

ANOINTED PRIEST
PART II
PRIESTHOOD FULFILLED

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- **Jesus' Words are Shown in Red.**
- *(Parenthetic Italics) Imbedded within Bible Quotes are Author's Comments.*
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[Blue Highlights Jesus Christ's Fulfillment of Priesthood as Messiah – High Priest.](#)

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Preface

This is a study of the Anointed Office of Priest and Christ Jesus' Fulfillment of that Office as Messiah (Lord's Holy Anointed One).

This is a Survey (Overview) of Jesus Christ as Messiah – High Priest as revealed in Scriptures, using summaries, examples and selected Bible texts. Many Biblical quotations are used repeatedly throughout this study, since they reveal different perspectives, and/or confirm, complement or expand Jesus Christ's fulfillment of each subject matter as it is presented within this study.

The term "Church", used throughout this study, does not refer to any denomination, religious order or sect; but to those individual people throughout the age, who:

- 1) Recognize themselves as sinners in need of forgiveness [Rom. 3:23],
- 2) Recognize Jesus Christ as God's only begotten Son [John 3:16-18],
- 3) Believe that Christ Jesus gave His life to save sinners [Rom. 10:9-10; 1 Pet. 2:21-24],
- 4) Repent and ask the Lord to forgive their sins [1 John 1:8-9],
- 5) Personally accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior inviting Him into their lives [Acts 16:30-31],
- 6) Receive the Holy Spirit [Rom. 8:1-2; 1 Cor. 3:16], and
- 7) Confess Jesus as Lord and Savior [Matt. 10:32].

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IntroductionExclusive Functions Assigned to the Office of Priest

1. Officially Intercede to God for Man, and
2. Officially Offer Sacrifices to God for the Atonement of Sin.

Jesus Christ Fulfills the Three Messianic Offices

1. King. Jesus Christ was born a King. Part of His mission was to establish the Kingdom of God on Earth (See "Messiah – Our King" Study).
 - a. Angelic Announcement to Mary. "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."
Luke 1:31-33
 - b. "But seek first the kingdom (of God) and his righteousness, and all these things (Earthly Goods) will be given you besides." Matt. 6:33
2. Prophet. Jesus Christ fulfilled the Office of Prophet during His Public Ministry on Earth by speaking forth the Word of the Lord (See "Anointed Prophet – Part II" Study).
 - a. "My teaching is not my own but is from the one (Father God) who sent me." John 7:16
 - b. "..... I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and speak." John 12:49
3. Priest. Jesus Christ was from the House of David – Tribe of Judah, and could not serve as Priest under the Mosaic Law during His lifetime on Earth. As Messiah, Jesus was destined to become Eternal High Priest according to the Order of Melchizedek, not the Order of Aaron. During His ministry, Jesus Christ symbolically and/or spiritually performed the prerogatives and functions of a High Priest. At the conclusion of His Ministry, Jesus Christ offered Himself as a Holy and Perfect Sacrifice for the Atonement of Sin, fulfilling the role of High Priest. Having pleased Father God, He was raised from the dead and ordained Eternal High Priest as He presented His Precious Blood before the Throne of God in the Heavenly Sanctuary (See "Messiah – High Priest" Study).

In this Study we will explore Jesus Christ's fulfillment of the Office of High Priest.

A. Concept of Priestly Function

1. Background
 - a. God Created Adam & Eve Gen. 1:26 – 2:25
 - 1) Gives Adam Dominion Over the Earth
 - 2) Commands Them to Reproduce & Populate Earth
 - 3) Places Them in an Idyllic Garden
 - 4) Warns Them of Disobedience & Sin
 - a) "You are free to eat from any of the trees of the garden except the tree of knowledge of good and bad. From that tree you shall not eat; the moment you eat from it you are surely doomed to die." (Gen. 2:16-17)
 - b. Man's Disobedience Gen. 3:1-13
 - 1) Serpent (Satan) Entices Eve to Eat from the Forbidden Tree
 - 2) Eve Entices Adam to Share the Forbidden Fruit

- a) *By Yielding to Sin, Adam Abdicates His God Given Dominion to Satan*
- 3) Adam & Eve Recognized Themselves as Being Naked (*Loss of Innocence*)
- a) Afraid & Ashamed They Hide from God
- 4) Lord God Appears in the Garden
God the Son Appears in the Garden of Eden & Speaks with Adam & Eve
- a) Finds and Confronts Adam for His Disobedience (*Sin*)
- (1) Adam Blames His Sin on Eve
- (2) Eve Blames Her Sin on Serpent
2. Concept of Priest Introduced to Adam & Eve Gen. 3:21
- a. Lord God's Judgment Gen. 3:14-19
*Lord God Judges Adam & Eve, While Devising a Plan to Redeem Mankind.
 God the Son Pronounces God's Judgment, Giving Mankind the Promise of
 Redemption that He Himself will Provide.*
- 1) Curses Serpent for Allowing Satan to Use Him Gen. 3:14
- 2) Curses Satan (*While Promising Redemption to Man*) Gen. 3:15
- a) "I (*God*) will put enmity between you (*Satan*) and the woman (*Symbolic of Virgin Mary*), and between your offspring (*Satan's Forces of Evil & Unrepentant Sinners*) and her's (*Offspring of a Woman*); He will strike your head (*Woman's Offspring will Destroy Satan*), while you strike at his heel (*Satan Strikes the Heel of Woman's Offspring, Seemingly Halting His Walk / Promise*)"
- (1) Woman's Offspring. God the Son will Become Jesus Christ (*Son of God & Son of Man*) Who was Born of a Virgin.
- Angelic Announcement to Virgin Mary: "The holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God." Luke 1:35
- (2) Satan Strikes at His Heel. Satan Will Entice Men to Crucify Jesus Christ. It is through Christ's Suffering & Death (i.e. His Sacrifice) that He Will Destroy Satan, Sin & Death.
- ".....we speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory, and which none of the rulers of this age knew; for if they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory." 1 Cor. 2:7-8
- 3) Curses Mankind
- a) Curses Eve (*Representing All Women*) Gen. 3:16
- (1) Intense Pain in Childbirth
(Consequences in Fulfilling God's Command to Populate Earth)
- (2) Submission to Her Husband (*Man to be Spiritual Head of Family*)
(Office of Priest to be Held by Men)
- b) Curses Adam (*All Mankind*) & Earth that was Under His Authority
 Gen. 3:17-19
- (1) Cursing the Earth/Ground
- Requires Man's Lifelong Labor for Sustenance
 - Competing with Nature (*Weather, Thorns, Insects, Germs, etc.*) for Resources
- (2) Cursing Mankind with Death (*Physical & Spiritual*)

- “.....For you are dirt, and to dirt you shall return.” (*Gen. 3:19*)
- b. God Expelled Adam & Eve from Garden (*His Presence*) – While Introducing the Method of Reconciliation Gen. 3:21-24
 - 1) God Made Leather Garments to Cover their Shame
(*Demonstrating & Establishing the Office of Priest*)
God the Son Establishes & Demonstrates the Function of a Priest by Slaying an Animal as a Sacrifice for the Atonement of Sin, and Covering Adam & Eve’s Shame (Sin) with the Animal’s Skin.
 - a) “For the man and his wife the LORD God made leather garments, with which he clothed them.” (*Gen. 3:21*)
 - (1) Blood Sacrifice of an Innocent Prescribed for the Atonement of Sin
 - Prefiguring His Own Sacrifice. “For our sake he (*Father God*) made him (*Jesus Christ*) to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.” *2 Cor. 5:21*
 - (2) Sacrifice Provided by the Hand of God
 - Prefiguring His Personal Sacrifice. “.....when he (*Jesus Christ – Son of God*) came into the world, he said: ‘Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight in. Then I said, ‘As is written of me in the scroll (*Scriptures*), Behold, I come to do your will, O God.’” *Heb. 10:5-7*
 - 2) God Banishes Man from Garden (*His Presence*)
(*A Holy & Perfect God Can Not Look Upon or Associate with Sin*)
God the Son Banishes Sinful Man from God’s Holy Presence, Revealing the Necessity of Intercession to Reconcile Man Back to God – Function of a Priest
 - a) “The LORD God therefore banished him from the garden of Eden,”
(*Gen 3:23*)
 - (1) Keeping Man from Partaking of the “Tree of Life” (*Eternal Life*) While in a Sinful Condition
 - b) Places an Impenetrable Barrier Keeping Man Outside the Garden
 - (1) “When he (*God*) expelled the man,”he stationed the cherubim and the fiery revolving sword, to guard the way to the tree of life.”
(*Gen. 3:24*)
 - c) Prefiguring Himself (*Jesus - Son of God & Son of Man*) as Intercessor.
 - (1) “For there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and the human race, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself as ransom for all.....” *1 Tim. 2:5-6*
- 3. Priesthood Practiced by Cain & Abel Gen. 4:1-16
Man’s First Sacrificial Offerings Recorded in Scriptures
 - a. Adam & Eve’s First Born Son – Cain
 - 1) Cain Became a Tiller of Soil
 - b. Adam & Eve’s Next Son – Abel
 - 1) Abel Became a Keeper of Flocks
 - c. Cain’s & Abel’s Offerings to Lord Gen. 4:3-7
 - 1) Cain Offers Produce from His Crops (*Offering of Works*)
 - a) “.....Cain brought an offering to the LORD from the fruit of the soil”
 - 2) Abel Offers Best Firstlings of His Flock (*Blood Sacrifices*)
 - a) “..... Abel, for his part, brought one of the best firstlings of his flock.”

- 3) The Lord Accepts Abel's Offering, But Not Cain's
- a) "The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not....."
 - b) **Cain Offered the Work of His Hands**
(Sinful Man Can Not Earn the Lord's Favor)
 - (1) "For by grace (*Unmerited Favor*) you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them." Eph. 2:8-10
 - c) **Abel Offered a Sacrifice in the Manner Prescribed by God, Foreshadowing Jesus Christ's Offering as God's Holy & Perfect Sacrifice**
 - (1) **Abel Sacrifices the Best Firstlings of His Flock**
 - **God Offers His Best Firstling – His Only Begotten Son.** "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" John 3:16
 - (2) **Abel's Sacrifice was Offered in Faith.** "By faith Abel offered to God a sacrifice greater than Cain's. Through this he was attested to be righteous, God bearing witness to his gifts, and through this, though dead, he still speaks." Heb. 11:4
 - (3) **Abel Offered a Blood Sacrifice.** ".....without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness." Heb. 9:22b
 - d. **Cain Becomes Jealous & Murders Abel** Gen. 4:8-16
 - 1) **The Lord Confronts Cain:** "Where is your brother Abel?"
 - a) *Lord Giving Cain an Opportunity to Confess His Sin & Repent*
 - 2) **Cain's Defiance:** "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?"
 - 3) **Lord's Response:** "What have you done! Listen: your brother's blood cries out to me from the soil!" (*Gen. 4:9-10*)
 - 4) **Lord Expels Cain from Adam's Family**
 - 5) **Foreshadows Chief Priests' Condemnation of Jesus Christ**
Matt. 26:57-68; Mark 14:53-65; Luke 22:63-71; John 18:12-14 & 19-24
 - a) **Chief Priests Hand Jesus Over to be Executed**
Matt. 27:1-26; Mark 15:1-15; Luke 23:1-25; John 18:28 – 19:16
 - (1) **Pilate Discerns their Jealousy.** "For he knew that it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed him over." Mark 15:10
 - (2) **Chief Priests Incite People to Call for Jesus to be Crucified**
 - "His blood be upon us and upon our children." Matt. 27:25b
 - b) **Lord Allows Rome to Destroy Jerusalem & Temple**
 - (1) **Priesthood Disbanded & People Dispersed Among Gentile Nations**
 - (2) **40 Years After Jesus' Death**
 - *Lord Giving Priests a Generation to Confess their Sin & Repent*

B. Pre-Law Priesthood - Family Head Serves as Priest for His Family

1. Noah Gen. 6 – 9
 - a. **The Lord God Judges Mankind** Gen. 6:5-8
Represents Mankind's Sinful Condition
 - 1) "When the LORD saw how great was man's wickedness on earth, and how no

desire that his heart conceived was ever anything but evil, he regretted that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was grieved.

- a) All Mankind Corrupted by Sin. “For there is no distinction; all have sinned and are deprived of the glory of God.” Rom. 3:22b-23
- 2) “So the LORD said: ‘I will wipe out from the earth the men whom I have created, and not only the men, but also the beasts and the creeping things and the birds of the air, for I am sorry that I made them.’
 - a) All Mankind Condemned to Death. “For the wages of sin is death,.....” Rom. 6:23
 - 3) “But Noah found favor with the LORD.”
 - a) Jesus Christ is God’s Holy One. “And a voice came from the heavens, saying, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased’.” Matt. 3:17
 - (1) Spoken by Father God at Jesus’ Baptism
 - b) “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Rom. 6:23
- b. Lord Warns Noah that He Will Send a Flood to Cleanse the Earth
 - 1) Instructs Noah to Build an Ark
 - a) Take His Household (Wife, Sons & Daughters-in-law) into Ark
 - b) Take 1 Pair (Male & Female) of Every Animal into Ark
 - c) Take 7 Pairs of Clean Animals into Ark (*Set Aside for Sacrifice*)
- c. Lord Sends Great Flood Upon Earth
 - 1) All of the Earth’s Inhabitants Perish
 - 2) Noah, His Household & Animals Survive in Ark
 - 3) Flood Ends & They Disembark
- d. Noah Builds an Altar & Offers Sacrifices to Lord Gen. 8:20-22
 (*Interceding for His Descendants – The Entire Human Race*)
Foreshadows Jesus Christ’s Offering of Himself as a Sacrifice for the Salvation of Mankind.
 - 1) “Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and choosing from every clean animal and every clean bird (Clean Offerings – Represent Christ’s Pure Offering), he offered holocausts (Whole Burnt Offerings) on the altar.”
 - a) Universality of Jesus Christ’s Offering
 - (1) “For Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly (*i.e. All Mankind*).....God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.” Rom. 5:6-8
 - (2) “if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved..... For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek (*Gentile*); the same Lord is Lord of all, enriching all who call upon him. For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” Rom. 10:9-13
 - 2) The Lord Accepts Noah’s Sacrifice. “WHEN the LORD smelled the sweet odor (*Of Noah’s Holocausts*), he said to himself: ‘Never again will I doom the earth because of man, since the desires of man’s heart are evil from the start; nor will I ever again strike down all living beings, as I have done.....’”
 - a) God Accepts Jesus Christ’s Sacrifice, Bringing Salvation to Mankind in

His Name

(1) “Peter (said) to them, ‘Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the holy Spirit.’” Acts 2:38

(2) Peter Speaking of Jesus: “There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved.” Acts 4:12

e. Lord Establishes His Covenant with Noah Gen. 9:1-17

The Lord Establishes His Covenant with Noah After Noah Offers Acceptable Sacrifices to the Lord; Revealing God’s Principle that His Covenants with Mankind Must be Sealed with Blood.

1) “See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth.” (Gen. 9:9-11)

a) Sign of Covenant is the Rainbow (*Representing All Nations & Peoples*)

2) Prefigures Jesus Christ’s Universal Covenant

a) Baptism of Repentance. “.....God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ” 1 Pet. 3:20-21

b) Application of Christ’s Sacrifice. “But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, then we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of his Son Jesus cleanses us from all sin. If we say, ‘We are without sin,’ we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing.” 1 John 1:7-9

2. Abraham Gen. 12 – 23

a. The Lord Announces His Covenant with Abram (Abraham)

1) The Lord Calls Abram Gen. 12:1-3

a) Instructs Abram. “Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you.”

b) Promises Abram

(1) Father a Nation. “I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

(2) God’s Favor on His Nation. “I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you.

(3) Blessing to All Mankind. “All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you.”

- Promise Fulfilled by Jesus Christ, a Descendant of Abram (Abraham), Who Offered Himself as God’s Sacrifice for the Atonement of Sin & Making that Atonement Available to All Peoples; thereby, Blessing “All the Communities of the Earth”.

- “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be

saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God." John 3:16-18

- 2) Abram Migrates to Canaan (Promised Land) Gen. 12:4-5
 - a) Takes His Wife Sarai (Sarah)
 - b) Takes His Nephew Lot
 - c) Takes His Servants & All His Possessions
- 3) Abram Claims the Land for Lord & His People Gen. 12:6-9
 - a) Lord Appears to Abram at Shechem
 - (1) Lord Declares it to be the Promise Land: "To your descendants I will give this land." (*Gen. 12:7b*)
 - (2) Abram Builds an Altar to the Lord Who Appeared to Him
 - (3) Jesus Christ, Descendant of Abram, was Born, Lived, Ministered & Offered Himself as God's Holy Sacrifice in the Promise Land
 - b) Abram Travels in Promise Land
 - (1) Builds an Altar, Between Bethel & Ai, Invoking Name of the Lord
 - c) Journeys to Negev
- 4) Abram Later Travels to Egypt to Survive Famine Gen, 12:10-20
(Leaving the Promise Land)
 - a) Jesus Taken to Egypt to Survive a Threat on His Life Matt. 2:13-18
- 5) Abram Returns to Promise Land Gen. 13
 - a) Jesus Returns to Promise Land to Mature, Learn & Prepare for Ministry Matt. 2:19-23
 - b) Goes to Site Where He Built an Altar & Invoked Name of the Lord
 - c) Lord Reaffirms His Promises to Abram Gen. 13:14-18
 - (1) Confirming the Promise Land. "Look about you, and from where you are, gaze to the north and south, east and west; all the land that you see I will give to you and your descendants forever.
 - (2) A Great Nation. "I will make your descendants like the dust of the earth; if anyone could count the dust of the earth, your descendants too might be counted.
 - (3) Discover the Promise Land. "Set forth and walk about in the land, through its length and breadth, for to you I will give it."
 - (4) God Reaffirms His Promises to Jesus at Conclusion of His Ministry John 12:23-28
 - Jesus Announces His Pending Sacrifice:
 - "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit....."
 - "Father, glorify your name."
 - "Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it (*In Old Covenant*) and will glorify it (*In Jesus' New Covenant*) again.'"
 - d) Abram Settles in Hebron
 - (1) Builds an Altar to the Lord

Comment. The primary purpose of an Altar is to offer sacrifices to the Lord. Although Abram builds these Altars in the Promise Land, there is no mention in Scripture of him offering sacrifices at this time.

Perhaps they are promises of a future sacrifice.

- b. The Lord Seals His Covenant with Abram Gen. 15
Foreshadow of Jesus Christ's Sacrifice on the Cross Inaugurating a New Covenant
- 1) Abram Remains Childless and is Advanced in Years
 - a) Abram Complains to the Lord
b) Israel Anxiously Waiting for Coming Messiah
 - 2) Lord Reassures Abram: "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so, shall your descendants be." (*Gen. 15:5*)
 - a) "Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness." (*Gen. 15:6*)
b) Promise Fulfilled by Multitudes of People Who Put their Faith in Jesus Christ, Becoming Abraham's Spiritual Descendants Rom. 4; Gal. 3
 - 3) Lord Confirms His Promise: "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." (*Gen. 15:7*)
 - a) Abram Asks: "How am I to know that I shall possess it?" (*Gen. 15:8*)
 - 4) Lord's Prescribed Sacrifice (***The Lord Demonstrates His Requirement of Blood Sacrifice to Execute & Put into Effect a Covenant with Him.***)
Lord's Prescribed Sacrifice Represents the Reuniting of God (Father, Son & Holy Spirit) with Man (Body, Soul/Mind & Spirit) through Jesus Christ's Crucifixion & Death; Fulfilling the Old Covenant, Establishing the New Covenant & Ruling the Kingdom Covenant (See "Messianic Kingdom" Study)
 - a) Instructs Abram to Bring Him
 - (1) 3 Year Old Heifer
 - (2) 3 Year Old She-Goat
 - (3) 3 Year Old Ram
 - (4) A Turtle-Dove & Young Pigeon
 - b) Abram Prepares the Sacrifice (*Priestly Function*)
 - (1) Brings Prescribed Animals
 - *Jesus Christ Presents Himself as the Lord's Holy & Perfect Sacrifice Heb. 10:5-7*
 - (2) Splits Heifer, She-Goat & Ram in Two, but Does Not Split the Birds
 - *Jesus Spread Out in Crucifixion Between Old & New Covenants - The Spirit of Lord (Represented by Birds) Remains in Tact*
 - *Christ's Crucifixion Splits Humanity (Believers & Unbelievers)*
 - (3) Places their Halves Opposite Each Other
 - *Symbolizes Jesus Christ Crucified Between Two Criminals – One Repentant, the Other Unrepentant Luke 23:39-42*
 - (4) Birds of Prey Swoop Down on Carcasses
 - *Represents the Forces of Evil that Attack Jesus as He is Being Persecuted, Suffers & Hangs Dying on the Cross*
 - (5) Abram Remains with His Sacrifice
 - *Represents Jesus Remaining Steadfast on the Cross Until He Completely Conquers Sin & the Forces of Evil John 19:30*
 - c) Abram Falls into Deep Trance When Sun is About to Set
 - (1) *Jesus Dies on Cross Before Sun Set (End of Jewish Day) Mark 15:37 & 42-43*
 - (2) Lord Prophesies the Establishment of Abram's Descendants into a Nation

- *Jesus Prophecies the Establishment of His Kingdom*
Matt. 19:28-30
- d) Sacrifice Consumed by Hand of the Lord. “When the sun had set and it was dark, there appeared a smoking brazier and a flaming torch, which passed between those pieces.” (*Gen. 15:17*)
 - (1) Jesus, Son of God, Voluntarily Offers Himself as Lord’s Sacrifice
Matt. 26:47-54; John 10:14-18; John 19:10-11; Heb. 10:5-7
 - Darkness Envelopes the Land as Jesus is Dying on the Cross
Luke 23:44-45
 - (2) Lord Confirms His Covenant: “To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River (the Euphrates), the land of the” (*Gen. 15:18-21*)
 - Jesus Specifies & Confirms His New Covenant Providing a Heavenly & Eternal Home for Abraham’s Spiritual Descendants

Note.

