



# A Quick Unpacking of the Melchizedek Order vs the Levitical Order

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## **UNITY IN THIS ROYAL ORDER**

Understanding this Melchizedek truth will bring unity to the Scattered who love Yahshua and who want to be his talmidim (disciples)! Perhaps Isaac and I can help people understand this glorious Truth! To begin, what we believe that most teachers in the Melchizedek movement are trying to say is that there is a change in law, but it's not a change back to Levitical Law. It's a change to something better through a better covenant like YHVH said he would do (Jer. 31:31-34 / Hebrews 8:6)! We are going to make an important distinction for you between the "law" and the "covenant" -- keep reading. :-)

Most of the people who are teaching the Melchizedek Truth are Biblical scholars who are trying to unpack this part of the Story for believers. They want to help you (Christians, Messianics, Hebrew Roots etc) understand this amazing Story, what our amazing Messiah has accomplished and what Biblical Salvation-through-covenant actually means and requires of us! They do care about Israel and are excited to walk people through this Truth. What these teachers are seeing is the same Truth that many of the Scattered ones who were living on the outskirts of Jerusalem during the time of Yahshua were so filled with joy over! It's what the disciples preached after Yahshua's Resurrection and what they were

killed for, because it rendered the religious authorities of the day jobless and powerless.

Simply put, the Torah does make a clear distinction between the Book of the Covenant and the Book of the Law:

Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, “We will do everything the Lord has said; we will obey.” Ex. 24:7

Take this Book of the Law and place it beside the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God. There it will remain as a witness against you. Deut. 31:26

That’s a clear as day to us! But unfortunately there are leaders with what I call ‘Moses Envy’ and have an issue with the kind of control that most all religious leaders have.

## **MESSIANICS TEACHERS CAN BE FULL OF MOSES ENVY**

The trick for good leaders in this Melchizedek movement is to figure out how to get a Messianic or Hebrew Roots teacher who is established to listen long enough to learn and be humble enough to be taught — like they expect the rest of us to do. It seems that leaders in this Messianic movement have Moses envy and are sometimes too full of pride to re-look at something and say they were wrong.

If the shoe fits.... That said, I believe a little sweet honey goes a long way! So, to start, I apologize to Israel for any Melchizedek leader who does not show love first as Yahshua said was so important in his priests. So, let me try to explain this beautiful truth with straight, yet kind and thought-out words:

Our Messiah paid a high price to restore Israel to the Royal order (the Melchizedek priesthood). To reject this priesthood is to reject the work of our Messiah Yahshua.

“Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. How much more severely do you think someone deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of Elohim underfoot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified them, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know him who said, “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,”and again, “The Lord will judge his people.” It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living Elohim.” Hebrew 10:28-29

As it says, it will be a dreadful day for those who trample underfoot the work of Yahshua! Those who reject, perhaps unknowingly, the Melchizedek priesthood and order are “trampling underfoot” his blood that sanctified us! They are rejecting the work of our High Priest who was elevated to that Royal order by YHVH, himself (Heb. 5:10). Those who are trying to operate in the Levitical priesthood are beating a dead horse, leading people astray, making chaos and are causing damage to the people who are desperately trying to learn what it is YHVH requires of them in the light of the sacrifice of Yahshua.

I want to help Yahshua! I want to make straight paths for him like Yohanan ben Zachariah tells us to do -- not make chaos for the King and his Bride!

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” For this is the one referred to by Isaiah the prophet when he said, “THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, ‘MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT!’” Matt. 3:2

Read the Scriptures as a Story and you will discover that simply put, the Levitical Law was a good thing (because it solved a problem that Israel created), but it was only for a time. It was a band aid to a big problem -- a problem at the level of the heart. Once Israel broke the Covenant they agreed to in Exodus

24 they were thrust under a Levitical system by Exodus 34 (approx). But it wasn't the original idea. It wasn't YHVH's original goal. His original goal was to have a nation of priests, not a nation with priests. 'Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' Ex. 19:5-6

## **NO LONGER TWO UMBRELLAS TO LIVE UNDER**

Like David Perry says, imagine that the Melchizedek Law is like a huge umbrella and the Levitical Law was a smaller umbrella created under the larger one. With her sin Israel got more law — because she was sick. No longer did she have only 1 umbrella, now she had to live under 2. Therefore, until Yahshua Israel was under both umbrellas. Among many things when Yahshua came he folded up the smaller umbrella and put it away and he dealt with the original problem that made Israel sick (actually all of humanity). He fixed the condition of the heart. His gift was to give us a new heart with the Ruach living in us — moving us to obey. Obey what? is the question.

