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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writer's point is to explain why **the Levitical priesthood** could not mature the worshiper and therefore had to be superseded by something else.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.¹⁷⁴

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.¹⁷⁵