

## Sunday School Lesson for March 22, 2020

Pastor Seawright will teach the lesson via teleconference on Sunday at **11:30** am.

# A Priest like Melchizedek

## Lesson Text: Psalm 110:1-7

Related Scriptures: Matthew 22:41-46; Hebrews 1:13-14; 5:1-6; 7:1-28

TIME: sometime after 1004 B.C.

PLACE: Jerusalem

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**GOLDEN TEXT**—“The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek” (Psalm 110:4).

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## Introduction

Psalm 110 is ascribed in all existing Hebrew manuscripts to King David, the son of Jesse and the successor of Saul. The context of the psalm indicates that it was composed for the occasion of a great ruler's ascension to his throne. Some commentators apply the immediate context to David himself, some to Solomon, and some even to Hezekiah, although, as Adam Clarke observes, “the subject is so grand, the expressions so noble, and the object raised so far above what can be called human, that no history has ever mentioned a prince to whom a literal application of this Psalm can be made. To Jesus Christ alone, to his everlasting priesthood and government, as King of kings and Lord of lords, can it be applied” (*Commentary on the Bible*).

Therefore it seems obvious that this psalm should be primarily applied to the ascension of Messiah to His supreme place of honor at the right hand of God the Father's throne rather than to any merely human, earthly coronation. Again, Clarke comments, “A King is described here who is David's Lord; and sits at the right hand of God, a Conqueror reigning at Jerusalem, King from all eternity—having an everlasting priesthood, Judge of all nations, triumphing over all potentates, indefatigable in all His operations, and successful in all His enterprises.”