

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
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Hebrews 7

1. Who, according to 7:1-3, was Melchizedek (see also Genesis 14)?
 - a. King of Salem and priest of God Most High.
 - b. The king who met Abraham after his defeat of the allied kings who had taken Lot in their defeat of Sodom and Gomorrah.
 - c. The king of righteousness (Melchizedek) king of Peace (King of Salem).
 - d. We don't know. As far as we know, he is a mystery without lineage, beginning or end. We only know that Abraham responded to his authority as Priest of God, without the priestly lineage that came with the later Levitical priesthood.

2. What did Abraham do when met Melchizedek, according to 7:2? _____

3. Why, according to the writer of the Hebrews in 7:4-10, was Melchizedek great?
 - a. He is seen as great because Abraham gave him a tenth of the plunder from his victory.
 - b. Abraham did this, even though Melchizedek was not a descendent of Levi and Abraham had not command to tell him to do so.
 - c. He blessed the one who was blessed (or had the promises) and the one who blesses is understood to be greater than the one who is blessed.
 - d. You could even say that the Levitical priests tithed to Melchizedek (through Abraham), making Melchizedek greater than the Levitical priests.

4. What question does the writer of the Hebrews ask in 7:11?
If _____ could have been _____ through the Levitical priesthood...why was there still need for _____ to come...

5. What point is the writer of the Hebrews trying to make with this question (as well as the whole argument in 7:1-28)?
 - a. The Levitical priesthood is inadequate.
 - b. Melchizedek was a priest that even Abraham himself respected and affirmed.
 - c. Jesus is a priest in the order of Melchizedek because his is not a Levite, but is worthy of more respect because Levi gave a tithe to him (through Abraham), he is without beginning or end, and he is priest on the basis of power rather than on the basis of the rules about his family.

6. What does the writer of the Hebrews say or suggest about Jesus, according to 7:19?
 - a. He has a power that the did not have (to make perfect).
 - b. Through Him, a better hope is introduced.
 - c. Through Him, we can draw near to God!

7. What does verse 25 say Jesus is able to do?
...he is able to _____ those who _____ to _____ through him, because he _____ to _____ for them.

8. Is your salvation being made 'complete'? _____