1. *The Lord changes Abram’s name to Abraham, and establishes circumcision as the sign of His Covenant. (Gen. 17)*
2. *Afterwards, Abraham fathers a son by his wife Sarah, named Isaac, who was born under the Covenant. (Gen. 21:1-8)*

- c. Abraham’s Ultimate Offering – His Son Isaac *Gen. 22:1-19*
Abraham’s Offering of His Son Isaac, Prefigures Father God’s Offering of His Son Jesus Christ.
 - 1) The Lord Commands Abraham: “Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust (*Whole Burnt Offering*) on a height that I will point out to you.” (*Gen 22:2*)
 - a) Mount Moriah is Future Site of the Temple in Jerusalem; Where Israel’s Priests Offer Sacrifices in the Old Covenant – Fulfilled by Jesus Christ
 - 2) Abraham Obeys the Lord
 - a) Takes Isaac with 2 Servants & Goes to Land of Moriah
(1) 2 Servants Represent Old & New Covenants
 - *Fulfilled by Jesus Christ’s Sacrifice in Jerusalem*
 - b) Takes Wood for Holocaust Offering
(1) Wood for Sacrifice Symbolizes Jesus Christ’s Cross
 - 3) Abraham Offers His Son Isaac
 - a) Abraham Sights the Place of Sacrifice on Third Day
(1) Jesus Christ Sees His Sacrifice in Third Year of His Ministry
Matt. 26:1-2; Mark 10:33-34
 - *Abraham Orders His Servants to Wait at a Distance*
 - *Fulfillment of Old Covenant & Establishment of New Covenant Must Wait for Jesus to Successfully Complete His Sacrifice*
 - b) Abraham & Isaac Ascend Mount Moriah
 - (1) Isaac Carries Wood on His Shoulders
 - *Prefigures Jesus Carrying His Cross to Golgotha* *Matt. 27:32-33*
 - (2) Abraham Carries the Fire & Knife
 - c) Isaac Questions His Father: “Father!..... Here are the fire and the wood, but where is the sheep for the holocaust?” (*Gen. 22:6-7*)

- (1) *Jesus, Knowing His Father's Plan, Asks: "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup (His Pending Suffering & Death) pass from me;*
- (2) *Jesus Voluntarily Submits His Life as Lord's Perfect Sacrifice. "yet, not as I will, but as you will." Matt. 26:39*
- d) Abraham Answers: "God himself will provide the sheep for the holocaust." (*Gen. 22:8*)
- (1) *Father God Provides His Son as His Sacrificial Lamb*
- e) Abraham Builds an Altar
- (1) Ties Up Isaac & Places Him on Wood of Altar
- *Jesus Secured on Wooden Cross*
- (2) Raises the Knife to Sacrifice His Son
- *Abraham Offers Isaac by Faith. "By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only son, of whom it was said, 'Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name.' He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead, and he received Isaac back as a symbol (Of Our Resurrected Lord)." Heb. 11:17-19*
- 4) The Lord's Intervention
- Prefigures Jesus - Son of God's – Intervention in Man's Condemnation for Sin, by Providing Himself as a Sacrifice for the Atonement of Sin.*
- a) Lord's Messenger Calls from Heaven: "Do not lay your hand on the boy. Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." (*Gen. 22:12*)
- (1) *Father God Did Not Withhold His Son from the Cross, But Allowed Jesus to Voluntarily Offer Himself as a Sacrifice for Sin*
- *".....Do you think that I cannot call upon my Father and he will not provide me at this moment (At His Arrest) with more than twelve legions of angels? But then how would the scriptures be fulfilled which say that it must come to pass in this way?" Matt. 26:52-54*
- b) Abraham Sees a Ram Caught by its Horns in a Thicket
- (1) *Ram is a Type of Jesus Who Voluntarily Lays Aside His Divine Authority (Symbolized by Horns), Submitting Himself to the Intrigues / Conspiracies of Sinful Men (Symbolized by Thicket). Phil. 2:5-8*
- c) Abraham Sacrifices the Ram (In the Place of His Son Isaac)
- (1) *Father God's Gives His Son as Sacrifice for Sin. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." John 3:16*
- (2) *Jesus Christ Offers Himself as a Sacrifice, Taking Upon Himself the Sins of Mankind, Dying in Our Place*
- *"For our sake he (Father God) made him (Jesus – Son of God) to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him." 2 Cor. 5:21*
- d) Abraham Names Place "Yahweh-Yireh"
- (1) "The Lord – Shall be Seen" / "The Lord - Shall Provide"
- (2) From Mount Moriah, Abraham Could See the Site Where Jesus – Son of God – Would be Sacrificed
- *"Abraham your father rejoiced to see my day (Day Jesus was*

Crucified); he saw it and was glad. Amen, amen, I say to you, before Abraham came to be, I AM.” John 8:56 & 58

- *Jesus Applies the Lord’s Name (“I AM” = “Yahweh”) to Himself, Declaring His Divinity.*

- e) Lord’s Messenger Calls from Heaven
(Reiterates Lord’s Covenant with Abraham & Seals it by Oath)
- (1) “I swear by myself (*Oath in Name of Lord God Almighty*), declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son (*Isaac*),
 - (2) “I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and
 - (3) “in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing— all this because you obeyed my command.” (*Gen. 22:16-18*)
 - (4) *By His Sacrifice, Jesus Christ Fulfills Lord God’s Oath to Abraham*
 - *Priest Zechariah’s (John the Baptist’s Father) Canticle Concerning Jesus.* “Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for he has visited and brought redemption to his people. He has raised up a horn for our salvation within the house of David his servant, to show mercy to our fathers and to be mindful of his holy covenant and of the oath he swore to Abraham our father,” *Luke 1:68-75*

3. Isaac

- a. The Lord Confirms His Covenant with Isaac Gen. 26:23-25
- 1) Isaac Goes to Beer-Sheba (In Promise Land)
 - 2) Lord Appears to Isaac: “I am the God of your father Abraham. You have no need to fear, since I am with you. I will bless you and multiply your descendants for the sake of my servant Abraham.” (*Gen. 26:24*)
 - 3) Isaac Builds an Altar Invoking the Name of the Lord (Yahweh)
 - a) Settles in Beer-Sheba
 - b) Servants Dig a Well
- b. *Jesus Christ (a Descendant of Isaac) Fulfills the Lord’s Covenant with Abraham & Isaac by His Sacrifice on the Cross*

4. Jacob

- a. Jacob’s Pact with Laban Gen. 31:45-54

Background. Jacob travels to his ancestral land to get a wife from among his kinsmen. He served his uncle Laban, married Laban’s daughters and had 12 children. After serving Laban for many years, Jacob took his family and his possessions, and returned to the Promise Land. Laban pursued Jacob accusing him of stealing. They meet and make a Pact with each other, setting up a memorial stone separating their respective territories. (Gen. 28 – 31)

- 1) Laban Sets the Conditions of the Pact
 - a) “May the LORD keep watch between you and me when we are out of each other’s sight. If you mistreat my daughters, or take other wives besides my daughters, remember that even though no one else is about, God will be witness between you and me.” (*Gen. 31:49-50*)
- 2) Laban Sets the Boundaries

- a) Sets Up a Memorial Stone. “This mound shall be witness, and this memorial stone shall be witness, that, with hostile intent, neither may I pass beyond this mound into your territory, nor may you pass beyond it into mine.” (*Gen. 31:52*)
- b) Swears an Oath: “May the God of Abraham and the god of Nahor (their ancestral deities) maintain justice between us!” (*Gen. 31:53a*)
- 3) Jacob Swears an Oath by the “Awesome One of Isaac”
 - a) Jacob Offers Sacrifice on that Mountain (When Entering Promise Land)
 - (1) Son of God Offers Himself as the Lord’s Holy Sacrifice When Coming into the World as the Lord’s Holy Anointed One
 - “..... when he (*Jesus Christ – Son of God*) came into the world, he said: ‘Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight in.’ Then I said, ‘As is written of me in the scroll, Behold, I come to do your will, O God.” *Heb. 10:5-7*
 - b) Jacob Invites Kinsmen to Share in the Sacrificial Meal
 - (1) Jesus Invites His Kinsmen (*Disciples*) to Share His Sacrificial Meal
 - “..... Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, ‘**Take and eat; this is my body.**’ Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, ‘**Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins.**” *Matt. 26:26-28*
- b. The Lord Confirms His Covenant with Jacob *Gen. 35:1-15*
 - 1) Lord Instructs Jacob: “Go up now to Bethel. Settle there and build an altar there to the God who appeared to you while you were fleeing from your brother Esau.” (*Gen. 35:1*)
 - 2) Jacob Purifies His Household
 - 3) Jacob & His Household Arrive at Bethel
 - a) Jacob Builds an Altar to Lord
 - b) Lord Confirms His Covenant with Jacob (*Gen. 35:10-12*)
 - (1) Changes His Name to Israel. “You whose name is Jacob shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel shall be your name.”
 - (2) Confirming Israel as His Chosen People. “I am God Almighty; be fruitful and multiply. A nation, indeed an assembly of nations, shall stem from you, and kings shall issue from your loins.”
 - (3) Confirming Israel’s Promise Land. “The land I once gave to Abraham and Isaac I now give to you (*Israel*); And to your descendants after you will I give this land.”
 - c) Israel Reaffirms Bethel as a Sacred Site
 - 4) Jesus Christ (a Descendant of Jacob) Fulfills Lord’s Covenant with Abraham, Isaac & Jacob (Israel) by His Sacrifice on the Cross
- c. Israel’s Migration to Egypt *Gen. 46:1-7*
 - 1) Jacob (Israel) & His Household Migrate to Egypt to Survive Famine
 - a) Jacob Stops at Beer-sheba Before Leaving Promise Land
 - b) Jacob Offers Sacrifices to Lord
 - (1) Jesus Offers Himself as the Lord’s Sacrifice for Sin, Leaving this World in Death *Luke 23:44-46*
 - c) Lord Appears to Jacob (Israel) in Night Vision: “I am God, the God of your father. Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make

you a great nation. Not only will I go down to Egypt with you; I will also bring you back here, after Joseph has closed your eyes.” (*Gen. 46:3-4*)

- (1) **Jesus Christ Resurrected from the Dead**
 Matt. 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20
 - Proving that His Sacrifice was Accepted by Father God
 - Proving His Power Over Sin & Death Heb. 2:14-15
- (2) **Jesus Christ Ascended into Heaven & Enthroned at God’s Right Hand**
 Heb. 1:1-4
- (3) **Jesus Christ Will Return to Earth with His Universal Church (*Peoples from All Nations*) at End of this Age** Rev. 19:11-21
 - To Conquer, Judge & Rule the Earth Matt. 25:31-46

C. **The Mystical Priest**

Background. A coalition of 4 Kings raided the Cities of the Plain taking hostages and booty. Among the hostages were Abram’s nephew Lot and his family. Abram musters his servants, pursues and defeats the coalition, rescuing the hostages and recovering their possessions. While returning from victory, he is met by a mysterious person, named Melchizedek, who is both “Priest of God Most High” and “King of Salem”. This is the first time the title of Priest is used in Scriptures. (*Gen. 14*)

1. **Melchizedek - King of Salem & Priest of God Most High** Gen. 14:17-20
Melchizedek is a Type of Messiah – King & High Priest – Fulfilled by Jesus Christ
 - a. Melchizedek Greets Abram (*Abraham*) Returning from Victory
 - 1) Melchizedek Offers Abram Bread & Wine
 - a) “Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine, and being a priest of God Most High, he blessed Abram” (*Gen. 14:18*)
 - b) **Melchizedek Offers Bread & Wine to Abraham, Representing Jesus Christ’s Offering of His Body & Blood in the Eucharist**
 - (1) **Jesus Christ Declares to be the Bread of Life** John 6:25-59
 - “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” (*John 6:51*)
 - “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.” (*John 6:53-56*)
 - (2) **Jesus Christ Blesses His Church (*Spiritual Descendants of Abraham*) by Instituting Holy Communion, Fulfilling Melchizedek’s Offering to Abraham** Matt. 26:26-29
 - Blesses & Breaks Bread
 - *Jewish Blessing Over Bread: “Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe, Who bringest forth bread from the earth.”*
 - Gives the Bread to His Disciples: **“Take and eat; this is my body”**
 - Blesses a Cup of Wine
 - *Jewish Blessing Over Wine: “Blessed art Thou, O Lord our*

God, King of the universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine.”

- Gives Cup to His Disciples: “Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins.....”
- 2) Melchizedek Blesses Abram. “..... being a priest of God Most High (*Prefigures Messiah - High Priest*), he blessed Abram with these words: ‘Blessed be Abram by God Most High, the creator of heaven and earth; And blessed be God Most High, who delivered your foes into your hand.....’ (Gen. 14:18-20)
- a) Confirming God’s Covenant Blessing on Abram
 - b) **Jesus Christ Fulfills God’s Covenant with Abram (Abraham)**
 - (1) **Destroying Satan, Sin & Death by His Sacrifice, Becoming a Blessing to All Mankind**
 - “Now since the children share in blood and flesh, he (*Jesus – Son of God*) likewise shared in them, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who through fear of death had been subject to slavery all their life.” Heb. 2:14-15
- b. **Melchizedek is a Type of Messiah, Who is Eternal King & High Priest**
- 1) “This ‘Melchizedek, king of Salem and priest of God Most High,’ ‘met Abraham as he returned from his defeat of the kings’ and ‘blessed him.’ And Abraham apportioned to him ‘a tenth of everything.’ His name first means righteous king, and he was also ‘king of Salem,’ that is, king of peace. Without father, mother, or ancestry, without beginning of days or end of life, thus made to resemble the Son of God, he remains a priest forever.” Heb. 7:1-3
 - a) Name “Melchizedek” Means “Righteous King” (i.e. “King of Justice”)
 - (1) The Promised Righteous King. “But a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom (*Messiah from House & Lineage of David*). The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him (*Messiah the Lord’s Holy Anointed One*):..... Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, But he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land’s afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips.” Isa. 11:1-5
 - (2) **Fulfilled by Messiah Jesus - God’s Holy & Righteous King**
 - **Ruling & Judging All Mankind Righteously with Justice & Equity** John 5:19-30; Matt. 25:31-46
 - **Nor does the Father judge anyone, but he has given all judgment to his Son, so that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father.....” (John 5:22-23)**
 - **“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.” (Matt. 25:31-32)**
 - b) Melchizedek is “King of Salem” Meaning “King of Peace”
 - (1) The Promised Prince of Peace. “For a child is born to us (*Israel*), a son (*God’s Son*) is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They

name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.” Isa. 9:5

(2) Fulfilled by Messiah Jesus - Prince of Peace

- “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” John 14:27
- “Behold, the hour is coming and has arrived when each of you will be scattered to his own home and you will leave me alone (*To Offer His Sacrifice to the Lord*). But I am not alone, because the Father is with me. I have told you this so that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world.” John 16:32-33

(3) Messiah Jesus Will Rule a Universal Kingdom at Peace

- “He (*Messiah*) shall judge between many peoples and impose (*Peace*) terms on strong and distant nations; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again.” Micah 4:3

c) Melchizedek’s Origin & End of Life are Unknown.

(1) “Without father, mother, or ancestry, without beginning of days or end of life, thus made to resemble the Son of God,.....” (*Heb. 7:3*)

(2) Messiah Jesus is the Son of God - Coeternal & Coexistent with the Lord God Almighty Col. 1:15-20

- “He (*Jesus Christ – Son of God*) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross (through him), whether those on earth or those in heaven.”

d) Melchizedek Remains a Priest Forever

(1) “.....he remains a priest forever.” (*Heb. 7:3*)

(2) Messiah Jesus is the Eternal High Priest of a New Covenant

- “..... Jesus (*has*) (also) become the guarantee of an (even) better covenant. Those priests were many because they were prevented by death from remaining in office, but he, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away.” Heb. 7:22-24

e) Melchizedek Blessed Abraham

(1) Jesus Christ Blesses All Mankind by Offering Salvation through His Body & Blood

f) Abraham Pays Tithes to Melchizedek.

(1) “..... Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.” (*Gen. 24:20*)

- Acknowledging Melchizedek’s Supremacy

c. Melchizedek is a Type of Messiah – Superior to Abraham

- 1) “See how great he is to whom the patriarch ‘Abraham (indeed) gave a tenth’ of his spoils..... he who was not of their ancestry received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had received the promises. Unquestionably, a lesser person is blessed by a greater. In the one case, mortal men receive tithes; in the other, a man of whom it is testified that he lives on.....” Heb. 7:4-10
 - a) The Lesser Pays Tithes to Greater
 - (1) Abraham Paid Tithes to Melchizedek
 - b) The Greater Blesses the Lesser
 - (1) Melchizedek Blessed Abraham
 - c) Human Recipients of Tithes are Subject to Death
 - (1) No Record of Melchizedek’s Death
 - (2) Priestly Order of Melchizedek Remains Alive
 - d) Melchizedek is Superior to Abraham

d. Jesus Christ Claims the Messianic Priestly Order of Melchizedek
(See Section F Below)

D. Law of Moses - Establishes the Levitical Order as an Exclusive Perpetual Priesthood

Background. Jacob’s descendants lived in Egypt for centuries after their migration, where they were eventually enslaved. The Lord called and anointed Moses to deliver Israel from bondage, establish them as a nation, and return them to the Promise Land. The Lord gave Moses Laws to implement and record for His Nation. These “Mosaic Laws” consist of Civil Laws, Moral Laws, and Religious Laws which included a consecrated Priesthood.

Overview. Jesus Christ Fulfills the Old Covenant Priesthood Inscribed by Moses, and Establishes a New Covenant Becoming its Only, Holy & Eternal High Priest.

1) Jesus Christ, the Lord’s Holy Anointed One, is Superior to Moses. Heb. 3:1-6

- “..... reflect on Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, who was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was ‘faithful in (all) his house.’ But he (Jesus) is worthy of more ‘glory’ than Moses, as the founder of a house has more ‘honor’ than the house itself. Every house is founded by someone, but the founder of all is God. Moses was ‘faithful in all his house’ as a ‘servant’ to testify to what would be spoken, but Christ was faithful as a son placed over his house.....”

2) Jesus Christ Fulfills All the Laws of Moses, Including the Office of Priest.

