

C & C: Born in the Wilderness for a Time such as This

Connections and Comparisons is an ongoing weekly series that deals with many scriptures in the Bible, some of which are not commonly addressed. The purpose of this series is to examine the scriptures at hand comparing what is said and looking at the connections within.

Isaiah 40:3-5

3 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:

5 And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

“For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” (2 Cor 4:6)

Understand who our God is!

John 1:1-36

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The Word is God, not another person in the Godhead known as God the Son. The Word was with God as the thoughts, plan, reasoning, and purpose in the mind of God as this is what the Word means!

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

“...These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;” (Rev 3:14)

4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

“That which was from the beginning, **which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;** (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and **truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.** And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.” (1 Jn 1:1-4)

5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

“Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.**” (Jn 14:6-7)

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness!

8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

“For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” (2 Cor 4:6) “**Who is the image of the invisible God,** the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;” (Col 1:15-19) “**For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.**” (Jn 3:34)

11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

“**And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true,** even in his Son Jesus Christ. **This is the true God, and eternal life.**” (1 Jn 5:20) “**He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.**” (1 Jn 3:8)

15 John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.

16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

19 And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou?

20 And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ.

21 And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No.

John did not know that he was indeed fulfilling the scripture concerning Elias. “And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come? And Jesus answered and said unto them, **Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things. But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them. Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.**” (Mt 17:10-13)

The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness!

22 Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?

23 He said, **I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias.**

24 And they which were sent were of the Pharisees.

25 And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet?

26 John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not;

27 He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.

28 These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.

29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, **Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.**

30 This is he of whom I said, **After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.**

31 And I knew him not: **but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.**

32 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.

33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

34 And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

Understand who our God is!

“**And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.**” (1 Jn 5:20)

35 Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples;

36 And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!

“For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” (2 Cor 4:6)

Matthew 1:18-25

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.

20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

“For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.” (Jn 3:34)

21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

God was manifest in the flesh as the son of God. Jesus is “the image of the invisible God”.

“And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.” (1 Jn 5:20)

24 Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:

25 And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

Luke 1:34-38

34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

36 And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.

37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.

38 And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

Luke 1:39-48

39 And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda;

40 And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth.

41 And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:

42 And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

43 And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

44 For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.

45 And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.

46 And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,

47 And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

48 For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

The Prophecy of God manifest in the flesh! Understand who our God is!

Isaiah 9:6-7

6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

The son that was given... “his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace”. God the Father with us! “Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.” (Jn 14:10-11)

1 Timothy 3:16

16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Luke 19:10

10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

1 Peter 2:24-25

24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

25 For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

Hebrews 10:4-6

4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

5 Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, **Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me:**

6 **In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure.**

Hebrews 13:11-13

11 For the **bodies of those beasts**, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned **without the camp.**

12 Wherefore **Jesus also**, that he might **sanctify the people with his own blood**, suffered without the gate.

13 Let us go forth therefore unto him **without the camp, bearing his reproach.**

Understand who our God is! “**And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.**” (1 Jn 5:20)

2 Corinthians 5:19-21

19 To wit, that **God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them;** and hath committed unto us the **word of reconciliation.**

20 **Now then we are ambassadors for Christ**, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, **be ye reconciled to God.**

21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the **righteousness of God in him.**

John 12:1-2, 12-15

1 **Then Jesus six days before the passover** came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, **whom he raised from the dead.**

2 There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him.

12 **On the next day** much people that were come to **the feast**, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,

13 **Took branches of palm trees**, and went forth to meet him, and cried, **Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

14 And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written,

15 **Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt.**

Mark 11:8-12a, 15-17

8 And **many spread their garments in the way:** and others cut down branches off the trees, and **strowed them in the way.**

9 And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, **Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord:**

10 **Blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.**

11 **And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple:** and when he had looked round about upon all things, and now the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve.

