



Why the Melchizedek Priesthood is so Relevant and Important to us Today?



So also the Messiah did not extol Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him, "You are My Son, today I have brought You forth." As He also says in another place, "You are a priest forever according to the order of Malkitsedeq,



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PLEASE NOTE, I USE THE TRUE NAMES OF OUR CREATOR AS THERE IS POWER IN HIS NAME.

- Elohim and LORD are Titles and is NOT His Name, YHVH (pronounced as Yahuwah) is Our Heavenly Father.
- Jesus has no meaning, Yahusha means Yah is our Salvation.
- Elohim means Mighty one or Mighty ones
- –The real name of our Heavenly Father is Yahuwah in Paleo Hebrew the original Hebrew language and that Bible Translators admit to removing His Name over 7000 times from our Bibles and replaced it with the Title LORD and God, which is being used for every false Elohim (god), or idol.





Q1, Who is our High Priest under the order of Melchizedek?



Hebrews
4:14,15, “**Seeing
then that we
have a great
high priest, that
is passed into
the heavens,
Yahushua
the Son of
Yahuwah, let us
hold fast our
profession.**”



Hebrews 7:26,
“For such an
high priest
became us,
who is holy,
harmless,
undefiled,
separate from
sinners, and
made higher
than the
heavens.”





Q2, Who was Melchizedek
King of Salem?



Hebrews 7:1-3, “For this Melchisedek, king of Salem, priest of the most-high Elohim, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; 2 To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; 3 Without father, without mother, without descent (genealogy) , having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of Yahuwah; abideth a priest continually (forever).”



This Melchizedek was king of Salem and priest of Yahuwah Most High. He met Abraham returning from the defeat of the kings and blessed him, and Abraham gave him a tenth of everything. First, his name means “king of righteousness” then also, “king of Salem” means “**king of peace.**” **This could only be referring to Yahusha Messiah.**



Paul's own inspired interpretation of this fact: "**Having neither beginning of days, nor end of life**" (Hebrews 7:3). Therefore, He has always existed from eternity! He was not even created, like angels. But He is now eternally self-existing. And that is true only of Yahusha, not humanity!



The order of the Melchizedek Priesthood was given to Adam so there would always be a “representative & mediator” between Elohim and mankind on this earth. This title of Melchizedek Priest belonged to Adam until he died, and then the title was passed to his 2nd son Seth. From Seth, the title always passed from father to the 2nd born son (or grandson). Noah inherited the title when Methuselah died even though Noah was Methuselah's grandson, because Methuselah outlived his son, Lamech. Therefore, the order skipped over Lamech and went to Noah upon Methuselah's death. Similarly, Enoch never inherited the Priestly order of Melchizedek because Enoch was "translated" off the earth before his father, Jared, died. The Bible calls Noah the eighth preacher of righteousness in 2 Peter.



Noah: the 8th Preacher of Righteousness

CHRONOLOGY CHART FROM ADAM TO SHEM (Note: Noah is the 10th Generation, not the 8th!)

	YEARS FROM CREATION	LIFESPAN	YEARS FROM CREATION
	CREATION		FLOOD
#1	ADAM 0	930	930
#2	SETH 130	912	1042
#3	ENOS 235	905	1140
#4	CAINAN 325	910	1235
#5	MAHALALEEL 385	895	1290
#6	JARED 460	962	1422
	ENOCH 622	365	987
#7	METHUSELAH 687	969	1656
	LAMECH 874	777	1651
#8	NOAH 1056	950	2006
#9	SHEM 1558	600	2158