- “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.” Matt. 5:17

3) Having Fulfilled the Old Covenant, Jesus Christ Establishes a Better Covenant with Himself as Eternal High Priest, Superseding the Laws of Moses. Heb. 7:11-28

- “..... Jesus (also) become the guarantee of an (even) better covenant. Those priests (Of Mosaic Covenant) were many because they were prevented by death from remaining in office, but he (Jesus Christ), because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them.” (Heb. 7:22-25)

1. Office of Priest

- a. God’s Chosen Nation – Israel Ex. 19 – 20
(Israel Arrives at Mount Sinai on 1st Day of 3rd Month After Leaving Egypt)

The 1st Day of 3rd Month in Jewish Calendar is the 43rd Day After Israel Celebrated its First Passover Before Leaving Egypt. This Date Coincides with the 43rd Day After Jesus Christ Celebrated His Last Passover Supper & Offered Himself as Lord's Paschal Lamb. It is the Day that Jesus Christ Commissions His Church: "But you will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8), and then Ascends into Heaven. Acts 1:1-11

- 1) Lord's Intention for His Nation (Israel) Ex. 19:1-15
 Lord's Intention for His Nation/People Fulfilled through Messiah Jesus
 - a) Moses Ascends Mount Sinai Prefigures Jesus Christ's Ascension into Heaven Acts 1:9
 - (1) Lord Speaks to Moses: "Thus shall you say to the house of Jacob;
 - "..... You have seen for yourselves how I treated the Egyptians and how I bore you up on eagle wings and brought you here to myself.
 - "Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant (i.e. "Mosaic Law"), you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine.
 - "You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation" (Ex. 19:3c-6) **(The Lord's Intention is for Israel to be His Kingdom of Priests on Earth)**
 - (2) Lord's Intention for His People Realized in Jesus Christ's Church
 - "But you (Christians) are 'a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises' (Quoting Lord's Words to Moses. Ex. 19:5-6) of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." 1 Pet. 2:9
 - b) Moses Returns from the Mountain & Summons the Elders
 - (1) Relates the Word of the Lord
 - (2) People Respond: "Everything the LORD has said, we will do." (Ex. 19:8b)
 - c) Moses Reports Israel's Answer to the Lord
 - d) Lord Instructs Moses: "Go to the people and have them sanctify themselves today and tomorrow. Make them wash their garments and be ready for the third day; for on the third day the LORD will come down on Mount Sinai before the eyes of all the people....." (Ex. 19:10-13)
 - e) Moses Prepares People as Lord Instructed
 - f) Disciples Prepare for the Outpouring of Holy Spirit as Jesus Instructed Acts 1:12-26
 - (1) "While meeting with them, he (Jesus) enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for 'the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the holy Spirit.'" Acts 1:4-5
 - (2) "But you will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8
- 2) The Lord's Visitation Ex. 19:16 – 20:17
 - a) On 3rd Day, Heavy Cloud Appeared Over Mount Sinai with Thunder & Lightning Accompanied by Loud Trumpet Blasts

- (1) Moses Leads People Out of their Camp to Meet the Lord
- Stations Them at Foot of the Mountain
- b) Mount Sinai Wrapped in Smoke & Trembled as the Lord Descends in Fire
- (1) Moses Speaks & Lord Answers with Thunder
- c) Lord Delivers His 10 Commandments Ex. 20:1-17
- (1) “I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me. You shall not carve idols for yourselves
- d) Disciples Witnessed the Lord’s Personal Visitation (Jesus Christ)
- (1) “And the Word (*of God*) became flesh (*Jesus – Son of God*) and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father’s only Son, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14
- (2) “What was from the beginning (*Eternal Son of God*), what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we looked upon and touched with our hands concerns the Word of life— for the life was made visible; we have seen it and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was made visible to us— what we have seen and heard we proclaim now to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; for our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ” 1 John 1:1-3
- 3) Israel’s Reaction Ex. 20:18-26
- a) People Become Afraid & Ask Moses: “You speak to us, and we will listen; but let not God speak to us, or we shall die.” (*Ex. 10:19*)
- (Israel’s Request Sets the Premise for an Intercessory Priesthood)***
- b) Israel’s Reaction to Personal Visitation of the Word of God (Jesus Christ)
- (1) “He (*Jesus – Word of God*) was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own (*Israel – God’s Chosen People*), but his own people did not accept him.
- (2) “But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man’s decision but of God.” John 1:10-13
- c) Moses Approaches Cloud Where God Was
- (1) Lord Tells Moses: “Thus shall you speak to the Israelites: You have seen for yourselves that I have spoken to you from heaven.
- The Lord’s Supremacy. “Do not make anything to rank with me; neither gods of silver nor gods of gold shall you make for yourselves.”
 - Jesus’ Supremacy in Our Lives. “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” Matt. 10:37-39
 - Requirement of Sacrifice. “An altar of earth you shall make for me, and upon it you shall sacrifice your holocausts and peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen. In whatever place I choose for the remembrance of my name I will come to you and bless

you.....” (Ex. 20:23-24)

- God’s Requirement for Sacrifice Fulfilled by Jesus Christ. “..... when he (*Jesus – Son of God*) came into the world, he said: ‘Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight in. Then I said, ‘As is written of me in the scroll (*The Law*), Behold, I come to do your will, O God.’” Heb. 10:5-7

b. Lord Establishes & Specifies Israel’s Priesthood

1) Moses Ascends Mount Sinai

Ex. 24:12-18

Jesus Christ had Ascended into Heaven to be Ordained as Eternal High Priest and Enthroned at God’s Right Hand (*See Section G.2 Below*)

a) The Cloud (*Presence of Lord*) Covers the Mountain for 6 Days

b) Moses Passes into Midst of Cloud

(1) *Lord Calls Moses on 7th Day (i.e. 10th Day of 3rd Month) and Specifies the Tabernacle & Priesthood*

- *The 10th Day of 3rd Month in Jewish Calendar is the 53rd Day After Israel Celebrated its First Passover Before Leaving Egypt. This Date Coincides with the 53rd Day After Jesus Christ Celebrated His Last Passover Supper & Offered Himself as the Lord’s Sacrifice for Sin, Fulfilling the Law.*
- *The Lord Later Prescribes this Date as the Feast of Pentecost (“Shavuot”) for Israel to Annually Commemorate His Giving the Law to Moses. Lev. 23:15-22; Num. 28:26-31*
- *On the Day of Pentecost, Jesus Christ Pours Out the Holy Spirit Upon His Church Acts 2:1-4*
 - *Christ Jesus had Fulfilled the Law and was Consecrated & Ordained as Eternal High Priest of a New Covenant.*
 - *The Holy Spirit Writes God’s Laws on Our Hearts. “..... this is the covenant I will establish with the house of Israel after those days (Christ’s Fulfillment of Law), says the Lord: I will put my laws in their minds and I will write them upon their hearts.....” Jer. 31:31-34 & Heb. 8:7-13*

c) Moses Stays on Mountain 40 Days & 40 Nights

2) Lord Specifies the Tabernacle & its Furnishings

Ex. 25 – 27 & Ex. 30

(*See “Tabernacle & Temple – Part I & Part II” Studies*)

The Tabernacle that the Lord Specified to Moses is an Image of God’s Heavenly Sanctuary

Heb. 8:1-6

*Jesus Christ is the Living Tabernacle (Temple) of God. “‘**Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.**’ he was speaking about the temple of his body.....”*

John 2:19-22

a) God’s Dwelling Place on Earth

(1) Under Christ’s New Covenant, the Holy Spirit Dwells within His People. “Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?”

1 Cor. 3:16

b) Place Where Priests are to Officiate Before the Lord

(1) Jesus Christ Sits at Right Hand of God Almighty Making Constant Intercession for Us.

Heb. 1:1-4; Heb. 7:22-25

c) Israel’s Central Place of Worship

d) General Overview of Tabernacle with Priests' Service

Jesus Christ is the Tabernacle of God(1) Outer Court (People Gather - Present Offerings to Priests)

- Altar of Sacrifice
 - Priests Sacrifice the Offerings
 - *Jesus is the Lord's Holy Sacrifice for the Atonement of Sin*
John 1:29
- Laver
 - Priests Cleanse Themselves Before Entering Holy Place
 - *Jesus' Blood Cleanses Us from All Unrighteousness, So We Can Enter the Heavenly Realm* 1 *John 1:7-9; Heb. 4:14-16*

(2) Holy Place (Also Referred to as "Inner Court" or "Meeting Tent")
(Restricted to Priests, Who Minister there Daily)

- Table of Showbread
(12 Loaves of Bread – 1 for Each Tribe of Israel)
 - Priests Daily Replace Loaves with Fresh Bread
 - *Jesus is the Eternal Bread of Life* *John 6:35*
- Lampstand (Menorah)
 - Priests Daily Replenish the Oil Keeping Lamps Burning
 - *Jesus is the Light of the World* *John 8:12*
- Incense Altar
 - Priests Daily Offer Incense Before Holy of Holies
Interceding for God's People
 - *Jesus Intercedes for Us Before God Almighty* *Heb. 7:22-25*
- Veil Separating Holy Place from Holy of Holies
 - *Jesus' Flesh (Veil) was Torn So We Can Enter into God's Holy Presence* *Matt. 27:51-52; Heb.10:19-25*

(3) Holy of Holies (Also Referred to as "Most Holy Place")

(Restricted to High Priest Who Enters Only on Day of Atonement)

- Ark of the Covenant (Containing God's Law)
(Prescribed Place Where God Meets with Man!)
 - *Jesus Fulfilled All Laws of Old Covenant, Taking the Judgment of Man Upon Himself* *Rom. 3:21-26*
 - *Jesus Enthroned on Heavenly "Mercy Seat", Inviting Us to Approach Him* *Heb. 4:14-16*
 - *Jesus is the Only Way into God's Presence. "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."* *John 14:6*

3) Lord Designates Moses' Brother Aaron & His Sons as Priests Ex. 28 - 29
(See Sections D.2 - D.4 Below)

c. Moses Intercedes for Israel

Ex. 32

1) Israel Rebels Against the Lord

Ex. 32:1-6

(Violates the First & Foremost Commandments)

a) People Impatient Waiting for Moses to Come Down from Mountain

b) People Have Aaron Make them a Golden Calf

(1) People Declare: "This is your God, O Israel, who brought you out of the land of Egypt." (Ex. 32:4b)

c) Aaron Builds an Altar Before Calf & Declares a Feast

- (1) People Bring Sacrifices & Offerings
- (2) People Eat, Drink & Revel
- 2) The Lord Expresses His Anger to Moses Ex. 32:7-10
 - a) Cites Israel's Sin: "Go down at once to your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt, for they have become depraved. They have soon turned aside from the way I pointed out to them, making for themselves a molten calf and worshiping it, sacrificing to it and crying out, 'This is your God, O Israel, who brought you out of the land of Egypt!'"
 - b) Sentences Israel to Destruction: "Let me alone, then, that my wrath may blaze up against them to consume them. Then I will make of you (Moses) a great nation."
- 3) Moses Intercedes for Israel (*Role of a Priest*) Ex. 32:11-14
 - a) Pleas for Lord's Mercy: "Why, O LORD, should your wrath blaze up against your own people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with such great power and with so strong a hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'With evil intent he brought them out, that he might kill them in the mountains and exterminate them from the face of the earth'? Let your blazing wrath die down; relent in punishing your people."
 - b) Reminds Lord of His Covenant Promises: "Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, and how you swore to them by your own self, saying, 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky; and all this land that I promised, I will give your descendants as their perpetual heritage.'"
 - c) The Lord Relents
- 4) Moses Returns to Israel's Camp Ex. 32:15-29
 - a) Destroys the Golden Calf
 - b) Chastises Aaron
 - c) Cries Out to the Crowd: "Whoever is for the LORD, let him come to me!" (*Ex. 32:26*)
 - (1) All Levites Rally to Him (*Moses was from Tribe of Levi. Ex. 2:1-10*)
 - d) Commands Levites to Slay the Idolaters
 - (1) Levites Go through Camp & Slay 3,000 Israelites
 - e) Dedicates the Levites to Lord's Service: "Today you have been dedicated to the LORD, for you were against your own sons and kinsmen, to bring a blessing upon yourselves this day." (*Ex. 32:29*) (*Levites to Serve as the Lord's Religious Order*)
- 5) Moses Makes Atonement for Israel Ex. 32:30-35
 - a) Addresses the Israelites: "You have committed a grave sin. I will go up to the LORD, then; perhaps I may be able to make atonement for your sin." (*Responsibility of a High Priest.*)
 - b) Goes Back Up the Mountain to the Lord
 - (1) Moses Implores the Lord: "Ah, this people has indeed committed a grave sin in making a god of gold for themselves! If you would only forgive their sin! If you will not, then strike me out of the book that you have written." (*Offering Himself for Israel's Atonement*)
 - (2) The LORD Answers: "Him only who has sinned against me will I strike out of my book. Now, go and lead the people whither I have told you. My angel will go before you. When it is time for me to punish, I will punish them for their sin."

d. **Jesus Christ Intercedes for His Church**

Just as Moses Interceded for People of Israel; So, Jesus Intercedes for His Church.

- 1) **Israel's Rebellion is Representative of Man's Rebellion Against God**
 - a) **Man Rebels Against His Creator** Rom. 1:18-32
 - (1) *"Ever since the creation of the world, his invisible attributes of eternal power and divinity have been able to be understood and perceived in what he has made. As a result, they have no excuse; for although they knew God they did not accord him glory as God or give him thanks. Instead, they became vain in their reasoning, and their senseless minds were darkened. While claiming to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for the likeness of an image of mortal man or of birds or of four-legged animals or of snakes."* (Rom. 1:20-23)
 - (2) *"Therefore, God handed them over to impurity through the lusts of their hearts for the mutual degradation of their bodies. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie and revered and worshiped the creature rather than the creator,*" (Rom. 1:24-25)
 - b) **Gentiles (Without the Law) Sin Against their Own Consciences**
Rom. 2:12-16
 - c) **Jews Sin Against the Laws of Moses** Rom. 2:17-29
- 2) **The Lord's Condemnation of Sinful Mankind**
 - a) **Cites Mankind's Sinful Condition** Rom. 3:9-18
 - (1) *"..... as it is written: 'There is no one just, not one, there is no one who understands, there is no one who seeks God. (Re: Psa. 14:1-3) All have gone astray; all alike are worthless; there is not one who does good, (there is not) even one.'" (Rom. 3:10-12)*
 - (2) *"For there is no distinction (Between Jew & Gentile); all have sinned and are deprived of the glory of God."* (Rom. 3:22b-23)
 - b) **Sentences Mankind to Toil & Death (Eternal Separation from God)**
 - (1) *"..... By the sweat of your face shall you get bread to eat, Until you return to the ground, from which you were taken; For you are dirt, and to dirt you shall return."* Gen. 3:17-19
 - (2) *"For the wages of sin is death"* Rom. 6:23a
- 3) **Overview of Jesus Christ's Ministry of Intercession**
 - a) **Lord Jesus Convicts People of their Need for Salvation**
 - (1) **Call to Repentance. "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."**
Matt.4:17
 - (2) **Chastises Unbelieving People** Matt. 11:20-24
 - *"Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty deeds (Miracles Performed by Jesus) done in your midst had been done in Tyre and Sidon (Wicked Cities in Old Testament), they would long ago have repented in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you."* (Matt. 11:21-22)
 - (3) **Chastises Unbelieving Religious Leaders** Matt. 23
 - *"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You lock the kingdom of heaven before human beings. You do not enter yourselves, nor do you allow entrance to those trying to enter."* (Matt. 23:13)

- b) Lord Jesus Invites People to Receive Him as Savior
- (1) “Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.” Matt 10:32
 - (2) “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened (*From Sin*), and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.” Matt. 11:28-30
 - (3) “Let anyone who thirsts (*For the Things of God*) come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as scripture says: ‘Rivers of living water will flow from within him.’” John 7:37-38
- c) Lord Jesus’ Prayer of Intercession John 17
- (1) Jesus Affirms His Office of High Priest John 17:1-8
 - He Completed His Salvific Mission. “Father, the hour has come (*To Offer Himself as a Sacrifice*). Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that he may give eternal life to all you gave him..... I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began.”
 - He Dedicates His Disciples to Lord’s Service. “I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you (*Dedicated to Lord*), and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you gave me is from you, because the words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me.”
 - (2) Jesus Intercedes for His Disciples (Church Leaders) John 17:9-19
 - “I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them.” (*John 17:9-10*)
 - “Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth.” (*John 17:17-19*)
 - (3) Jesus Intercedes for All Believers John 17:20-26
 - “I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me.” (*John 17:20-21*)
 - Applying the Petitions He Prayed for His Disciples to All Believers – Consecrating Them to the Lord
 - (4) *As Moses Dedicated Levites to Lord’s Service; So, Jesus Dedicates & Consecrates All Believers (Both Clergy & Laity) to Lord’s Service*
- d) Lord Jesus Offers Himself as a Holy Sacrifice for Sin
- (1) Satisfying God’s Justice by Dying in Our Stead
 - “But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are

now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath. Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life.” Rom. 5:8-10

- “Christ ransomed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written, ‘Cursed be everyone who hangs on a tree (*i.e. Wooden Cross*),’ (Re. Deut. 21:23)” Gal. 3:13
- (2) Replacing & Fulfilling Moses’ Offer. “Ah, this people has indeed committed a grave sin in making a god of gold for themselves! If you (*Lord God*) would only forgive their sin! If you will not, then strike me (*Moses*) out of the book that you have written.” Ex. 32:31-32
- Moses, a Sinful Man, Could Not Atoned for Israel’s Sin
 - Jesus, a Sinless Man, Died for All Mankind, Including Moses
 - “For our sake he (*Father God*) made him (*Jesus Christ*) to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.” 2 Cor. 5:21
 - “He (*Messiah*) committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.’ (Re: Isa. 53:9) he handed himself over to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.....” 1 Pet. 2:22-24
 - As Moses Offered Himself to Save Israel; So, Jesus Christ Voluntarily Laid Down His Life for the Salvation of Mankind
 - “..... I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again.....” John 10:17-18
- (3) *As God Relented His Sentence to Destroy Israel for their Rebellion, Because of Moses’ Intercession, Offering to Make Atonement in their Behalf; So, God Relents His Sentence of Eternal Damnation of All Mankind, Because of Jesus Christ’s Intercession & His Completed Atonement for those Who Accept His Sacrifice.*
- 4) Lord Jesus Returns After Offering Himself as a Holy Sacrifice for the Atonement of Sin
- a) Jesus Commissions His Church
- (1) “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” Matt. 28:18-20
- (2) “But you will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.” Acts 1:8-9
- b) Jesus Pours Out the Holy Spirit Upon His Church Acts 2
(To Fulfill His Commission)
- (1) “When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong

driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.” (Acts 2:1-4)

(2) Peter, Anointed by the Holy Spirit, Proclaims Gospel of Jesus Christ

- Convicts People of Sin
 - “You who are Israelites, hear these words. Jesus the Nazorean was a man commended to you by God with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs, which God worked through him in your midst, as you yourselves know. This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God, you killed, using lawless men to crucify him. But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by it.” (Acts 2:22-24)
 - “Therefore let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.” (Acts 2:36)
- People Repent. “Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, ‘What are we to do, my brothers?’” (Acts 2:37)
- Peter Invites People to Receive Jesus as Savior & Lord. “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the holy Spirit.” (Acts 2:38)
 - 3,000 Jews Repent & Accept Jesus as Messiah

Observation. The Levites purged Israel’s Camp by killing 3,000 Rebels at Moses’ Command, when he returned from Mount Sinai after receiving the Law (Beginning of the Mosaic Covenant). This is reversed when 3,000 Israelites entered the Church by repenting, accepting Jesus as Messiah & Lord, and being Baptized, in response to Peter’s Sermon on the Day of Pentecost (Birth of Church – New Covenant). There are no coincidents in the Bible!

c) Jesus Christ’s Church

(1) Salvation Extended to Gentiles

Acts 10

- “Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, ‘In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him.’” (Acts 10:34-35)
- “While Peter was still speaking these things, the holy Spirit fell upon all (Including Gentiles) who were listening to the word.” (Acts 10:44)

(2) Believing Christians are Dedicated to Lord

- “But you are ‘a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises’ of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were ‘no people’ but now you are God’s people; you ‘had not received mercy’ but now you have received mercy.”

1 Pet. 2:9-10

- 5) Lord Jesus' Continual & Eternal Intercession as High Priest Enthroned at the Right Hand of God Almighty
 - a) "..... When he (*Jesus Christ*) had accomplished purification from sins, he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high, as far superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs." Heb. 1:1-4
 - b) ".....Jesus (also) become the guarantee of an (even) better covenant. Those (*Levitical*) priests were many because they were prevented by death from remaining in office, but he, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them." Heb. 7:22-25

2. Order of Priests & Religious

- a. Lord Designates House of Aaron as His Priests
 - 1) Lord Instructs Moses: "From among the Israelites have your brother Aaron, together with his sons Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, brought to you, that they may be my priests." Ex. 28:1
 - 2) Priestly Order of Aaron
 - a) Lord's Perpetual Priesthood. "..... Thus shall the priesthood be theirs by perpetual law, and thus shall you ordain Aaron and his sons." Ex. 29:9
 - b) Lord's Exclusive Priesthood. "But only Aaron and his descendants shall you appoint to have charge of the priestly functions. Any layman who comes near shall be put to death." Num. 3:10
 - 3) The Levitical Order. "The LORD said to Aaron,
 - a) 'You and your sons as well as the other members of your ancestral house (*i.e. Levites*) shall be responsible for the sanctuary; but the responsibility of the priesthood shall rest on you and your sons alone.'
 - b) 'Bring with you also your other kinsmen of the tribe of Levi, your ancestral tribe, as your associates and assistants, while you and your sons are in front of the tent of the commandments. They shall look after your persons and the whole tent (*Tabernacle*); As your associates they shall have charge of all the work connected with the meeting tent. But no layman shall come near you.'
 - c) 'You shall have charge of the sanctuary and of the altar, that wrath may not fall again upon the Israelites. Remember, it is I who have taken your kinsmen, the Levites, from the body of the Israelites; they are a gift to you, dedicated to the LORD for the service of the meeting tent.'
 - d) 'But only you and your sons are to have charge of performing the priestly functions in whatever concerns the altar and the room within the veil. I give you the priesthood as a gift. Any layman who draws near shall be put to death.'" Num 18:1-7
- b. Lord Designates Christ Jesus as Eternal High Priest
 - 1) John the Baptist Declares Jesus as Messiah (Lord's Holy Anointed One)
 - a) John was from Priestly House of Aaron Luke 1:5-25
 - (1) Father: Zechariah Serves as Priest at Temple
 - (2) Mother: Elizabeth Wife of Zechariah
 - (3) Both Parents from House of Aaron, Tribe of Levi
 - b) John is the Lord's Promised Herald

- (1) Prophecies of Messiah's Herald Mal. 3:1; Mal. 3:23-24
- "A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD (*"Messiah – Son of God"*)! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God (*Repent & Prepare Your Hearts*)! Every valley shall be filled in (*Lift Up the Downtrodden*), every mountain and hill shall be made low (*Humble the Proud*); Then the glory (*Salvation*) of the LORD shall be revealed, and all mankind shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken" Isa. 40:3-5
 - Fulfilled by John. "And this is the testimony of John. 'I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as Isaiah the prophet said." John 1:19-23
- c) John's Ordained Ministry
Matt. 3:1-17; Mark 1:1-11; Luke 3:1-22; John 1:19-28
- (1) To Prepare Israelites to Receive their Messiah
- John Proclaims Baptism of Repentance for the Forgiveness of Sins, Preparing People to Receive the Coming Messiah
 - John's Message: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (*Matt. 3:2*)
 - People Came to John to be Baptized, Acknowledging their Sins
- (2) To Herald / Announce Messiah to Israel
- "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one (*Messiah*) who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire....." (*Matt. 3:11-12*)
- d) John Baptizes Jesus of Nazareth
- (1) Jesus Comes to John to be Baptized
- John Tries to Prevent Him: "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" (*Matt. 3:14*)
 - Discerning Jesus Had No Need to Repent of Sin
- (2) Jesus Insists on Being Baptized. "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." (*Matt. 3:15*)
- (3) John Baptizes Jesus in Jordan River
- (4) Jesus Comes Out of the Water After Being Baptized (*Matt. 3:16-17*):
- Spirit of God Descends Upon Him. ".....the heavens were opened (for him), and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove (and) coming upon him (*Anointing Messiah for Ministry*)."
 - God Speaks: "And a voice came from the heavens, saying, '**This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.**'"
- e) John Testifies that Jesus is Messiah John 1:29-34
- (1) Declares Jesus as Lord's Holy Sacrifice for the Atonement of Sin: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."
- John was from the Tribe of Levi, House of Aaron (Israel's Priestly Order) Who are Responsible for Offering Sacrifices
 - John Declares Jesus is the Sacrificial Lamb of God
- (2) Identifies Jesus as the Messiah. "He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'"

