

# Hebrews 7

# Outline of Hebrews

## Ch.1 – 4: Superiority of the Person of Christ

- Superior to Prophets, Angels, Moses
- Supreme Object of Faith

## Ch. 5-10: Superiority of the Priesthood of Christ

## Ch. 11-13: Superiority of the Power of Christ

- Power of faith, hope in Christ, love of Christ

# Outline of Chapters 5-10

- Ch.5-10v39: Superiority of the Priesthood of Christ
  - 5v1-10: Superior in Qualifications
  - 5v11-6v20: Parenthetical Warning
  - 7v1-8v13: Superior in the Order of His Priesthood
  - 9v1-10v18: Superior in His Priestly Ministry
  - 10v19-39: Parenthetical Warning

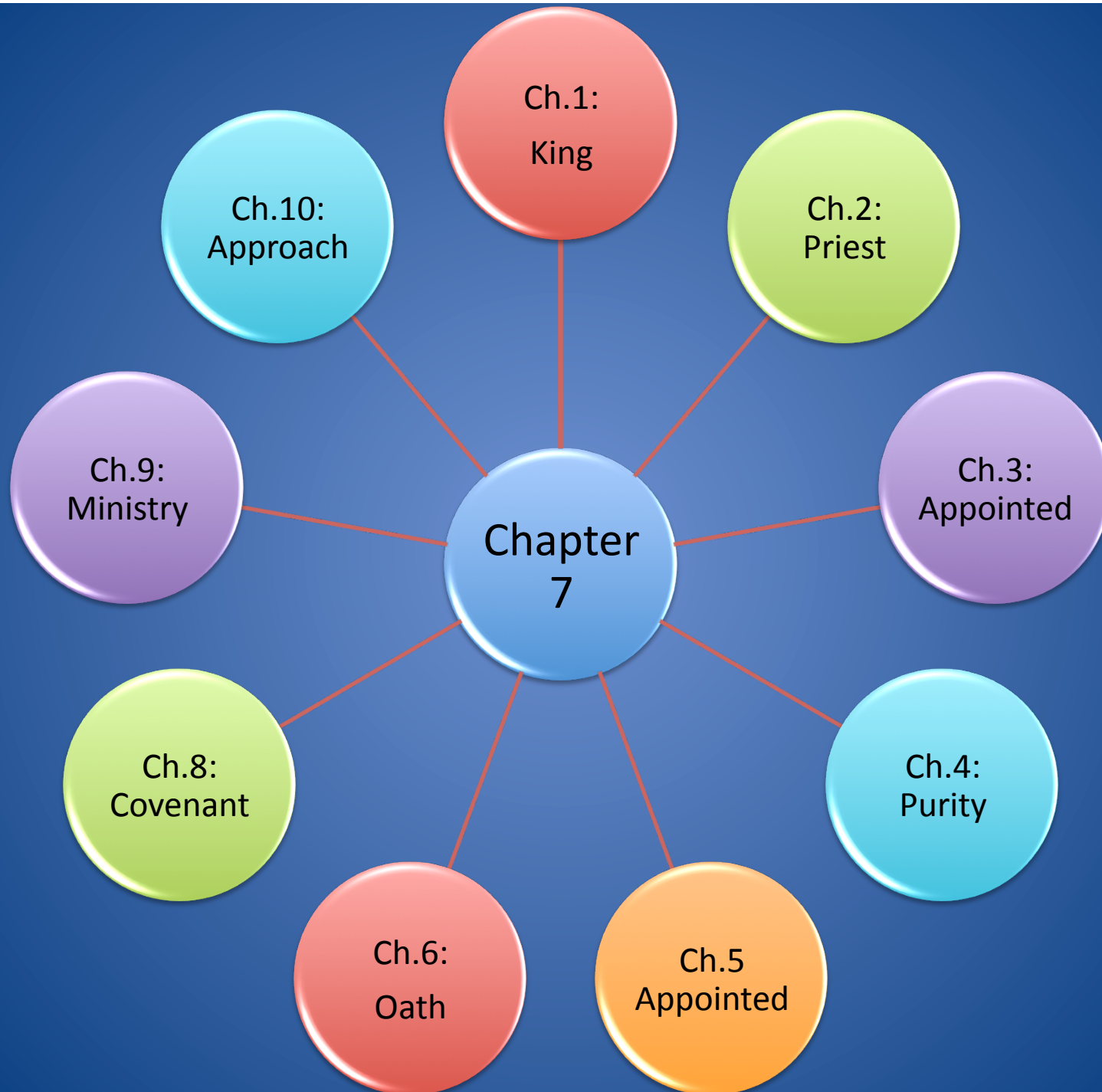
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# Introduction

