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Psalm 110:4, "Order"

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Hebrew with
BDB Numbers

			Niph-Impf-3ms				Niph-Perf-3ms
אַתָּה־כֹהֵן		יְנָּחֵם		וְלֹא	יהוה		נִשְׁבַּע
a priest	you	change his mind		and not	Yahweh		has sworn
(463)	(61)	(636)			(217)		(989)

				Prep	Prep
מַלְכִּי־צֶדֶק		N.F. Ancient Gen. Suffix →	עַל־דִּבְרָתִי	לְעוֹלָם	
Malchi–tsedeq			after the order of	to forever	
(575)			(184)	(761)	

Septuagint (LXX)   κατὰ   τὴν   τάξιν   Μελχισεδέκ
"according to the order of Melchizedek"

The following verses help us understand the use of τάξιν or τάξις in the New Testament:

Luke 1:8–9   "And it came to pass, that while he (Zacharias) executed the priest's office before God in the <u>order</u> of his course, according the custom of the priest's office…"

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τάξει – RSV translated "succession"

1 Corinthians 14:40 "Let all things be done decently and in <u>order</u>."   →   καὶ κατὰ τάξιν γινέσθω

"according to <u>order</u> let it be done."

Colossians 2:5 ". . . joying and beholding your <u>order</u> . . ."

Hebrews 5:6   "Thou art a priest for ever after the <u>order</u> of Melchisedec."

5:10   "Called of God an high priest after the <u>order</u> of Melchisedec."

6:20   "after the <u>order</u> of Melchisedec."

7:11   "after the <u>order</u> of Melchisedec, and not be called after the <u>order</u> of Aaron?"

7:21   "Thou art a priest for ever after the <u>order</u> of Melchisedec."

There are nine Hebrew words in the LXX translated by the one Greek word, τάξις:

(1) דְּבְרָה   (2) זְבֵל   (3) מוּצָק   (4) מַחֲנֶה   (5) מְסִלָּה

(6) מָקוֹם   (7) פֹּעַל   (8) קֵץ   (9) תּוֹרָה

Numbers 1:52	(4)	מַחֲנֶה	"every man in his own order"
Judges 5:20	(5)	מְסִלָּה	"out of their paths"
3 Kings 7:37	(3)	מוּצָק	
1 Esdras 1:5, 15	—		
Job 16:3	(8)	קֵץ	"Is there any reason in vain words?"
Job 24:5	(7)	פֹּעַל	"according to their own order"
Job 28:3	(8)	קֵץ	"He has set a bound to darkness"
Job 36:28	—		
Job 38:12	(6)	מָקוֹם	"Or did I order the morning light"
Psalm 109:4	(1)	דְּבְרָה	(Psalm 110 in KJV, the LXX is numbered differently.)
Proverbs 31:24 (KJV V26)	(9)	תּוֹרָה	"And controls her tongue"
Habakkuk 3:11	(2)	זְבֵל	

Daniel 9:26 (Theodotion)	—	"He shall appoint the city to desolations"
2 Maccabees 1:19	—	
8:22	—	
9:18	—	
10:36	—	
13:2	—	

Reverse look-up for our Hebrew word דברה from the Septuagint gives the following four Greek words:
(Using Hatch-Redpath Concordance: page number and column)

דְּבְרָה ⟶ επικαλεῖν .... 521 b
                λαλία .... 846 c
                λόγος .... 881 c
   ⟶ **τάξις** .... 1334 b