- (3) Explains His Mission. “I did not know him (*Promised Messiah*), but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel”
- (4) Confirms His Declaration. “I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from the sky and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the holy Spirit.’ Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.”
- 2) Lord Declares Messiah (“Christ”) as High Priest
- a) Prophecy that Messiah is the Lord’s Appointed Priest
- (1) “The LORD has sworn and will not waver: ‘Like Melchizedek you (*Messiah – Son of God*) are a priest forever.’” Psa. 110:4
- Messiah to be a Priest According to the Order of Melchizedek, Not Aaron
- b) Prophecy Fulfilled by Jesus Christ Heb. 5:1-10
- (1) Israel’s High Priests. “Every high priest is taken from among men and made their representative before God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring, for he himself is beset by weakness and so, for this reason, must make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honor upon himself but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.”
- High Priests are Taken from Among Men
 - High Priests Intercede for People
 - High Priests Offer Sacrifices for the Atonement of Sin
 - High Priests are Appointed by God
 - High Priests are from House of Aaron
- (2) Christ Jesus as High Priest
- Christ Appointed High Priest by God. “In the same way, it was not Christ who glorified himself in becoming high priest, but rather the one who said to him: ‘You are my son; this day I have begotten you’ (*Re: Psa. 2:7*); just as he says in another place: ‘You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.’ (*Re: Psa. 110:4*)”
 - Christ (Son of Man) Taken from Among Men & Appointed High Priest by God
 - Christ Intercedes for Mankind. “In the days when he was in the flesh (*Jesus of Nazareth*), he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.”
 - Christ Interceded for Those Who Would Accept His Sacrificial Death John 17:9-26
 - Christ’s Sacrifice for the Atonement of Sin. “Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him,
 - Christ’s Suffering (*Living as a Man*) was Perfected by His Sacrifice on the Cross for the Atonement of Sin

- Christ Became the Source of Eternal Salvation
 - [Christ from Order of Melchizedek](#). “declared by God high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.”
- c) [Christ’s Priesthood Replaces the Order of Aaron](#) Heb. 7:11-28
- (1) Perfection Not Achieved through the Levitical Order
 - “If, then, perfection came through the levitical priesthood, on the basis of which the people received the law, what need would there still have been for another priest to arise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not reckoned according to the order of Aaron?”
 - High Priests are Subject to Sin & Death. How Can They Atone for the Sins of Others before a Holy God?
 - Need to Appoint Another Priestly Order that’s Perfect, Holy & Eternal
 - (2) When the Priesthood Changes – The Law Changes (*New Covenant*)
 - “When there is a change of priesthood, there is necessarily a change of law as well.”
 - (3) Christ Jesus from the Tribe of Judah
 - “Now he of whom these things are said belonged to a different tribe, of which no member ever officiated at the altar. It is clear that our Lord arose from Judah, and in regard to that tribe Moses said nothing about priests.”
 - Tribe of Judah Not Designated as Priests by Laws of Moses
 - (4) New High Priest Appointed According to the Order of Melchizedek
 - “It is even more obvious if another priest is raised up after the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become so, not by a law expressed in a commandment concerning physical descent but by the power of a life that cannot be destroyed.”
 - High Priest Appointed Not By Law Nor Physical Descent
 - High Priest Appointed by the Power of a Life that Cannot be Destroyed!
 - “For it is testified: ‘You (*Messiah*) are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.’ (*Re: Psa. 110:4*) ”
 - [Melchizedek - Priest of God Most High](#) was “..... without beginning of days or end of life, thus made to resemble the Son of God, he remains a priest forever.” Heb. 7:1-3
 - Christ Jesus (*Son of God*) is Eternal High Priest: “Appointed by Power of a (*Divine*) Life that Cannot be Destroyed”
 - (5) The Former Commandment (Levitical Order) Annulled
 - “On the one hand, a former commandment is annulled because of its weakness and uselessness, for the law brought nothing to perfection;
 - Order of Aaron Weak & Useless (*Officiated by Sinful Man*)
 - The Law Brought Nothing into Perfection
 - (6) Better Hope through Christ Jesus Our High Priest
 - “on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God (*Personal Relationship with God*).”
 - “And to the degree that this happened not without the taking of

an oath—for others became (*Levitical*) priests without an oath, but he (*Christ*) with an oath, through the one who said to him: “The Lord has sworn, and he will not repent: “You are a priest forever” (*Re: Psa. 110:4*)”

- Order of Melchizedek (*Christ's Priesthood*) Established & Confirmed by God's Sworn Oath

(7) Christ Jesus is Our Guarantee of a New & Better Covenant

- “to that same degree has Jesus (also) become the guarantee of an (even) better covenant.”

(8) Christ's Priesthood Remains Forever

- “Those (*Levitical*) priests were many because they were prevented by death from remaining in office,
 - Priests of Old Covenant Died & Had to be Replaced
- “but he (*Christ Jesus*), because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them.”
 - Christ's Eternal Priesthood, Continually Provides Salvation & Intercession in Behalf of Man

(9) Christ Jesus Our Perfect & Eternal High Priest

- “It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the heavens.”
 - Jesus is Holy, Innocent & Undefiled (*Sinless*)
 - Jesus is Separated from Sinners (*Sanctified*)
 - Jesus is Higher than the Heavens (*Enthroned at God's Right Hand*)

(10) Priestly Sacrifices for the Atonement of Sin

- “He (*Christ*) has no need, as did the high priests, to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did that once for all when he offered himself.”
 - Levitical Priests Offered Imperfect Temporary Sacrifices
 - Christ Offered Himself (*On the Cross*) as Perfect & Eternal Sacrifice!
- “For the law appoints men subject to weakness (*Sinners*) to be high priests, but the word of the oath, which was taken after the law, appoints a son, who has been made perfect forever.”
 - God's Oath Appoints Jesus Christ (*Son of God*) as Eternal High Priest

3) Christ Jesus Ministers in Heavenly Sanctuary

Heb. 8:1-6

a) Ministering in the Earthly Tabernacle

- (1) *The Law Prescribes, as a Perpetual Ordinance, that Only the Levites & Priests are Allowed to Minister at the Altar & Within the Inner Courts of the Tabernacle.*
- (2) *During His Lifetime on Earth, Jesus, Who was Not a Levite, Did Not Minister at the Altar, Nor Did He Enter & Minister in the Inner Courts of the Temple in Jerusalem, Obeying the Law.*
- (3) *Jesus Offered His Sacrifice Outside the City on Golgotha's Hill*

Matt. 27:32-35a; Mark 15:21-26; John 19:16b-18

- b) Jesus Consecrated as High Priest in Heaven (*See Section G Below*)
- (1) After He Offered Himself as a Holy Sacrifice, Jesus Entered the Heavenly Tabernacle as Eternal High Priest, Presenting His Blood to Father God (Heb. 9:11-14), and was Enthroned at God's Right Hand.
 - "..... we have such a high priest, who has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle that the Lord, not man, set up."
- c) Jesus' Ministry is More Excellent than Mosaic Law
- (1) Israel's Priests Offer Temporal Gifts & Sacrifices to the Lord as Prescribed by Law
 - "Now every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; thus the necessity for this one (*Jesus*) also to have something to offer."
 - *Jesus Offers His Own Body as God's Holy & Eternal Sacrifice Heb. 10:1-9*
 - (2) Jesus' Priesthood is Not Earthly as Prescribe by Mosaic Law & Practiced by Israel's Priests
 - "If then he were on earth, he would not be a priest, since there are those who offer gifts according to the law."
 - (3) Israel's Priests Worship in an Temporal Earthly Sanctuary
 - "They (*Priests*) worship in a copy and shadow of the heavenly sanctuary, as Moses was warned when he was about to erect the tabernacle. For he says, 'See that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.' (*Re: Ex. 25:40*)"
 - Tabernacle was Designed & Specified by the Lord to be a Copy & Shadow of the Heavenly Sanctuary
 - *Jesus Ministers in that Heavenly Sanctuary*
 - (4) Jesus' Perfect Ministry
 - "Now he has obtained so much more excellent a ministry as he is mediator of a better covenant, enacted on better promises."
 - He Ministers Face to Face with Father God in the Heavenly Sanctuary
 - He Mediates a New & Better Covenant Founded on Better Promises (*Eternal Life through His Holy & Perfect Sacrifice*)
- c. Lord Designates Tribe of Levi as His Religious Num. 3:5-13
- 1) Assistants & Attendants to Priests. "Now the LORD said to Moses: 'Summon the tribe of Levi and present them to Aaron the priest, as his assistants. They shall discharge his obligations and those of the whole community before the meeting tent by serving at the Dwelling.....' (*Num 3:5-8*)
 - 2) Levites Dedicated to Lord.
 - a) 'You shall give the Levites to Aaron and his sons; they have been set aside from among the Israelites as dedicated to me.' (*Num. 3:9*)
 - b) "..... the LORD set apart the tribe of Levi to carry the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to be in attendance before the LORD and minister to him, and to give blessings in his name" Deut. 10:8

- 3) Levites Belong to Lord. “The LORD said to Moses, ‘It is I who have chosen the Levites from the Israelites in place of every first-born that opens the womb among the Israelites. The Levites, therefore, are mine, because every first-born is mine..... They belong to me; I am the LORD.’” (Num 3:11-13)
- a) Levites Substituted for Israel’s First Born Num. 3:40-51
Levites Serve the Lord in Place of Israel’s First Born Males Who are Consecrated to Lord.
- (1) Israel’s First Born Males Consecrated to Lord Ex. 13:1-16
- (2) Lord Instructs Moses: “Take a census of all the first-born males of the Israelites a month old or more, and compute their total number. Then assign the Levites to me, the LORD, in place of all the first-born of the Israelites, as well as their cattle in place of all the first-born among the cattle of the Israelites.” (Num. 3:40-41)
- (3) Moses Takes the Census
- Israelites Total 22,273 First Born Males
 - Levites Total 22,000
- (4) Ransom Paid to Aaron (Priests) for the Shortfall of 273 Levites
- 3) **Jesus, a First Born Son, is Consecrated to the Lord**
- a) *The Lord Claims All the First Born Males of Israel. They Belong to Him, Because He Spared Them from the Plague that Slew All the First Born Living in Egypt. He Instructed Each Israelite Household to Slay a Lamb, Spread its Blood on the Doorposts & Lintels of their Dwellings, Stay Inside and Celebrate the 1st Passover Supper. That Night the Lord Went Throughout Egypt Killing the First Born, but When He Saw the Blood on Israel’s Dwellings, He “Passed Over” Them. Ex. 12:1-36*
- (1) *“The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ‘Consecrate to me every first-born that opens the womb among the Israelites, both of man and beast, for it belongs to me.’” Ex. 13:1-2*
- (2) *All the First Born Sons of Israel Belong to the Lord and, as such, were Obligated to Serve Him Throughout their Adult Lives.*
- (3) *The Lord Substituted the Levites to Serve the Lord in Place of Israel’s First Born Sons, Releasing Them to Pursue their Livelihoods. Num. 3:5-13 & 40-51*
- b) **Jesus was Consecrated to the Lord, as Prescribed by Law**
- (1) **Joseph & Mary Took Jesus to Temple to be Consecrated to the Lord Luke 2:22-40**
- “..... they (Joseph & Mary) took him (Infant Jesus) up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, (Re: Ex. 13:2)’ and to offer the sacrifice of ‘a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons,’ in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.” (Luke 2:22-24)
 - They are Met by Simeon, a Devout Jew, Who Took Jesus in His Arms & Prophesied: “Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” (Luke 2:29-32)

- Simeon then Blesses Jesus' Parents
 - Prophetess Anna Appears at Temple & Confirms Prophecy
- (2) Jesus Grew Up Learning the Jewish Law & Traditions, as well as His Trade as a Carpenter. As a Young Adult He Successfully Ran the Family Business.
- (3) Jesus Voluntarily Leaves His Business & Enters into Full-Time Ministry. His Public Ministry Began with His Baptism and Ended with His Death on the Cross on the Feast of Passover as the Lord God's Paschal Lamb.
- c) Christ Paid the Ransom for Our Redemption
- (1) "Christ ransomed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written, 'Cursed be everyone who hangs on a tree,' (Re: Deut. 21:23)" Gal. 3:13
- (2) "For there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and the human race, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself as ransom for all." 1 Tim. 2:5-6a
- d. Christ Dedicates His Disciples (Followers) to the Lord
- 1) Christ Jesus is Head of the Church as Lord, King & High Priest
1 Cor. 12; Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:15-20
As the Lord Consecrated Levites to Serve Israel's Priests; So, We Christians are Consecrated to Serve Our High Priest the Lord Jesus Christ
- a) Jesus Dedicates Us to Father God
- (1) Jesus' Prayer Consecrating His Disciples John 17:9-19
- "They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth." (John 17:16-19)
- (2) Jesus' Prayer Consecrating All Believers John 17:20-26
- "I pray not only for them (*His Disciples*), but also for those who will believe in me through their word (*All Believers*), so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me." (John 17:20-21)
- b) Priests & Levites are from the Same Tribe; We Christians are Adopted into the Family of God, Brothers & Heirs with Jesus Our High Priest
- (1) "For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him." Rom. 8:14-17
- (2) "He who consecrates (*Christ*) and those who are being consecrated (*Christians*) all have one origin. Therefore, he is not ashamed to call them brothers" Heb. 2:11
- c) Levites Serve the Lord in the Tabernacle (Temple); We Christians are the Temple of the Holy Spirit
- (1) Individually as Spirit Filled Christians

- “Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?” 1 Cor. 3:16
- (2) Corporately as His Church (“Body of Christ”)
 - “As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.” 1 Cor. 12:12-13
 - “And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the extent of the full stature of Christ” Eph. 4:11-13
- e. Rebellion & Contest to Lord’s Anointed Priesthood Num 16 – 17
The Hardheartedness of Many Israelites Led to Repeated Rebellions Against the Lord their God, His Ways, His Word & His Anointed; Culminating with their Rejection of Messiah – Son of God (Lord’s Holy Anointed One).
 - 1) Israel’s Rebellion Against Moses & Aaron Num. 16:1 – 17:5
 [KJV Num. 16:1-40]
 - a) Korah Leads 250 Levites Against Aaronic Priesthood
 - (1) Conspiring with Dathan & Abiram (Laymen) Against Moses
 - b) Rebels Confront Moses: “Enough from you! The whole community, all of them, are holy; the LORD is in their midst. Why then should you set yourselves over the LORD’S congregation?” (Num. 16:3)
 - (1) Moses Falls Prostrate Before Lord
 - c) Moses Confronts Korah & Levite Rebels
 - (1) Prove the Lord’s Anointing. “May the LORD make known tomorrow morning who belongs to him and who is the holy one and whom he will have draw near to him! Whom he chooses, he will have draw near him. Do this: take your censers (Korah and all his band) and put fire in them and place incense in them before the LORD tomorrow. He whom the LORD then chooses is the holy one.....” (Num 16:5-7)
 - (2) Reprimands Levite Rebels. “..... Is it too little for you that the God of Israel has singled you out from the community of Israel, to have you draw near him for the service of the LORD’S Dwelling and to stand before the community to minister for them? He has allowed you and your kinsmen, the descendants of Levi, to approach him, and yet you now seek the priesthood too. It is therefore against the LORD that you and all your band are conspiring. For what has Aaron done that you should grumble against him?” (Num. 16:8-11)
 - d) Moses Summons Dathan & Abiram
 - (1) They Refuse to Attend, Complaining Against Moses
 - e) The Lord’s Judgment
 - (1) Moses Sets Up a Contest Between Levite Rebels & Aaron
 - Each Offer Incense Before the Lord
 - (2) Korah & Rebellious Levites Fill their Censers with Incense
 - Set Fire to their Incense & Stand at Entrance of Meeting Tent

- (3) Glory of Lord Appears Before Entire Community
- Lord Says to Moses & Aaron: “Stand apart from this band, that I may consume them at once.”
 - Moses & Aaron Cry Out: “O God, God of the spirits of all mankind, will one man’s sin make you angry with the whole community?”
 - Lord Answers Moses: “Speak to the community and tell them: Withdraw from the space around the Dwelling” (*Num. 16:21-24*)
- (4) Moses & Elders Go to Dathan & Abiram
- Moses Warns People to Stay Away from Dathan & Abiram
 - Dathan & Abiram Stand in Front of their Tents with Families
 - Moses’ Pronouncement: “This is how you shall know that it was the LORD who sent me to do all I have done, and that it was not I who planned it: if these men die an ordinary death, merely suffering the fate common to all mankind, then it was not the LORD who sent me. But if the LORD does something entirely new, and the ground opens its mouth and swallows them alive down into the nether world, with all belonging to them, then you will know that these men have defied the LORD” (*Num 16:28-30*)
 - Earth Immediately Splits Open & Swallows Rebels
- (5) Lord Sends Fire Consuming 250 Levite Rebels Offering Incense
- f) Lord Affirms Sanctity of Priesthood
- (1) Lord Orders Moses
- “Tell Eleazar, son of Aaron the priest, to remove the censers from the embers; and scatter the fire some distance away, for these sinners have consecrated the censers at the cost of their lives.
 - Have them hammered into plates to cover the altar, because in being presented before the LORD they have become sacred. In this way they shall serve as a sign to the Israelites” (*Num. 17:2-3*)
- (2) Eleazar Obeys Word of the Lord
- (3) Reminder of Lord’s Exclusive Priesthood. “This cover was to be a reminder to the Israelites that no layman, no one who was not a descendant of Aaron, should approach the altar to offer incense before the LORD, lest he meet the fate of Korah and his band.” (*Num. 17:5*)
- 2) Korah’s Levite Conspiracy Against Moses & Aaron (*Lord’s Anointed*) is Representative of the Conspiracy of the Chief Priests & Scribes Against Messiah Jesus (*Lord’s Holy Anointed One*)
- a) Conspiracy Against Jesus. “Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, and they consulted together to arrest Jesus by treachery and put him to death.” Matt. 26:3-4
- b) Jesus Confronts Rebellious Leadership - Examples
- (1) Failed to Grasp the Spirit of the Law John 5:41-47
- “..... I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I came in the name of my Father, but you do not accept me; yet if another comes in his own name, you will accept him.....”