- Key word: **Forever**
- V3: Continues a priest forever
- V16: Power of an indestructible life
- V17: You are a Priest Forever
- V20: You are a Priest Forever
- V24: Permanently..because he continues forever
- V25: He always lives
- V28: has been made perfect forever

## Key OT Passages

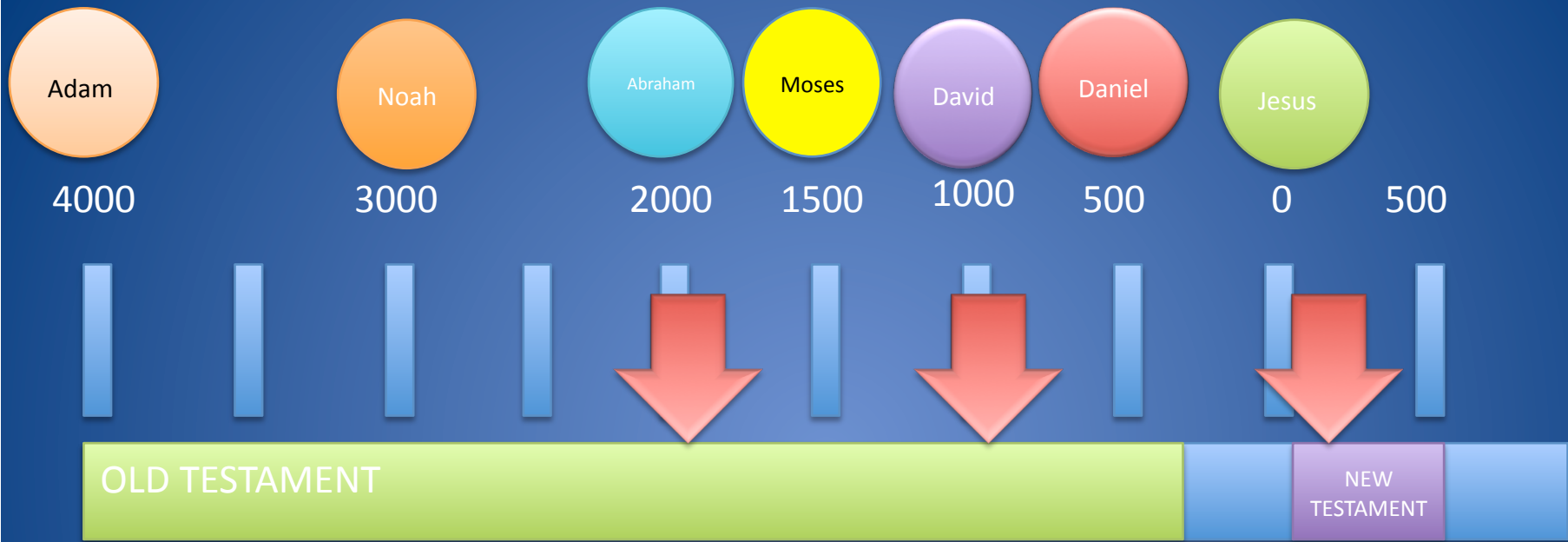
- Genesis 14: Chapter of Kings
- Psalm 110: Messianic Psalm

## **SECTION 1:**

**THE HISTORIC MELCHIZEDEK**

**A TYPE OF CHRIST**





# Mentions of Melchizedek

# v1-3: Portrait of Mechizedek

- King of Righteousness
  - King of Salem (Jerusalem) – King of Peace
  - Priest of the Most High God
- 
- He Blessed Abraham
  - Abraham gave him 10% of the spoils
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- Without Father, Mother or Genealogy
    - No beginning or end
    - Resembles the Son of God, continues a priest forever

