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## The Levitical Priesthood and the Priesthood of Yeshua

7: 11-25



The third comparison is between **the Levitical priesthood** and **the** new **priesthood** of **Yeshua**. The writer's point is to explain why **the Levitical priesthood** could not mature the worshiper and therefore had to be superseded by something else. In discussing the office of priest, he says two things about **the Levitical priesthood** (**to see link click Bh - The Former Priesthood Has Changed** and **Bi - The Former Priesthood Was Temporary**), and two things about **the** new **priesthood** of **Yeshua** (see **Bj - The New Priesthood is Unchangeable** and **Bk - The New Priesthood Lasts Forever**). The emphasis here is on the **Psalm 110:4** passage.<sup>174</sup>

The priesthood in the B'rit Chadashah is centered on Messiah. This is a revolutionary departure from the Torah, thus calling for a special, detailed explanation by the writer of Hebrews. His readers, steeped in the Torah of Moshe concerning the priesthood, would wonder on what legal grounds Yeshua could possibly be a priest. But priest He is, and such a real and sufficient priest that all the privileges and responsibilities of the Levitical priesthood are completely abolished and swept away by Him. They are now completely



unnecessary.<sup>175</sup>