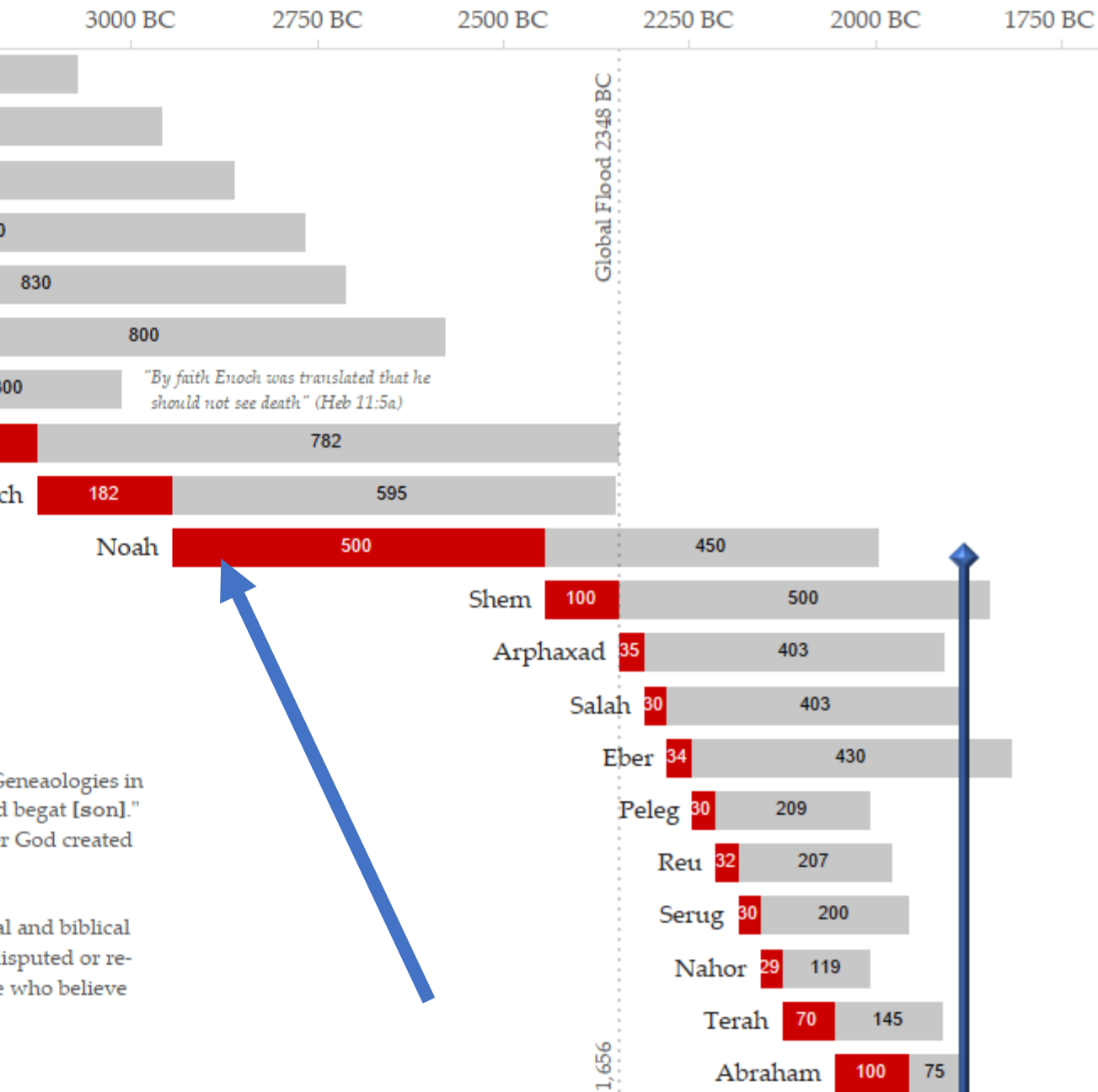
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2 Peter 2:5, and the old world did not spare, but the eighth person [priest], Noah, of righteousness a preacher, did keep, a flood on the world of the impious ... *Young's Literal Translation (YLT)*

2 Peter 2:5, and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, *one of eight people*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly ... *NKJV*



Timeline from Adam to Abraham



- **Indeed**, Noah was the eighth man to hold the **Melchizedek Priesthood** in the order of righteousness. When Noah died, the order was inherited by his son, Shem. In Genesis, a man with the title Melchizedek meets Abram returning from defeating the invading kings. This priest was Shem, the oldest living patriarch in the line of the seed promise in Abram's day.



- After Shem died, the title continued to be inherited from generation to generation until it reached Yahusha of Nazareth through the blood lineage of Mary – from the tribe of Levi. The men who held this title were the Old Testament saints who carried the seed promise of Genesis 3.

- John the Baptist was the legitimate priest for the temple, but the temple was so corrupt that he was not part of that system. John was “out in the wilderness” – it was John who baptized Yahusha as a true Aaronic priest and passed the anointing on to Mary’s 1st born. Mary has lineage in the tribe of Levi – she is a cousin to Elizabeth who is also part of Levi. In the Aaronic priesthood the birthright was to pass to the 1st born. The Mel. Pr. at the beginning always passed to the 2nd born. But remember, Yahusha is the 2nd Adam as well.



- Yahusha receives the title of Melchizedek Priesthood, when Caiaphas tears his robes and disqualifies himself as priest at that moment. Yahusha has been anointed at his baptism, now he is coroneted (so to speak) and qualified to not only be the Sacrifice, but to use His Priesthood qualifications over His very own sacrifice.



Once the title was passed to Yahusha, it remains with Him forever as Hebrews teaches. Yahusha was resurrected after death and is never to die again. Therefore, the title of "Melchizedek" will be His forever, and the "order of Melchizedek" is now an eternal order held by an eternal high priest, Yahusha. The procession of the Melchizedek order is important because it pictured an eternal High Priest for the Old Testament saint, and once it was Yahusha's, it demonstrates the sufficiency of Yahusha's work as our High Priest.





