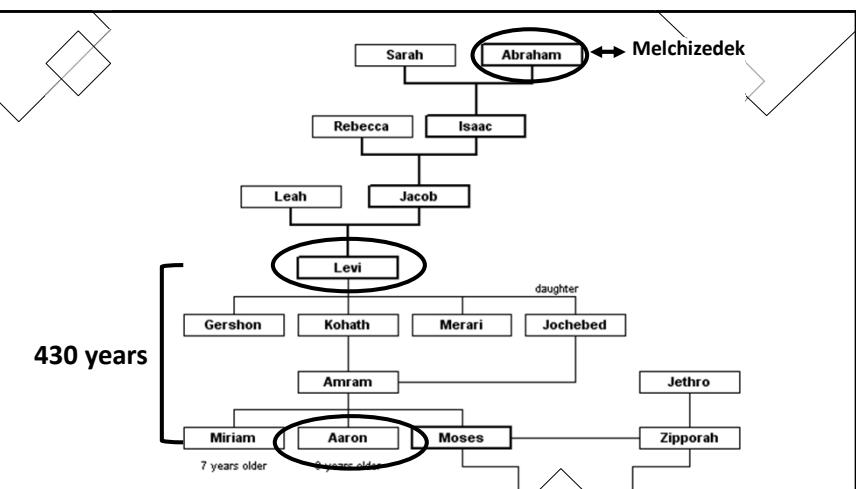
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Heb 6:20

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- He was the King of Salem (Jerusalem) & priest of the Most High God.
- He appears without genealogy, having no birth or death record, no parentage listed.

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A “type” in Scripture is a person or thing in the Old Testament that foreshadows a person or thing in the New Testament. A type is predictive in that it pictures, or prefigures, the “anti-type.”

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 - a) Unlike the other appearances of the LORD, **Gen 14 does not identify him as the LORD**, but rather gives him a human name.
 - b) Hebrews 7:3 may be **using the absence of information** in Genesis to point to Melchizedek's similarity to Jesus.
 - c) Hebrews 7:3 says that Melchizedek was **“made like the Son of God.”** It does not say that he was the Son of God.

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“Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.” Hebrews 7:25

“forever,” “uttermost” (KJV) = completely, perfectly, utterly

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“Now **the main point** in what has been said is this: we have such a high priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, not man.”

Hebrews 8:1

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“Then he took the book of the covenant and read it ... So Moses took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, and said, ‘Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.’”

Ex 24:7-8

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“...Jesus took some bread...gave it to the disciples, and said, ‘Take, eat; this is My body.’ And when He had taken a cup...He gave it to them, saying ‘Drink from it, all of you; for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.’”

Mt 26:26-28

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Lessons from Hebrews 7-8:

1. The Lord made a way for us to draw near to Him. Heb 7:25
2. He prays for us! Heb 7:25
3. True faith is more than an outward compliance, but is “written on one’s heart.” Heb 8:10-12