- “Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father: the one who will accuse you is Moses, in whom you have placed your hope. For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, because he wrote about me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?”
- (2) Failed to Apply the Intent of the Law Matt. 23
- Jesus Advises the People: “The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice”
(*Matt. 23:2-3*)
 - Jesus Chastises Rebellious Leadership
 - “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You lock the kingdom of heaven before human beings. You do not enter yourselves, nor do you allow entrance to those trying to enter.” (*Matt. 23:13*)
 - “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You pay tithes of mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier things of the law: judgment and mercy and fidelity.....” (*Matt. 23:23*)
- c) The Lord’s Judgment Luke 19:41-44
- (1) Jesus Laments Over Jerusalem – Knowing He Will be Rejected: “If this day you only knew what makes for peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes.
- (2) Jesus Prophesies the Destruction of Jerusalem. “For the days are coming upon you when your enemies will raise a palisade against you; they will encircle you and hem you in on all sides. They will smash you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave one stone upon another within you because you did not recognize the time of your visitation. (*Of Messiah - Son of God*)”
- (3) Rome Destroyed Jerusalem and its Temple a Generation After Jesus’ Prophecy. Temple Worship & Israel’s Priesthood Ceased at that Time.
- 3) Lord Confirms His Anointed Priesthood Num. 17:6-28
[KJV Num. 16:41 – 17:13]
- a) Next Day, Whole Community Grumbles Against Moses & Aaron (*Lord’s Anointed*) - *Represents Mankind’s Sinful Condition.*
- (1) Blaming Them for Death of Rebels
- b) Glory of Lord Appears at Tabernacle
- (1) Lord Says to Moses & Aaron: “Depart from this community, that I may consume them at once.” (*Num. 17:10a*)
- *Represents Death, the Curse of Sin, that Befalls All Mankind*
- (2) Moses & Aaron (*Lord’s Anointed*) Fall Prostrate Before Lord
- *Jesus (Lord’s Anointed One) Lays Down His Life for Sinners*
- c) Moses Instructs Aaron: “Take your censer, put fire from the altar in it, lay incense on it, and bring it quickly to the community to make atonement for them; for wrath has come forth from the LORD and the blow (*Plague*) is falling.” (*Num. 17:11*)

- d) Aaron Obeys Moses
- (1) Runs through the Community with Censer as Plague is Falling
 - (2) Offers Incense to Make Atonement for People
 - Standing Between Living & Dead
 - (3) Plague Stops After 14,700 Israelis had Died
- e) **Jesus Christ Stands Between Living and the Dead (Curse of Sin)**
Aaron Filled His Censer with Fire from the Altar & Ran Through the Community, Standing Between the Living & Those Who Died from the Plague, Stopping the Plague. Jesus Having Offered Himself as a Sacrifice for Sin Becomes the Lord's Anointed High Priest, Pours Out the Holy Spirit Upon His Followers (Baptizing Them with Holy Spirit & Fire) to Spread His Gospel Throughout the Earth. Having Taken the Curse of Sin Upon Himself, Jesus Stands Between Those Who are Granted Eternal Life ("The Living") & Those Who are Condemned ("The Dead").
- (1) Jesus is God's Gift of Eternal Life John 3:16-18
 - "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son (*Jesus Christ – Son of God*), so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.
 - "Whoever believes in him will not be condemned (*"The Living" Forgiven of their Sins*), but whoever does not believe has already been condemned (*"The Dead" Remain in their Sins*), because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God."
 - (2) Jesus IS Life Itself.
 - "For just as the Father has life in himself, so also he gave to his Son the possession of life in himself." John 5:26
 - "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die....." John 11:25-26
 - "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6
 - (3) Our Eternal Song of Victory. "And when this which is corruptible (*Our Earthly Bodies*) clothes itself with incorruptibility (*Our Eternal Bodies*) and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about: 'Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?' The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 15:54-57
- f) Lord Instructs Moses
- (1) "Speak to the Israelites and get one staff from them for each ancestral house, twelve staffs in all, one from each of their tribal princes. Mark each man's name on his staff; and mark Aaron's name on Levi's staff, for the head of Levi's ancestral house shall also have a staff.
 - (2) "Then lay them down in the meeting tent, in front of the commandments, where I meet you.
 - (3) "There the staff of the man of my choice shall sprout. Thus will I

suppress from my presence the Israelites' grumbling against you."
(*Num. 17:17-20*)

- g) Moses Collects a Staff from Each of the Tribal Princes & Aaron
(*Staff is a Symbol of Authority*)
 - (1) Lays Staffs Before Lord in Tent of Commandments
 - h) Next Day, Moses Retrieves Staffs
 - (1) Aaron's Staff Sprouted Shoots with Blossoms & Ripe Almonds
 - (2) Other Staffs Remain Unchanged
 - Aaron Returns those Staffs to Tribal Princes
 - i) Lord Commands Moses: "Put back Aaron's staff in front of the commandments, to be kept there as a warning to the rebellious, so that their grumbling may cease before me; if it does not, they will die."
(*Num. 17:25*)
 - j) Israel Repents, Accepting Sanctity of Priesthood
- 4) The Lord Confirms Jesus of Nazareth as His Holy Anointed One (*Prophet, Priest & King*)
- a) Lord's Anointing Confirmed by Jesus' Ministry
 - (1) Announced at the Beginning of His Ministry Mark 1:9-11
 - "..... Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'"
 - (2) Confirmed by Signs & Wonders During His Ministry
 - Jesus Heals a Paralytic Mark 2:1-12
 - People Bring a Paralytic to Jesus
 - Jesus Says to Paralytic: "Child, your sins are forgiven."
 - Religious Leaders Ask Themselves: "Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming. Who but God alone can forgive sins?"
 - Jesus Knowing their Thoughts Responds: "Why are you thinking such things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, pick up your mat and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth — he said to the paralytic, 'I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home'"
 - Paralytic is Healed, Stands Up, Picks Up His Mat & Walks
 - Jesus Confronts Jewish Leadership John 10:37-38
 - "If I do not perform my Father's works (*Healings & Miracles*), do not believe me; but if I perform them, even if you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may realize (and understand) that the Father is in me and I am in the Father."
 - Israel's Response to Lord's Anointed One John 12:37-38
 - "Although he (*Jesus*) had performed so many signs in their presence they did not believe in him, in order that the word which Isaiah the prophet spoke might be fulfilled: 'Lord,

who has believed our preaching, to whom has the might of the Lord (*i.e. Jesus' Miracles*) been revealed? (Re: Isa. 53:1)”

- (3) Declared at the End of His Public Ministry John 12:20-26
- Jesus Troubled About His Upcoming Suffering & Death, Says: “Father, glorify your name.”
 - Father God Replies from Heaven: “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.” (John 12:28)

b) Jesus Christ is the True Vine

Aaron's Staff is a Foreshadow of Jesus Christ as the True Vine.

(1) Aaron's Staff Blossoms & Bears Fruit in God's Presence

As Aaron's Staff was the Only Staff Among All the Tribes of Israel to Blossom and Bear Fruit, Proving the Lord's Anointing; So, Jesus the Lord's Only Holy Anointed One is the Source of Our Spiritual Life and Ministry.

- “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit..... Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.....” John 15:1-8

(2) Aaron's Staff is Placed Before the Commandments

As Aaron's Staff was Placed Before the Commandments in the Ark of the Covenant (God's Throne on Earth); So, Jesus was Enthroned at the Right Hand of God Almighty within the Heavenly Sanctuary.

- “..... we have such a high priest (Jesus Christ), who has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle that the Lord, not man, set up.” Heb. 8:1-2

3. Priestly Vestments

Ex. 28

(See Figure 1 “Anointed Priest – Part I” Study for a Sketch of High Priest's Vestments.)

a. Lord Specifies High Priest's Vestments to Moses

Ex. 28:1-5

The Vestments were Designed by the Lord to Point to Messiah - High Priest.

1) Priesthood from the House of Aaron

- a) “From among the Israelites have your brother Aaron, together with his sons Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, brought to you, that they may be my priests.”

b) *Messiah is High Priest According to the Order of Melchizedek, Superior to the Order of Aaron*

Heb. 7:1-10

2) High Priest to be Adorned with Sacred Vestments

- a) “For the glorious adornment of your brother Aaron (High Priest) you shall have sacred vestments made.....”

(1) Messiah Adorns / Fulfills the Office of High Priest

3) Vestments that are to be Worn in Lord's Service

- a) “These are the vestments they shall make: a breastpiece, an ephod, a robe,

a brocaded tunic, a miter and a sash.

(1) Sacred Vestments Reveal the Work of Messiah

- b) “In making these sacred vestments which your brother Aaron and his sons are to wear in serving as my priests they shall use gold, violet, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen.”

(1) Materials Used in Vestments Reveal the Person of Messiah

- Gold & Golden Thread (*Symbolizes Deity*)
 - *Jesus is Messiah – Son of God*
- Violet & Purple Yarn (*Symbolizes Royalty*)
 - *Jesus Christ is High Priest, King of Kings & Lord of Lords*
- Scarlet Yarn (*Symbolizes Sacrifice / Blood*)
 - *Jesus Christ is the Lord’s Holy & Perfect Sacrifice*
- Fine Linen (*Symbolizes Purity*)
 - *Jesus Christ is Pure / Without Sin*

- b. The Ephod (Apron Like Garment) Ex. 28:6-14

1) Apron Like Garment

- a) “The ephod they shall make of gold thread and of violet, purple and scarlet yarn, embroidered on cloth of fine linen twined.”

b) Ephod (Apron) Symbolizes Jesus’ Mission / Service as Messiah

2) Pair of Shoulder Straps

- a) “It shall have a pair of shoulder straps joined to its two upper ends.”

b) Pair of Shoulder Straps Represent Jesus’ Outstretched Arms

(1) Beckoning People to Come to Him. “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened (With Sin & Its Effects), and I will give you rest.....”

Matt. 11:28-30

(2) Offering Himself on the Cross

3) Belt / Sash

- a) “The embroidered belt of the ephod shall extend out from it and, like it, be made of gold thread, of violet, purple and scarlet yarn, and of fine linen twined.”

- b) “The sash shall be of variegated work.”

Ex. 28:39c

c) Sash Represents Jesus Tied as He is Being Scourged

4) Memorial Stone on Each Shoulder Strap for Sons of Israel

- a) “Get two onyx (*Black*) stones and engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel: six of their names on one stone, and the other six on the other stone, in the order of their birth..... mounted in gold filigree work. Set these two stones on the shoulder straps of the ephod as memorial stones of the sons of Israel. Thus Aaron shall bear their names on his shoulders as a reminder before the LORD.

(1) Two Memorial Stones Represent Jesus’ Death for Sins of Israel

- *Fulfilling Both the Old & New Covenants*

- b) “Make filigree rosettes of gold, as well as two chains of pure gold, twisted like cords, and fasten the cordlike chains to the filigree rosettes.”

(1) Two Chains Represent Jesus’ Outstretched Arms on the Cross

- c. The Breastplate of Decision Ex. 28:15-30

Symbolizes Son of God’s Decision to Offer Himself as Lord’s Eternal Sacrifice for the Atonement of Sin. *Heb. 10:5-7*

1) Breastplate with 12 Precious Stones for Tribes of Israel

Breastplate Represents Jesus as Messiah – Israel’s High Priest & King

- a) “The breastpiece of decision you shall also have made, embroidered like the ephod with gold thread and violet, purple and scarlet yarn on cloth of fine linen twined. It is to be square when folded double, a span high and a span wide.
(1) Represents Messiah as Son of God
- b) “On it you shall mount four rows of precious stones: in the first row, a carnelian, a topaz and an emerald; in the second row, a garnet, a sapphire and a beryl; in the third row, a jacinth, an agate and an amethyst; in the fourth row, a chrysolite, an onyx and a jasper. These stones are to be mounted in gold filigree work, twelve of them to match the names of the sons of Israel, each stone engraved like a seal with the name of one of the twelve tribes”
(1) Represents that Messiah (Son of Man) is an Israelite
- 2) Breastplate Mounted by Golden Rings
 - a) “When the chains of pure gold, twisted like cords, have been made for the breastpiece, you shall then make two rings of gold for it and fasten them to the two upper ends of the breastpiece
(1) Two Upper Rings Symbolize Jesus’ Crucified Hands
 - b) “The gold cords are then to be fastened to the two rings at the upper ends of the breastpiece, the other two ends of the cords being fastened in front to the two filigree rosettes which are attached to the shoulder straps of the ephod.
(1) Symbolizes Jesus Fastened & Displayed on the Cross
 - c) “Make two other rings of gold and put them on the two lower ends of the breastpiece, on its edge that faces the ephod. Then make two more rings of gold and fasten them to the bottom of the shoulder straps next to where they join the ephod in front, just above its embroidered belt.
(1) Two Lower Rings Symbolize Jesus’ Crucified Feet
 - d) “Violet ribbons shall bind the rings of the breastpiece to the rings of the ephod, so that the breastpiece will stay right above the embroidered belt of the ephod and not swing loose from it.
(1) Symbolic of Jesus Christ’s Steadfastness & Victory on the Cross
 - e) “Whenever Aaron enters the sanctuary, he will thus bear the names of the sons of Israel on the breastpiece of decision over his heart as a constant reminder before the LORD.”
(1) Represents Jesus Entering into Heavenly Sanctuary as Messiah - High Priest, Continually Interceding / Reminding Lord God Almighty of His Covenant with Israel
- 3) Urim & Thummim Over Aaron’s Heart
 - a) “In this breastpiece of decision you shall put the Urim and Thummim, that they may be over Aaron’s heart whenever he enters the presence of the LORD. Thus he shall always bear the decisions for the Israelites over his heart in the LORD’S presence.”
 - (1) Urim & Thummim are Sacred Lots Used by High Priest to Determine Lord’s Decisions (*‘Urim & Thummim’ Mean ‘Lights & Perfections’*)
 - (2) *Breastplate of Decision Over Jesus’ Heart Represents Messiah as Lord, Savior & Righteous Judge* *John 5:19-30*
 - *“Urim” = Jesus is the “Light of the World”*

- *Exposing Man's Sin* *John 3:19-21*
 - *Illuminating the Way of Salvation* *John 8:12*
 - *"Thummim" = Jesus Our Savior or Judge*
 - *"Whoever believes in him (Jesus as Son of God) will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God."* *John 3:18*
- d. The Robe Ex. 28:31-35
- 1) Robe Made of Violet Material
 - a) "The robe of the ephod you shall make entirely of violet material."
 - (1) *The Robe Foreshadows the Robe Placed on Jesus' Bloodied Back by Soldiers as they Mocked Him* *Mark 15:15-20*
 - 2) Robe Woven Out of a Single Piece of Material
 - a) "It shall have an opening for the head in the center, and around this opening there shall be a selvage, woven as at the opening of a shirt, to keep it from being torn."
 - (1) *Like the Priest's Robe, Jesus' Tunic was Woven from a Single Piece of Material* *John 19:23-24*
 - *Soldiers Cast Lots Over Jesus' Tunic Keeping it in Tact*
 - (2) *Un-torn Tunic Represents Jesus' Bones that Were Not Broken to Hasten His Death* *John 19:31-37*
 - *He Voluntarily Released His Spirit in Death, After Completing His Salvific Mission on Earth*
 - *"..... he (Jesus) said, 'It is finished.' And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit"* *John 19:30*
 - 3) Hem of Pomegranates & Bells
 - a) "All around the hem at the bottom you shall make pomegranates, woven of violet, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen twined, with gold bells between them; alternating all around the hem of the robe."
 - (1) *Pomegranates Represent the Fruits of the Spirit* *Gal. 5:22-23*
 - (2) *Bells Represent the Gifts of the Spirit* *1 Cor. 12:1-11*
 - b) "Aaron shall wear it when ministering, that its tinkling may be heard as he enters and leaves the LORD'S presence in the sanctuary; else he will die."
 - c) *Healing Flowed from the Hem of Jesus' Cloak, Evidencing His Anointing* *Matt. 9:20-22*
- e. The Miter Ex. 28:36-38
- 1) Golden Seal Worn Over High Priest's Forehead
 - a) "You shall also make a plate of pure gold and engrave on it, as on a seal engraving, 'Sacred to the LORD.'"
 - (1) *High Priest Jesus is the Son of God "Sacred to the Lord"*
 - b) "This plate is to be tied over the miter with a violet ribbon in such a way that it rests on the front of the miter, over Aaron's forehead."
 - (1) *Jesus' Mind is Centered on Father God: "The Father and I are one."* *John 10:30*
 - c) "Since Aaron bears whatever guilt the Israelites may incur in consecrating any of their sacred gifts, this plate must always be over his forehead, so that they may find favor with the LORD."
 - (1) *Jesus Borne All Our Guilt & Shame on the Cross, So We Can Find Favor with God*

- *“For by grace (Unmerited Favor) you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them” Eph. 2:8-10*
- 2) Miter Made of Linen
 - a) “The miter shall be made of fine linen.” Ex. 28:39b
(1) Jesus’ Mind is Pure & Steadfast on God
 - f. The Tunic Ex. 28:39a
 - 1) Tunic Made of Fine Linen Material
 - a) “The tunic of fine linen shall be brocaded.....”
 - b) *Tunic Covers the Whole Body, Representing that Jesus is Totally Pure / Without Sin*
(1) “Can any of you charge me with sin?.....” John 8:46
 - g. Attire for Priests’ Daily Service Ex. 28:40-43
 - 1) “Likewise, for the glorious adornment of Aaron’s sons you shall have tunics and sashes and turbans made.
 - 2) “With these you shall clothe your brother Aaron and his sons. Anoint and ordain them, consecrating them as my priests.
 - 3) “You must also make linen drawers for them, to cover their naked flesh from their loins to their thighs.
 - 4) “Aaron and his sons shall wear them whenever they go into the meeting tent or approach the altar to minister in the sanctuary, lest they incur guilt and die. This shall be a perpetual ordinance for him and for his descendants.”
 - 5) *We are Clothed by the Holy Spirit for Our Daily Service to the Lord*
4. Consecration & Ordination of Priests
- a. Lord Prescribes Consecration & Ordination of His Priests Ex. 29
The Rituals Prescribed by Lord for Consecration & Ordination of Israel’s Priests Point to Messiah – High Priest
 - 1) Consecration of Priests Ex. 29:1-9
(To Consecrate is to Set Apart for / Devote to the Lord)
 - a) Lord Instructs Moses
 - (1) “This is the rite you shall perform in consecrating them (Aaron & His Sons) as my priests.”
 - (2) *Father God Consecrated His Son as Messiah John 10:30-39*
 - *Jesus Declares: “The Father and I are one.”*
 - *Jewish Authorities Pick Up Rocks to Stone Jesus*
 - *Jesus Asks: “I have shown you many good works from my Father. For which of these are you trying to stone me?”*
 - *Authorities Answer: “We are not stoning you for a good work but for blasphemy. You, a man, are making yourself God.”*
 - *Jesus Responds: “Is it not written in your law, ‘I said, “You are gods” (Quoting Psa. 82:6)’?”*

Explanation.

- *Jesus quotes from Psalm 82, where the Lord pronounces judgment against Israel’s wicked Judges, promising to judge the Earth Himself.*
- *The phrase “You are gods” refers to Israel’s Judges appointed under Mosaic Law, who are charged*

- Jesus Then Says: “If it calls them gods to whom the word of God came, and scripture cannot be set aside, can you say that the one (Messiah) whom the Father has consecrated and sent into the world blasphemes because I said, ‘I am the Son of God?’.....”
- (3) Jesus Christ Consecrates Himself as High Priest of His Church
 - “They (*Disciples of Christ*) do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth.” John 17:16-19
- b) Consecrate Ordination Sacrifices
 - (1) Animal (Blood) Offerings
 - “Procure a young bull and two unblemished rams.”
 - (2) Cereal Offerings
 - “With fine wheat flour make unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers spread with oil, and put them in a basket.”
 - (3) Jesus Christ Consecrates Himself as Holy Sacrifice Before Being Ordained as High Priest Matt. 26:26-29
 - Offering His Body (*Represented by Cereal Offerings Prescribed by God*). “..... Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, ‘Take and eat; this is my body.’
 - Offering His Blood (*Represented by Animal / Blood Offerings Prescribed by God*). “Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, ‘Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins.....’”
- c) Wash (Cleanse / Purify) Priests
Cleansing from Filth (Sin) – Points to Baptism of Repentance
 - (1) “Aaron and his sons you shall also bring to the entrance of the meeting tent, and there wash them with water.”
 - (2) Jesus Baptized by John Matt. 3:13-17
 - John Discerns that Jesus Had No Sin and Did Not Need to Repent & Baptized in Water. “I (*John*) need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?”
 - Jesus Insists on Complying with Law of Righteousness. “Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.”
 - John Baptizes Jesus
 - Jesus Anointed by Holy Spirit. “After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened (for him), and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove (and) coming upon him.”
 - Confirmed by Father God: “And a voice came from the heavens, saying, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.’”
 - (3) John Testifies that Jesus is Messiah & Son of God John 1:29-34
(John a Prophet of God was from the Priestly House of Aaron)

- “The next day he (*John the Baptist*) saw Jesus coming toward him and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God (*God’s Consecrated Sacrifice*), who takes away the sin of the world.’” (*John 1:29*)
 - “I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from the sky and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the holy Spirit.’ Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.” (*John 1:32-34*)
- d) Clothe Aaron in High Priest’s Vestments
- (1) “Take the vestments and clothe Aaron with the tunic, the robe of the ephod, the ephod itself, and the breastpiece, fastening the embroidered belt of the ephod around him. Put the miter on his head, the sacred diadem on the miter.”
 - (2) Word of God was Clothed with Human Flesh (*Jesus of Nazareth*)
John 1:1-18
 - “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” (*John 1:1*)
 - “And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father’s only Son, full of grace and truth.” (*John 1:14*)
- e) Anoint High Priest with Oil (*Oil Symbolizes the Holy Spirit*)
- (1) “Then take the anointing oil and anoint him with it, pouring it on his head.”
 - (2) Jesus is the Lord’s Holy Anointed One
 - Angelic Announcement at His Conception Luke 1:26-38
 - Angelic Announcement at His Birth Luke 2:8-20
 - Father God’s Declaration at His Baptism Matt. 3:13-17
 - Jesus’ Personal Declaration at Beginning of His Public Ministry
Luke 4:14-22
 - Jesus Stands Up & Reads a Messianic Prophecy (*Isa. 61:1-2*) in His Synagogue: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.” (*Luke 4:18-19*)
 - Jesus Applies that Prophecy to Himself: “Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.” (*Luke 4:21*)
 - Father God’s Declaration at Apex of His Ministry Matt. 17:1-8
 - Jesus’ Personal Declaration at End of His Public Ministry
John 12:1-8
 - Mary (*Lazarus’ Sister*) Anoints Jesus’ Feet with Expensive Perfumed Oil (*Signifying His Holy Walk into Sacrifice*)
 - Judas Iscariot Complains About the Cost
 - Jesus Replies: “Leave her alone. Let her keep this for the day of my burial (Completion of His Holy Sacrifice for Sin).” (*John 12:7*)

- f) Clothe Aaron's Sons in Priestly Attire
- (1) "Bring forward his sons also and clothe them with the tunics, gird them with the sashes, and tie the turbans on them."
 - (2) **Jesus Christ Consecrates His Church** John 17:16-19
 - "They (*Disciples of Christ*) do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth."
- g) Consecration of Lord's Perpetual Priesthood
- (1) "Thus shall the priesthood be theirs by perpetual law, and thus shall you ordain Aaron and his sons."
 - (2) **Jesus Christ Consecrated as Eternal High Priest**
 - "Those priests (*From House of Aaron*) were many because they were prevented by death from remaining in office, but he (*Jesus Christ*), because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them." Heb. 7:23-25
- 2) Ordination Sacrifices Ex. 29:10-25
- a) Sacrifice the Bullock as a Sin Offering

(*Sin Offering was Made by Priests for Forgiveness of their Sins*)

