

Treasure Hunt

- (Faith, Nate:) What two things are first mentioned in the story of Melchizedek?
- (Ben:) What does the name “Melchizedek” mean?
- What two kinds of king is Melchizedek, and why is this unusual?
- (Michael:) What is strange about Melchizedek’s lack of a genealogy in Genesis?
- Why does the writer conclude that Melchizedek “abideth a priest continually”?
- (Caitlin:) What is the significance of giving a tithe?
- How does Abraham’s tithe to Melchizedek differ from Israel’s tithes to the Levites?
- What other aspect of OT religion stands or falls with the Levitical priesthood?
- What replaces this other aspect?

Epistle to the Hebrews

1:1-10:25, The Person and Work of **the Son**
1:1-4, Introduction

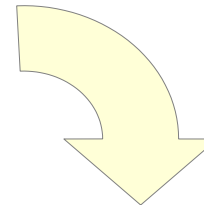
1:5-2:18, His Person: the Son & the Angels
1:1-14, **Higher** than the Angels
2:1-4, **Warning**: Neglect
2:5-18, **Lower** than the Angels

3:1-10:25, His Work: the Son & the Priests
3:1-6 A **Faithful** High Priest
3:7-4:13 **Warning**: Unbelief
4:14-10:25, A **Merciful** High Priest

10:26-13:19, The Life of **the Sons**

13:20-25, Epistolary Close

Structure of 4:14-10:25



4:14-10:25, A **Merciful** High Priest
4:14-16, Opening: Hold Fast & Draw Near
5:1-10, *Similarities* to other Priests
5:11-6:12, **Warning**: Stagnation
6:13-10:18, *Differences* from other Priests
6:13-7:28, A different Order
8:1-10:19, A different Covenant
10:19-25, Closing: Draw Near & Hold Fast

Hebrews 7 and Genesis 14

Gen 14:18 And **Melchizedek king of Salem** brought forth bread and wine: and he was the **priest of the most high God**. 19 And **he blessed him**, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: 20 And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. **And he gave him tithes of all.**

