

# Old Testament Shadows of the Christ

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- ◆ Melchizedek appears, blesses Abraham, praises God, and receives a 10<sup>th</sup> of the spoils from Abraham – Gen. 14:17-20
  - ◆ He appears when Abraham had returned from defeating the four kings.
  - ◆ Described as king of righteousness/peace, and priest of God Most High.
  - ◆ Abraham acknowledged Melchizedek's exalted priesthood by receiving his blessing and giving him a 10<sup>th</sup> of the spoils.
- ◆ David prophesied of the victorious Messianic king who would be priest according to the order of Melchizedek – Psa. 110:1-4
  - ◆ David speaks these words as king of Israel, requiring this to be Messianic.
  - ◆ The Messiah is declared to be a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.



# Jesus the Christ

- ◆ N.T. confirms Melchizedek to be a **shadow/type** of Christ – Heb. 6:19–7:3
- ◆ **King of Righteousness**: Jesus rules as king in righteousness – Acts 2:32-36; Heb. 1:8
- ◆ **King of Salem/Peace**: Jesus rules as Prince of Peace – Isa. 9:6-7
- ◆ **King and Priest of God**: Jesus is a priest ruling on God's throne – Zech. 6:12-13; Isa. 11:1-2ff.
- ◆ **No father, mother, or genealogy to be priest**: Jesus is priest without genealogy – Heb. 7:11-14
- ◆ **No birth or death—symbolizing a timeless priesthood**: Jesus is our divinely eternal priest – Jn. 8:58; Heb. 7:15-17, 24-25

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