

MELCHIZEDEK

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Who did Abraham pay his tithes to?
Was it God or was it man?

In [Genesis 14:18-20](#), Abraham paid tithes to Melchizedek. The 7th chapter of Hebrews tells us that Melchizedek is an “Office”. [Hebrews 7:12](#) tells us it is two offices combine; first, “High Priest” (King of Righteousness); and the second, “King of Salem” (Jerusalem) meaning king of peace.

Remember we must have two or three witnesses for verification. [2nd Cor. 13:1](#) in our Bible, [Joshua 10:13](#) and [2nd Samuel 1:18](#) tell us of a book called “Jasher” that is not included in our Bible. Jasher 16:11 tells us that it was Shem that Abraham paid his tithes to.

Remember that our Bible is not a history book, but it tells us of characters and events that took place in history. The first Man, Adam was the first Melchizedek. He was king and also Priest. Today we would call this Church and state combined (two offices together). There were ten Melchizedeks. The first Melchizedek was Adam [Gen. 5:1-2](#); the second was Seth [Gen. 5:3](#) and the third was Enos; [Gen. 5:6](#). The book of Jasher tells us throughout the day of Enos, men began to depart from God and began making images to worship. The 4th Melchizedek was Cainan; [Gen. 5:9](#) and through him God spoke first of destroying the world by water (flood). The 5th Melchizedek was Mahalaleel; [Gen. 5:12](#) and the 6th was Jared; [Gen. 5:15](#). In the book of [Jude, verse 14](#) tells us of the 7th Melchizedek who was Enoch, the 7th from Adam; [Gen. 5:18](#). Enoch was translated because he had a testimony that pleased God, he warned the people that not only the good but the bad would live again; [Hebrews 9:27](#). The 8th Melchizedek was Noah [Gen. 5:29](#), [2nd Peter 2:5](#) Methuselah lived and prophesied in the days of Noah. The 9th Melchizedek was Shem, Noah’s son.

The office of Melchizedek was handed down from father to his eldest son. [Genesis 11:11](#) tells us that Shem lived five hundred years after the flood and in the book of Jasher 16:11 it says that the man or “Melchizedek” that Abraham paid tithes to was Shem

There was not another Melchizedek until Jesus came [Hebrews 7:17](#). The tenth and last Melchizedek is Jesus Christ; he is our King and High Priest. According to [Hebrews 7:3](#), he is without father, without mother, without decent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life. Hebrews 12 tells us that we have now come unto Mount Zion, the Heavenly Jerusalem. This was prophesied of Him in [Gen. 49:10](#), [Psalms 10:4](#), [Isaiah 2:2](#) and [Hebrews 7:17](#). From the lions of Abraham, God through the Patriarchs, separated the priesthood from the Kingship. He took the Priests from the tribe of Levi and the Kings from the tribe of Judah, again referring to [Hebrews 7:3](#) Melchizedek (office).

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