Why did another, lesser priesthood emerge in the Law of Moses?

- It was given as part of the Law to instruct and guard Israel while the world waited for the final Melchizedek (Yahusha) to arrive. Remember, there is nothing “wrong” or bad with the Book of the Law.





Everything about Moses' law (whether everlasting Covenant, or temporary) has multiple details about how to live a righteous life and how to understand the Commandments, statutes and judgments in more detail. It also included revealing humanity's sinful nature (Rom 3:20), demonstrating Yahuwah's wisdom (Deut 4:5-8), and showing His righteousness (Isaiah 42:21) and holiness (Romans 7:12).



- The writer of the letter to the Hebrews makes the point that Yahusha's work in the Melchizedek priesthood is greater than the work of the Levitical priesthood, so Israelite believers in his day would understand there was no longer value in observing the Levitical priesthood now that our true High Priest has arrived to assum the Melchizedek title. The purpose of that lesser priesthood had been served once Yahusha appeared.



Unlike the Levitical (Aaronic) priesthood, Yahusha's' priesthood and His sacrificial work were able to remove sin, cleanse the conscience, and purify the heart. As Hebrews 7:28 says, **"For the Law appoints men as high priests who are weak, but the word of the oath, which came after the Law, appoints a Son, made perfect forever."**

In summary, Yahusha's work in redeeming humanity from their sins is a far greater thing than the Levitical (Aaronic) priesthood's work in pointing out the need for such a redemption. The Law was given to Israel so they might understand the wisdom of Yahuwah in providing a Messiah. The Law (Torah) also teaches us how to live a righteous life of blessings. Without obedience we do not produce fruits of true faith as faith without works is dead.





Q3, What are we called according
to the New Covenant in
Yahusha's blood? 1 Peter 2:9,10



But you are **a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a set-apart nation, a peculiar people for Yahusha's own possession,**

so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; Which in time past were not a people but are now the people of YHVH: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. (1 Peter 2:9-10)

So, unless we study and understand the importance of the Melchisedek priesthood we cannot do what is required of us.





Q4, What are we called to do?



Romans 15:16, **We are called to be a minister of Yahusha Messiah** to all those who do not know Him and have no hope or future, ministering as a priest the gospel of Yahusha, so that my offering of the gospel may become acceptable, sanctified by His Spirit and bring many people into the truth of Yahusha Messiah. We are called back to the same as the original plan for Israel in Exodus 19:6 - “And **you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a set-apart nation.**” **This is the true Good News of the New Covenant.**



Yahuwah, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for Yahuwah to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Yahushua, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. (See Hebrews 6:17-20.)





Q5, What does the name
Melchizedek mean?



The name Melchizedek is more of a title than a personal reference. It comes from two Hebrew words, melek and tsedeq. The word melek means 'king' and tsedeq means 'righteousness' (Strong's Concordance #H4442). Because a king is preeminent (surpassing all others) in his jurisdiction, he had to be preeminent (surpassing all others) in righteousness. Note that this priest in the book of Genesis 14, was the king of SALEM. The word Salem, as defined by Strong's #H8004, means 'peace.' **This makes Melchizedek the "King of Peace"** (Hebrews 7:2).





Q6, How can we know that it was Yahusha who was Melchizedek that blessed Abraham?



The first Scripture referring to this priest is in the book of Genesis 14:14,16 to 18, "Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of Yahuwah Most High. And he blessed him and said: 'Blessed be Abram of Elohim Most High, possessor of heaven and earth; And blessed be Elohim Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand.'" **Only Yahusha had the power to deliver the enemies into the hands of Abraham.**





Q7, Can there be two priesthoods, the Melchizedek and Aaronic priesthood operating simultaneously (at the same time) according to Scripture?



No! Two priesthoods cannot operate simultaneously in Scripture.

The Prophecy in Genesis 49:10 tells us that the temporary priesthood will pass away when Shiloh (the Prince of peace) comes to restore the original priesthood that was rejected [through Moses] with the golden calf transgression.

With that transgression the Aaronic priesthood, ministering in the temple and sacrificing the animals, was ordained as a only a temporary priesthood. **This all passed away when Yahusha became the final perfect sacrifice, Lamb of Elohim who voluntarily gave His life for us.**



“The scepter shall not turn aside from Yehudah, nor an Insciber from between his feet, until Shiloh comes, and to Him is the obedience of peoples.” Genesis 49:10 (TS2009)





Q8, What was Yahuwah's original plan for mankind?





- Yahuwah's original plan for mankind was to be **a kingdom of priests and kings, obedient to the Book of the Covenant** that would represent blessings and righteousness to be a shining light to the whole world. It was deemed that through our love, obedience and kindness to mankind, many would come to know Yahuwah and Yahusha as the only true Elohim and Creator and worship Him alone.





