

When Covenants Collide

Learning to understand the Bible is a lot like learning how to swim: you never know how well you're doing until you jump into the deep end. Anybody can appreciate John 3:16, but when you wade into the deeper waters of Scripture, it's easy to feel like you're drowning. So it is with the middle section of Hebrews (chapters 5-10), which holds some of the most complex concepts in the Bible. Join us Sundays in October at The Story as we take a deep dive in search of profound truths about Jesus, the Gospel, and the shortfalls of human religion.

October 12, 2025 - Part 2 - Melchizedek (Hebrews 6-7)

"You can't connect the dots looking forward. You can only connect them looking backwards." - Steve Jobs

Have you ever had one of those moments where you looked back on your life and "connected the dots"? What were the "dots", and how did they connect to make your life possible today?

Hebrews 6:19-20 - We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.

What does this passage suggest about the connection between Jesus and Melchizedek?

Genesis 14:18-20 - Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, and he blessed [Abraham], saying, "Blessed be [Abraham] by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. And praise be to God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand." Then [Abraham] gave him a tenth of everything.

Who was Melchizedek? What do we know about him?

What possible connections do you see in Genesis 14 between Melchizedek and Jesus?

Psalms 110 - The Lord says to my lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind: "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek." He will judge the nations, heaping up the dead and crushing the rulers of the whole earth.

King David wrote over 70 psalms that are in the Bible. What is unique and interesting about this one?

Matthew 22:41-46 - While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, "What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?" "The son of David," they replied. He said to them, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord'? For he says, "'The Lord said to my Lord: 'Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.'" If then David calls him 'Lord,' how can [the Messiah] be [David's] son?" No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Who was King David's "lord" according to Jesus? Why is this significant?

3 Things We Learn from Melchizedek

1. **God Has a _____**

Hebrews 7:1-3 - This Melchizedek was king of Salem and priest of God Most High. He met Abraham returning from the defeat of the kings and blessed him, and Abraham gave him a tenth of everything. First, the name Melchizedek means “king of righteousness”; then also, “king of Salem” means “king of peace.” Without father or mother, without genealogy, without beginning of days or end of life, resembling the Son of God, he remains a priest forever.

Your notes:

2. **We Have a _____**

Hebrews 7:11, 15-19 - If perfection could have been attained through the Levitical priesthood—and indeed the law given to the people established that priesthood—why was there still need for another priest to come, one in the order of Melchizedek, not in the order of Aaron? And what we have said is even more clear if another priest like Melchizedek appears, one who has become a priest not on the basis of a regulation as to his ancestry but on the basis of the power of an indestructible life. For it is declared: “You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.” The former regulation is set aside because it was weak and useless (for the law made nothing perfect), and a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God.

Your notes:

3. **We Can Have _____**

Hebrews 7:23-27 - Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.

Your notes:



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