King

# Genesis 14 – The Chapter of Kings

- King Amraphel (Shinar)
- King Arioeh (Ellasar)
- King Chedorlaomer (Elam)
- King Tidal (Nations)
- King Bera (Sodom)
- King Birsha (Gomorraah)
- King Shinba (Admah)
- King Shember (Zeboiim)
- King of Bela

King Melchizedek (Salem)

# The Campaign of Chedorlaomer and his Allies in Genesis 14



# Genesis 14 - Degrees of Greatness



Most High God

Melchizedek

Abram

4 Eastern Kings

5 Kings

Priest

# Genesis 14 – Chapter of a Priest

- First mention of Priest in the Bible
  - Priest of God Most High
- Bread and Wine
- Blessing of Abram and God
  - By God Most High
- Tithe Given – 10%



# Priesthoods in the Bible

Genesis 14: Melchizedek

Genesis 41: Egyptian - Sun Worship

Exodus 2: Midianite – Jethro

Exodus 29: Aaronic or Levitical Priesthood

1 Samuel 5: Philistine – Dagon

Job 1: Offering sacrifices for his children

# Priesthoods in the Bible

“Christ is a priest after the order of Melchizedek, as King of righteousness and King of Peace and in the endlessness of His priesthood, but the Aaronic priesthood typifies His priestly work”

-Scofield-

King-Priest

# King – Priest in Hebrews

- Hebrews
  - Chapter 1v3: After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high
  - Chapter 8v1: high priest, seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven

# King – Priest in Scripture

- Genesis 14: Melchizedek
- 2 Chronicles 26 - Uzziah enters the temple to burn incense
- Isaiah 6v1 – Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple
- Zechariah 6v12-13 – The BRANCH....And there shall be a priest on His throne
- Psalm 110

# King- Priest: Psalm 110

- Most frequently quoted Psalm
- Quoted by the Lord Jesus
- Quoted 3x in Hebrews
- **King:** Sit at my right hand, Scepter, Rule
- **Priest:** You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek

# King-Priest

- **King**
  - One who rules, Power and Authority
  - All the Resources at His Disposal
  - Reign Characterized by Righteousness and Peace
- **Priest**
  - Intercedes on your behalf, approachable, understands
  - Service
- **Personal – Believers are Kings and Priests**
  - Revelation 1:6, 5:10 – and made us kings and priests “they shall reign”
  - 1 Peter 2: holy priesthood (v5), royal priesthood (v9)

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**SECTION 2A: V4-10: MELCHIZEDEK  
GREATER THAN ABRAHAM**

**(MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTHOOD GREATER  
THAN THE AARONIC PRIESTHOOD)**

# V4-10: Melchizedek Greater than Abraham

- 2 Arguments
  - First: Abraham gave him a tithe
    - Tithing familiar – the people always gave to the Levites
    - Consider the Levites to be in Abraham so when Abraham gives a tithe to Melchizedek so do they
    - Here it's like the Levites are given a tithe to Melchizedek

# V4-10: Melchizedek Greater than Abraham

- 2 Arguments
  - Second: Melchizedek Blesses Abraham (v6)
    - The Inferior is blessed by the Superior (v7)

# Inferior is blessed by the Superior

Melchizedek

- Blesses Abraham



Abraham

- Gives Tithes to Melchizedek

**SECTION 2B: V11-22 – REASON 2**  
**BECAUSE THE AARONIC PRIESTHOOD**  
**MADE NOTHING PERFECT**

# Cannot Draw Near to God (v11-12)



# Can Draw Near to God (v18-19)



For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well (v12)

# How to you join a Priesthood? (v15-17)

- Aaronic Priesthood:
  - Bodily descent – Levite
    - Jesus was from the Tribe of Judah!
    - No Oath
- Melchizedek Priesthood
  - Power of an indestructible life – no descent necessary
    - See verse 3 – continues a priest forever!
  - Oath (v20-22)