 - (1) Aaron & His Sons Lay Hands on Bullock's Head
 - (2) Slaughter the Bullock
 - Put Some Blood on Horns of Altar
 - Pour Rest of Blood at Base of Altar
 - Burn Internal Organs on Altar
 - Burn Flesh, Hide & Offal Outside the Camp
 - (3) **Jesus, Without Sin, Did Not Need to Make a Sin Offering for Himself**
 - **Jesus Became a Sin Offering for Sins of His Church, Allowing Them to Serve as Royal Priests** 1 Pet. 2:9-10
 - His Blood was Poured Out on the Cross (*Altar*)
 - He was Scourged & Then Secured to Cross
 - He Died Outside the Camp (*Jerusalem*)
 - b) Sacrifice the First Ram as a Holocaust (Whole Burt Offering)

(*Holocaust was Made by Priests to Atone for their Sins*)

 - (1) Aaron & His Sons Lay Hands on Ram's Head
 - (2) Slaughter the Ram
 - Splash Blood on Sides of Altar
 - Wash Internal Organs & Shanks
 - Burn Washed Items & Entire Ram on Altar. ". a sweet-smelling oblation to the LORD." (*Ex. 29:18*)
 - (3) **Jesus, Without Sin, Did Not Need to Atone for His Sins**
 - **Jesus Became a Holocaust to Atone for the Sins of His Church, Allowing Them to Serve as Royal Priests** 1 Pet. 2:9-10
 - His Blood was Splashed Out on the Cross (*Altar*)
 - He Remained Pure (*Sinless*) During His Suffering & Death
 - His Body was Totally Consumed on the Cross. ". a sweet-smelling oblation to the LORD." [*"But the LORD was*

pleased to crush him in infirmity. If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life, and the will of the LORD shall be accomplished through him.” Isa. 53:10]

- c) Sacrifice the Second Ram as the Ordination Ram
 Jesus Christ Offers Himself as an Ordination Sacrifice, Becoming the Lord’s Perfect & Eternal High Priest
- (1) Aaron & His Sons Lay Hands on Ram’s Head
- Chief Priests Laid their Hands on Jesus Turning Him Over to be Crucified
- (2) Slaughter the Ram
- Put Blood on Tip of Right Ears of Aaron & His Sons
(Sanctifying Priests to Hear the Lord)
 - Jesus Heard & Taught the Words of Father God. “My teaching is not my own but is from the one who sent me” John 7:16
 - Put Blood on Thumb of Right Hands of Aaron & His Sons
(Sanctifying Priests to Serve the Lord)
 - Jesus Performed the Works of Father God. “..... The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves.” John 14:10-11
 - Put Blood on Great Toe of Right Feet of Aaron & His Sons
(Sanctifying Priests to Walk the Way of the Lord)
 - Jesus Walked According to the Will of Father God. “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup *(His Pending Sacrifice)* pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will.” Matt. 26:39
 - Splash Rest of the Blood on Sides of Altar
 - Jesus’ Blood was Splashed Out on the Cross *(His Altar)*
 - Take Blood from Altar, Sprinkle with Anointing Oil on the Vestments of Aaron & His Son *(Sanctifying the Office of Priest)*
 - The Blood Jesus *(Lord’s Holy Anointed One)* Sanctified His Office as High Priest
 - Put Ram’s Internal Organs & Right Thigh into the Hands of Aaron & His Sons
 - Jesus Puts His Blood into Hands of His Church. “Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, ‘Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins.’” Matt. 26:27-28
 - Take One of the Unleavened Loaves, One of the Cakes & One of the Wafers from Cereal Offering & Put into the Hands of Aaron & His Sons
 - Jesus Puts His Body into Hands of His Church. “..... Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, ‘Take and eat; this is my body.’” Matt. 26:26
 - Aaron & His Sons are to Wave the Items in their Hands Before

the Lord as a Wave Offering

- Christ's Church Celebrate Holy Communion. ".....For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord (*Jesus*) until he comes....."

1 Cor. 11:17-34

- Burn Wave Offering On Top of Holocaust on Altar. ".....as a sweet-smelling oblation to the LORD." (*Ex. 29:25*)

- Holy Communion is Predicated on Jesus Christ's Wholly Consumed Sacrifice on the Cross "..... a sweet-smelling oblation to the LORD."

3) Sanctification of the Priests Ex. 29:26-34

a) Aaron's Portion of Sacrifice

(1) Take Breast of Ordination Ram & Wave Before Lord as a Wave Offering. ".....this is to be your own portion" (*Ex. 29:26*)

(2) Set Aside Ordination Ram's Breast, Thigh & Wave Offering

- They Belong to Aaron & His Sons

(3) "Such things are due to Aaron and his sons from the Israelites by a perpetual ordinance as a contribution....." (*Ex. 29:28*)

(4) Jesus Christ Gives His Body & Blood to the Church as a Sacred Celebratory Meal

- "..... the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes." 1 Cor. 11:23-25

b) High Priest's Sacred Vestments

(1) "The sacred vestments of Aaron shall be passed down to his descendants, that in them they may be anointed and ordained.

(2) "The descendant who succeeds him as priest and who is to enter the meeting tent to minister in the sanctuary shall be clothed with them for seven days (*During Ordination*)."
(*Ex. 29:29-30*)

(3) Jesus Christ's Priesthood is Eternal Without Secession

- "Those priests were many because they were prevented by death from remaining in office, but he (*Jesus Christ*), because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them."
Heb. 7:23-25

c) Aaron & His Sons Shall Eat their Portion of Sacrifice (*Sacred Food*)

(1) Aaron Boils Priest's Portion of Ordination Ram in a Holy Place

(2) Aaron & His Sons Eat Ram's Flesh & Bread from Cereal Offering at Entrance of Tabernacle

- "They themselves are to eat of these things by which atonement was made at their ordination and consecration; but no layman may eat of them, since they are sacred." (*Ex. 29:33*)

- (3) Any Left-Over Flesh & Bread Must be Burned Up
- “..... it is not to be eaten, since it is sacred.” (Ex. 29:34)
- (4) Jesus Christ’s Sacrificial Meal (*Sacred Food Sanctifying His People*)
- “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.” John 6:53-56
- 4) Seven Days to Consecrate & Sanctify the Priests Ex. 29:35-42
- a) Lord Continues Instructing Moses: “..... ‘Seven days you shall spend in ordaining them.....’” (Ex. 29:35)
- (1) *Seven is the Number of Completion*
 - (2) *Jesus Fulfills Old Covenant Ordination Rites, Becoming the Lord’s Only, Perfect & Eternal High Priest*
Matt. 21 – 27; Mark 11 – 15; Luke 19:28 – 23:56
 - Jesus Triumphantly Enters Jerusalem & Cleanses the Temple on the 1st Day for Week
 - Jesus Visits Temple Area, Teaching People & Confronting Chief Priests on 2nd to 5th Days of the Week
 - Jesus is Arrested, Tried, Beaten, Scourged, Crucified, Dies & Buried on the 6th Day of the Week
 - Jesus’ Body Lays in Tomb on the 7th Day of Week
- b) Sacrifice a Bullock Each Day as a Sin Offering to Make Atonement
- (1) *Jesus Offered Himself as Sacrifice for Atonement of Man’s Sin*
- c) Purge the Altar to Make Atonement for It
- (1) Anoint the Altar to Consecrate It
 - (2) Repeat for 7 Days. “..... Then the altar will be most sacred, and whatever touches it will become sacred.” (Ex. 29:37)
 - (3) *Jesus, the Lord’s Anointed One, Symbolically Cleanses the Temple*
Matt. 21:12-17
- d) Offer on the Altar: 2 Yearling Lambs, Cereal Offering of Fine Flour Mixed with Olive Oil & Wine as a Libation
- (1) *“2 Yearling Lambs” Represent Jesus’ Sacrifice Fulfilling the Old Covenant & Establishing a New Covenant*
 - (2) *“Cereal Offering of Fine Flour” Represents Jesus’ Body*
 - (3) *“Olive Oil” Represents Jesus’ Anointing by Holy Spirit*
 - (4) *“Wine as a Libation” Represents Jesus’ Blood that was Poured Out*
 - (5) Offer One Every Morning
(Jesus Scourged & Nailed to Cross in Morning)
 - (6) Offer One Every Evening at Twilight
(Jesus’ Body Taken Off Cross at Twilight)
 - (7) “You shall offer this as a sweet-smelling oblation to the LORD.”
(Ex. 29:41b)
(Jesus Offered Himself as a Pleasing Oblation to Lord. Isa. 53:10)
- e) “Throughout your generations this established holocaust shall be offered before the LORD at the entrance of the meeting tent, where I will meet you and speak to you.” (Ex. 29:42)

- (1) **Jesus Christ, Son of God, Met with Israelites in Temple Precincts (“Entrance of Meeting Tent”) & Spoke with Them the Week He Offered Himself (“Lamb of God”) as the Lord’s Holocaust for the Atonement of Sin** Matt. 21 – 27; John 1:29
- 5) **Israel and the Lord their God** Ex. 29:43-46
- a) “There, at the altar (*Place of Sacrifice*), I (*Lord God*) will meet the Israelites; hence, it will be made sacred by my glory.
 - b) “Thus I will consecrate the meeting tent and the altar, just as I also consecrate Aaron and his sons to be my priests.
 - c) “I will dwell in the midst of the Israelites and will be their God.
 - d) “They shall know that I, the LORD, am their God who brought them out of the land of Egypt, so that I, the LORD, their God, might dwell among them.”

Summary of Lord’s Promise to Dwell Among His People

- *The Lord’s promise was fulfilled as God’s Presence (Shekinah Glory) filled the Tabernacle at its dedication (Ex. 40:34-38). When a permanent Temple was built in Jerusalem the Shekinah Glory filled it at its dedication (1 Kings 8:10-13). The Shekinah Glory resided within the Holy of Holies of the Tabernacle, and then the Temple, dwelling among His people Israel.*
- *The Shekinah Glory eventually departed the Temple because God’s Chosen People continually rejected and rebelled against Him, worshipping pagan gods and practicing their abominable ways (Ezek. 10). The Temple was destroyed and the people were taken into captivity by pagan nations (2 Kings 25:9-26; 2 Chron. 36:15-21).*
- *A remnant of the Jews returned from captivity and rebuilt the Temple in Jerusalem, which remained under pagan rule (Ezra 3 – 6). There is no record in Scriptures of the Shekinah Glory returning to the Temple. The Temple was later enhanced and expanded into magnificent structures, awaiting Messiah.*
- *Jesus Christ visited the Temple many times during His lifetime on Earth. As He approached the Temple Precincts on Palm Sunday, He began to weep, prophesying the destruction of Jerusalem “..... because you did not recognize the time of your visitation.” (Luke 19:41-44) He knew that the Jewish Authorities would reject Him as Messiah – Son of God & King of Israel, preferring pagan rule (John 19:15). Instead of consecrating and inhabiting the Temple as Israel’s Lord, He became the Lord’s consecrated sacrifice outside the Temple. The Lord God lifted His protection of Israel. Jerusalem and its Temple were subsequently destroyed by pagan forces, and Israel’s Priesthood ceased.*
- *Jesus Christ will come again, enter a New Temple in Jerusalem and take His Throne within the Holy of Holies, where He will rule Earth and dwell among His People (Ezek. 43:1-9), completing the fulfillment of the Lord’s promise.*

b. **Moses Ordains Israel’s Priests**

Lev. 8

Jesus Christ Fulfills All the Prerequisites & Requirements of Israel’s Priesthood, Becoming Himself a Perfect & Eternal High Priest – Ordained by God Almighty.
Phil. 2:5-11; Col. 1:15-20; Heb. 1:1-4; Heb. 5:1-10

1) **Lord Commands Moses to Ordain His Priests**

Lev. 8:1-5

- a) “Take Aaron and his sons, together with the vestments, the anointing oil, the bullock for a sin offering, the two rams, and the basket of unleavened food. (*Lev. 8:2*)
- b) “Then assemble the whole community at the entrance of the meeting tent.” (*Lev. 8:3*)

(1) The Jews Were Assembled in Jerusalem to Celebrate Passover, When Jesus Triumphantly Entered the City, Taught in the Temple Precincts,

[was Arrested, Tried & Crucified.](#)

- c) Moses Obeys the Lord
 - (1) Assembles People Telling Them What Lord Commanded
- 2) Moses Consecrates the Priests as Prescribed by Lord Lev. 8:6-13
 - a) Washes Aaron & His Sons
 - b) Clothes Aaron in High Priest's Vestments
 - c) Anoints & Consecrates the Tabernacle
 - d) Anoints & Consecrates Aaron
 - e) Clothes Aaron's Sons in Priestly Attire
- 3) Moses Offers Sacrifices as Prescribed by Lord Lev. 8:14-30
 - a) Sacrifices the Bullock as a Sin Offering
 - b) Sacrifices the Holocaust Ram
 - c) Sacrifices the Ordination Ram & Cereal Offering
- 4) Seven Day Sanctification of Israel's Priests, as Prescribed by Lord Lev. 8:31-36 (*Seven is the Number of Perfect Completion*)
 - a) Moses Instructs Aaron & His Sons
 - (1) Prepare & Eat their Portion of Ordination & Daily Sacrifices
 - (2) Remain at Entrance of Tabernacle 7 Days
 - b) Aaron & His Sons Obey Moses as Commanded by Lord
- 5) [See Section G Below for Jesus Christ's Ordination / Coronation as High Priest](#)
- c. The Lord Reveals Himself to Israel on Eighth Day Lev. 9
(*Eight is the Number of New Beginnings*)
[Jesus Christ is Resurrected from Dead on 8th Day \(1st Day of the Week, i.e. Day Following the Sabbath\)](#) Matt. 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20
[Jesus Establishes a New Covenant Predicated Upon His Death & Resurrection](#)
 - 1) Moses Announces the Lord's Revelation Lev. 9:1-7
 - a) Moses Summons Priests & Elders of Israel
 - (1) Instructs Aaron: "Take a calf for a sin offering and a ram for a holocaust, both without blemish, and offer them before the LORD."
 - (2) Instructs the Elders: "Take a he-goat for a sin offering, a calf and a lamb, both unblemished yearlings, for a holocaust, and an ox and a ram for a peace offering, to sacrifice them before the LORD, along with a cereal offering mixed with oil; for today the LORD will reveal himself to you."
 - b) Aaron & Elders Bring Offerings Requested by Moses
 - c) Whole Israelite Community Assembles Before Lord
 - (1) Moses Says: "This is what the LORD orders you to do, that the glory of the LORD may be revealed to you."
 - (2) Moses Instructs Aaron: "Come up to the altar, and offer your sin offering and your holocaust in atonement for yourself and for your family; then present the offering of the people in atonement for them, as the LORD has commanded."
 - d) [Jesus Christ Prepares His Disciples for His Revelation](#)
 - (1) [Announces His Death & Resurrection](#)
 - "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and hand him over to the Gentiles who will mock him, spit upon him, scourge him, and put him to death, but after three days he will rise." Mark 10:33-34

- (2) Inaugurates His New Covenant Mark 14:22-25
- “..... he (*Jesus*) took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, ‘Take it; this is my body.’
 - “Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, ‘This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many.’”
- 2) Aaron Offers His Sacrifices Lev. 9:8-14
- a) Sacrifices the Calf as His & His Family’s Sin Offering
 - b) Sacrifices the Ram as a Holocaust Offering
 - c) **Jesus Offers Himself as Sacrifice for the Sins of His Family (*Israel*)**
- 3) People Present their Offerings to Aaron Lev. 9:15-21
- a) Aaron Sacrifices the Goat as Peoples’ Sin Offering
 - b) Aaron Sacrifices the Calf & Lamb as Holocaust Offerings
 - c) Aaron Burns Cereal Offering on Altar
 - d) Aaron Sacrifices the Ox & Ram as People’s Peace Offering
 - (1) Waving the Prescribed Portions Before Lord
 - e) **Jesus Offers Himself as Sacrifice for the Sins of All Mankind**
- 4) Revelation of Lord’s Glory Lev. 9:22-24
- a) Aaron Leaves the Altar of Sacrifice
 - (1) Raises His Hands Over People Blessing Them
 - b) Moses & Aaron Go Into Holy Place of Tabernacle
 - (1) Bless the People When they Return
 - c) Fire from Lord’s Presence Consumes the Sacrifices.
 - (1) “Then the glory of the LORD was revealed to all the people. Fire came forth from the LORD’S presence and consumed the holocaust and the remnants of the fat on the altar.
 - (2) “Seeing this, all the people cried out and fell prostrate.”
- 5) The Son of God Reveals Himself to Israel
- a) Jesus Christ (Son of God) is Lord’s Fire from Heaven
 - (1) “I (*John the Baptist*) am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one (*Messiah Jesus*) who is coming after me is mightier than I..... He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire.” Matt. 3:10-12
 - b) As Aaron Offered Sacrifices on Altar; So, Jesus Voluntarily Laid Down His Life as Lord’s Sacrifice
 - (1) “I am the good shepherd, ... I will lay down my life for the sheep..... This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father.” John 10:14-18
 - (2) As Lord Totally Consumed the Sacrifices on the Altar; So, Jesus was Totally Consumed as Lord’s (Son of God’s) Sacrifice on Cross
 - c) Jesus Christ Rises from the Dead
 - (1) As Aaron & Moses Enter Tabernacle’s Holy Place After Offering Sacrifices; So, Jesus Enters the Heavenly Sanctuary with His Offering
 - “But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that have come to be, passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation, he entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining

- eternal redemption.” Heb. 9:11-12
- (2) As Aaron & Moses Return from Holy Place; So, Jesus Reveals Himself as Our Risen Lord
- “.....Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared to Kephas, then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once, After that he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all he appeared to me (*St. Paul*).” 1 Cor. 15:3-8
- (3) As Aaron & Moses Bless the People; So, Jesus Blesses All Mankind with His Gospel
- “Thus it is written that the Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations.....” Luke 24:46-47
- d) As People Fall Prostrate Before Presence of Lord; So, All Creation Shall Bow Before Jesus Christ
- (1) “.....God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Phil. 2:5-11
- e) Jesus Christ Baptizes His Church with the Holy Spirit & Fire
- (1) “When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.” Acts 2:1-4
- d. Purification of the Levites Num. 8:5-22
- Levites Represent Jesus Christ’s Church
- 1) Lord Instructs Moses: “Take the Levites from among the Israelites and purify them.” (*Num. 8:6*)
- 2) Cleansing the Levites
- a) Moses Sprinkles Levites with Water of Redemption
- (1) Symbolizes Baptism of Repentance.
- Peter Proclaims: “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the holy Spirit.” Acts 2:38
- b) Levites Shave their Whole Bodies
- (1) Symbolizes Our Total Surrender to Jesus Christ
- So, We Can Say with Paul. “..... I have been crucified with Christ; yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me; insofar as I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me.” Gal. 2:19-20
- c) Levites Wash their Clothes
- (1) Symbolizes Our Good Works in Christ Jesus

- Church Eternally United with Christ. “Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory. For the wedding day of the Lamb (*Jesus Christ*) has come, his bride (*Church*) has made herself ready. She was allowed to wear a bright, clean linen garment. (The linen represents the righteous deeds of the holy ones.)” Rev. 19:7-8
- 3) Purification Sacrifices
- a) The Offerings
 - (1) Young Bull
 - (2) Cereal Offering of Fine Flour Mixed with Oil
 - (3) Another Young Bull as Sin Offerings
 - b) Levites Presented Before Tabernacle
 - (1) Whole Community of Israel Assembles
 - Israelites Lay Hands on Levites
 - c) Aaron Presents Levites Before Lord as Wave Offering from Israelites
 - (1) “..... thus devoting them to the service of the LORD.” (*Num. 8:11*)
 - d) Levites Lay Hands on Heads of Bullocks
 - e) Aaron Sacrifices the Bullocks
 - (1) One as a Sin Offerings
 - (2) One as Holocaust to Make Atonement for Levites
 - f) The Church is Sanctified by Jesus’ Sacrifice. “.....if we walk in the light as he is in the light, then we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of his Son Jesus cleanses us from all sin. If we say, ‘We are without sin,’ we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing.....” 1 John 1:6-10
 - g) Levites Dedicated to Lord
 - (1) “..... thus shall you set aside the Levites from the rest of the Israelites, that they may be mine.” (*Num. 8:14*)
 - (2) Christians are Dedicated to Lord Jesus. “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.” John 10:27-30
- 4) Levites Serve Lord Only After they are Purified
- a) “Only then shall the Levites enter upon their service in the meeting tent. You shall purify them and offer them as a wave offering; because they, among the Israelites, are strictly dedicated to me; I have taken them for myself in place of every first-born that opens the womb among the Israelites.” (*Num 8:15-16*)
 - b) Jesus Christ Commissions His Church Mark 16:15-18
 - (1) Serve Lord by Expanding His Church. “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned.
 - (2) Lord Anoints Church for Service. “These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents (with their hands), and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

5. Responsibilities & Duties of Priests

a. Priests Intercede to God for Israel

- 1) Priests are to Intercede Between Israel & the Lord their God
- 2) Examples of Aaron's Intercession
 - a) Israel Grumbles Against the Lord After He Destroys a Rebellion Against His Priests (*See Above*) Num. 17:6-15
 - b) Aaron Offers Sacrifices Interceding for Israelite People Lev. 9:15-21
 - (1) People Present their Offerings to High Priest Aaron
 - (a) Aaron Sacrifices Sin Offerings in Behalf of People
 - (b) Aaron Sacrifices Holocausts in Behalf of People
 - (c) Aaron Burns Cereal Offerings in Behalf of People
 - (d) Aaron Sacrifices Peace Offerings in Behalf of People