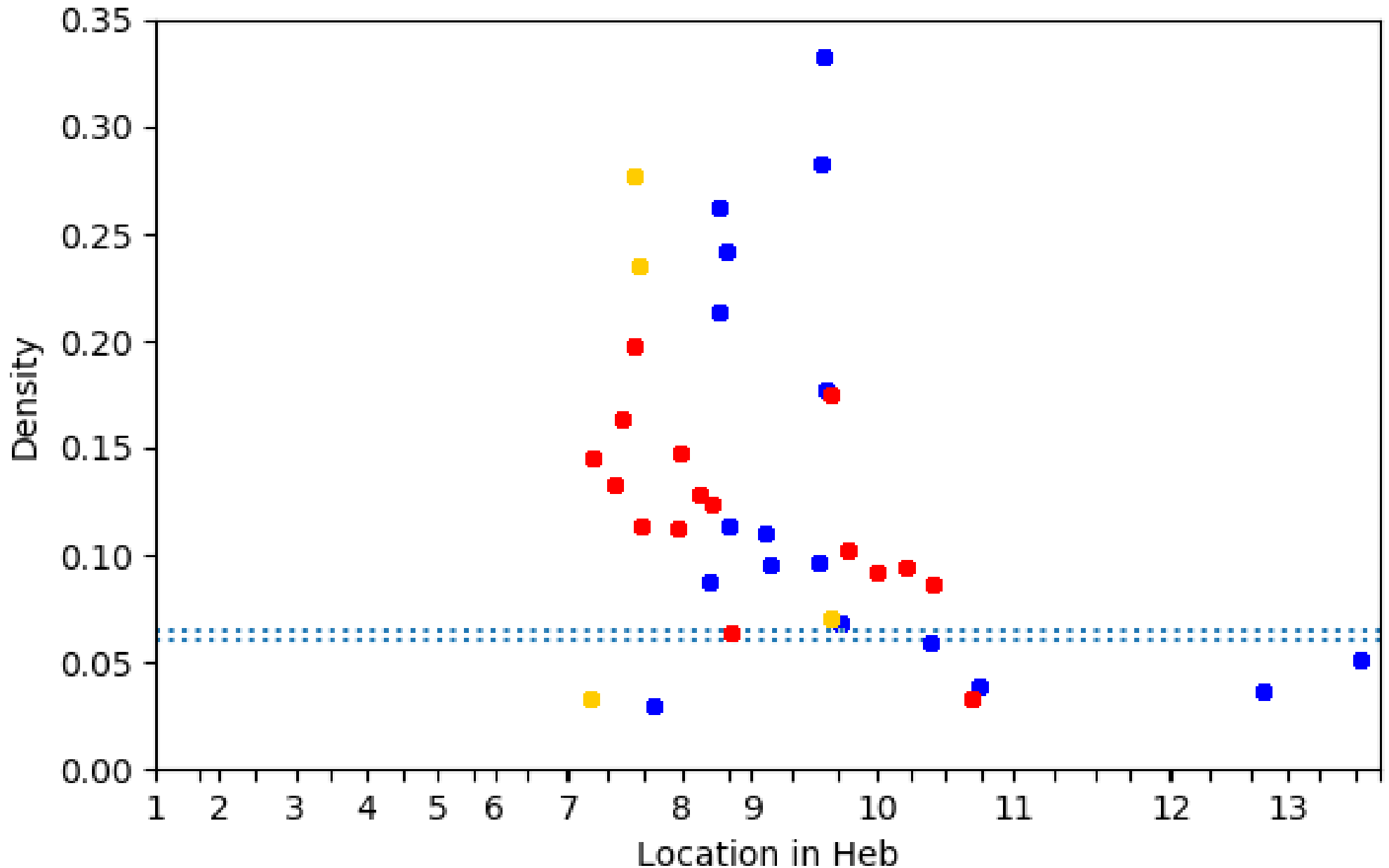
Psa 110:4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, **Thou art a priest for ever** after the order of Melchizedek.