Exodus 19:5-6 “And now, if you diligently obey My voice, and shall guard My covenant, then you shall be My treasured possession above all the peoples – for all the earth is Mine –
6 ‘and you shall be to Me a reign of priests and a set-apart nation.’ Those are the words which you are to speak to the children of Yisra’ël.” TS2009





Q9, Why did Israel lose the privilege of being a kingdom of priests under the order of Melchizedek?





- They broke their Covenant with Yahuah in about 40 days with idolatry and pagan feasting around the golden calf.
- They defiled themselves when they worshipped Yahuwah through the golden calf image.
- Yahuah will not accept the worship given to other 'no gods.'
- Therefore, they were no longer eligible to be a Melchizedek Priest Nation.





WHY?



Exodus 34:14, (TS2009) “For you do not bow yourselves to another mighty one, for יהוה (YHVH) whose Name is jealous, **is a jealous Ĕl**.”—

Deuteronomy 4:24, (TS2009) “For יהוה (YHVH) your Elohim is a consuming fire, **a jealous Ĕl.**”





Q10, What did Yahuwah want to do to them when they went into idolatry?



- In lieu of complete annihilation, Yahuwah wanted to kill them all. Moses interceded on behalf of their lives despite the original agreement.

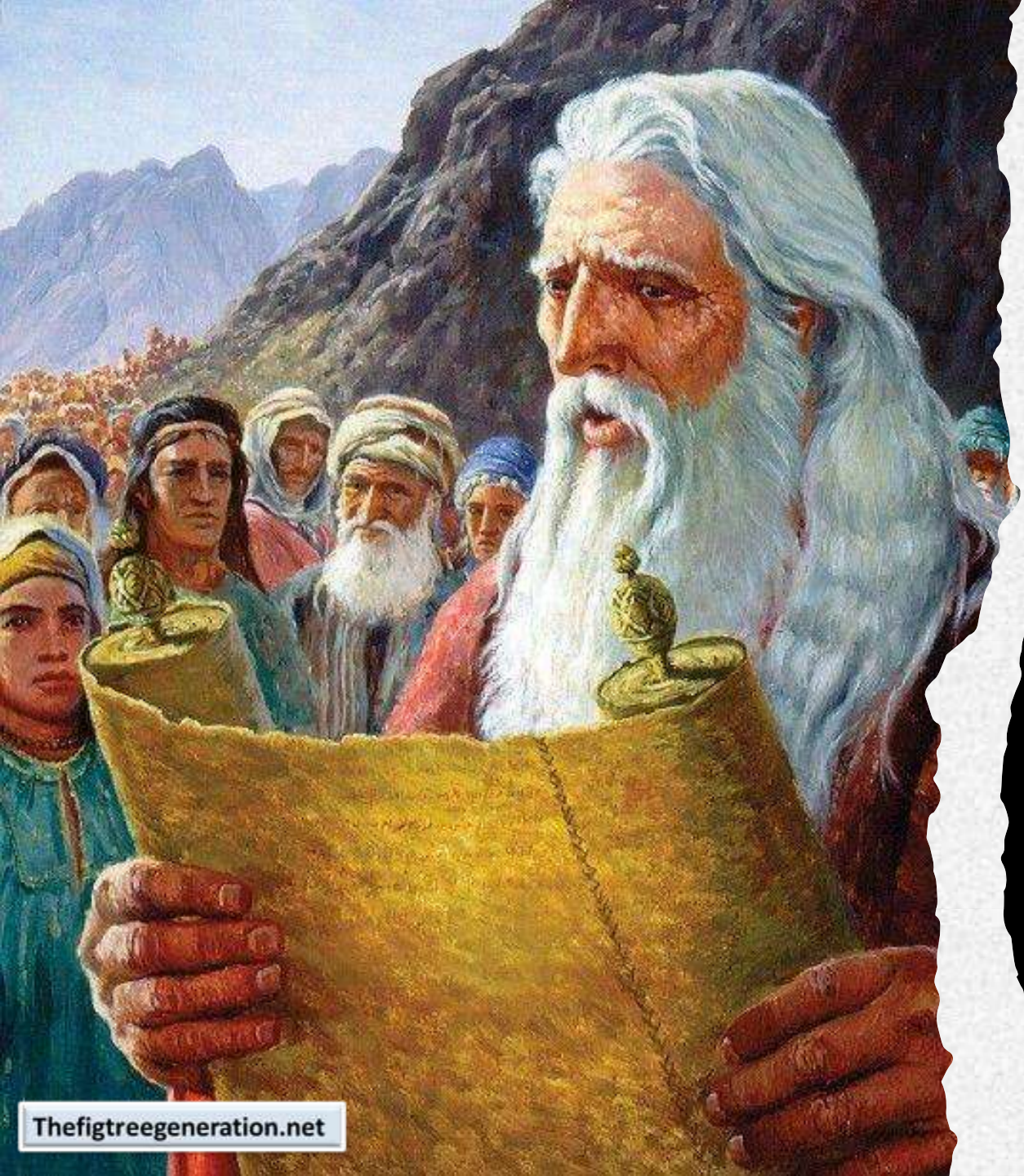
- Therefore, to by-pass the 'agreed to' death penalty, Yahuwah imposed (having no choice) the Book of the Law which they had to obey. (Exodus 32:10) – Yahuwah granted them to be a nation 'with' Levitical Priests from one tribe (Numbers 3:12) who would then intercede on their behalf.





