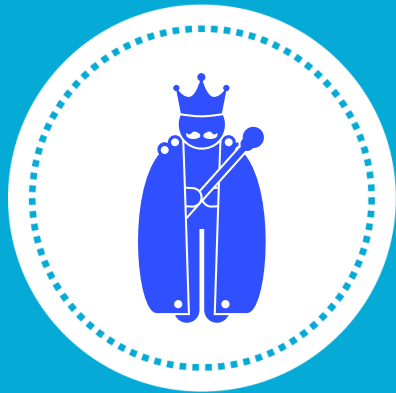


# Jesus Christ and the Priesthood

Jesus Christ is both a king and a priest. In Israel, the kings came from the tribe of Judah and the priests came from the tribe of Levi. So how can Jesus be a priest if he is from the tribe of Judah? According to Hebrews 7-9, Jesus Christ is a priest in the order of Melchizedek, a king and priest of Salem (peace). The Levitical priesthood was for the Old Covenant, but Jesus Christ is a priest of the New Covenant. The Levitical priesthood is only temporal and is carried out by sinful men with the blood of animals. The order of Melchizedek is a better priesthood, because it is eternal. Jesus Christ is sinless and offered the sacrifice of his own blood and body to atone for our sins.

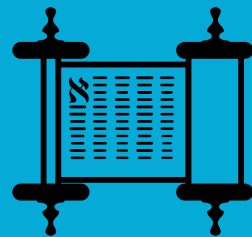


**The  
Order of  
Melchizedek**

Melchisedek is both a king and a priest of the Most High God. He had no record of birth or death, appearing eternal.

He offered bread and wine to Abraham, who offered him tithes.

He preceded Moses and the Levitical priesthood.

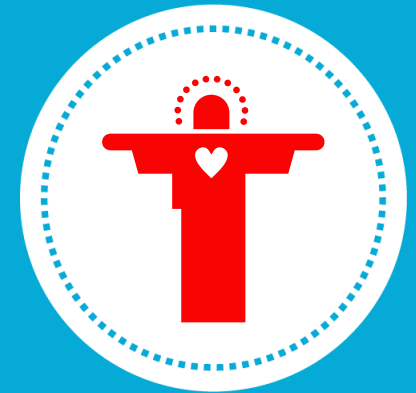
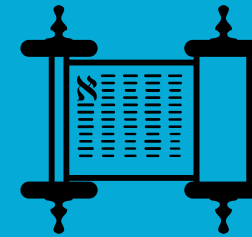


**The  
Levitical  
Priesthood**

Israel's priests came only from the tribe of Levi.

The Levitical priesthood is only temporal and they offered only the blood of animals.

The priests needed cleansing from their own sins.



**Jesus Christ**

Jesus Christ is both a king and a priest after the order of Melchisedek.

Jesus Christ offered the Church his own blood and body represented by the bread and the wine.

His priesthood is eternal