The large umbrella is the Book of the Covenant and it is eternal, as YHVH is eternal. In Ex. 24 Moses wrote down and recorded all the words of YHVH and His Royal Law in a book called the Book of the Covenant. Israel and YHVH entered into the original blood covenant at the base of Sinai. YHVH also wrote down his own words (his Royal Law) on tablets of stone later (Ex. 31:18) which were to go INSIDE the Ark of the Covenant, but were broken symbolically (the second copy of the tablets went in it later). The smaller umbrella is The Book of the Law. It is clear that this is a different book and that it contained the Levitical Code that was written after the confirmation of the original Melchizedek Covenant in Exodus 24. It is important to remember that Levitical law is not covenant law and never will be. It is also crucial to understand that the Book of the Law is the same book (scroll) that Moses set OUTSIDE the Ark of the Covenant as a “witness against you” in Deut. 31:26. Throughout the centuries, this book (scroll) with the Levitical code in it was to remind Israel that she broke her agreement with her husband, YHVH with the Golden Calf incident, and that she lost the right to be a nation of Melchizedek or Royal priests. She lost the job description to take the message to the world, because she was too sick to accomplish the task. That is, until a Way was made for the old order to be done away with and the sickness to be cured. Thankfully, a Way was made through Yahshua. Thankfully, what was set against us (the reminder of our sin against YHVH, the Levitical Law) was “nailed to the cross” (Col 2:14). Thankfully Yahshua brought the Way for us to be healed, for us to keep the Royal Law and for us to do our job assignment -- which is to be a nation of priests — his priests!!

What is preventing people from seeing this? I have no idea! It seems so clear to me... but perhaps this understanding I received this past Fall will help:

## **MAKING A DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE ROYAL LAW AND THE CONTRACTS MADE (OR COVENANTS)**

What Isaac and I have been seeing and making is a distinction between The Royal Law and the 2 covenants (the “Old Covenant” made at Mt. Sinai and the “New Covenant” made in Yahshua's blood). I will do a video teaching on this later with visuals, but for now making this distinction is what may help Christians embrace this Melchizedek Truth:

Both the old and new covenants are mechanisms by which YHVH established at 2 different times in history for humans to be able to keep the everlasting Royal Law. This is the Law that every person will be judged against and either live by or die by. The covenants are not the actual Royal Law — they are mechanisms. They are contracts.

I think this distinction is so crucial to helping someone understand the Melchizedek Truth.

The Royal Law is everlasting as YHVH is everlasting. It has always been, is and always will be. The only reason we can read it now is because He was generous enough to write it down in the first contract he made with Israel in the wilderness. That is what makes that contract (the original Melchizedek Covenant) necessary to understand—because it houses the eternal Royal Law. In the wilderness YHVH was choosing a people who would learn his Royal Law, live it and then invite others into it. That was to be their job. At the base of Mt. Sinai YHVH entered into the first formal arrangement (a contract or covenant) where that would happen. That contract detailed out the Royal Law which they and all humanity has always been expected to keep. Every human being has broken that one-and-only Royal Law, but YHVH's Bride, Israel specifically broke that original contract. Plan B with the Levitical Law was enacted in order to 'buy time' to get Israel to the next contract (the New Covenant). YHVH would make a second and better contract with Israel through his Son's blood. This is what makes Yahshua The Way. He is the only Way by which we can keep the everlasting Royal Law. There is no Levitical Code that operates as the mechanism anymore. It's gone.

During the counting of the Omer this year I hope to unpack this idea on a video. I was shown this last Fall and we really believe if presented correctly this could change the face of this movement and bring more unity among Israel.

