

# Melchizedek

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## Hebrews 7:4-6

**4 Just think how great he was: Even the patriarch Abraham gave him a tenth of the plunder! 5 Now**

**the law requires the descendants of Levi who**

**become priests to collect a tenth from the**

**people—that is, their brothers—even though their brothers are descended from Abraham. 6 This man,**

**however, did not trace his descent from Levi, yet**

**he collected a tenth from Abraham and blessed**

**him who had the promises.**

## Hebrews 7:7-10

**7 And without doubt the lesser person is blessed by the greater. 8 In the one case, the tenth is collected by men who die; but in the other case, by him who is declared to be living. 9 One might even say that Levi, who collects the tenth, paid the tenth through Abraham, 10 because when Melchizedek met Abraham, Levi was still in the body of his ancestor.**

# I. The Big Picture

## A. The Flow (11-12)

- The warning (6:4-8)
- The assurance (6:9-12)
- The anchor (6:13-20)

## B. Overview

- Meeting Melchizedek (1-3)
- Understanding Melchizedek (4-10)

## II. Meeting Melchizedek

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A. The story (Gen. 14)

B. Melchizedek was a gift from God

### III. Understanding Melchizedek

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A. Abraham recognizes the greatness of Melchizedek

B. Melchizedek is greater than Abraham

### III. Understanding Melchizedek

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#### C. Melchizedek is a type of Christ

- What is a “type”?
- Jesus is the true and ultimate Melchizedek