Q11, What are some important laws are written in both the “broken” and “restored” Covenant that is still binding today?





- The Sabbath, Yahuwah's Feasts, and the Dietary Laws of Covenant Torah.
- Note: These are the main laws that are ignored by mainline Christianity today and said to be "nailed to the cross."





Q12 Why did Yahuwah enforce the
“Book of the Law” laws on Israel?



The need for a school master to understand the blessings and the curses. Galatians 3:24, **“Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Messiah, that we might be justified by faith.”**



I hope you can see the validity of using the Book of the Law appropriately within its right administration. Divided correctly it brings us to Messiah...destroyed we're left with no conviction, undivided without a change in administration we become cursed living as if Messiah died in vain. (Galatians 3:10, 2:21).





Q13, What is different from the Book of the Covenant and the Book of the Law?





- The Book of the Law has exactly what the Book of the Covenant had, with lots more detail about the laws (Torah) of Yahuwah. Because the Israelites disobeyed Yahuwah's Torah, the book of the law explained it in a lot more detail and what was also added was the Levitical (Aaronic) priesthood, temple and animal sacrifices. So, what was to become a Kingdom **of** Priests (Israel) became a kingdom **with** a priest (with priests).





Q14, Does that mean that we now no longer obey the Book of the Law?



No, we still need to obey the Book of the Law except for the ordinances of Levitical priesthood, temple and animal sacrifices which are no longer needed. These all pointed to Yahusha Messiah who would be our perfect sacrifice and the only one who can take away our sins.





Q15, What was abolished in the Book of the Law that is no longer binding to us to obey?



Ephesians 2:15,
**“Having abolished
in his flesh the
enmity (division)
even the law of
commandments
contained in
ordinances; so
that he might make
in himself, of the
two (houses of
Israel), one new
man, so making
peace.”**





- Ordinances means animal sacrifices, Levitical priesthood and temple instructions.
- **Note**: it's only the law/Torah of commandments contained in ordinances that falls under the abolishment clause; NOT the law/Torah contained in the Covenant!





Q16, Why did the Levitical Priesthood
cease or pass away?



Hebrews 7:18,19, “For there is indeed a setting aside of the former (Levitical – Aaronic priesthood) command because of its weakness and unprofitableness, for the Torah (Book of the Law – the Levitical Priesthood Law) perfected nothing, but the bringing in of a better expectation, through which we draw near to Elohim, (through the blood of Yahusha Messiah which takes away all the sins of the world whereas the animal sacrifices only pointed to what Yahusha would come to do and the blood of bulls and goats could never take away sin).”