3) Jesus Christ's Ministry as Priest-Intercessor

a) Jesus' Prayer of Intercession at Completion of His Ministry John 17

(1) *Overview of Jesus' Prayer*

- (a) *As the High Priest Intercedes for God's People at the Altar of Incense, Before Entering Beyond the Veil into the Holy of Holies on the Day of Atonement (Lev. 16); So, Jesus (Our High Priest) Intercedes for His People Before Offering His Flesh (Veil) as a Sacrifice for the Atonement of Sin (Heb. 10:19-22).*
- (b) *In John 17:1-8, Jesus Approaches Father God to Make His Final Report & Testament Before Dying (Heb. 9:16-17), Offering a Prayer that can Only be Uttered by the Son of the Living God.*
- (c) *Jesus Affirms His Messianic Office of High Priest, Claiming His Authority to Intercede for His People:*
 - *In John 17:9-19, Jesus Intercedes for His Disciples Who were Entrusted with His Gospel. Jesus' Prayer is Eternal, Continuing to Church Leaders & Lay Witnesses throughout the Church Age.*
 - *In John 17:20-26, Jesus Intercedes for All People Who Hear and Believe Christ's Witnesses throughout the Church Age.*

(2) Jesus' Final Ministry Report to Father God John 17:1-8

(a) Jesus Accepts & Confirms His Salvific Mission

- "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you,"
 - The Time has Arrived for Jesus to Offer His Sacrifice
 - Asks Father God to Glorify Him (*Accept His Sacrifice*)
 - Jesus Will Glorify Father God by Remaining Faithful & Obedient throughout His Suffering & Death
- "just as you gave him authority over all people, so that he may give eternal life to all you gave him."
 - Father God Gave Jesus Authority Over All Peoples
 - Jesus is Authorized to Grant Eternal Life to Those Who Accept His Sacrifice
- "Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ."
 - Eternal Life is to Know Father God & Jesus as Messiah

(b) Jesus Completed His Work on Earth

- “I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began.”
 - Jesus Glorified Father God by Accomplishing His Assigned Mission
 - Jesus Requests to be Elevated Back to His Pre-Incarnate Glory as God the Son

(c) Jesus Entrusted His Disciples with the Gospel

- “I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.”
 - Jesus Revealed Father God to His Disciples
 - His Disciples Belong to Father God
 - Father God Gave Jesus His Disciples (*All Believers*)
- “Now they know that everything you gave me is from you, because the words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me.”
 - Jesus Imparted Father God's Words to His Disciples
 - Disciples Believed Jesus & Accepted His Testimony
 - Disciples Believe & Understand Jesus is the Son of God

(3) Jesus Prays for His Disciples John 17:9-19

(a) Jesus Affirms His Disciples Belong to God

- “I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them.”
 - Jesus Intercedes for His Disciples, Not Unbelievers
 - Jesus' Disciples Belong to Father God
 - Jesus (*Son of God*) & Father God Share All Things
 - Jesus is Glorified in His Disciples

(b) Jesus Asks God to Protect His Disciples

- “And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are.”
 - Jesus is Leaving the World & Returning to Father God
 - Asks Father God to Protect & Preserve His Disciples
 - Prays for Unity Among His Disciples
- “When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled.”
 - Jesus Protects, Guards & Preserves Our Salvation

(c) Jesus Intercedes as Mediator between Heaven & Earth

- “But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely.”

- Jesus is Leaving the World & Returning to Father God
 - Jesus Interceded for His Disciples While on Earth & Will Continue to Intercede for Them from Heaven
 - Jesus Shares His Eternal Joy With His Disciples
 - “I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world.”
 - Jesus (*Word of God*) Spoke His Word into His Disciples
 - The World Hates His Disciples
 - Disciples Do Not Belong to this World of Sin, Any More than He (*God's Sinless Son*) Belonged to World
 - “I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world.”
 - Prays His Disciples Remain in the World as Witnesses of His Saving Grace
 - Asks God to Keep Them Secure in His Grace
 - Disciples Do Not Belong to this World of Sin, Any More than He (*God's Sinless Son*) Belonged to World
- (d) Jesus Consecrates His Disciples for Service
- “Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth.”
 - Asks Father God to Consecrate His Disciples in Truth
 - As Father God Sent His Son Jesus (*Consecrated & Anointed by the Holy Spirit*) into the World, So Jesus (*God the Son*) Sends His Disciples (*Consecrated & Anointed by the Holy Spirit*) into the World
 - Jesus Consecrates Himself for His Disciples / Church
 - Jesus Consecrates His Disciples in Truth by Sending the Holy Spirit (*Who Is Truth*) Upon His Disciples
- (4) Jesus Prays for All Believers John 17:20-26
- (a) Prays for Unity Among All Believers
- “I pray not only for them (*Disciples He Prayed for Above*), but also for those who will believe in me through their word,”
 - Prays for All People Who Believe the Testimonies of His Disciples & their Spiritual Descendants (*i.e. Everyone Throughout the Ages Who Accepted Jesus Christ as Lord & Savior*)
 - Jesus Applies All the Petitions He Prayed for His Disciples to All Believers
 - “so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me.”
 - Prays for Same Unity Among Believers that Unite the Godhead
 - Prays for Unity of All Believers with the Godhead

- Unity Among Believers Quantifies their Witness of Christ's Love
 - “And I have given them the glory (*Holy Spirit*) You gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me.”
 - Jesus Gives the Holy Spirit to All Believers, Uniting Them as Jesus (*Son of God*) is United with Father God
 - Unity Quantifies Their Testimony that Father God Sent His Son into World (*Source & Means of Our Salvation*)
 - Unity Quantifies Their Testimony that Father God Loves Jesus' Followers, as He Loves His Only Begotten Son
- (b) Jesus Prays that All Believers Will be with Him in Heaven (*Securing Eternal Life for All Believers*)
- “Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am (*Enthroned in Heaven*) they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world.”
 - Sovereign Omnipotent God Gave All Believers to Jesus
 - Jesus Asks that They will be With Him in Heaven to See & Experience His Glory (*Beatific Vision*)
 - Revealing Father God's Love for Jesus (*Son of God*) that Existed Before Creation of the World
- (c) Jesus Prays that Father God's Love for Him will Live In Us
- “Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me.”
 - Jesus (*Son of Man*) Knows Father God Intimately
 - Jesus' Followers Know He is the Son of God, Who Father God Sent into the World
 - “I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them.”
 - Jesus Continually Testifies that God is His Father
 - Jesus Imparts God's Love to His People, Declaring Himself to be One of Us!
- b) Jesus' Continual Intercession in Heaven
- (1) “..... the (*Holy*) Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit itself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one (*Jesus Christ*) who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because it intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.” Rom. 8:26-27
- (2) “Those (*Levitical*) priests were many because they were prevented by death from remaining in office, but he (*Jesus Christ*), because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them.” Heb. 7:23-25

- c) Jesus is the Only True Mediator Between God & Man
- (1) Jesus is the Only Way to Father God.
 - (a) **“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”** John 14:6
 - (2) Jesus Mediates as Both Son of God & Son of Man.
 - (a) **“For there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and the human race, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself as ransom for all.....”** 1 Tim. 2:5-6
 - (3) Jesus Fulfilled Old Covenant, Becoming Mediator of a New Covenant
 - (a) **“.....we have such a high priest (*Jesus Christ*), who has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle that the Lord, not man, set up. he has obtained so much more excellent a ministry as he is mediator of a better covenant, enacted on better promises.”** Heb. 8:1-6
 - (b) **“..... he (*Jesus Christ*) is mediator of a new covenant; since a death (*Jesus’ Sacrifice on Cross*) has taken place for deliverance from transgressions under the first covenant, those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.”** Heb. 9:15
 - (4) We Invoke Jesus’ Mediation by Praying in His Name.
 - (a) **“..... Amen, amen, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you. Until now you have not asked anything in my name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.”** John 16:23-24
- b. Priests Offer Sacrifices to God Lev. 1 – 7
 (See *“Sacrifices & Offerings – Part I & Part II” Studies*)
All the Sacrifices Prescribed by the Lord were Fulfilled by Jesus Christ’s Holy & Perfect Sacrifice. Jesus’ Sacrifice Provides Total Redemption (Body, Soul/Mind & Spirit) for Mankind.
- *His Flesh was Torn for Our Healing* Acts 3:4-8; 1 Pet. 2:21-24
 - *His Blood was Shed for Our Salvation* Heb. 9:22; 1 John 1:6-10
- 1) Sacrifices & Offerings Prescribed by Lord
 - a) Holocausts (Whole Burnt Offerings) Lev. 1
 - (1) Animal Sacrifice for the Atonement of Sin
 - (2) Gives Praise & Glory to God
 - (3) Jesus Offered Himself Totally as God’s Holy & Perfect Sacrifice for the Atonement of Sins
 - (a) Primary Purpose of Son of God Coming to Earth John 1:29-34
 - **“The next day he (*John the Baptist*) saw Jesus coming toward him and said, ‘Behold, the (*Sacrificial*) Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.’ (*John 1:29*)**
 - **“Now I have seen and testified that he (*Jesus Christ*) is the Son of God.” (*John 1:34*)**

Comment. The concept of Atonement under the Old Covenant was to temporarily cover over one’s sins. Jesus’ Sacrifice does not just cover man’s sins, but takes them away for everyone who receives Him as Savior. (Heb. 9)

- b) Cereal Offerings Lev. 2
- (1) Flour/Unleavened Bread (*Leaven Represents Sin*)
 - (2) Offerings of Thanksgiving (*Eucharist*)
 - (3) Jesus is the Bread of Life John 6:25-59
 - (a) “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.” (*John 6:35*)
 - (b) “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” (*John 6:51*)
 - (4) Jesus Offered His Body as Sacrifice to Deliver Us from Disease (*Sickness & Disease Result from the Curse of Sin & Death*)
 - (a) Promise. “But he (*Promised Savior*) was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins, Upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole, by his stripes we were healed.” Isa. 53:5
 - (b) Fulfillment. “He (*Jesus Christ*) himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds (*Flesh Scourged, Lacerated, Pierced, etc.*) you have been healed.” 1 Pet. 2:24
 - (5) Jesus was Physically Resurrected from the Dead
 - (a) Jesus Appears to His Disciples After His Resurrection
Luke 24:36-43
 - Jesus Blesses His Disciples: “Peace be with you.”
 - Disciples Afraid, Thinking They See a Ghost
 - Jesus Reassures Them: “Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.”
 - Jesus Shows Them His Pierced Hands & Feet
 - Jesus Asks: “Have you anything here to eat?”
 - Disciples Give Jesus Piece of Cooked Fish, which He Ate
(*A Spirit or Ghost Does Not Physically Consume Food*)
- c) Peace Offerings Lev. 3
- (1) Animal Sacrifice to Fulfill a Vow
 - (2) Jesus Fulfills His Vow to Father God by Offering Himself as a Sacrifice for the Redemption of Mankind
 - (a) “..... when he (*Son of God*) came into the world, he said: ‘Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me (*Son of Man*); holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight in. Then I said, ‘As is written of me in the scroll, Behold, I come to do your will, O God.’” Heb. 10:5-7
 - (3) Jesus Bestows His Divine Blessing Upon Us
 - (a) Before His Sacrifice. “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” John 14:27
 - (b) After His Resurrection. “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” John 20:21
 - (4) Jesus’ Sacrifice Reconciles Us to God, Bringing Us Inner Peace
 - (a) “But God proves his love for us in that while we were still

sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath. Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.” Rom. 5:8-11

- (b) “Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” Phil.4:4-7

- d) Sin Offerings Lev. 4:1 – 5:13
- (1) Animal Sacrifice for Forgiveness of Sin and/or Cleansing of Ritual Uncleaness
- Offered for Israel’s Priests
 - Offered for the Whole Israelite Community
 - Offered for Israel’s Princes
 - Offered for Private Persons
 - Offered for Special Cases
- (2) God’s Requirement for the Forgiveness of Sin. “According to the law almost everything is purified by blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.” Heb. 9:22
- (3) Jesus Christ Fulfills God’s Requirement by Offering Himself as a Sacrifice for the Forgiveness of Sins
- Jesus, Without Sin, Became a Pure & Holy Sacrifice
 - “He (Jesus Christ) committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.’ When he was insulted, he returned no insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten; instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness....” 1 Pet. 2:22-24
 - “For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous (*Jesus*) for the sake of the unrighteous (*Mankind*), that he might lead you to God.....” 1 Pet. 3:18
 - Jesus’ Sacrifice Reverses the Law of Sin
 - “Christ ransomed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written, ‘Cursed be everyone who hangs on a tree’” Gal. 3:13
 - “And even when you were dead (in) transgressions, he brought you to life along with him, having forgiven us all our transgressions; obliterating the bond (*Curse of Sin*) against us, with its legal claims, which was opposed to us, he also removed it from our midst, nailing it to the cross;” Col. 2:13-15
 - We Receive Forgiveness of Sins Through Jesus’ Sacrifice
 - “all have sinned and are deprived of the glory of God. They

- are justified freely by his grace through the redemption in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as an expiation, through faith, by his blood,
- Rom. 3:23-25
- “In him we have redemption by his blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of his grace that he lavished upon us.....” Eph. 1:7-8
- (d) Jesus’ Sacrifice Cleanses Us from Sin
- “If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing.” 1 John 1:9
 - “For our sake he made him (*Jesus Christ*) to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.” 2 Cor. 5:21
- (4) Jesus Authorizes His Disciples to Forgive Sins in His Name
- (a) “(*Resurrected Jesus*) said to them again, ‘**Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.**’ And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘**Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.**’” John 20:21-23
- e) Guilt Offerings Lev. 5:14-26
- (1) Animal Sacrifice to Absolve Guilt of Sin, or Transgression Against the Law.
- (2) Jesus Lived in Total Obedience to the Law
- (a) Fulfilling the Law. “**Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.**” Matt. 5:17
- (b) Obeying Father God. “..... a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.’” Matt. 17:5
- (c) Becoming a Holy Sacrifice. “Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God (*God the Son*), did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness (*Jesus of Nazareth*); and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.” Phil. 2:5-8
- (3) Jesus’ Sacrifice Removes the Guilt & Condemnation of Sin
- (a) “**For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.**” John 3:17-18
- (b) “Hence, now there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus has freed you from the law of sin and death.” Rom. 8:1-2
- (4) Jesus’ Sacrifice Satisfies God’s Justice
- (a) “But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are

now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath (*Condemnation of Sin*).” Rom. 5:8-9

- (b) “My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation (One Who Paid the Penalty) for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world.” 1 John 2:1-2

2) Typical Sacrificial Practices

(Each Type of Sacrifice has Specific Requirements.)

The Sacrificial Rituals Prescribed by God Foreshadow Jesus Christ’s Holy & Perfect Sacrifice.

Matt. 26:47 – 27:61; Mark 14:43 – 15:47; Luke 22:47 – 23:56; John 18 - 19

a) Offeror Purchases Sacrificial Animal

Jesus Purchased for 30 Pieces of Silver by Sinful Man

Zech. 11:10-13; Matt. 27:3-10

(1) Animal Without Spot, Wrinkle or Blemish

- *Jesus is Pure, Without Sin or Defect*

b) Offeror Brings Sacrificial Animal to Entrance of Tabernacle

Jesus Arrested & Brought Before Sanhedrin (Israel’s Ruling Priests)

(1) Lays Hands on its Head, Confessing Their Sins *Mark 14:53-65*

- *Jesus Manhandled & Falsely Accused Before Chief Priests*
- *High Priest Questions Jesus: “Are you the Messiah, the son of the Blessed One?”*
- *Jesus Answers: “I am; and ‘you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven.’”*

- *High Priest Charges Jesus with Blasphemy*

- *Court Condemns Jesus to Death*

(2) Slaughters Animal Before the Lord & His Priests *John 11:45-54*

- *Jesus Led to be Slaughter, as Predetermined & Prophesied by High Priest: “..... it is better for you that one man (Jesus) should die (Sacrificed) instead of the people, so that the whole nation (Israel) may not perish.”*

c) Priest Offers Sacrifice to the Lord

Chief Priests Offer Jesus Christ to Pilate for Execution

(Priests Inadvertently Offer Jesus to be Sacrificed)

(1) Applies Blood to the Altar

- *Holy Libation Unto the Lord*
- *Purification of the Altar*
- *Jesus’ Blood Poured Out (Libation) Sanctifying His Cross (Altar)*
- *His Blood Cleanses Us of All Unrighteousness*

(2) Prepares Slain Animal for Sacrifice

- *Symbolizes Jesus Being Scourged*

(3) Places Embers & Wood on Altar

- *Priests Prepare & Present their Case Against Jesus*

(4) Burns Animal on Altar

- *Jesus Voluntarily Submits His Body to Death as God’s Holy &*

Perfect Sacrifice

- *Completing His Salvific Mission. "It is finished." John 19:30*
 - *Releasing His Spirit in Death. "'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit'; and when he had said this he breathed his last." Luke 23:46*
 - A Sweet-Smelling Oblation to the Lord
 - *Fulfilling Prophecy. "But the LORD was pleased to crush him in infirmity. If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life, and the will of the LORD shall be accomplished through him." Isa. 53:10*
- 3) Rituals Concerning Sacrifices & Offerings Lev. 6 & 7
- a) Ritual for Daily Holocausts Lev. 6:1-6
 - b) Ritual for Daily Cereal Offerings Lev. 6:7-16
 - c) Ritual for Sin Offerings Lev. 6:17-23
 - d) Ritual for Guilt Offerings Lev. 7:1-10
 - e) Ritual for Peace Offerings Lev. 7:11-21
 - f) Israel's Continual Sacrifices are Fulfilled by Jesus Christ's One Eternal Sacrifice Heb. 10:1-18
- 4) Jesus Christ's Superior Sacrifice
- a) Jesus Christ's Perfect Sacrifice Heb. 9:11-28
 - (1) Christ Our Eternal High Priest
 - (a) "But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that have come to be, passing through the greater and more perfect (*Heavenly*) tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation, he entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption."
 - High Priest Entered Earthly Sanctuary with Blood of Sacrificed Animals Every Year on Day of Atonement Lev.16
 - Jesus Entered Heavenly Sanctuary (*God's Throne Room*) with His Own Blood (*God's Holy & Perfect Sacrifice*)
 - Once for All (*God's Eternal Sacrifice*)
 - Achieving Eternal Redemption for Mankind
 - (b) "For if the blood of goats and bulls (*Old Covenant Sacrifices*) and the sprinkling of a heifer's ashes (*Old Covenant Cleansing*) can sanctify those who are defiled so that their flesh is cleansed, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God."
 - Jesus' Sacrifice Cleanses Our Consciences (*Hearts & Minds*)
 - (c) "For this reason he (*Jesus Christ*) is mediator of a new covenant: since a death has taken place for deliverance from transgressions under the first covenant, those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance."
 - Jesus Died Under the Old Covenant
 - Fulfilling its Prescribed Sacrifices
 - Jesus is Mediator (*i.e. High Priest*) of a New Covenant

- [Jesus' Death Offers Promise of Eternal Life for Mankind](#)
- (2) Old Covenant Inaugurated by Blood
- (a) “Now where there is a will, the death of the testator must be established. For a will takes effect only at death; it has no force while the testator is alive.”
- *A Will Does Not Go Into Effect Until Owner/Testator Dies*
- (b) “Thus not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood.....”
- Moses Inaugurated Old Covenant with the Blood of Sacrificed Animals
- (c) “According to the law almost everything is purified by blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.”
- *Why Blood Sacrifices?*
 - *Blood is the Essence of Life* Lev. 17:8-14
 - *Shedding of Innocent Blood Fulfills the Death Penalty for Sin* Gen. 2:15-17; Gen. 3:17-19
- (3) [Jesus Inaugurated a New Covenant by His Blood](#)
- (a) “Therefore, it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified by these rites, but the heavenly things themselves by better sacrifices than these.”
- Old Covenant Sacrifices are Copies of Heavenly Realities
 - [Heavenly Realities Call for Better Sacrifice](#)
- (b) “For Christ did not enter into a sanctuary made by hands, a copy of the true one, but heaven itself, that he might now appear before God on our behalf.”
- [Jesus Entered Heaven with His Own Blood](#)
 - [Jesus Appears Before God Almighty on Our Behalf](#)
- (c) “Not that he might offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters each year into the sanctuary with blood that is not his own; if that were so, he would have had to suffer repeatedly from the foundation of the world. But now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages to take away sin by his sacrifice.”
- [Jesus Offered One Eternal Sacrifice to Take Away Sin](#)
- (d) “Just as it is appointed that human beings die once, and after this the judgment, so also Christ, offered once to take away the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to take away sin but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him.”
- [Jesus Offered Himself Once to Take Away the Sins of Many](#) Heb. 10:1-18
- b) [Jesus Christ's One Eternal Sacrifice](#)
- (1) Israel's Priests Offer Temporal Sacrifices
- (a) “Since the law has only a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of them, it can never make perfect those who come to worship by the same sacrifices that they offer continually each year. Otherwise, would not the sacrifices have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, once cleansed, would no longer have had any consciousness of sins? But in those sacrifices there is only a yearly remembrance of sins, for it is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats take away sins.”

