CHAPTER

7

VII

Melchizedek, the priest-king

Hebrews 7:1–28 · 28 verses · Song: "Melchizedek"

The picture: Melchizedek, king and priest, bringing bread and wine to Abraham returning from battle; Abraham giving him a tenth.



PICTURE WORD

King

THE CHAPTER IN BRIEF

Melchizedek, king of righteousness and peace, met Abraham. Jesus is a priest like him: forever, by an oath, always living to intercede.

Remember it: SEVEN: the seventh chapter has the king; 7 looks like a crown tipped over.

MEMORY VERSE

That is why he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, since he always lives to intercede for them.

Hebrews 7:25 · the author's translation

GREEK WORD

ἱερεύς

"priest" · verse 1

In Hebrews: fourteen times, in 5 chapters

Melchizedek was "priest of God Most High" (Gen 14:18), a priest with no recorded beginning or end. Psalm 110:4 swears that the Messiah will be "a priest forever" in his order: not by descent from Levi, but "on the basis of the power of an indestructible life" (7:16).

HOW THE CHAPTER MOVES

1–3	Melchizedek: king of righteousness and peace, a priest for all time.
4–10	Abraham gave him a tenth; the lesser is blessed by the greater.
11–19	A new priest from Judah, by the power of an indestructible life.
20–25	Made priest by an oath; he always lives to intercede.
26–28	Holy and blameless, he offered himself once for all.

FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

v. 1–2 ← Gen 14:17–20 Melchizedek meets and blesses Abraham.

v. 17 ← Ps 110:4 "You are a priest forever."

v. 21 ← Ps 110:4 "The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind."

MY NOTES

Listen. Hear Hebrews 7 sung in the **Hebrews by Heart** app, or free at **ispress.de/hebrews/songs/7**.

The song: "Melchizedek." Every verse of the chapter is sung.

Melchizedek · A better priesthood · Made priest by an oath · Always living to intercede

FILL IN THE BLANKS

Melchizedek, king of righteousness and _____, met Abraham. Jesus is a priest like him: _____, by an oath, always living to _____.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. What does the name Melchizedek mean?

- (A) King of righteousness
- (B) Father of many
- (C) Prince of Egypt
- (D) Servant of God

2. Which tribe did our Lord descend from?

- (A) Levi
- (B) Benjamin
- (C) Judah
- (D) Dan

3. Why is Jesus able to save completely those who come to God through him?

- (A) He offers sacrifices every day
- (B) He always lives to intercede for them
- (C) He is a descendant of Aaron
- (D) He keeps the whole law for them

TALK IT OVER

1. Jesus "always lives to intercede." What does it mean to you that he is praying for you now?

2. Why does it matter that Jesus became priest by an oath and not by family line?

3. Verse 25 says he saves "completely." Is there a part of your life you think is beyond saving?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES HEBREWS 7 TEACH?

- ☐ I listened to the song
- ☐ I can say 7:25 by heart
- ☐ I can say what it teaches
- ☐ I know the picture word

Answers Blanks: peace · forever · intercede · Check yourself: 1. A (v. 2) · 2. C (v. 14) · 3. B (v. 25)