On tithing: Gen 28:22 And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

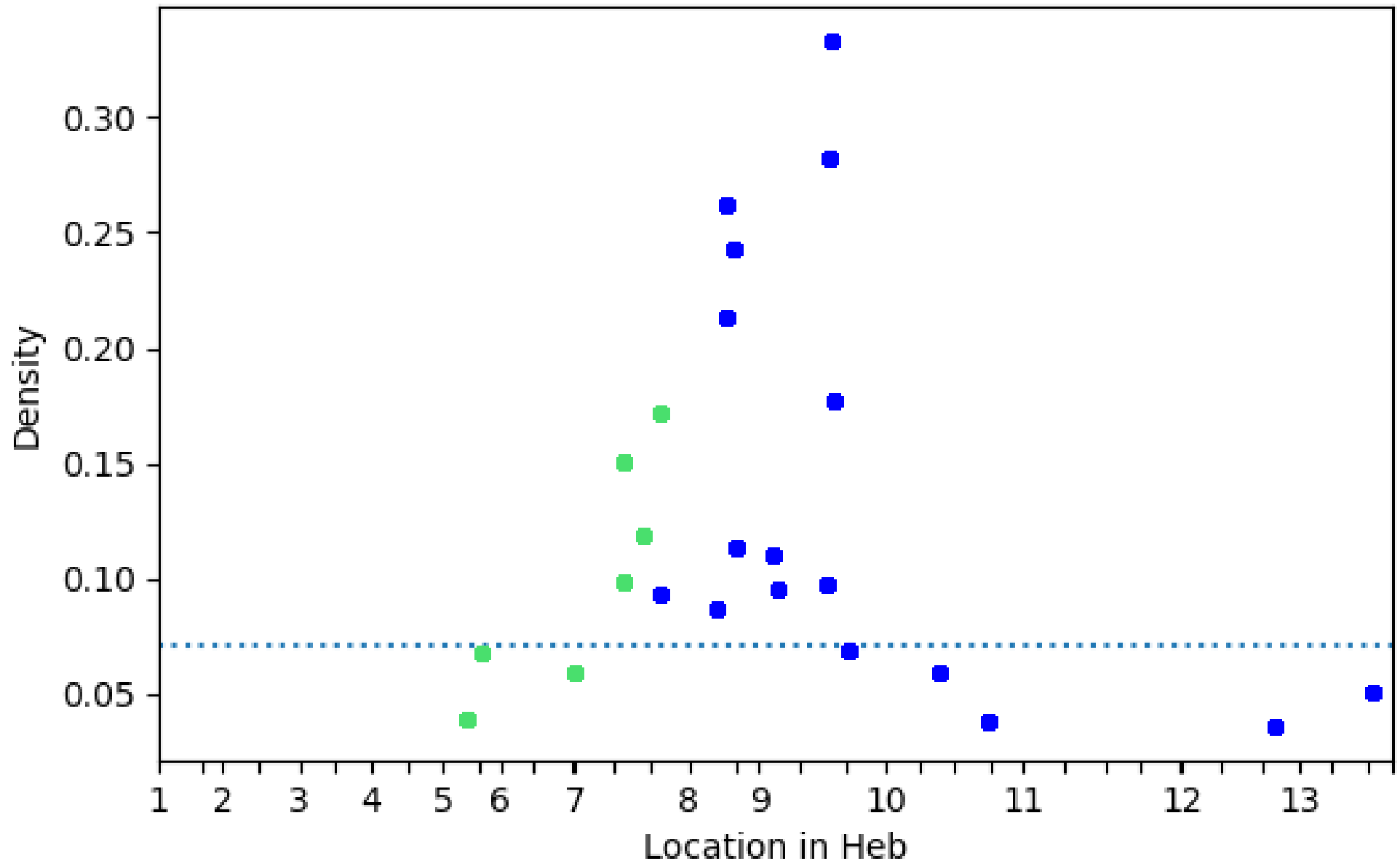
Heb 7:1 For this **Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God**, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and **blessed him**; 2 **To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all**; first being by interpretation **King of righteousness**, and after that also **King of Salem**, 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.**

