

HEBREWS 7 vs 1

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Anyone who suggests the Bible is confusing, Insults GOD; is either juvenile, lazy or deceptive; and maybe speaks for the father of lies, especially when asking about the subject of tithing -- giving the tenth part, and if we are to give the tenth. Three 3 places in the NT the subject of the tithe is mentioned:

When Jesus addressed the hypocritical clergy of the day who wanted to kill Him; as He said: Cursed, you scribes and Pharisees who despised the people, who parade around in their white robes! For giving tithe of mint and anise and cumin, you have omitted the weightier law: judgment, mercy and faith; these you should have done without neglecting the other. **Matthew 23:23.** Luke records the same event, **Luke 11:42.** **Any confusion?**



Jesus told a parable of 2 people who went to the temple to pray. The Pharisee stood and was praying to himself, God, I thank you that I am not like other people... I fast twice a week; giving tithe of all I get. **Luke 18:11-12.** **Any confusion?**

And now, in this chapter: the tithe -- the tenth... is mentioned 7 times. **Any confusion?**

¹ **For this Melchizedek, King of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham** / the father of faith... without acting in faith, we are powerless to please God. **returning from the slaughter of the rogue kings, and blessed him;**

² **To whom also Abraham gave a tithe** / the Greek noun: dekate, a tenth part; **He was first, as his name means: King of righteousness** / the King who did right,

and second: King of Salem, which means, King of peace Shem the first born of Noah who carried on the ancient priestly lineage, we are told lived 502 years after the flood. Where? We do not know. But this long period of time **contradicts 4 Hebrew sources**. The Hebrew Masoretic now days which is NOT the original Hebrew text... and was copied from the Leningrad Codex 11th century AD;

more than 1000 years after: **the Greek Septuagint 250BC**; which would have been copied from the original Hebrew, no longer extant; **the Samaritan Pentateuch; Flavius Josephus 1st century Jewish historian, and Paul the Apostle** – they all agree that the Israelites were in **Canaan and Egypt** 430 years a shorter time period than the Modern Masoretic text. Perhaps, the King of Salem was an ancestor of Shem.

Check out: **How long were Israelites in Egypt** and **Were the Pyramids built before the Flood?**

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³ **Without father, without mother**, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made **like** the Son of God continues on and on a **priest** / nothing of his heritage or ancestry is known; no record exists about who this noble man was who resembled the Son of God, **which means he wasn't**; nothing is known about him or his priestly role, other than he was approved by God.

⁴ **Consider how great this man was** / he was known as a man of dignity ruling in Jerusalem, the King of Peace, **to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tithe** / a tenth part... **of the winnings**.

⁵ **And truly they who are of the sons of Levi, who receive the place of priest, have instruction according to the law... of the people giving tithe** / a Greek verb: apodekatoo...
that is, of their brothers, though they also descended from Abraham:

⁶ **But Abraham tithed** / a Greek verb: dekatoo...

to him who had the promises, whose lineage is not traced from them, and was blessed.

⁷ **And without dispute, the lesser is blessed by the greater** / Abraham the lesser was blessed by Melchizedek the greater – though mortal.

⁸ **And here mortal men who die receive a tithe** / a tenth part...

but in the other case, He of whom the scripture gives witness that He lives on / Jesus our high priest lives on.

⁹ **And in a sense we might say, Levi, even received a tithe** / a tenth part... **tithed in Abraham,**

¹⁰ **for he was still in the loins of his father, when Melchizedek met him.**

¹¹ **So, if perfection came through the Levitical priesthood** -- for on the basis of it the people received the law,

why was it necessary for another priest to rise after the order of Melchizedek, and not according to the order of Aaron? / not even like those we see of the tired old, faithless, hocus pocus traditions?

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¹² Because when the priesthood changed, there was of necessity a change of the law also.

¹³ **For the One concerning whom these things are spoken** belongs to another tribe. No one from it has served at the altar.

¹⁴ **Now it is evident that our Lord came from Judah;**

and Moses said nothing about that tribe concerning priests.

¹⁵ **And yet it is very clear: that another priest arose like Melchizedek** / Jesus the kingly priest, was not Melchizedek, but His priestly reign is very much like Melchizedek,

¹⁶ **who did not become a priest based on a legal rule about physical descent, but based on the power of an endless life.**

¹⁷ **For it testifies, You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.**

¹⁸ Truly, for putting away the earlier instruction, for it was weak and profitless.

Any confusion? NO! So, in faith, do it! If Abraham gave the tenth to the Lord's work; we can too. Start there!