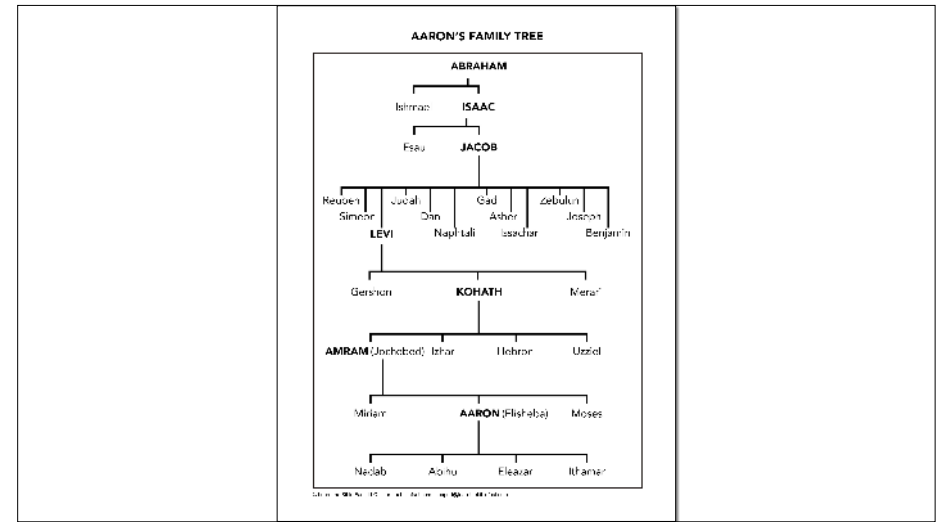
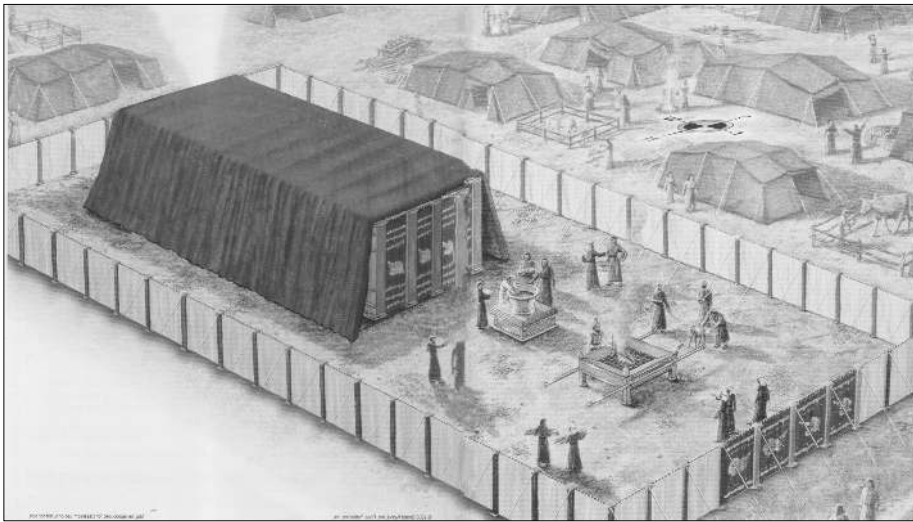
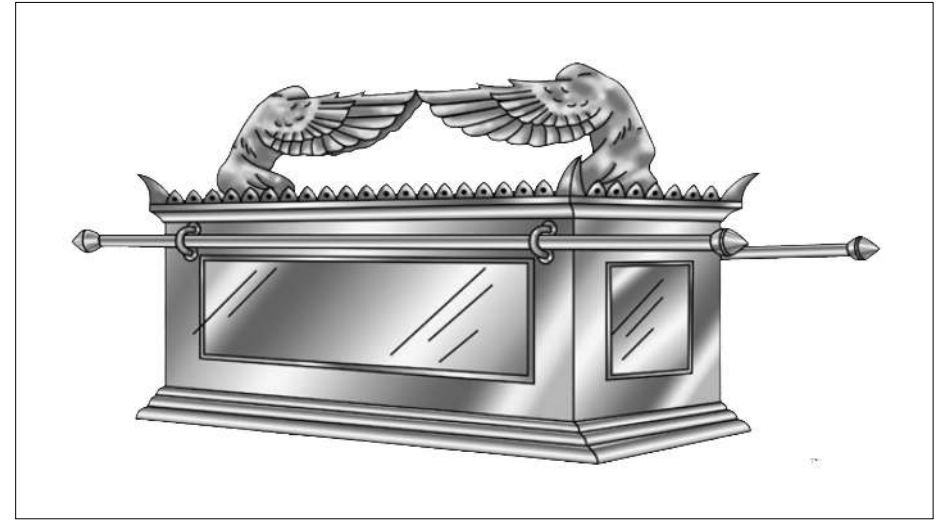
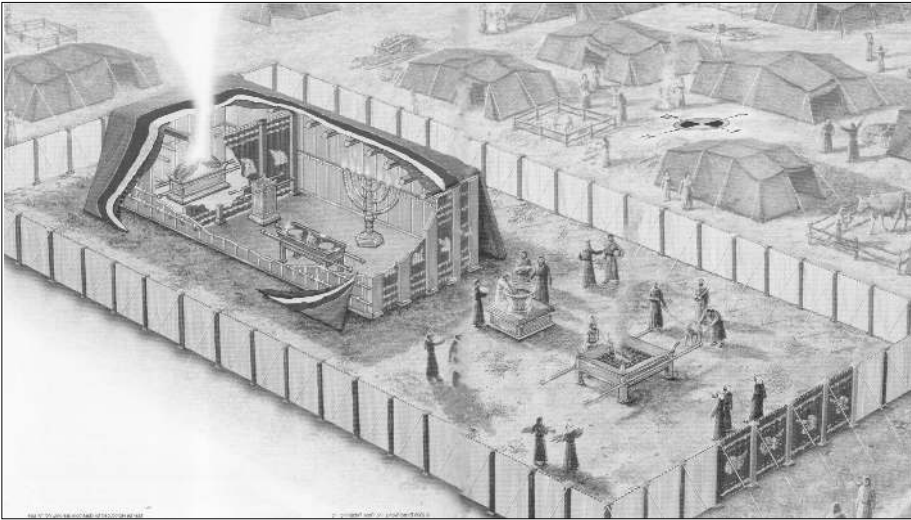