12 And **on the morrow**, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry:

15 And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and **began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple**, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves;

16 And **would not suffer** that any man should carry **any vessel through the temple**.

17 And he taught, saying unto them, **Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.**

Luke 22:14-20

14 And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him.

15 And he said unto them, **With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer:**

16 For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

17 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, **Take this, and divide it among yourselves:**

18 For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come.

19 And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, **This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.**

20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, **This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.**

Mark 14:26

26 And when they had **sung an hymn**, they went out into the mount of Olives.

Mark 14:53-65

53 And they led Jesus away **to the high priest:** and with him were assembled **all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes.**

54 And Peter followed him afar off, even into the palace of the high priest: and he sat with the servants, and warmed himself at the fire.

55 And the chief priests and all the council sought for witness against Jesus to put him to death; **and found none.**

56 For **many bare false witness against him, but their witness agreed not together.**

57 And there arose certain, **and bare false witness against him**, saying,

58 We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.

59 **But neither so did their witness agree together.**

60 And **the high priest stood up** in the midst, and asked Jesus, saying, **Answerest thou nothing?** what is it which these witness against thee?

61 **But he held his peace, and answered nothing.** Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?

62 And **Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.**

(Mt 21:42 **The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?**)

63 Then the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, What need we any further witnesses?

64 Ye have heard the blasphemy: what think ye? And they all condemned him to be guilty of death.

Understand who our God is! The Jews could not understand the Oneness of God; that Jesus was God in the flesh.

65 And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to buffet him, and to say unto him, Prophecy: and the servants did strike him with the palms of their hands.

The Lord suffered this to free us from the captivity of the law of sin and death by putting sin to death in the flesh nailing it to His cross!

Mark 15:1-39

1 And straightway in the morning the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes **and the whole council**, and bound Jesus, and carried him away, and delivered him to Pilate.

2 And Pilate asked him, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answering said unto him, **Thou sayest it.**

3 And the chief priests accused him of many things: **but he answered nothing.**

4 And Pilate asked him again, saying, **Answerest thou nothing?** behold how many things they witness against thee.

5 **But Jesus yet answered nothing; so that Pilate marvelled.**

“Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.” (Isa 53:4-9)

6 Now at that feast he released unto them **one prisoner**, whomsoever they desired.

7 And there was one named Barabbas, which lay bound with them that had made insurrection with him, **who had committed murder** in the insurrection.

8 And the multitude crying aloud began to desire him to do as he had ever done unto them.

9 **But Pilate** answered them, saying, **Will ye that I release unto you the King of the Jews?**

10 **For he knew that the chief priests had delivered him for envy.**

(Mt 21:37-39 **But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son. But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance. And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him.**)

11 **But the chief priests moved the people**, that he should rather release Barabbas unto them.
12 And **Pilate answered** and said again unto them, **What will ye then that I shall do unto him whom ye call the King of the Jews?**
13 And they cried out again, Crucify him.
14 Then **Pilate said** unto them, **Why, what evil hath he done?** And they cried out the more exceedingly, **Crucify him.**

(Jn 1:10-11 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not.)

15 And **so Pilate**, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, **when he had scourged him**, to be crucified.
16 And the soldiers led him away into the hall, called Praetorium; and they call together the whole band.
17 And they **clothed him with purple**, and **platted a crown of thorns**, and **put it about his head**,
18 And began to salute him, Hail, King of the Jews!
19 And **they smote him on the head with a reed**, and **did spit upon him**, and **bowing their knees worshipped him.**
20 And when they had **mocked him**, they took off the purple from him, and put his own clothes on him, and led him out to **crucify him.**

(Heb 12:3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.)

21 And they compel one Simon a Cyrenian, who passed by, coming out of the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, **to bear his cross.**
22 And they bring him unto the place **Golgotha**, which is, being interpreted, **The place of a skull.**
23 And they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh: but he received it not.
24 And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take.
25 And it was the **third hour**, and **they crucified him.**

(God is the LORD, **which hath showed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.**)

Note: In Jewish Scholar Edersheim's book "The Temple", see pages 143 & 144, he stated... "According to general agreement, the morning sacrifice was brought at the "third hour," corresponding to our nine o'clock."

