

Melchizedek, Priest and King

The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind: You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.—Psalm 110:4

Melchizedek was a priest of God and at the same time he was the king of Salem, a word which means peace. Salem was later called Jerusalem. As a king he ruled the people, and as a priest he blessed them and taught them of God's ways. Abraham acknowledged Melchizedek and paid tithes to him (a tenth of all his goods).

The Bible tells us little about Melchizedek. It is stated that he was without father or mother and without beginning of days or end of years. This is puzzling until we realize that it is referring to his position as priest and king. No record was made of him as to when his priesthood began, nor was any provision made for a successor. In this way he was a picture of the Messiah in the Millennial age.

There are other priests in the Bible, and also other kings, but only Melchizedek held both these positions at the same time. In the kingdom, the 144,000 members of the church with their head, Jesus, will be like Melchizedek. They will rule the world and they will bless the people and teach them God's ways—they will act as priests and kings.

It is possible that Melchizedek was one of the Shepherd kings who peacefully ruled Egypt and built the Great Pyramid of Giza. That pyramid is one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. It was built about 2170 B.C. It is located on the Nile River near

Cairo, Egypt, in the geographical center of the land surface of the whole world. This enormous structure covers thirteen acres and is referred to in the Bible in Isaiah 19:19,20.

There are many fascinating things we can learn about the pyramid which support the plan of God. Its interior passages represent all of human history. The downward passage pictures the course of sin and death; the upward passages represent the Law age, the Gospel age, the kingdom glory of the church, and human restitution. Its measurements indicate the length of the year, the weight of the earth, the distance to the sun, and many other scientific facts.



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