

MELCHIZEDEK (NHC IX, 1)

A Sethian **Gnostic** [apocalypse](#) written in the name of Melchizedek, “**Priest** of God Most High” (see Gen. 14:18). Its title occurs at the beginning. [Codex IX](#) is quite fragmentary; much of the text is lost in lacunae. The text reflects influence from early [Jewish](#) lore concerning Melchizedek, but also features [Jesus](#) Christ, with whom Melchizedek is ultimately identified. It also includes cultic invocations of various divine beings of **Sethian** Gnostic mythology. Extant only in Coptic, Melchizedek was originally composed in Greek, probably in third-century Egypt.

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