(Understand that at the same time the morning sacrifice was being brought, that the Passover Lamb of God was also being brought.)

26 And the superscription of his accusation was written over, **THE KING OF THE JEWS.**
27 And with him they crucify two thieves; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left.
28 And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, **And he was numbered with the transgressors.**

29 And they that passed by **railed on him, wagging their heads,** and saying, Ah, thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days,

30 **Save thyself,** and come down from the cross.

31 Likewise **also the chief priests mocking** said among themselves **with the scribes, He saved others; himself he cannot save.**

Such a foolish statement to a man who they had witnessed the dead being raised, miracles of every sort taking place, and casting out of all devils.

32 **Let Christ the King of Israel descend now from the cross,** that we may see and believe. And they that were crucified with him **reviled him.**

33 And when the **sixth hour** was come, **there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.**

34 And **at the ninth hour Jesus cried** with a loud voice, saying, **Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?** which is, being interpreted, **My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?**

35 And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, Behold, he calleth Elias.

36 And one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, Let alone; let us see whether Elias will come to take him down.

37 **And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.**

Note: The historical testimony of Josephus places the evening sacrifice at "about the ninth hour" or approximately 3:00 p.m. (Antiquities 14.4.3).

(Understand that at the same time of the evening sacrifice, Jesus, the Passover Lamb of God gave up the ghost.)

38 And the **veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom.**

39 And when **the centurion,** which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, **he said, Truly this man was the Son of God.**

1 Peter 1:18-19

18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were **not redeemed with corruptible things,** as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

Understand who our God is! Jesus Christ of the seed of David of the tribe of Juda! "And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life." (1 Jn 5:20)

Hebrews 7:1-28

1 For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, 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, having **neither** beginning of days, **nor end of life**; but **made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.**

Here we are told some very important things concerning Melchisedec. He was the King of Righteousness, the King of Salem, the King of Peace. Without father, without mother, without descent, having no beginning of days, nor end of life; and made like unto the Son of God; and abides a priest continually.

Many people try to pass off Melchisedec as being just a man by trying to say that he was without mother and father because they didn't know his lineage. However, the Holy Ghost can easily reveal lineage. Since in the book of **Luke 3:23-38**, they give the lineage of Christ clear back to Adam, the son of God. This belief system completely ignores the wording of this verse which tells us that he was without beginning of days, nor end of life. This is a very clear statement, "having **neither** beginning of days, **nor end of life**". This verse also tells us that Melchisedec was made like unto the Son of God. What natural man could be like unto the Son of God? What man could fulfill being the King of righteousness, the King of Peace? Since the prophet Isaiah tells us in **Isaiah 64:6** **But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags.** Let's continue to read about Melchisedec.

4 **Now consider how great this man was**, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils.

5 And **verily they that are of the sons of Levi**, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham:

6 But he whose descent is not counted from them **received tithes of Abraham**, and blessed him that had the promises.

7 And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better.

In verse 6 we were just told that Melchisedec received tithes of Abraham and then blessed Abraham which had the promises of God. Then in verse 7 we are told that without contradiction the less, meaning Abraham, was blessed of the better, meaning Melchisedec. What natural man could have been more important than Abraham, which had received the promise of God? The answer is no one. That is why it was said that without all contradiction. The answer is because Melchisedec was not just a man, **he was a manifestation of God.**

8 And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth.

Again, it was stressed that men here that receive tithes die, but there Melchisedec received them, and it was witnessed that he lives.

9 And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham.

10 For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him.

These verses tell us that the sons of Levi paid tithes to Melchisedec even though they were yet in the loins of Abraham.

11 If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) **what further need was there that another priest** should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron?

12 For **the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law.**

13 For he of whom these things are spoken **pertaineth to another tribe**, of which no man gave attendance at the altar.

14 For it is evident that **our Lord sprang out of Juda;** of which tribe **Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood.**

These verses explain to us that God changed the priesthood, and since he changed the priesthood, out of necessity he also changed the law. That new law is the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, of which we now are free from the law of sin and death, because Jesus died on the Cross and took back the keys of death and hell, and as many as are born again, and obey the New Testament and it's commandments, through the Faith of Jesus Christ, will have eternal life.

