

THE HEAVENLY ANNOUNCEMENT (Ps. 110)

In an emphatically stubborn attempt to deny any Messianic properties to Jesus Christ through this psalm, the Jewish rabbis interpret it as referring to Abraham, **Ps. 110:1** The LORD [*Abraham*] said unto my Lord [*David*].

However, Psalm 110 is the most quoted psalm in the New Testament and it relates to the Lord Jesus ... **Ps. 110:1** A Psalm of David. The Lord [*Jehovah*] said unto my Lord [*Adonai*], Sit thou [*an imperative*] at my right hand [*the place of honour*], until I make thine enemies thy footstool [*a footstool is a symbol of the conquering victor*] [*Mt. 22:44; Mk. 12:36; Lk. 20:42; Acts 2:34; I Cor. 15:25; Eph. 1:20,22; Col. 3:1; Heb. 1:3; 1:13; 8:1; 10:12; 12:2*]. ² The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength [*powerful/mighty sceptre*] out of Zion [*during His Millennial Reign*]: rule thou [*an imperative*] in the midst of thine enemies [= *the Messiah will sit with His feet on His enemies, and rule with a mighty powerful sceptre*]. ³ Thy people [*the remnant of the Jews*] shall be willing [*willing followers*] in the day of thy power [*during the Millennium ... Rev. 19:14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean*], in the beauties of holiness [*the Messiah will appear in His beautiful glory ... this is priestly language which could also relate to His followers who will be a kingdom of priests, cf. Ex. 19:6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. ... Rev. 1:5 Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,* ⁶ *And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever ... I Peter 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light*] from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth [*As a young Man He returned to Heaven ... Also, He, - the Messiah, - never grows old for He is timeless ... as are His transformed people*].

In the opening three verses we have a scene from the eternal council-room of God where the Father makes three promises to His Son, - I will defeat Your enemies (v.1), I will extend Your Kingdom (v.2), I will give You a great people (v.3). ... Verse one is quoted throughout the New Testament as a proof-text the Messiah is more than a mere physical descendant of David, e.g. **Mt. 22:44** While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, ⁴² Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The Son of David. ⁴³ He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴ The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? ⁴⁵ If David then call him Lord, how is he his son? ⁴⁶ And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions. ... Peter used the same quotation on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:34-36), as did Paul (I Cor. 5:25-28; Eph. 1:22), and the writer to the Hebrews (Heb. 1:13; 6:20; 10:13). Therefore, in this psalm God clarifies He would fulfil His Davidic covenant through David's Son, **II Sam. 7:13** He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever ... ¹⁶ And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.

... So, the Messiah is crowned as King in vv.1-3 and consecrated as the King-Priest in vv.4-7. The united office of the King and Priest were never fulfilled in the Old

Testament, and yet it is clearly prophesied in Ps. 110 and also in Zechariah, **Zech. 6:12** And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and *he shall build the temple of the LORD*: **13** *Even he shall build the temple of the LORD*; and he shall bear the glory, and *shall sit and rule upon his throne*; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both. ... The King-Priest ... the Priestly-King, **Ps. 110:4** The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, [*... He has committed Himself ... He will not go back on His word, nor change His mind, nor retract ...*] Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek [**Heb. 5:6-11; 6:20-7:28**]. ... His priesthood, therefore, is irrevocable, invincible, irreversible ... and inevitable!

Melchizedek, whose name means “king of righteousness/peace,” was a king of Salem (JeruSALEM) and priest of the Most High God, **Gen. 14:18** And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. **19** And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: **20** And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all. He is shrouded in mystery, - his sudden appearance and disappearance in the book of Genesis. He and Abraham first met after Abraham’s defeat **Gen. 14:1** of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of nations. Melchizedek presented bread and wine to Abraham and his weary army, demonstrating friendship. He bestowed a blessing on Abraham in the name of *El Elyon* (“God Most High”) and praised God for giving Abraham the victory in battle. Abraham then presented Melchizedek with a tenth of all the items he had gathered, and this indicated how Abraham recognized Melchizedek as a superior.

In addition to Ps. 110, this theme is repeated in the book of Hebrews, where both Melchizedek and Christ are considered kings of righteousness and peace ... Melchizedek being a type of Christ (**Heb. 7:1** For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; **2** To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; **3** Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually. **4** Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils. **5** And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham: **6** But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises. **7** And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better. **8** And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth. **9** And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham. **10** For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him). ... Was Melchizedek a pre-incarnate appearance of the Lord Jesus? Possibly ... **Heb. 6:20** ... even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec ... **7:3**

Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually. ... *Very possibly!*

The concluding three verses transition us from Psalm 110 to Hebrews to the Book of Revelation where the great High Priestly-King, - Kingly High Priest, - is the Warrior Lamb. ... A perfect Kingdom needs a perfect King. A perfect temple needs a perfect Priest ... Sitting at God's right hand He will strike terror into His enemies for **Ps. 110:3** the day of thy power has turned into ⁵ the day of his wrath, - a fixed day, date, and time, - when He shall make Himself known, **Rev. 6:15** And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; **16** And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: **17** For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

And it is *with the Lord at His right hand* (Ps. 110:1,5), the psalmist prophesies how the Messiah **Ps. 110:5** ... shall ⁽¹⁾ strike through kings in the day of his wrath. **6** He shall ⁽²⁾ judge among the heathen, he shall ⁽³⁾ fill the places with the dead bodies; he shall ⁽⁴⁾ wound the heads [*masculine noun singular*] over many countries. **7** He shall ⁽⁵⁾ drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he ⁽⁶⁾ lift up the head. ... The heads in verse six will drop, but the Messiah's head will be lifted up ⁵ ... in the day of his wrath. ... **7** He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head. ... *He wins*, for He *must* reign ... in all things he might have the preeminence (Col. 1:18) ..., and He *will* reign for the Father promised it to His Son ... the Son Who declared, **Jn. 6:38** I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. ... Ultimately, this will be the fulfilment of **Rev. 19:15**, And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God ... followed by His one-thousand-year reign on earth (Rev. 20:1-6).