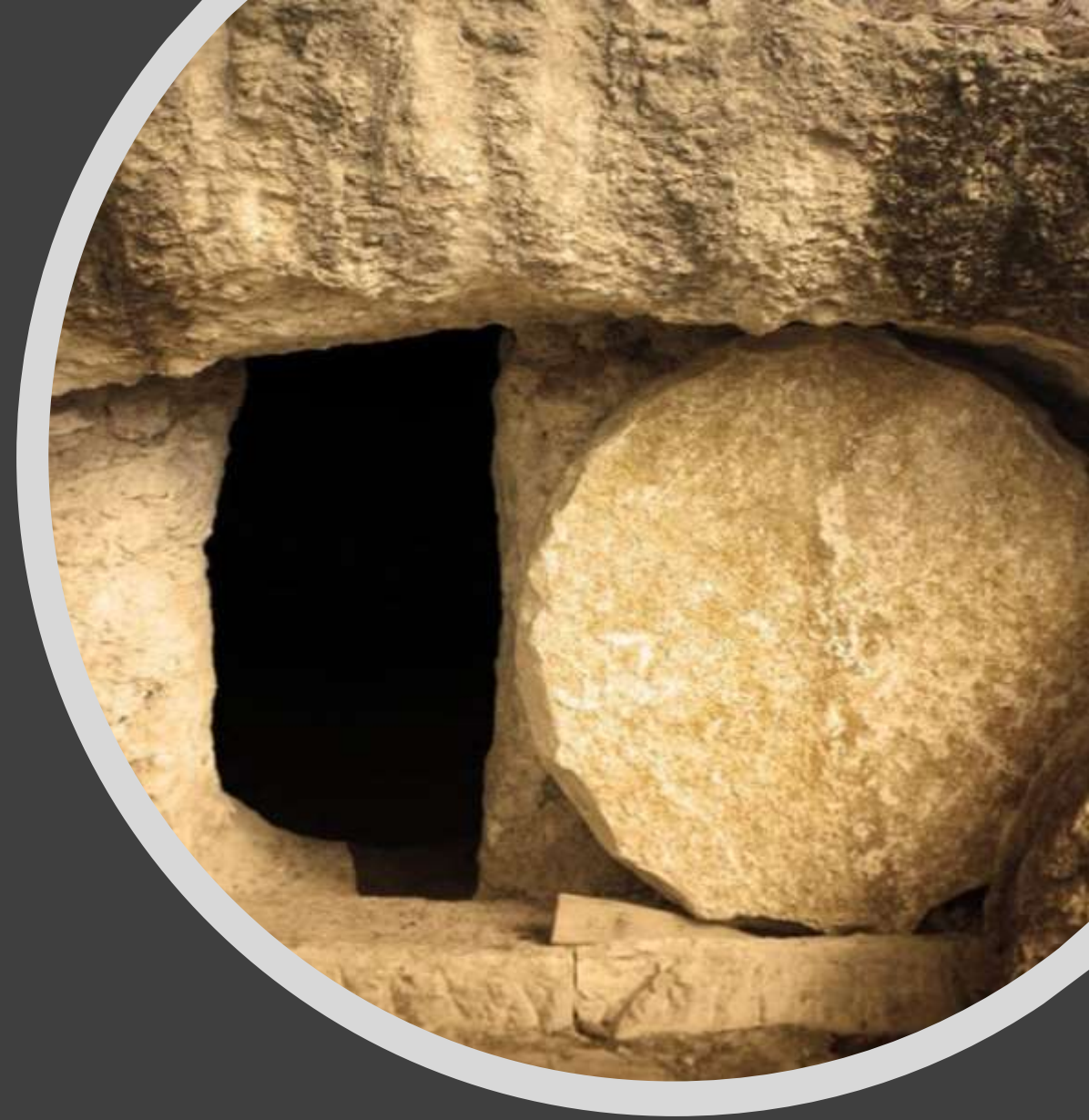




Q17, When did Yahusha restore the original Priesthood of Melchizedek?



- After Yahusha's resurrection and crowning glory at Pentecost thus the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.





Q18, What is the Hebrews 7:12 change of priesthood back to?



• The Heb.7:12, 'change' of The Priesthood is the New Covenant reversion back to the original Melchizedek Priesthood.

There is a HUGE difference between being a Nation 'of' Priests and being a Nation 'with' Priests.





Q19 Why is the New Covenant in the
Blood of Yahusha?



Hebrews 10:4,
“For it is
impossible for
blood of bulls
and goats to
take away
sins.” TS 2009





Q20, How can we be set free from our sins and be assured of eternal life?



1 John 1:9, “**If we confess our sins,** He is trustworthy and righteous to forgive us the sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

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- We also then need to produce good fruits by obeying the Torah. We are not saved by our church denomination or Christianity which is the counterfeit gospel of lawlessness. Unless we are obeying all the Torah, we are only deceiving ourselves. You cannot be half married to your spouse; you are either fully committed or not committed.



My Take-Aways

The order of Melchizedek precedes and supersedes the Aharonic order

We are under the Melchizedek priesthood, not the Levitical system

Yahusha is the King and Priest we serve

Our gifts, offerings, tithes, etc are to go to the ministry of Yahusha and the Kingdom of which He is the Head





Q21, How can I know that my sins no longer condemn me?



- Because the blood of Yahusha has been shed, there is now no condemnation of those who, through faith in Him, have repented of their sins and accepted His forgiveness and cleansing.
Hebrews 9:22



- “There is, then, now no condemnation to those who are in Messiah **יהושע** (YOD, HEY, VAV, SHIN, AYIN) **who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.**

- Romans 8:1 TS2009



- After Yahusha, the Lamb of Yah, died for the sins of the world, He returned to the Heavenly sanctuary, and He entered the Heavenly Sanctuary to make atonement for you and for all sinners who seek Him. What had been done for believers through faith in the coming of the Savior, now could be done in reality.



Therefore, it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices (animal) than these. For Yahusha has not entered the holy place made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of Yahuwah for us; not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another – He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. (Hebrews 9:23-26).





