

HEBREWS

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4:14 - 10:39 Jesus ... A Better *Priest*

7:11-28 Melchizedek
A Better Priesthood

A Major Rhetorical Question ...
Why Melchizedek?

μελχισεδεκ
"Righteous King"

King of Peace
City of Salem

ירושלם

מלך שלם
King of Salem
כחן
Priest

"the **Lesser Blessed** by the **Greater** ..."

Heb 7:11 Now **if** perfection (getting to the Goal) was through **the Levitical priesthood** (for on the basis of **it** the people received the Law), what further need (*was there, or IS there*) for **another priest** to arise according to the **order of Melchizedek**, and **not be designated** (*appointed*) according to **the order of Aaron?**

"the **Lesser *Blessed*** by the **Greater ...**"

The Levitical Priesthood CANNOT get us to the "Goal"

Therefore, The Law CANNOT get us to the "Goal"

Spiritual Maturity

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16	
2nd	2:16
2nd & Goal	

Only a Priest like **Melchizedek** can carry us ...
TO THE END (Perfection)

The LORD made an Oath: *Ps 110:4*
That Oath **appoints** a *Perfected* Son
A Better Priest: Heb 7:28

Perfect?

τελεω

to make happen, to fulfill, to bring to fruition,
to accomplish, to finish, fulfillment

Moral Sense: to mature, "moral perfection"
no character defects or flaws

τετελεσται

It is finished!

There is nothing left to do ...

Perfection has been achieved!

110:1 **The LORD (Oathmaker)** says to my **Lord (Messiah)**:
"Sit at **My** right hand until **I** make **Your** enemies a footstool
for **Your** feet."

110:4 **The LORD** has sworn (*oathed*) and will not change
His mind, "**You are a Priest** forever according to the order
of Melchizedek."

110:5 **The Lord** is at **Your** right hand -
He will shatter kings in the day of His wrath -
He will Judge among the nations -
He will fill the nations with corpses

Acts 17:30-31 "Therefore, having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring that all men everywhere **should repent**, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness **through a Man** **whom He has appointed**, having furnished proof to all men by **raising Him from the dead.**"

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and will not change His mind,
"You are a priest forever
according to the order of **Melchizedek**."

Heb 7:11-28

Four Reasons Jesus Is Better Than Aaron

ONE

Heb 7:11-14 The Levitical Priesthood Is Imperfect

Therefore, The Mosaic Law is Imperfect

A change in the priesthood=a change in the covenant

*Messiah is from **Judah** – not from **Levi***

Gen. 49:10 The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, **Until Shiloh comes ...**

TWO

Heb 7:15-19 We Need A Better Priest

A priest with no link (genealogy) to Levi

A priest of another order – chosen by the LORD

A priest who lives on forever – a **Better** Hope

THREE

Heb 7:20-22 The LORD God Made An Oath

The oath applies *only* to Melchizedek and his order

The oath, to Jesus, guarantees a *better covenant*

FOUR

Heb 7:23-25 The Levitical Priests Are Mortal

They **can not** even save themselves from death

Jesus **can** save us *all* from death – *forever, completely*

His priesthood is permanent. *He is immortal*

Our assurance is not based on our works. Our assurance comes from our confidence in Jesus as our High Priest. He lives to intercede for us. He is our *REST*. Our “*anapausis*”

Conclusion: Jesus Is Superior

Heb 7:26-28 He Offered Up Himself

He was the offering, *like* the Levitical offerings

His sacrifice was complete (*perfect*)

– perfected *BY* His suffering

Therefore, we can go boldly into His presence **4:14-16**

Trials or sin may make us want to “turn away” (*apostasy*)

He will help. He will never fail. He will never die.

Why would you ever want to “go back”?

1. Imperfect Priesthood. Imperfect Law **7:11-14**
2. The Better Replacement **7:15-19**
3. The Certain Oath **7:20-22**
4. The Mortal and The Immortal **7:23-25**

**Jesus is superior —
as a Person and as a Priest 7:26-28**

τετελεσται

"It is finished!"

τετελειω

Made Perfect!

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8:1-13 Jesus
Priest of A Better Covenant