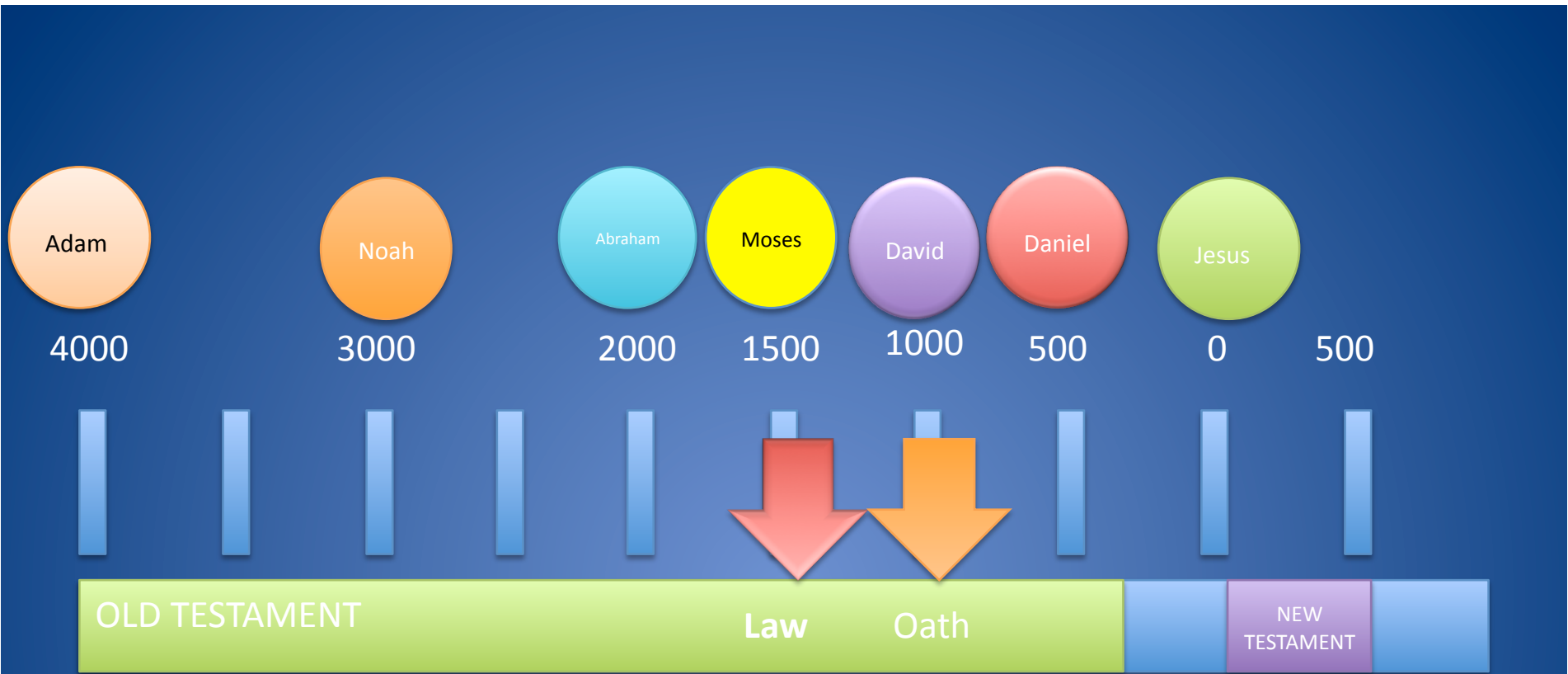


## Oath (v20-21)

- Importance of an Oath of God mentioned in 6v14 concerning the promises to Abraham
- Another Oath here in 7v20 concerning how Jesus was made a Priest after the order of Melchizedek

