

**AN INSPIRED EXAMPLE OF HOW
TO STUDY SCRIPTURE**

HEBREWS 7

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- A **Bible study** of **Psalm 110:4**
- **Hebrews** is a part of **inspired scripture**
- The **logic** of **Hebrews** is **inspired**
- The **method** of **interpreting scripture** is **inspired**
- The **method** of **applying scripture** is **inspired**

The Context of Hebrews 7

- The “*main point*” is in **8:1-6**
- **Jesus is High Priest in Heaven 8:1**
- **1:3 implies** it; mentioned in **2:17** and **3:1**
- **1:1-4:13 Jesus** as **Apostle**
- **4:14-10:18 Jesus** as **High Priest**
- **10:19-13:25 Jesus** as the *New and Living Way*

The Context of Hebrews 7

- 5:6 quotes Psalm 110:4b

Jesus as priest

- 1:13 quoted Psalm 110:1 earlier

Jesus as king

- Jesus is a priest like Melchizedek
- Much to say about Melchizedek 5:9-10
- 5:11-6:20 is a parenthetical admonition for the Hebrews' spiritual immaturity
- 7:1 begins discussion about Melchizedek

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7:1-3

INTERPRETATION

1. **Collect all information** Psalm 119:160
2. **Define** the **terms**
3. **Establish** the **context**
4. **Summarize all** the **information**
5. **Note** what **information** that **scriptures omit**

INTERPRETATION STEP 1

Listed everything from **Gen. 14:18-20**

- **King of Salem v.1**
- **Priest of God Most High v.1**
- **He met Abraham and blessed him v.1**
- **When Abraham defeated the kings v.1**
- **He received 10% of the spoils from Abraham v.2,4**

INTERPRETATION STEP 2

Defined Terms

- King of Salem = “king of peace” v.2
- Melchizedek = “king of righteousness”

INTERPRETATION STEP 3

Respected the context

- **v.1**: “*he met Abraham returning from the defeat of the kings...*”

INTERPRETATION STEP 4

Summarized information that was **revealed**

- **King of Salem**
- **Priest of God Most High**
- **He met Abraham** and **blessed him**
- **When Abraham defeated the kings**
- **He received 10%** of **all Abraham** had

INTERPRETATION STEP 5

Observed **what** is not revealed

- ***Without father***
- ***Without mother***
- ***Without genealogy***
- ***Not even beginning of days***
- ***nor end of life***

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7:4-28

APPLICATION

1. **Implications** from **what is revealed**
(**Conclusions** from **inclusions**)
 - **God has** a **purpose** for **revealing what He has revealed** **Deut. 29:29**
2. **Implications** from **what is not revealed**
(**Conclusions** from **exclusions**)
 - **God has** a **purpose** for **not revealing what He has not revealed** **1 Cor. 2:8**

APPLICATION STEP 1

Drew conclusions from what is revealed

- Melchizedek was great v.5
- Melchizedek was greater than Abraham v.7
- Melchizedek was greater than Levi v.5-10
- The priestly order of Melchizedek is greater than priestly order of Aaron v.11
- Greater priesthood requires a greater covenant v.12

APPLICATION STEP 1

Drew conclusions from what is revealed

- In **v.17**, **Psalm 110:4b** is repeated to emphasize “*forever*” and apply it to the resurrection of Jesus from the dead to live forever as priest and king
- In **v.21**, **Psalm 110:4** is fully quoted to emphasize “*sworn*” and apply it to the greater word of God (greater promises in the form of an oath) than the fleshly commandment (**v.16**) for Jesus’ greater priesthood (and covenant **v.22**)

APPLICATION STEP 2

Drew conclusions from what is not revealed

- **Omission of genealogy of Melchizedek designed to make him a physical type for Christ the spiritual antitype v.3**
- **Silence does not authorize! v.11-14 need for a new law that authorized seed of David (tribe of Judah) to be a priest**
- **No oath for Levite priesthood implies its inferiority to priesthood of Christ v.20-28**

AN APPLICATION OF APPLICATION STEP 2

- Melchizedek a **type** of **Christ Heb. 7:3**
- He was **king** of **Salem (peace)**
- **Jesus** is the **Prince** of **Peace Isaiah 9:6**
- Melchizedek was **priest** of **God**
- **Jesus** is **king** and **priest Heb. 8:1**
- Melchizedek **brought** **Abraham** **bread** and **wine Gen. 14:20**
- **Christ** **gave** **His** **disciples** **the** **Lord's** **Supper**

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AN APPLICATION OF APPLICATION STEP 2

- Abraham gave of the spoils of war 7:4
- We are to give as prospered 1 Cor. 16:2
- Abraham was not commanded
- We give not by command 2 Cor. 8:8; 9:7
- Abraham gave 10%
- How much are we to give? Rom. 15:4
- Abraham refused the king of Sodom's reward Gen. 14:21-24
- We must refuse Satan's offer of enrichment James 4:4

HOW TO STUDY

1. Collect all information
2. Define terms
3. Respect the context
4. Analyze what is revealed
5. Note what is not revealed
6. Draw conclusions from what is revealed
7. Draw conclusions from what is not revealed
8. Live the truth and wisdom in God's word!

APPLY THE WORD

- *“If you know these things, **blessed are you if you do them**” John 13:17*
- **John 6:29** even **belief** is a **work**
- **Luke 13:3** you must **repent** or **perish**
- **Matthew 10:32-33** **confess Christ**
- **Mark 16:15-16** **hear the gospel**
- **Believe** and **be baptized to be saved**
- **Buried with Christ in baptism, raised by faith in the operation of God Col. 2:12**
to walk in newness of life Rom. 6:4

