

- 1. The completion of the plan of salvation could not take place through the Levitical priesthood because it was incomplete.
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Hebrews 7:11, “Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law),”

2. Because the order of Aaron was insufficient another order of priest was necessary.

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Heb 7:11b, “... what further need *was there* that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron?”

3. The order of priesthood was tied to a particular covenant, the Mosaic Covenant.

4. A change in priesthood therefore necessitates a change of Covenant.

Hebrews 7:12, “For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law.”

5. The Levitical priesthood was based on physical factors, not spiritual factors. These included genetic relationship to Levi and to Aaron.

Hebrews 7:13, “For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar.”

6. Jesus was not of the tribe of Levi so another order of priesthood was necessary. Under the Mosaic Code Jesus would have no right to be high priest.

7. The Mosaic Code said nothing of another kind of priesthood.

Hebrews 7:14, “For *it is* evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood.”

8. Therefore the Lord as a Melchizedekian HP is manifestly superior.

**Hebrews 7:15, “And it is yet far more evident if,
in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises
another priest**

Hebrews 7:16, “who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life.”

**κατάδηλος *katádēlos*; adj. clearer, more
manifest, exceedingly evident**

**πρόδηλος *pródēlos*; factually obvious,
manifestly open, quite obvious**

ἀνίστημι *anístēmi*; *akatálutos* to cause to stand, to erect, to raise up, to bring back to life, to cause to appear for a role or function

It [this principle of a change in priesthood and Jesus' higher status] is even made exceedingly more evident since there another priest according to the order of Melchizedek is arisen.

Hebrews 7:16, “who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life.”

ἀκατάλυτος *akatalutos*; indestructible, in the temporal sense, therefore it is endless or eternal

Hebrews 7:17, “For He testifies: ‘You *are* a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.’”

Hebrews 7:18, “For on the one hand there is an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness,

Hebrews 7:19, “for the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, *there is the* bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.”

Hebrews 4:16, “Let us therefore come boldly [draw near] to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

Hebrews 10:1, “For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, *and* not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach [draw near] perfect.”

Hebrews 10:22, “let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.”

ὄρκωμοσία *horkōmosía*;

Hebrews 7:21, “(for they have become priests without an oath, but He with an oath by Him who said to Him: ‘The LORD has sworn and will not relent, “You *are* a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek”’),”

Hebrews 7:22, “by so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant.”

Hebrews 7:23, “Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing.”

Hebrews 7:24, “But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood.”

Hebrews 7:25, “Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.”

Hebrews 7:26, “For such a High Priest was fitting for us, *who is* holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens;”