## **MELCHIZEDEK DOES NOT SUBTRACT FROM TORAH**

This change in law that is unpacked in Hebrews is the "light burden" that Yahshua talked about! I don't know about you, but I think that is grand enough news for a party! Because among many things, through his work Yahshua got rid of:

1. The takanot that the religious leaders were using to add to YHVH's words and
2. The "more law" of the Levitical code (the smaller umbrella).

The Melchizedek Law does not subtract from Torah. It is Torah. It is the heart of the Torah. It is the Goods! The Levitical Law was not a contract that Israel agreed to. It was simply more law that was added to what Israel already promised to keep when she said "I do" the first time around. The Melchizedek Covenant was the original contract by which Israel agreed to keep the Royal Law. Now we keep it via the new mechanism bestowed by the New and superior Covenant! To break the Royal Law is death. To keep it via the gift of Yahshua is life!

And now on this side of Yahshua's sacrifice, his Melchizedek priests of 1 Peter 2:9 are required to only keep The Royal Law — which was YHVH's original request — and of course they are to keep it with love and all their heart!

## **A BETTER WAY TO WIN OUR CHRISTIAN FRIENDS AND FAMILY OVER....**

No matter what they say, people who are trying to keep the now done-away-with Levitical Law have to pick and choose what they keep. They can't possibly keep it – there is no brick-n-mortar temple and there are sacrifices in the Levitical Law that Yahshua's sacrifice did away with! But notice that there are no sacrifices in the Royal Law. This is the point where our Christian friends and family scoff at this movement and won't take us seriously, because most in this movement are trying to keep the Levitical Law and Christians know something changed at the Messiah's death. They know something was done away with. They know you cannot keep the Levitical Law! And they are right!

But what they and most Messianics don't understand is that we are to be keeping the original Royal

Law found written in the Covenant Israel and YHVH made at the base of Mt. Sinai in Ex. 19-24. But who will teach them and help them make the very important distinction between the Books? We'll never win over our Christian loved ones until we preach the Melchizedek Law (The Royal Law) kept through the power of the New Covenant! We must help them connect the New Covenant with the Melchizedek Law (found in Ex. 19-24). We will never be united or effective until we all see and live in this Truth about Yahshua's priesthood!

One priesthood and law is over and done, it's history. The other one is still there, always has been, is and always will be there. That's the Melchizedek priesthood and the Melchizedek order.

## **IN CONCLUSION**

In summary, it is crucial to make a distinction between the two books in order to understand why Israel had 2 Books, what the purpose of each of them was and which one is everlasting. YHVH made his son, Yahshua Israel's new High Priest. When Yahshua took over YHVH rendered the Aaronic priests jobless and did away with that system that he himself set up initially. That's his prerogative! He said, through S'haul that with the new priesthood came a CHANGE in Law (Heb 7:12).

Messianics scold the Christians who teach that he came to change things to: grace and no law. But the Messianics should be scolded for teaching that he came to change things back to Levitical Law!

No!

Yahshua came to restore us to the only Law that gives life, the Everlasting Law – the Melchizedek (Royal) Law (Ex.19-24). The Law of his Father! The good news is that the New Covenant is the new Way. Or stated another way, it is the superior contract that Yahshua wants to enter into with you. It is superior to the first contract he made with Israel in that this covenant enables us to actually keep the Royal Law perfectly (the same one which they had to keep, but broke), but we get the indwelling help of the Ruach ha'Kodesh.

The reality of the situation is that there was a change in priesthoods and law. It is spoken about all over Hebrews. It's what S'haul is trying to unpack for us. He is trying to tell us what the work of Yahshua actually accomplished! And it is stunning!

If you want to join this Melchizedek movement and find other priests of Yahshua, attend Melchizedek-minded events and get Melchizedek-minded resources for your family we are here for you and we need your support! The Levitical crowd is pretty loud, but fledgling ministries that are Melchizedek-minded need your support!

I'm done for done now...may the Ruach ha'Kodesh give you eyes to see and ears to hear!

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