# Psalm 110 – Messianic Psalm – The Oath

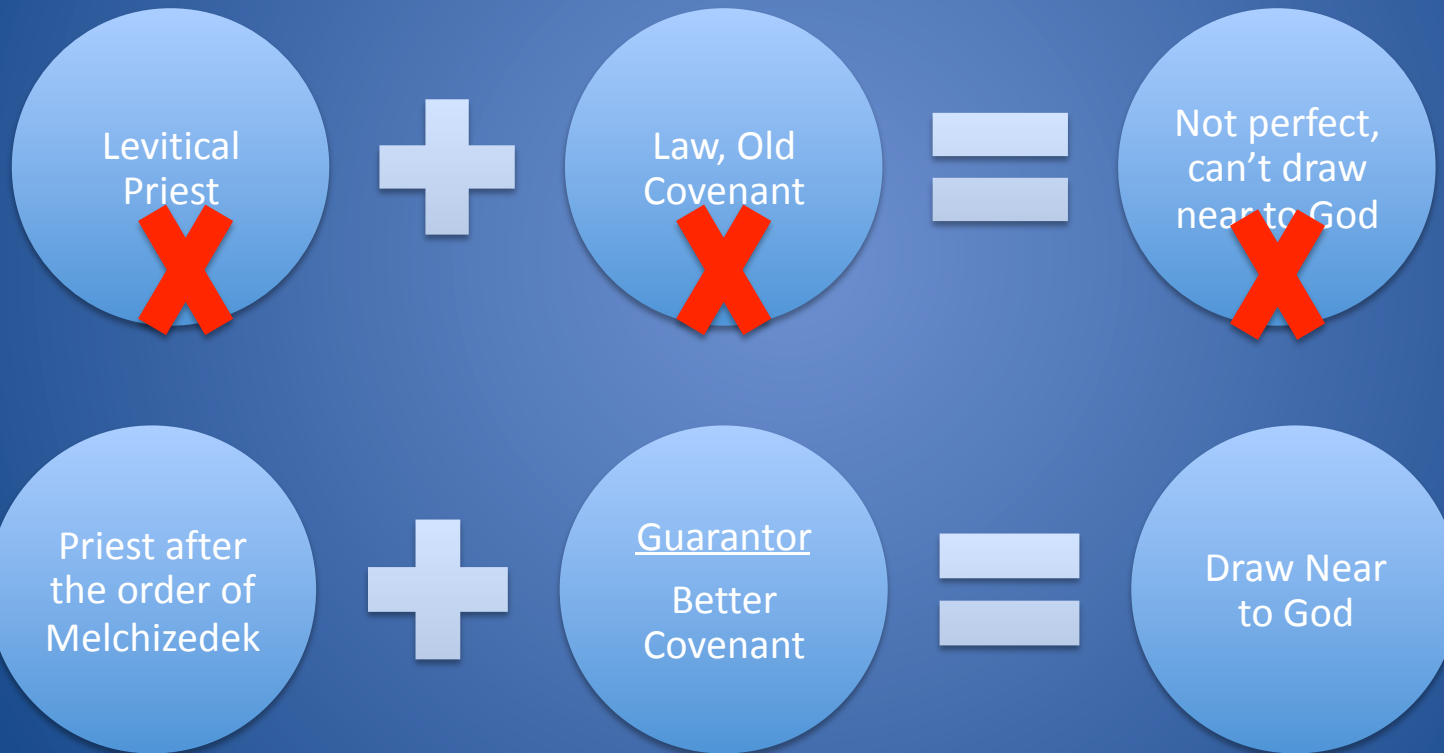
- Who is the Oath direct to:
  - Not any of David's Sons could fulfill this Psalm
  - The LORD says to my Lord.....(Matthew 22)
- Content of the Oath:
  - Priest Forever
    - Who can be a priest forever? One who cannot die – Immortal!
  - After the Order of Mechizedek
- Timing of the Oath



Timing of the Oath:  
 Word of the Oath after the Law (v28)

Guarantor (v22)

# Draw Near to God



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**SECTION 2C: V23-28 – REASON 3**

**BECAUSE THE AARONIC PRIESTS DIED:**

**CHRIST EVER LIVES**

# Permanence (v23-25)

- Former priests many in number because of death
  - Around 82 High Priests in History
- Christ will never die and so will never need to be replaced
- He is always there
  - Able to save completely and at all times



## Purity (v26-27)

- Holy (God)
- Innocent/Harmless (Man)
- undefiled (Himself)
- Separated from Sinners (in Life, Death, Resurrection)
- Higher than the Heavens (Exalted)
  
