

Hebrews 7:1-28 Expanded Chiasm



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1A) 7:1-10 Melchizedek, like **THE SON OF GOD, REMAINS A PRIEST CONTINUALLY;**

1a) 7:1a For this **Melchizedek**, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings;

1b) 7:1b And **blessed him;**

1c) 7:2a To whom also **Abraham gave a tenth part of all;**

1d) 7:2b First being by interpretation **King of righteousness**, and after that also King of Salem, which is, **King of peace;**

central axis) 7:3 Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days nor end of life; but made like the Son of God; remains a priest continually;

2d) 7:4a Now consider **how great this man was;**

2c) 7:4b-6a To whom **Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils;**

1A) 7:4B To whom even the patriarch **ABRAHAM GAVE THE TENTH OF THE SPOILS;**

CENTRAL AXIS) 7:5 AND INDEED THOSE WHO 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 BROTHERS, THOUGH THEY HAVE COME FROM THE LOINS OF ABRAHAM;

2A) 7:6A But he whose descent is not counted from them **RECEIVED TITHES OF ABRAHAM;**

2b) 7:6b-8 And **blessed him** who had the promises. **7** And beyond all contradiction the lessor is blessed by the greater. **8** And here men who die receive tithes; but there He receives them, of whom it is witnessed that He lives;

2a) 7:9-10 And as I may so say, Levi also, who receives tithes, paid tithes in Abraham. **10** For he was yet in the loins of his father, when **Melchizedek** met him;

1B) 7:11-24 **PERFECTION NOT BY THE LEVITICAL PRIESTHOOD;**

1a) 7:11-15 If the **priesthood is changed**, of necessity there is also a change in the Law;

1A) 7:11A 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 MELCHIZEDEK;**

1B) 7:11B And **NOT BE CALLED AFTER THE ORDER OF AARON?**

CENTRAL AXIS) 7:12 FOR IF THE PRIESTHOOD IS CHANGED, OF NECESSITY THERE IS ALSO MADE A CHANGE OF THE LAW;

2B) 7:13-14 For He of whom these things are spoken **PERTAINS TO ANOTHER TRIBE**, of which no man gave attendance at the altar. **14** For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Judah; of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood;

2A) 7:15 And it is yet far more evident; for that **AFTER THE LIKENESS OF MELCHIZEDEK THERE ARISES ANOTHER PRIEST**;

1b.1) 7:16 **Who is made**, not after the Law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life;

1b.2) 7:17 For He testifies, “**You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek**,”

1b.3) 7:18-19a For there is indeed a setting aside of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness. **19** For the Law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a **better hope** did;

central axis) 7:17b **By which we draw near to God**;

2b.1) 7:20 And in as much as **He was** not **made priest** without an oath;

2b.2) 7:21 For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by Him who said to Him, “YHVH swore and will not repent, ‘**You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek**,’”

2b.3) 7:22 By so much more Jesus was made a guarantee of a **better covenant**;

2a) 7:23-24 And there truly were many priests, because they were not allowed to continue by reason of death, **24** but this Man, because He continues for ever, has an **unchangeable priesthood**;

CENTRAL AXIS) 7:25 **THEREFORE HE IS ALSO ABLE TO SAVE THEM TO THE UTMOST THAT COME TO GOD BY HIM, SEEING THAT HE EVER LIVES TO MAKE INTERCESSION FOR THEM**;

2B) 7:26-28A **PERFECTION BY THE PERFECT HIGH PRIEST**;

1a) 7:26 For such a **high priest** was fitting for us, **who is holy, harmless, undefiled**, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

central axis) 7:27 **Who does not daily need, 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**;

2a) 7:28 For the Law makes men **high priests who have weaknesses**;

2A) 7:28B But the word of the oath, which came after the Law, appoints **THE SON, WHO IS CONSECRATED FOR EVERMORE**.