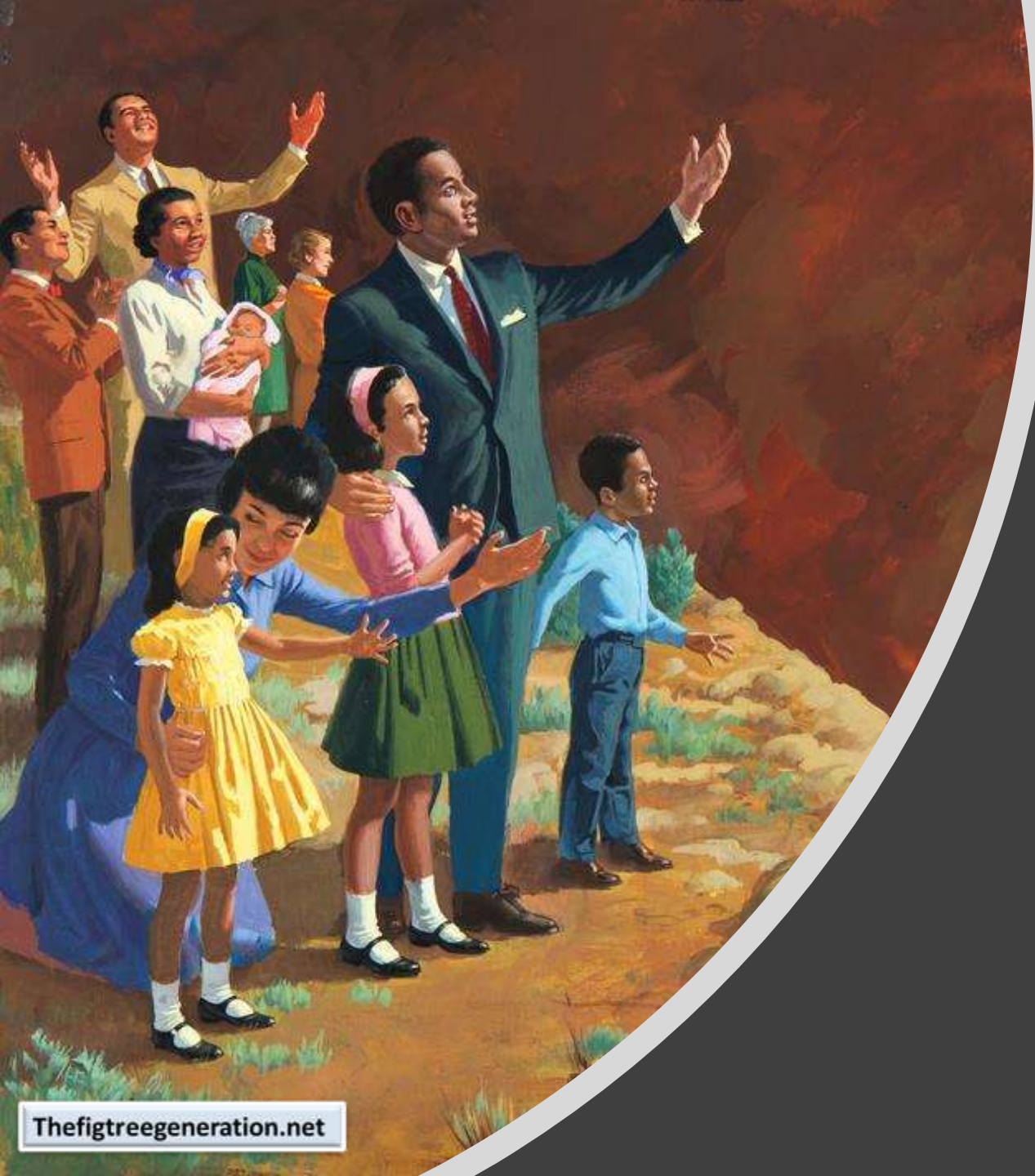
- Yahusha's death on the tree was a **one-time** death. Never again would He have to die. He, the perfect Lamb, was offered **once** for the transgression of many. Now pardon, full and free, is offered to all who come to Him and, by faith, accept the gift, bought at so high a cost, yet so freely and graciously offered.





Q32, Do our actions, thoughts and fruits of obedience really matter to Yahusha?





- Yes, how we live our lives shows whether we truly have faith in Yahusha as true faith produces good fruits of obedience to the Torah (Book of the Covenant). **“And see, I am coming speedily, and My reward is with Me, to give to each according to his work.”** (Revelation 22:12).

- When Yahusha comes in the clouds of Heaven, the judgment will be over. It will have already been decided who are to be declared forgiven and who remain guilty forever.





