

King of Salem
Genesis 14:17-24

Out of “nowhere” ...

I. Mysterious Melchizedek

- A. King of Righteousness and Peace
- B. Priest of God
- C. Prophetic Messenger
- D. Honored

II. The Picture of Perfection

- A. Unique Order
- B. Popular Psalm
- C. New Testament Commentary
- D. An Indestructible Life

III. The Reality

- A. The Son Forever
- B. Heavenly Prophet
- C. Priest Forever
- D. King of Kings

... the central figure.

Children, Listen ...

1. What does the name Melchizedek mean?
2. Whose priest was Melchizedek?
3. What did Abram give him?
4. Even though we don't know much about Melchizedek is he still important?
5. Who does the Bible say is “like” Melchizedek?

Mystery Revealed

The Lord has just one a victory through Abram in the Rescue of Lot when out of the blue a mysterious figure shows up on the scene. The men break bread, a blessing is bestowed, and Abram gives him a tenth of everything. The record in Genesis is very short and simple. Yet at the same time, as it turns out, the incident has long lasting implications and the individual named Melchizedek turns out to be a significant figure in the history of redemption. This brief encounter is far more complex than first meets the eyes and proves to be a major signpost in the revelation of none other than Jesus Christ Himself. There are three key pieces to the puzzle. Genesis 14, Psalm 110 and Hebrews 7. As we link these pieces we get a better idea of what Jesus means when he says: “Abraham rejoiced to see my day.” As we delve into the solved mystery we will appreciate more the interwoven and complex nature of God’s design as laid out in Scripture from beginning to end and better still we will see more clearly the glories of the Lord Jesus, the priest forever and the King of Righteousness and Peace.