STUDY GUIDE

Your Role in Transforming Culture Through the Order of Melchizedek

I. Jesus, our Melchizedek Forerunner

"This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek." (Hebrews 6:19–20)

II. The Technology of Names

A. Four pillars of a name in Hebrew:

"So the Lord God formed out of the ground every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name." (Genesis 2:19, AMP)

- 1. Names are natures.
- 2. Names are destinies.
- 3. Names are functions.
- 4. Names are dominions.

B. Melchizedek:

The mystery of His name:

"For this Melchizedek, king of Salem [and] priest of the Most High God, met Abraham as he returned from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, and Abraham gave to him a tenth portion of all [the spoil]. He is primarily, as his name when translated indicates, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, which means king of peace. (Hebrews 7:1–2)

"For the Kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit." (Romans 14:17, NKJV)

- a. Melchizedik (singular): King of righteousness.
- b. Melchizedek (plural): My King of righteousness.
- c. MelchiSalem: King of peace.
- Power for Kingdom living. Melchizedek's appearance in Abraham's life opened him up to the realities of the Kingdom.

"Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father. Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." (Matthew 25:34, NKJV)

- 3. **Power for high-level spiritual warfare**. Melchizedek's appearance in a time of high-level international war suggests His priesthood controls the stakes for high-level spiritual warfare. (Genesis 14:1–13)
- 4. **Power to transform culture.** Melchizedek's appearance in the marketplace during the war of kings suggests He carries the power to shift the balance of power in culture wars. (Genesis 14:1–13)
- 5. **Power for high-level communion with God.** Melchizedek's appearance in the Valley of Kings bearing the mystery of Holy Communion opened up Abraham (mankind) to the possibilities of knowing God more intimately.
 - a. Melchizedek's offering: Two elements of eternity—bread and wine:

"And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, 'Take, eat; this is My body.' Then He took the cup and gave thanks and gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's Kingdom." (Matthew 26:26-29)

b. Abraham's reciprocal offering: Tithes of honor:

"Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; He was the priest of God Most High. And He blessed him and said, 'Blessed be Abram of God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand.' And he gave Him a tithe of all." (Genesis 14:18–20)

"Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils. And indeed those who are of the sons of Levi, who receive the priesthood, have a commandment to receive tithes from the people according to the law—that is, from their brethren, though they have come from the loins of Abraham; but he whose genealogy is not derived from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. Now beyond all contradiction, the lesser is blessed by the better. Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives." (Hebrews 7:4–8, NKJV)