Q33, What are the final generation of Yahuwah doing at this very moment?



The final generation consists of those who are called out of Babylon to obey the truth of the Scriptures. **Babylon is all the man-made religions and church denominations.**

Yahuwah's people are called out of the fallen churches; they are called out of tradition, error, sin and apostasy. And, as they respond to the call to leave Babylon and return obedience to their Creator, a wonderful transformation is wrought; they are gifted with cleansing, total and complete. They are given a new heart and a new Spirit. They are restored to the image of the divine. (Ezekiel 36:24-29).



Ezekiel 36:24-29, “And I shall take you from among the nations, and I shall gather you out of all lands, and I shall bring you into your own land.” TS 2009



25, “And I shall sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean – from all your filthiness and from all your idols I cleanse you.”



26, “And I shall give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you. And I shall take the heart of stone out of your flesh, and I shall give you a heart of flesh.”



27, “and put My Spirit within you. And I shall cause you to walk in My laws and guard My right-rulings and shall do them.”



28, “And you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers. And you shall be My people, and I shall be your Elohim.”



29, “And I shall save you from all your uncleanness.”

This is what your Savior is waiting to do for you. He wants to give you a clean heart, and a right spirit. He wants to restore in you the divine image of Yahuwah.





Q34, Who was the last Aaronic Priest?



Zechariah is of the division of Abijah. For this to be true, Zechariah was not only a Levite, but also a descendent of Aaron. This made Zechariah an Aaronic Priest. Luke also declares that Zechariah, “had a wife of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.” So, not only is John’s dad a descendent of Aaron, but his mother is also in the Aaronic family. This makes John the Baptist full-blooded Aaronic, doesn’t it! He is the last of the Aaronic High Priest, according to the order of Aaron.





Q35, How did the priesthood move from the Aaronic to the Melchisedek?



When John the Baptist submerged Yahusha Messiah,
He passed the priesthood from the Aaronic to the
Melchizedek. He said Here comes one who I am not
worthy to tie his shoelaces understanding that
Yahusha was the Melchizedek High priest, King of
righteousness and the ONLY ONE who can forgive
our sins as the blood of bulls and goats cannot save
you.



In other words, John is transferring authority to the new order of the Priesthood; the old order of Aaron is passing away, and now is transferred to Yahusha, who is our Priest according to the Priestly order of Melchisedek!

Before any man could become a priest ... he must be thirty years old (Numbers 4:3, 47). (This is why Yahusha's age at His baptism is given as thirty years in Luke 3:23)...Yahusha knew His call, waited until He was thirty years old and then came to John to 'fulfill all righteousness,' that is, to meet the last demand of the Old Testament Law for a priest before He began His public ministry.





Q34, How do you know if you belong
to Yahusha?



John 10:27-28,
“My sheep hear
My voice, and I
know them, and
they follow Me. 28
And I give them
everlasting life,
and they shall by
no means ever
perish, and no
one shall snatch
them out of My
hand.” TS2009



Are you listening to Yahusha's voice calling you to come out of Babylon and to follow and obey Him?



Accept the loving invitation today. Repent and obey His Covenant Torah. Be cleansed. And you will be accepted and enjoy eternal life. Then go reach out to others and tell them about the message of repentance and eternal life.

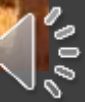


Levitical Priesthood	Scripture Reference	Messiah's Priesthood
Levitical priests became priests only by the law of Moses.	Hebrews 7:21,28	Yahusha became a priest with an oath from Yahuwah.
The Levitical priesthood required large numbers.	Hebrews 7:23-24	The Messiah's priesthood needed only one priest.
Levitical priests died.	Hebrews 7:23-24	Yahusha lives forever.
Levitical priests were prevented from continuing their ministry.	Hebrews 7:23-24	Yahusha holds His priesthood permanently.
A Levitical priest's atoning intermediacy was temporary, ending at his death.	Hebrews 7:23,25	Yahusha is able to save forever, since He always lives to intercede.
The High Priests exchanged only his clothes to provide atonement.	Leviticus 16:4; Hebrews 2:9, 14, 17; Philippians 2:5-7	Yahusha exchanged His glory to provide atonement.
Levitical priest had to offer sacrifices for themselves.	Hebrews 7:26-27	Yahusha was sinless and needed no sacrifice for Himself.
Levitical priests had to offer sacrifices repeatedly.	Hebrews 7:27	Yahusha offered a once-for-all sacrifice.
Levitical priest were mere men.	Hebrews 7:28	Yahusha is the Son of Yahuwah, made perfect for evermore.
Levitical priest had to stand while ministering because their work was never finished.	Hebrews 10:11-12, 1:3; 8:1	Yahusha sat down at the right hand of Yahuwah because His atoning work was completed.





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