THE HIGH PRIEST AND HOW IT RELATES TO THE BOOK OF HEBREWS, November 9, 2024



The role of the high priest was to be an intermediary between God and the Israelites.



Only the high priest could officiate certain duties such as the sacrifice in the Holy of Holies on the Day of Atonement.

The high priest would enter the Holy of Holies once a year and sprinkle the blood of a sacrificed animal which represented the forgiveness of sins.

Hebrews 9:22 ∨ New International Version ∨

²² In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

**During the time of Jesus,
the priesthood was still going...**

Luke 1:5 ∨ New International Version ∨

⁵ In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron.

**...but the position of the high priest
had become corrupt.**

**It became a political position rather
than a spiritual position.**

Matthew 21:12 ∨ New International Version ∨

¹² Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves.

What was needed was a superior high priest, who did not need to make sacrifices once a year and was greater than the Aaronic line ...and that was found in Jesus.

Genesis 14:17-20 ∨ New International Version ∨

¹⁷ After Abram returned from defeating Kedorlaomer and the kings allied with him, the king of Sodom came out to meet him in the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).

¹⁸ Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, ¹⁹ and he blessed Abram, saying,

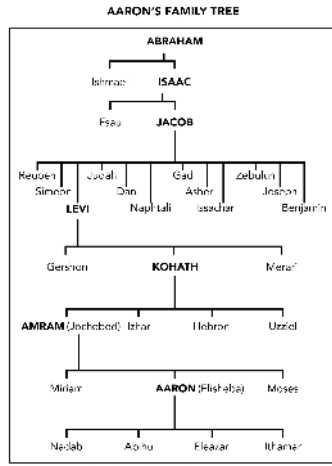
"Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
Creator of heaven and earth.

²⁰ And praise be to God Most High,
who delivered your enemies into your hand."

Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

ABRAHAM < MELCHIZEDEK

Who is greater?



ABRAHAM < MELCHIZEDEK



LEVI Who is greater?

Psalm 110:4 ▾ New International Version ▾

4 The LORD has sworn
and will not change his mind:
"You are a priest forever,
in the order of Melchizedek."

ABRAHAM < MELCHIZEDEK



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HIGH PRIEST

Who is greater?

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MELCHIZEDEK



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Hebrews 4:14 ∨ New International Version ∨

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

Jesus is the superior high priest in the order of Melchizedek compared to the high priest in the order of Aaron.

**This is why the author of Hebrews was encouraging the suffering believers not to go back to Judaism...
Jesus was superior to the ways of Judaism.**

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