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THE ROYAL FAMILY OF GOD

A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF HEBREWS
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HEBREWS 7:13-14

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As we begin this study, let us get a corrected translation of verses 10-12.

"If therefore a process of completion (from teleiosis) was through the Levitical Priesthood, but it wasn't, (On the basis of it, the Levitical Priesthood) the people received the law. What further need would there be for a different category of priest to be activated according to the battalion of Melchizedec and not be designated according to the battalion of Aaron? For when the priesthood is replaced, from necessity also a change of the law must occur."

HEBREWS 7:13 "For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar." "For the one toward whom" and this is a reference to The Lord Jesus Christ. So we conclude that Melchizedec, Jesus Christ, and all believers of the Church Age are in this same battalion.

How Jesus Became A King

Jesus Christ was born a king, through the line of David. Mary was the mother of his humanity and not the Mother of God. Mary had an old sin nature like everybody else in the human race. Joseph, the legal father but not the blood father of Jesus, was a descendant from David through Solomon. Mary was a descendant from David through Solomon's youngest brother named Nathan. Mary is not to be regarded as a special individual. (When the Roman Catholic says, "Hail Mary, Mother of God" he is saying something that is not true.) Mary was the mother of Christ's humanity and that is all. Mary was born with an old sin nature. Mary has one record that no one else has--she had a virgin pregnancy. She became pregnant from an act of God and not from any sexual contact with any man. (The reason Joseph wanted to put her away secretly was this--he didn't want to expose her and thereby have her stoned to death. Then when God revealed to him the doctrine of the Virgin Birth, Joseph understood it and accepted it.) This is why Christ could go to the cross. Christ was born a king. Melchizedec became a king by conquest, and was not born a king. The father of Melchizedec was not a king and his mother was not a queen. His parents didn't have anything to do with him having a kingdom. He got it by conquest. But Jesus Christ became a king by birth and was appointed Chief Royal High Priest by the decree of God in eternity past. Believers in the Church Age become members of the family of God by an act of the Holy Spirit.

1. Melchizedec won his kingdom and priesthood by conquest.
2. Jesus Christ was a king by birth and a priest by God's decree.
3. Every believer in the Church Age is a priest by the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

DOCTRINE OF THE ROYAL FAMILY

1. Definition

All believers of the Church Age belong to the world's most unique system of royalty. This royalty is founded on spiritual principles of doctrine. Of the four dispensations, three were interrupted but only one will not be interrupted and that one is The Church Age. Adam and Eve were the first two people who became believers.

and all others were saved in exactly the same way. But in the Church Age, God the Holy Spirit does something extra special to every believer and that is he enters us into union with Christ and baptizes us with the Holy Spirit. THERE IS NO OTHER ROYALTY ON THE EARTH LIKE THIS. We are royalty forever.

2. The Basis For Royalty In The Church Age.

The baptism of the believer by the Holy Spirit is something extra special. No believer before the Church Age was qualified for royalty. Royalty is peculiar to one dispensation. (Our greatest asset is this inner baptism. But like so many do, people like the Pentecostals and groups like them, make something ridiculous out of this and perform so called miracles and speak in tongues, etc.

But remember this--being baptized with the Holy Spirit is not an emotion, not a feeling, and not an experience. Idiots always take something wonderful and beautiful and make something strange out of it.

3. The Precedent For Royalty Is Set Up For Us In The Bible By The Word Taxzis.

Back in Hebrews 5 we met this word first and it means battalion.
 1st Battalion is the Royal Priesthood.
 2nd Battalion is the Levitical Priesthood.
 3rd Battalion is the Family Priesthood.

The precedent for our royal priesthood was this man Melchizedec. He is a bona fide historical precedent. We can trace the pattern in the mind of God for our royalty. We believe in Christ, are baptized into the Holy Spirit and the divine decrees tie right in with our status. This is God's design and pattern for us. Hebrews 7:7 says Melchizedec was the greatest because he was a royal priest.

4. The Relationship To The King.

- a. When Christ was alone on the cross bearing our sins, God promised him a body and a bride.
- b. Through the baptism of the Holy Spirit every believer is entered into union with Christ.
- c. Therefore every believer in the Church Age is called body of Christ.
- d. Being body of Christ means that every believer in the Church Age is directly related to the King of Kings.
- e. Positional sanctification (in Christ) places every believer in the palace forever--you have double security. You are in the family of God and you are in the palace forever. This is a grace arrangement. This is perfect security. The believers of the Old Testament are in the family of God but you are Royal family. No wonder the Old Testament heroes wanted to see our day.
 (This is wrapped up in the doctrine of The Mystery and The Completed Canon of Scripture for our era.)
 Therefore you are to think and act like an aristocrat.

f. When the body of Christ is completed the Church will be resurrected. This process of completion is called teleiosis. Hebrews 7:11

g. At the Rapture of the Church the body becomes the Bride of Christ.

h. During the Tribulation the Bride is prepared for operation footstool, which is the second phase of Christ's strategic victory in the Angelic Conflict.