- **Pure Priest** – No sacrifice needed for Himself
- **Pure Sacrifice** – no other priesthood needed, no other sacrifice needed

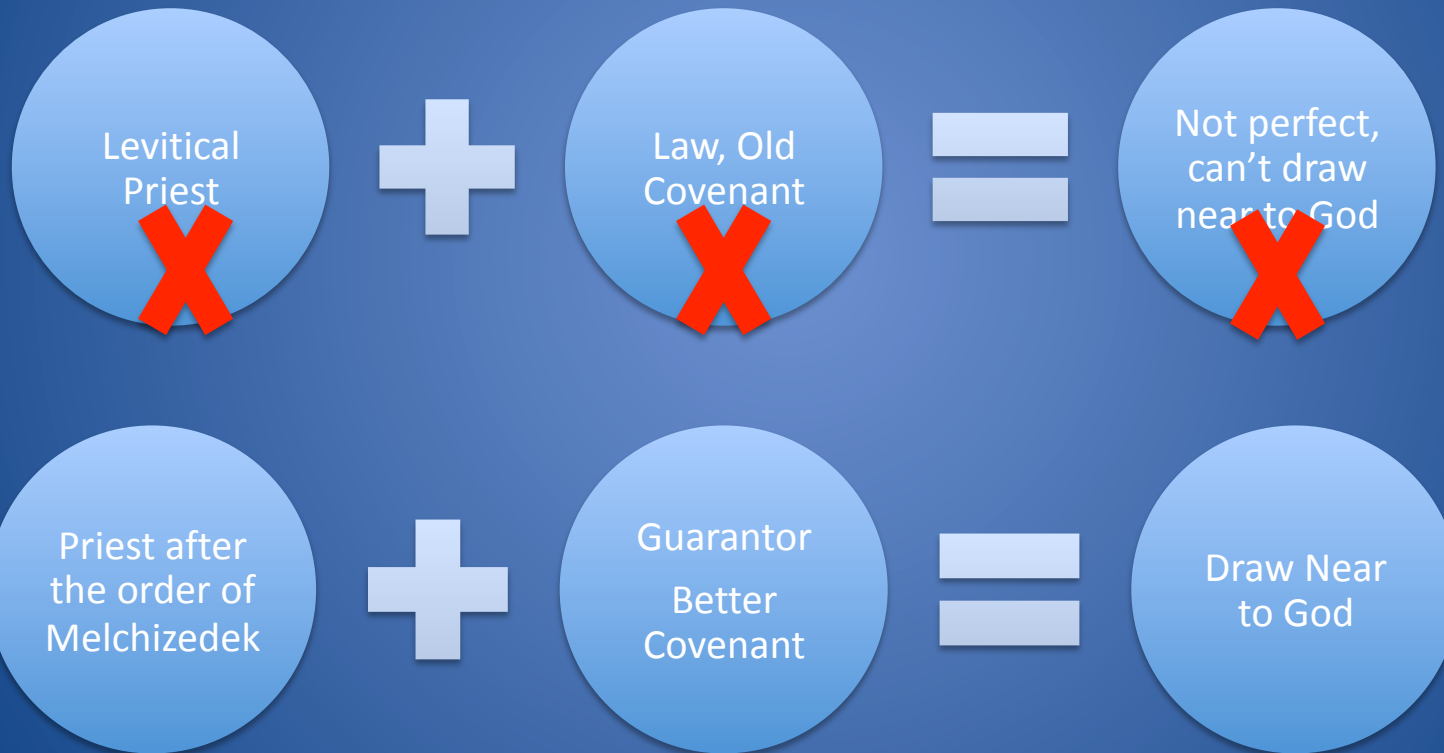
# Weakness and Perfection (v28)

V11: Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical Priesthood (for under it the people received the law, what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one name after the order of Aaron?)

V18: For on the one hand, a former commandment is set aside because of its weakness and uselessness (for the law made nothing perfect)

V28: For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

# Summary: Able to Draw Near to God



-Eternal  
-Oath