

## PROPHET, PRIEST, & KING

### INTRODUCTION

- A. Ronald Reagan told a joke about Mikhail Gorbachev being in such a rush one day that he told his chauffeur to switch places with him and he would drive. Predictably, Moscow police pulls the limousine over. One officer stays behind while the other approaches the driver's window. After a moment, he returns to his partner and tells him, "We can't give him a ticket!" "Well, why not? Who is it?" "I don't know! He must be important, though!" "How do you know?" "His driver is Gorbachev!!"
- B. **Malachi 4:5-6**  
The Old Covenant concludes by foretelling that the Messiah would be preceded by a messenger who would come in the likeness of Elijah, a serious prophet of old.
- C. **Matthew 17:10-13**  
Jesus confirmed that John the Baptist was the fulfillment of that prophecy. Now, if the new Elijah was merely the messenger of Jesus, then Jesus Himself must be supremely important.

### I. THE PROPHET LIKE MOSES

- A. **Deuteronomy 18:15-19; 5:22-27; Exodus 34:29-35**  
Moses foretold the coming of a prophet like himself who would speak from God and whose word must be obeyed. This would be in fulfillment of the Israelites' request to not have to face God themselves.
- B. **Acts 3:18-26; John 5:46**  
Peter confirmed Jesus is the fulfillment of Moses' prophecy. Jesus declared Himself to be the one Moses wrote about.
- C. **1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 1:1-2; Matthew 17:1-5; John 12:44-48**

He is the Mediator between God and man. He is the one through whom God now speaks. To reject His word is to invite damnation upon oneself.

## **II. THE PRIEST LIKE MELCHIZEDEK**

### **A. Psalm 110**

David foretold that the lord would be priest forever in the order of Melchizedek.

### **B. Genesis 14:18-20**

The only prior reference to this man took place during the lifetime of Abraham, centuries before the law of Moses was established and, with it, the priesthood according to Aaron's order. Melchizedek was the king of Salem and God's priest to whom Abraham offered a tithe. That is all that is recorded about him.

### **C. Hebrews 5:1-11; 6:19-7:28**

The priesthood of Aaron was imperfect because the priests themselves were sinners in need of sacrificing for their own sins before those of others, and because they were mortals who would die and need replacing. Melchizedek wasn't literally motherless and fatherless; it's just that his genealogy was unrecorded and, thus, irrelevant to his order. That is the similarity between him and Jesus. Unlike the sons of Aaron of the tribe of Levi, Jesus, from the tribe of Judah, was not qualified on earth to be priest, but He is qualified in heaven during his endless life.

## **III. THE KING LIKE DAVID**

### **A. 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 7:12-17**

King David had ambitions to build Jehovah a temple, but God informed him that responsibility would fall to his son Solomon. God also reassured him that, not only would his son continue his dynasty, but also that his kingdom would endure.

**B. Psalm 89:3-4, 19-37; Isaiah 9:6-7**

Ethan reiterated the prophecy and Isaiah confirmed it would be fulfilled by one whose name is Mighty God!

**C. Luke 1:26-33**

When Gabriel appeared to Mary, the angel told her that her Son Jesus would be the one to sit David's throne.

**D. Mark 11:7-10**

Those who lauded Christ's entry into Jerusalem with Hosannas knew Him to be the fulfillment of the prophecy.

**E. Ephesians 1:15-23**

Jesus is now enthroned at God's right hand, reigning over everything.

## CONCLUSION

**A. Genesis 14:18; Psalm 99:6; Acts 2:29-30**

It is interesting to note that each of the individuals who prefigured Christ as prophet, priest, and king held dual roles themselves. Melchizedek was king as well as priest. Moses was priest as well as prophet. David was prophet as well as king.

**B. 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 19:16; Exodus 40:13; 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 15:1**

Prophets, priests, and kings were all anointed.

**C. Acts 4:27-28; 10:36-43**

Jesus is the anointed one.