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THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS

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PART 10: THE END OF THE LEVITICAL PRIESTHOOD

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As we enter into chapter seven, we find the entire chapter is dedicated to convincing the Jewish believers in Christ that the Levitical priesthood had ceased to exist.

Paul begins by stating Melchisedec was a great priest. **Hebrews 7:1-3**

Paul tried to impress the Jewish believers with the fact that Abraham, the father of the people of Israel, gave homage to Melchisedec. **verses 4-5**

Melchisedec was greater than Abraham. verses 6-7

Levi himself also paid tithe to Melchisedec. verses 8-10

The people of Israel received the law under the Levitical priesthood. If the priesthood and law were perfect, why was there a need for a new priesthood? **verse 11**

If the priesthood was to be changed, the law also had to be changed. **verse 12**Jesus came out of the tribe of Judah. **verses 13-14**

Jesus as a high priest is an eternal being with no beginning or end. verses 15-17

The sacrificial law has been annulled, verses 18-19

Jesus was made a high priest by God the Father. verses 20-21

Levitical priests died, but Jesus never died (His body died on the cross, but His spirit never died) and He is able to save to the uttermost. **verses 22-25**

Jesus does not need to perform daily sacrifices. verses 26-27

Jesus is a high priest forever. verse 28

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?