5. The Sign Of Royalty.

The sign of our Royalty is the unprecedented universal indwelling of God the Holy Spirit within every believer. This was never true before in all human history. The Church Age is something special to God. His indwelling is for the purpose of magnifying Jesus Christ. John 7:37-39

6. The security of Royalty.

The sealing of The Holy Spirit is our double security. Being born again is our first security. Then we are sealed. Satan can never break through this double security.

7. The function of Royalty.

a. The first function is to move us into the super grace life.

b. The second function is to serve as a Royal Priest.

8. The Future Of Royalty.

a. We will return with Christ at the Second Advent.

b. We will return with Christ to participate in the strategic victory which will be his at Armageddon. He will break his own record he had established in slaughtering his enemies. (He slaughtered 185,000 one morning when the Assyrians were defeated. 2 Kings 19:28-36, Isaiah 37:33-36)

Armageddon is to be his greatest victory.

This is described in Isaiah 63, Ezekiel says it will take seven months to bury the dead. Ezekiel 39:12-16.

Revelation says that blood will flow up to the horses bridle for a distance of 276 miles. Rev. 14:15-20.

(There won't be any liberals around to give them blood plasma Jesus Christ will then be crowned ruler of the world forever.

c. Perfect environment will exist throughout the millennium to prove that perfect environment is not the solution to man's problems.

d. After the Millennium Christ will rule for eternity.

So we have the language "For the one toward whom." This is a nominative neuter plural of houtos and it refers to the elect race. (1 Peter 2:9) "Are spoken" is the present, passive, indicative of lego and this refers to the Scripture where Jesus Christ is spoken of as a Royal Priest after the order of Melchizedec. Next we have "pertaineth" and this is a perfect, active, indicative of metecho and it means to share, to partake, to belong. Here it means to belong. This is a dramatic perfect

This is a perfect way in Greek to describe something that can never be changed. He belongs to another tribe. The word is heteros and means another of a different kind altogether. The priestly tribe was Levi and Jesus was from another tribe altogether. So Jesus came from the tribe of Judah, not Levi.

Reuben, because of his instability, lost all three things he had because he was the firstborn--

He lost the rulership to Judah.

He lost the priesthood to Levi.

He lost the double portion to Joseph--and we get Manasseh and Ephraim.

Jesus could never be related to the Tribe of Levi. Next we have "from which" which comes from apo hos. Oudeis means "no one." The words "gave attendance" is the perfect, active, indicative of prosecho and really means officiated. It means no one outside the Tribe of Levi ever approached the altar to offer sacrifices. In other words kohen the word we translate priest is the only one who can do this. The priest must either be from the course of Eleazar or from the course of Ithamar, one of the two sons of Aaron from whom the priesthood was carried forward. Two of Aaron's sons were disqualified, Nadab and Abihu. Uzziah tried to offer a sacrifice and you recall he became a leper. David even goofed on this when he had some of his men not from the Tribe of Levi carry the ark and they fell over dead. You had to be from the Tribe of Levi to carry that box around. From this we know Jesus was never a Levitical Priest and was not humanly from the Tribe of Levi but from the Tribe of Judah.

Correct translation of this verse--

"For the one toward whom (Jesus Christ) these things are spoken, belong to another of a different kind of tribe from which no one has ever functioned at the altar of burnt offerings."

HEBREWS 7:14 "For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Judah; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood." "For" is from gar to explain the statement just made in verse 13. Next we have a nominative neuter singular of prodelon and means "known to all." In other words, this is an accepted fact. The word for "sprang" is the perfect, active, indicative of anatello and means descend. This says that it is accepted as a perfect fact known by all that our Lord descended in his humanity from Judah, from the source of Judah. The genealogies of Matthew and Luke are conclusive. David and Bathsheba had five children, four of whom survived. Solomon was the oldest and Nathan the youngest. Solomon's line was cut off in Coniah (known also as Jehoiachin--arrested and taken to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar and died in Babylon). He would never have a son sit on the throne of David. This is the line from which Joseph (human legal father of Jesus but not the blood father) came. Nathan's line is the line through which Mary came, the mother of the humanity of Jesus Christ. Then we have "of which tribe" and this is from eis hos phule. Moses spoke, and this is an aorist, active, indicative of laleo and it means to communicate. In the entire writings of Moses there is not one word about Jesus descending from the Tribe of Levi. He came from the Tribe of Judah.

Correct Translation

"For known to all is the fact that our Lord has descended from Judah, with reference to which tribe Moses has spoken nothing."