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Gold - The King's Garments on the High Priest

There is a very close correlation between the color or metal, gold, and the subject of kings or kingdoms.

The garments of the High Priest contained the colors, gold, purple, red, blue, and white. We will discuss the various garments and their significance in separate essays.

This may seem a little strange that the color gold, which is associated with Kings, should be found on the garments of the High Priest. Now we know that Aaron and his sons were of the tribe of Levi, who could not be kings. Likewise, those of the tribe of Judah from which the kings came could not be priests. However, the Old Testament High Priests pointed us to one who would be both a King and a High Priest.

The answer is found in the following verses concerning Jesus Christ:

1. Ps. 110:4 "The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek."

2. Heb. 5:6 "As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec."

3. Heb. 7:17 "For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec."

4. Heb 7:21 "(For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:)"

Plainly, we are taught that Christ is not a High Priest after the order of Aaron, but a High Priest after the order of Melchisedec. The order of Melchisedec is explained to us in the 7th chapter of Hebrews: 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."

We notice that Melchisedec was both a priest and a king. His name meant King of righteousness and he was king of Salem, or King of peace. Christ is a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. This makes him both High Priest and King. He truly is King of Righteousness and King of Peace. Similarly, that he is our High Priest is set forth in the following verses:

1. Heb. 2:17 "Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people."

2. Heb. 3:1 "Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;"

3. Heb. 4:14 "Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession."

4. Heb. 4:15 "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."

5. Heb 7:26 "For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;"