

# EPISODE 14: “IN THE LOINS” HEBREWS 7:4-10

## CONTEXT

In this episode, we are going to compare the priesthood of Melchizedek to the priest of the Levites and discuss why his priesthood is better. And why it's important to understand Abraham (and his descendants') relationship to this priest.

### A Priesthood Better Than the Levites (v.4-10)

- i. Why Melchizedek's priesthood is better than the Levites
  - a) The Levites received tithes from the people-\_\_\_\_\_ (Heb. 7:5; Leviticus 27:30-33; Numbers 18:20-24)
    - 1) One tenth of the land's produce and every tenth animal belonged "to the Lord." (Leviticus 27:30-33)
    - 2) The Levites had no inheritance in the land and the tithe provided for them (Numbers 18:20-24)
  - b) Melchizedek received tithes from \_\_\_\_\_ (Heb. 7:4; Gen. 14:20)
    - 1) One tenth of Abraham's \_\_\_\_\_ went to Melchizedek. (Genesis 14:20)
    - 2) Abraham is one of two \_\_\_\_\_ who Scripture mentioned as tithing. (Genesis 28:20-22).
  - c) Melchizedek blessed Abraham, the father of a great nation and the \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrew 7:6-7; Gen. 12:1-3; Genesis 17:6)
    - 1) Initial Call-Abram's call was to \_\_\_\_\_ and become a great nation. (Genesis 12:1-2)
    - 2) Covenant Through Circumcision- \_\_\_\_\_ were to descend from Abraham. (Genesis 17:6)
  - d) The Levites received a tenth and \_\_\_\_\_. (Hebrews 7:8; Num. 18:26)
    - 1) The Levites were to offer a tithe from the tithe they received. (Num. 18:26)
  - e) Melchizedek received a tenth and "\_\_\_\_\_." (Hebrew 7:8; Ps. 110:4)
    - 1) Melchizedek's living was through the priesthood David prophetically proclaimed. (Ps. 110:4)
- ii. Levi tithed to Melchizedek too—from the loins of Abraham (Hebrews 7:9-10; Genesis 29:34)
  - a) Levi is a descendant of Abraham, one of Jacob's 12 sons.
  - b) Born to Leah, Levi's descendants would go on to make up the priesthood (e.g. Aaron)
- iii. Melchizedek's priesthood was \_\_\_\_\_ compared to the Levitical priesthood. (Heb 7:4-10)