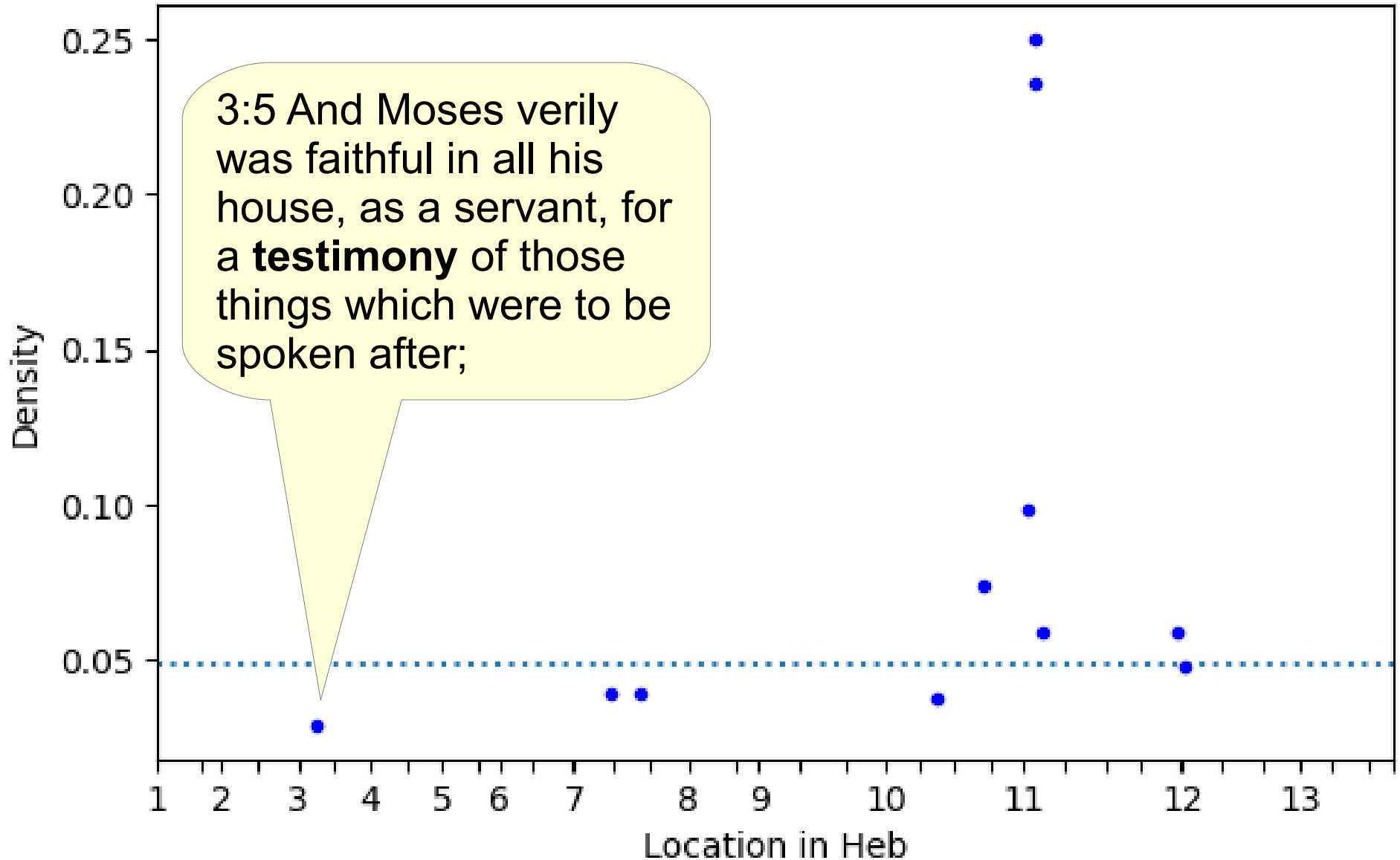
“Commandment,” “Law,” “Legislate” (voμo-) and “Covenant” in Hebrews



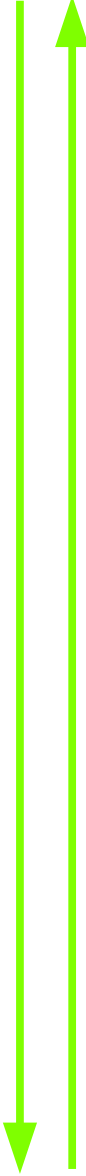
Our Lord's Order and Covenant



“Witness” in Hebrews



Elements of Priestly Order: Chiasm in 7:11-19

Objective: Perfection	11 If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron?		18 For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof. 19 For the law made nothing perfect , but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God.
Standard: Law vs. Life	12 For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law .		15 And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest, 16 Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment , but after the power of an endless life. 17 For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.
Origin: Tribe	13 For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe , of which no man gave attendance at the altar.		14 For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood.

References on 7:11-19

11 (for under it the people received the law,)

Lev. 10:8 And the LORD spake unto Aaron, saying, 9 Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, ... 11 ... **that ye may teach** the children of Israel all the statutes which the LORD hath spoken unto them by the hand of Moses.

Deut. 33:8 And of Levi he [Moses] said, ... 10 **They shall teach** Jacob thy judgments, and Israel thy law:

Mic. 3:11 The heads thereof judge for reward, and **the priests thereof teach** for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money:

Mal. 2:7 For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his [the priest's] mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.

19 by the which we draw nigh unto God.

Ex. 19:22 And let **the priests** also, **which come near to the LORD**, sanctify themselves, lest the LORD break forth upon them.

Lev. 10:3 Then Moses said unto Aaron, This is it that the LORD spake, saying, **I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me**, and before all the people I will be glorified. And Aaron held his peace.