

Melchizedek, King of Righteousness, King of Salvation, Priest – God reigning over me and through me, and recovering souls, now

Gen 14:18 **And Melchizedek, who was king of Salem (*Shalom* = Peace, Salvation) **and also** (the) **priest of the Most High God, brought bread and wine** (signifying the Bread of life and the Holy Spirit, the New Covenant) **to Abram...**
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Melchizedek (Malki-Tsedek in Hebrew, meaning “king of righteousness”, see Heb 7:2) went and met with Abram, whose name God later changed to Abraham, and brought him bread and wine, after he had returned from a successful military operation. This is the backdrop:

Gen 14:14-16 **Now when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his three hundred and eighteen trained servants...and went in pursuit as far as Dan.**

15 **He divided his forces against them by night, and he and his servants attacked them and pursued them...**

16 **So he brought back all the goods and also brought back his brother Lot and his goods, as well as the women and the people.**

Many believe, as A. B. Simpson says in *The Christ in the Bible Commentary*, that Melchizedek is “none other than the Son of God Himself anticipating His incarnation (when “**the word became flesh and lived among us**” Jn 1:14). When there would be other key opportunities for him to meet with Abraham, what was the significance of this moment? Could it be that God was very much involved in this physical recovery and restoration of other souls, as a picture of the primary business true Christians are to be engaged in now?

Gen 14:20 **May the Most High God, who gave you victory over your enemies, be praised!** TEV

Melchizedek’s name and titles reveal the two primary ways God wants to and will recover and restore captive souls through us, now: we, as Melchizedek, serving as kings and priests of the Most High God. “**As He (Jesus) is, so are we in this world**” (1 Jn 4:17).

Rev 5:10 **And (You) have made us kings and priests (means “holy”) to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.**

2 Pet 2:9 **But you are...a royal priesthood, a holy nation...**

First, making and keeping us righteous, holy in Christ, God will enable us with His authority to rule over self and sin, believing we have put to death our human nature, and over wicked spirits, by wrestling down their thoughts and preaching righteousness to other people, bringing them the living Bread and wine of God’s Spirit. He will also cause us to be royal priests, interceding in believing prayer for others, for their full salvation, with anointed praise:

Gen 14:18-19 **And Melchizedek...king...priest...brought bread and wine...**

Gen 14:20 **and said...May the Most High God...be praised!** TEV