## HEBREWS 7 vs 19

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19 For the law perfected nothing / not a thing!

**but God bringing in** / the word is: **epeisagoge**; Flavius Josephus the great historian uses this word when introducing a new wife... after a lousy divorce. The writer says....

**but God bringing in the better hope** did / by the super-introduction of Jesus,

by which we draw near to God / we come close to God by Jesus who is the better Hope.



And as He was made a priest and not without an oath / not without a promise from God:

by Him who said to Him: The Lord pledged and will not reconsider / about this Priest, God ain't thinking differently! About this One, God ain't changing His mind! And it's sort of funny... The Lord swears! And when God swears, you can count on it! No way... is HE changing His mind!

**You are a priest forever after the order of Melchisedec** / this Hebraic name is used 9 times in the book to the Hebrews as well as twice in the Old Testament: Genesis 14; and Psalm 110: **melchi = king + sedec = right**, or righteous, or righteousness;

## after the order of the King of Righteousness

Who is this King of Righteousness? What we know from scripture is that he was both Priest and King over his people living in Salem. We read Melchisedec is 3 times identified with the Most High God, Genesis 14:

- 1. the priest of the Most High God;
- 2. he blessed Abraham of the Most High God; and
- 3. **the Most High God delivered the enemies of Abraham into his hands**. Acknowledging Melchisedec's superiority, Abraham gave him his tithes. As to the questions: Who were his father and mother? And, what is known about his ancestry? ... the Bible is silent.

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Jewish leaders in the 1100's misquoted the timeline found in the Old Hebrew bible promoting the story that Shem lived longer than Abraham. We know in Genesis 11, Abraham was from the lineage of Shem who would have been a righteous King over his people and the Priest of the Most High God. But it seems the corrupted Masoretic text, differed from the Old Hebrew, that became the basis of the Septuagint – Greek bible, as well as differed with the Samaritan Pentateuch; the historian Flavius Josephus, and even the testimonies of Paul the apostle, and Stephen the first martyr in the New Testament.

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

But back to Hebrews, the priesthood is changing... no longer after the order and likeness of Aaron...

this priest... with an oath by Him who said to Him: The Lord swore and will not reconsider; You are a priest forever after the order of Melchisedec / so again: He isn't going to change His mind, or think differently about this Righteous King and Priest!

- <sup>22</sup> By so much JESUS has become a guarantee of a better testament / a better covenant and promise from God. Are we getting the message? Jesus is the better way.
- And they truly were many priests because they were not permitted to continue by reason of death / they had lots of priests in the Old Testament; because they died;
- but this One, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood / since He is alive forever more!
- <sup>25</sup> What is all this said for? He is able to save forever all who come to God by Him since He lives forever making intercession for them / Jesus is the better way.
- For such a high priest who became like us, He is holy, harmless / the word is: akakos; literally, there is NO kakos in Him; and not wanting to sound disrespectful, Jesus wouldn't hurt a flea. He is harmless. To those who turn to Him, He says: Peace.
- C.S. Lewis pointed out: He is not anything like us soft, indulgent, sympathetic vacillators. His goodness is evidence that He is intensely interested in right conduct -- in fair play, unselfishness, courage, good faith and truthfulness... as all people know they ought to be. Daily, when human greed is uncovered, and folks have been tricked or exploited, there isn't a person who will not yell: Unfair, foul play! Except when they are the tricksters and exploiters; then, they want to be the exception... to what is fair.

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That is the terrible fix we are in. One part of us is on God's good side agreeing with Him,... but in our case, we want leniency -- we want Him to approve our guilt! We want it both ways. If the universe is not governed by an absolute goodness, then all our efforts are in the long run hopeless. But if it is governed by an absolute goodness, then we are making ourselves enemies to that goodness every day, and are not in the least likely to do any better tomorrow, and so our case is hopeless again. God is the only comfort; He is also the supreme terror. He is our only possible ally, and we have made ourselves His enemies. Mere Christianity, C. S. Lewis,

**He is holy, He is harmless** / to those who come to Him,

**He is undefiled** / **He is not dirty.** Once He took the shitty job in the pigsty that not one would ever bow so low to do; but that work is done. And now He needs not wink at our filth as if our crap don't stink,

**He is separate** / chorizo: meaning divorce. He took the shitty job, and cleaned up like no other; and now God gave Him a promotion. **He got a divorce! divorced from sinners**,

**and made higher than the heavens** / having taken the least favorite job in the scummiest part of creation; having so humbled Himself, then God made Him; higher than those up there;

who does not need to daily offer sacrifices, like those previous high priests: first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people / but because He had not sinned, the only sin He had was the sin He took us -- from the damned world:

for this He did once / for all time; never to be repeated, when He offered Himself.

Think about it...

For the old ceremonial instruction, appoints men high priests who have infirmities / even high priests got sick just like all of us; they got diseases and also died.

**Son who is perfect forever** / but the promises God made by about His Son -- our new High Priest is complete... and finished; because He accomplished the goal.

**Every Praise** JESUS it is YOU Genesis: One Blood, One Race

O Come Let Us Adore Him