

# EPISODE 13: "A STRANGE BIOGRAPHY"

## HEBREWS 7:1-3

### CONTEXT

In this episode, we are going to be introduced to the priesthood and kingship of Melchizedek. Melchizedek foreshadowed Jesus Christ and there are some hints in his biography that help point to Christ. Let's explore this strange biography.

#### The Importance of Melchizedek (v.1-3)

- i. Hebrews writer called Jesus a priest \_\_\_\_\_ according to the order of Melchizedek (Hebrews 6:20)
- ii. Melchizedek only appears \_\_\_\_\_ in the Old Testament and every other reference is in Hebrews. (Genesis 14:17-20; Psalm 110:4)
- iii. Who is Melchizedek?
- iv. Melchizedek was a \_\_\_\_\_ (Heb. 7:1; Gen. 14:18)
  - a) He is the \_\_\_\_\_ mentioned in Scripture and predates the Levitical priesthood.
  - b) The ancient near east culture had many gods. He was priest of \_\_\_\_\_ . (Gen. 14:18; Psalm 7:17)
  - c) Most High God distinguishes Yahweh from the others.
- v. Melchizedek was a \_\_\_\_\_ (Heb. 7:1; Gen. 14:18; Psalms 110:4)
  - a) He combines two offices that are normally separate: priest and king
  - b) Melchizedek means \_\_\_\_\_ (Heb. 7:2)
  - c) King of Salem means \_\_\_\_\_ (Heb. 7:2)
- vi. What did Melchizedek do?
  - a) Melchizedek \_\_\_\_\_ Abraham. (Genesis 14:19-20)
  - b) Abraham presented him with \_\_\_\_\_ of everything. (Heb. 7:1b-7:2a; Gen 14:19-20)
- vii. Where is Melchizedek from?
  - 1) In Jewish tradition, priests are descendants of \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Chronicles 6:1; 1 Chron. 6:3)
  - 2) Melchizedek has no father or mother. (Heb. 7:3)
  - 3) Melchizedek has no recorded \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ to his genealogy; This usually disqualified someone from priesthood in Jewish tradition (Heb. 7:3; Ezra 2:62)
  - 4) Melchizedek is not a \_\_\_\_\_, but his biography resembles the Son of God.
  - 5) Melchizedek's priesthood is \_\_\_\_\_. (Heb. 7:3; Psalm 110:4)