This next verse is extremely important concerning the belief system that Melchisedec was just a man.

15 **And it is yet far more evident:** for **that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest,**

That priest was Jesus Christ. And this verse just told us that Jesus was after the similitude of Melchisedec. How then seeing that Jesus was Emmanuel, being interpreted God with us, can you compare him to only a flesh and blood man? Since Emmanuel was God with us, we know that God had no beginning of days, nor does he have end of life.

The only way that Jesus Christ could be after the similitude of Melchisedec, would be that Melchisedec never had beginning of days, nor end of life, **which was clearly stated as well as the fact that verse three also tells us that he was made like unto the Son of God.**

Let's reread Hebrews 7 verses 2 & 3.

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;**

Since we know that Jesus is in the similitude of Melchisedec. Notice Melchisedec was the King of Peace, and that Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace.

Verse 3

3 **Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life;** but **made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.**

Notice that it tells us that he abides a priest continually. And since it also tells us he neither had beginning of days nor end of life, that means that if you are of a Trinitarian mind set you will either continue to say that Jesus came after the order of a man that was King of Righteousness or that now there is a fourth person in the Godhead. Just because in 1 John 5:7 it says there are three that bear record in heaven, does not mean that Melchisedec ceased to exist.

20 And inasmuch as not without an oath **he was made priest:**
21 (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, **Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:**)
22 By so much was **Jesus made a surety of a better testament.**
23 And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death:
24 But this man, **because he continueth ever,** hath an unchangeable priesthood.
25 Wherefore he is able also **save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.**
26 For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;
27 Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself.
28 For the law maketh men high priests **which have infirmity;** but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore.

For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second!

Hebrews 8:6-8

6 But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, **which was established upon better promises.**
7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.
8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:

In that he says, A new covenant, he has made the first old. Now that which decays and waxes old is ready to vanish away!

Hebrews 8:10-13

10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:
11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.
12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.
13 In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

Jesus Christ brought about the time of reformation!

Hebrews 9:8-14

8 The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing:

9 Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience;

10 Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, **imposed on them until the time of reformation.**

11 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, **but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.**

13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:

14 **How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?**

Without shedding of blood is no remission! It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these!

Hebrews 9:15-28

15 **And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.**

16 **For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.**

17 **For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.**

The thief on the cross did not enter paradise under the New Testament as Jesus had not yet died!

18 Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood.

19 For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people,

20 Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you.

21 Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry.

22 **And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.**

23 It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

24 **For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:**

25 Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others;

26 **For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.**

27 And as it is appointed unto men **once to die**, but after this the judgment:

28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect!

Hebrews 10:12-31

12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.

14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

15 Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before,

16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

18 Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised)!

19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

21 And having an high priest over the house of God;

22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, **having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience,** and our bodies washed with pure water.

23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; **but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.**

26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:

29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

30 For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.

31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

John 1:12-13

12 But as many as received him, **to them gave he power to become the sons of God**, even to them that believe on his name:

13 **Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.**

To be born of God you must be born again. To be born again, you must partake of Jesus Christ, the Seed of Abraham.

Galatians 3:16

16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; **but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.**

1 Peter 1:23

23 **Being born again**, not of corruptible seed, **but of incorruptible, by the word of God**, which liveth and abideth for ever.

To partake of being born again, you must partake of the Lord's death, burial, and resurrection. For if you are not born of God by the word of God, then you have no life in you. You must be born again of water and of the Spirit to partake of the Lord's death, burial, and resurrection.

John 3:5-7

5 Jesus answered, **Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.**

6 **That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.**

7 **Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.**

This is fulfilled by partaking of.....

Acts 2:38-39

38 Then Peter said unto them, **Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.**

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, **even as many as the Lord our God shall call.**

Hebrews 4:15

15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

Come and partake of the Lord's Free Gift of Salvation!!!!