- Sacrifices Continually Offered Under Old Covenant
 - Unable to Perfect Salvation
 - Unable to Cleanse Men from Sin
- Purpose of those Sacrifices were for Israelites to Recall Their Sins, Examine Themselves, Repent & Seek Forgiveness
- *It's Impossible for Blood of Animals to Take Away Sin:*
 - *Animals are Temporal Mortal Beings*
 - *Animals are Subject to Sinful Man*
 - *Animals are Subject to World of Sin, being Subject to Disease & Dying Naturally (Curse of Sin)*
 - *They Can Not Provide Salvation & Eternal Life to Man!*

(2) Son of God's Eternal Sacrifice

- (a) "For this reason (*Ineffectiveness of Animal Sacrifices*), when he (*Son of God*) came into the world, he said: 'Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me (*Son of Man*); holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight in.'
- *Why Didn't God Desire Nor Delight in Animal Sacrifices, Which He Prescribed Under the Law?*
 - *They Only Reveal the Seriousness & Detestability of Sin*
 - *They Only Confirm the Penalty of Sin – Death*
 - *They Only Reveal the Means of Atonement - Death of an Innocent Sacrifice*
 - *They Point to God's Promised Holy & Perfect Sacrifice, So Israel Will Recognize their Messiah - Savior*
 - *Father God Prepared a Sacrificial Body for His Son (Jesus of Nazareth)*
- (b) "Then I (*Son of God*) said, 'As is written of me in the scroll (*In Psa. 40:7-9*), Behold, I come to do your will, O God.'"
- *Son of God Accepts Father God's Means of Salvation for Mankind - His Sacrifice on the Cross*
- (c) "First he says, 'Sacrifices and offerings, holocausts and sin offerings, you neither desired nor delighted in.' These are offered according to the law. Then he says, 'Behold, I come to do your will.' He takes away the first to establish the second."
- *Jesus Offers Himself According to the Prescription & Letter of the Law (i.e. Blood Sacrifice)*
 - *Fulfilling All Precepts of the Law (Old Covenant)*
 - *Taking Away Old Covenant to Establish New Covenant*
- (d) "By this 'will,' we have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."
- *We are Consecrated Through Jesus' Sacrificed Body*
 - *Offered Once for All Mankind*
- (e) "Every priest stands daily at his ministry, offering frequently those same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But this one (Jesus High Priest) offered one sacrifice for sins, and took his seat forever at the right hand of God; now he waits until his enemies are made his footstool."
- *Jesus Offered One Eternal Sacrifice for Sins of World*

- Jesus (*Our Lord, Savior & High Priest*) Reigns with God Almighty
- Jesus is Expanding His Kingdom on Earth Through Us
- (f) “For by one offering he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated.”
 - Jesus Offered One Eternal Sacrifice
 - Jesus is Our Sanctifier – Perfecting Us Who are Being Saved
- (3) God the Holy Spirit Testifies of Christ’s Eternal Sacrifice
 - (a) “The holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying: ‘This is the covenant I will establish with them after those days (*Jesus’ Death & Resurrection*), says the Lord: “I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them upon their minds”,’ (*Jer. 31:33-34*)”
 - Holy Spirit Dwells Within Us, Instilling God’s Laws in Our Hearts & Minds John 14:23-25; John 16:5-16
 - (b) “he also says: ‘Their sins and their evildoing I will remember no more.’ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer offering for sin.”
 - Jesus’ Sacrifice Provides Eternal Forgiveness
 - Jesus’ Sacrifice is Superior to and Fulfills All the Old Covenant Sacrifices
- 5) Prohibition Against Eating Fat & Blood Lev. 7:22-27
 - a) “If anyone eats the fat of an animal from which an oblation (*Sacrifice*) is made to the LORD, such a one shall be cut off from his people.
 - b) “..... you shall not partake of any blood, be it of bird or of animal. Every person who partakes of any blood shall be cut off from his people.” (*Lev. 7:25-27*)

Comments.

1. *The Law distinguishes between “clean” and “unclean” animals. The Israelites were forbidden to eat any unclean animal. They were also forbidden to drink the blood of any animal. Only certain clean animals were allowed to be offered as sacrifices to the Lord. Holocausts were totally consumed as whole burnt offerings to the Lord. Certain portions of animals sacrificed as peace, sin and guilt offerings were allotted to the Priests as sacred foods. The blood from all sacrificed animals were completely poured out on the altar, or otherwise used as specified in the sacrificial rituals, and the fat was burnt on the altar “a sweet-smelling oblation to the Lord” (Lev. 6 & 7). The other Israelites were permitted to eat clean animals only after they slaughtered the animal, poured out its blood on the ground and cooked the meat (Lev. 11; Deut. 12:15-28; Deut. 14:3-21).*
2. *I believe that these prohibitions and regulations address more than just health concerns, they also have spiritual significance. They prefigure Jesus Christ as the Lord’s pure, perfect and holy sacrifice, who as a Holocaust poured out His Blood on the cross submitting His Body to death. Jesus Christ fulfilled the other prescribed sacrifices by not only offering Himself in death, but also giving His Body and Blood to His Church as sacred food (John 6:25-71).*

- 6) Priests’ Portion of Sacrifices (*Sacred Food*)
 - a) Lord Allots the Priests a Share of Certain Sacrifices Lev. 7:28-36
 - (1) “..... He who presents a peace offering to the LORD shall bring a part of it as his special offering to him, carrying in with his own hands the oblations to the LORD. The fat is to be brought in, together with the breast, which is to be waved as a wave offering before the LORD.
 - (2) “The priest shall burn the fat on the altar, but the breast belongs to

Aaron and his sons.

- (3) “Moreover, from your peace offering you shall give to the priest the right leg as a raised offering.
- (4) “The descendant of Aaron who offers up the blood and fat of the peace offering shall have the right leg as his portion, for from the peace offerings of the Israelites I have taken the breast that is waved and the leg that is raised up, and I have given them to Aaron, the priest, and to his sons by a perpetual ordinance as a contribution from the Israelites.
- (5) “This is the priestly share from the oblations of the LORD, allotted to Aaron and his sons.....”
- b) Priests Shall Treat their Allotted Portions as Sacred Num. 18:8-10
- (1) “The LORD said to Aaron, ‘I myself have given you charge of the contributions made to me in the various sacred offerings of the Israelites; by perpetual ordinance I have assigned them to you and to your sons as your priestly share. You shall have the right to share in the oblations that are most sacred, in whatever they offer me as cereal offerings or sin offerings or guilt offerings; these shares shall accrue to you and to your sons.’
- (2) “In eating them you shall treat them as most sacred; every male among you may partake of them. As sacred, they belong to you.”
- c) Jesus Christ Gives His Body & Blood to His Church as Sacred Food
- (1) Jesus’ Declaration John 6:25-71
- (a) “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” (John 6:51)
- (b) “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.” (John 6:53-55)
- (2) Jesus Institutes Holy Communion Mark 14:22-25
- (a) “.....he (Jesus) took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, ‘Take it; this is my body.’ Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, ‘This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many.....’”
- (3) Church Celebrates Holy Communion
- (a) Glimpse of the Early Church. “They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers.” Acts 4:42
- (b) Paul’s Teaching on the Eucharist 1 Cor. 11:17-34
- d) Lord Allots Other Offerings to Priests Num. 18:11-19
- (1) “You shall also have what is removed from the gift in every wave offering of the Israelites; by perpetual ordinance I have assigned it to you and to your sons and daughters. All in your family who are clean may partake of it.’ (Num. 18:11)
- (a) *Wave Offering Represents the Resurrected Jesus*
- (2) “I have also assigned to you all the best of the new oil and of the new

wine and grain that they give to the LORD as their first fruits; and likewise, of whatever grows on their land, the first products that they bring in to the LORD shall be yours; all of your family who are clean may partake of them.” (Num. 18:12-13)

(a) *“Best & New” Represents Jesus Christ & His New Covenant*

- *Oil Represents Jesus the Lord’s Holy Anointed One*
- *Wine Represents the Blood of Christ*
- *Grain Represents the Body of Christ*

(b) *Jesus is the “First Fruits” of those Who Will be Raised from the Dead* *1 Cor. 15:20-23*

e) **Priests Forbidden to Eat Sacred Food While Unclean** Lev. 22:4-8

(See Section D.5.e, Lev. 11 – 15, for Uncleaness)

(1) “No descendant of Aaron who is stricken with leprosy, or who suffers from a flow, may eat of these sacred offerings, unless he again becomes clean.” (Lev. 22:4a)

(2) **Christians Must Examine Themselves, Repent & Ask Forgiveness Before Receiving the Eucharist, So We Appear Clean Before God**

(a) “For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes. Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord. A person should examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself.....” 1 Cor. 11:26-32

f) **Laity Forbidden to Eat Sacred Food** Lev. 22:10-14

(1) “Neither a lay person nor a priest’s tenant or hired servant may eat of any sacred offering.” (Lev. 22:10)

(2) **Christians are Elevated to “Royal Priesthood” Under the New Covenant, So We Can Partake of Christ’s Body & Blood**

(a) “But you are ‘a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises’ of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.” 1 Pet. 2:9

7) **Sanctity of Offerings to Lord** Lev. 22:15-16

a) “The sacred offerings which the Israelites contribute to the LORD the priests shall not allow to be profaned nor in the eating of the sacred offering shall they bring down guilt that must be punished; it is I, the LORD, who make them sacred.”

b) **We are United with Our Sacred Lord by Participating in Holy Communion**

(a) **“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.”** John 6:56

(b) “The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.”

1 Cor. 10:16-17

c. **Priests Call Israel to Assemble** Num 10:1-10

1) **Silver Trumpets** (*Silver Symbolizes Redemption*)

a) The Lord Instructs Moses: “Make two trumpets of beaten silver, which

you shall use in assembling the community and in breaking camp.

(1) “When both are blown, the whole community shall gather round you at the entrance of the meeting tent;

(2) “... when one of them is blown, only the princes, the chiefs of the troops of Israel, shall gather round you.” (Num. 10:2-4)

b) Priests’ (*Israel’s Intercessors*) Responsible for Blowing Trumpets

(1) “It is the sons of Aaron, the priests, who shall blow the trumpets; and the use of them is prescribed by perpetual statute for you and your descendants” (Num. 10:8)

c) Purposes for Blowing Trumpets

(1) To Invoke the Lord’s Protection. “When in your own land you go to war against an enemy that is attacking you, you shall sound the alarm on the trumpets, and the LORD, your God, will remember you and save you from your foes.” (Num. 10:9)

(2) To Celebrate the Lord. “On your days of celebration, your festivals, and your new-moon feasts, you shall blow the trumpets over your holocausts and your peace offerings; this will serve as a reminder of you before your God. I, the LORD, am your God.” (Num. 10:10)

2) Trumpet of God

a) Trumpet Will Blast at the End of the Church Age

b) Jesus Christ Will Assemble His Church Unto Himself Forever

(1) “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.....” John 11:25-26

(2) “..... For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord.” 1 Thess. 4:13-17

(3) “Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For that which is corruptible (*Dead in Christ*) must clothe itself with incorruptibility, and that which is mortal (*Alive in Christ*) must clothe itself with immortality..... then the word that is written shall come about: ‘Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?’ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Cor. 15:51-57

d. Priests Officiate at Religious Ceremonies & Festivals Lev. 23; Num. 28 & 29
(See “*Holy Days, Festivals & Feasts – Part I & Part II*” Studies)

Jesus Christ Officiates (Fulfills, is Revealed by & is Centric to) Israel’s Holy Days, Festivals & Feasts.

1) Daily Sacrifices Num. 28:1-8

Jesus Christ’s One Sacrifice Provides Daily Atonement for Our Sins

a) Priests Offer Established Daily Holocausts

(1) Two Unblemished Yearling Lambs (*Jesus is “The Lamb of God,*

- Who Takes Away the Sin of the World". John 1:29)*
- (a) One in Morning (*Jesus Fulfills the New Covenant*)
 - (b) One During Evening Twilight (*Jesus Fulfilled the Old Covenant*)
 - (c) *Two Lambs Represent Jesus' Sacrifice that Completes Salvation for the Faithful Under the Old Covenant & Provides Salvation for Believers During the New Covenant*
- (2) Cereal Offering with Each Lamb
(*Jesus is the "Bread of Life". John 6:35*)
- (a) Fine Flour Mixed with Oil Crushed from Olives
 - *"Fine Flour" Represents Jesus' Perfect/Sinless Body*
 - *"Oil" Represents Jesus the Lord's Holy Anointed One, Who was Physically "Crushed" for the Salvation of Man*
 - (3) Libation of Wine Poured Out in Sanctuary for Each Sacrifice
(*a) Jesus' Blood was Poured Out on the Cross for Atonement of Sin*)
- 2) The Sabbath (7th Day of Week) ("Shabbat") Lev. 23:1-3; Num. 28:9-10
- a) Holy Day of Rest Ordained by God Ex. 20:8-11
 - (1) Commemorates God's Rest After Creation Gen. 2:1-3
 - (2) Acknowledges Lord God of Israel as Creator
 - b) Priests Offer Established Daily Holocausts
 - c) Priests Offer an Additional Sabbath Holocaust & Libation
 - d) Jesus Introduces Himself as Messiah on the Sabbath Luke 4:14-22
 - (1) Jesus Stands Up in His Synagogue & Reads Messianic Prophecy from Isaiah: *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."*
 - (2) Jesus Declares to be Lord's Anointed One: *"Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."*
 - e) Jesus Healed / Delivered Many People on Sabbath (*Restoring Creation from Curse of Sin*)
 - (1) Man with Withered Hand Luke 6:6-10
 - (a) Jesus Calls Man Forward in Synagogue
 - (b) Jesus Asks the Officials: *"I ask you, is it lawful to do good on the sabbath rather than to do evil, to save life rather than to destroy it?"*
 - (c) Jesus Commands Man: *"Stretch out your hand."*
 - (d) Man Obeys Jesus & His Hand is Restored
 - (2) Man Lame for 38 Years John 5:1-18
 - (a) Jesus Commands Man: *"Rise, take up your mat, and walk."*
 - (b) Man Obeys Jesus & Walks
 - (c) Jews Confront the Man for Carrying His Mat on Sabbath
 - (d) Jesus Responds: *"My Father is at work until now, so I am at work."* (*Making Himself Equal with God - Creator*)
 - *God's Work After the Fall of Man is to Restore Mankind to Himself*
 - f) Jesus Declares to be Lord of Sabbath (*Making Himself Equal with God*)
Matt. 12:1-8; Mark 2:23-26; Luke 6:1-5
 - (1) *"For the Son of Man is Lord of the sabbath."* (*Matt. 12:8*)

- g) Church Acknowledges Jesus Christ as Creator John 1:1-18; Heb. 1:1-4
 (1) “..... For in him (*Jesus – Son of God*) were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible (*Natural/Physical*) and the invisible (*Spiritual*), whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers (*Created Order & Authority*); all things were created through him and for him (*All Creation Belongs to Christ*).....” Col. 1:15-20
- 3) New Moon Offerings (1st Day of Each Month) Num. 28:11-15
 (*Jewish Calendar is Based on Lunar Cycles*)
- a) Priests Sacrifice Holocausts Offerings in Addition to Daily Sacrifices
 (1) 2 Bulls
 (2) One Ram
 (3) 7 Unblemished Yearling Lambs
 (4) *Jesus Offered Himself for the Atonement of Sin*
- b) Cereal Offering with Each Sacrifice
 (1) Fine Flour Mixed with Oil Crushed from Olives
 (2) *Jesus, Lord’s Anointed One, Offered His Body as the “Bread of Life”*
- c) Priests Pour Out Libations of Wine with Each Sacrifice
 (1) *Jesus’ Blood was Poured Out on Calvary’s Cross*
- d) Priests Sacrifice One Goat as Sin Offering
 (1) *Jesus Offered Himself for the Forgiveness of Sin*
- 4) The Passover Festival Lev. 23:4-14
Jesus Christ Fulfilled the Passover at the Completion of His First Advent
- a) Three Feasts Celebrated in First Month of Jewish Calendar
 (1) Jewish Day Begins at Sundown
- b) Commemorates Lord’s Deliverance of Israel from Bondage in Egypt
 (1) *Historical Background Ex. 11 – 13*
 (a) *Israel Enslaved in Egypt*
 (b) *The Lord Sends 10 Plagues on Egypt by Moses’ Hand*
 • *10th Plague is Death of First Born*
 (c) *Passover Festival Given to Moses*
 • *Each Israelite Household Procures a Lamb*
 - *Lamb to be Year Old Male Without Blemish*
 - *Lamb Procured on 10th Day of First Month*
 - *Lamb Examined 4 Days*
 (d) *Paschal Lambs Slaughtered at Evening Twilight*
 • *14th Day of the First Month*
 (e) *Lambs’ Blood Spread on Doorposts & Lintels of Israelite Dwellings*
 (f) *Israel Celebrates Passover Supper in their Homes*
 (g) *The Lord Sends Angel of Death to Execute 10th Plague*
 • *Egypt’s First Born (Human & Animal) Die*
 • *Seeing the Blood, Death “Passes Over” Israel’s Dwellings*
 (h) *Pharaoh Releases Israel from Slavery & Expels them from Egypt*
- (2) *Spiritual Perspective of Jesus Christ’s Fulfillment of Passover*
 (a) *Mankind Enslaved by Sin John 8:34*
 (b) *God Sent His Only Son to Expiate the Plague of Sin (Death)*
 • *Jesus is the First Born Son Luke 2:22-24; John 3:16-18*
 (c) *Jesus is “The Lamb of God Who Takes Away the Sin of the*

- World”* *John 1:29*
- *Jesus, an Israelite, Offered Himself as Paschal Lamb*
 - *Jesus is a Male Without Blemish (Sin)*
 - *Jesus Presented Himself to Israel on 10th Day of First Month (Palm Sunday) Matt. 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-44; John 12:12-19*
 - *Israel Examined Jesus 4 Days as He Preached, Taught, and Chastised Chief Priests & Scribes in Temple Area Matt. 21:12 – 26:16; Mark 11:12 – 14:11; Luke 19:45 - 22:6*
 - (d) *Jesus Celebrated Passover Supper with His Disciples Matt. 26:17-35; Mark 14:12-31; Luke 22:7-38; John 13 - 16*
 - *Offers His Sacrifice to Church as Holy Sacrament*
 - (e) *Jesus Offered His Life as a Sacrifice on 14th Day of First Month Matt. 26:47 – 27:61; Mark 14:43 – 15:47; Luke 22:47 – 23:56; John 18 - 19*
 - *Cross Soaked by Jesus’ Precious Blood*
 - (f) *Curse of Death Passes Over Those Covered by Blood of Jesus 1 Cor. 15:55-57; Heb. 9:11-28*
 - (g) *We are Released from Bondage of Sin by Jesus’ Sacrifice & Granted Eternal Life John 5:24*
- c) The Feast of Passover Lev. 23:5; Num. 28:16
- (1) Feast Celebrated on 14th Day of First Month
- (a) Israel Celebrates Passover Supper
- (b) Paschal Lamb Sacrificed
- (2) Jesus Celebrated Passover Supper, Interceded for His Church, was Arrested, Tried & Executed on 14th Day of First Month
- (a) Jesus Celebrates Passover Supper with His Disciples
- Jesus Institutes Holy Communion. “Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, ‘**This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me.**’ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, ‘**This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you.**’” Luke 22:19-20
 - *We are to Celebrate Jesus’ Sacrifice Instead of Passover, Since He Fulfilled Passover, Delivering Mankind from the Slavery of Sin*
- (b) Jesus is the Lord’s Paschal Lamb. “.....For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed.” 1 Cor. 5:7
- d) The Feast of Unleavened Bread Lev. 23:6-8; Num. 28:17-25
- (1) 7 Days Preceding Feasts
- (a) Priests Call a Sacred Assembly on 1st Day
- (b) Israel Eats Unleavened Bread for 7 Days
- Households Cleansed of Leaven (*Leaven Symbolizes Sin*)
 - *Prefigures Jesus Who Lived a Sinless Life*
- (c) Priests Offer Prescribed Sacrifices for 7 Days Num. 28:19-22
- (d) Priests Call a Sacred Assembly on 7th Day

- (e) *7 Days Represent Jesus' Life & Death that Perfectly Completed the Law*
- (2) Feast Celebrated on 15th Day of First Month
 - (3) Jesus' Body Lays in the Tomb on 15th Day of the First Month
 - (a) *Unleavened Bread Represents Jesus' Body. It was Made Without Leavening (Jesus Without Sin), Flat (True), with Griddle Marks (Stripes from Scourging), and Pierced with Holes (Nail Marks in His Hands & Feet)*
- e) The Feast of First Fruits Lev. 23:9-14
- (1) Feast Celebrated on Day Following Passover Sabbath (*i.e. Sunday*)
 - (2) Commemorates Israel's First Harvest in Promise Land
 - (a) Israelites Bring a Sheaf from First Fruits of their 1st Spring Harvest to Priest
 - Priest Waves Sheaf Before the Lord
 - (b) Holocaust Offering
 - (c) Cereal & Wine Offerings
 - (3) Jesus was Resurrected from the Dead on Day Following Passover Sabbath (*Sunday*), as the First Fruit of All Believers to be Resurrected Matt. 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20; 1 Cor. 15
 - (a) "But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep." (*1 Cor. 15:20*)
- 5) Feast of Pentecost ("Feast of Weeks") ("Shavuot")
Lev. 23:15-22; Num. 28:26-31
Pentecost Fulfilled by Birth of Christ's Church Effectuating His New Covenant
- a) Feast Celebrated 7 Weeks + 1 Day (50th Day) from Feast of First Fruits
 - (1) Jesus Pours Out the Holy Spirit Upon His Church on 50th Day After His Resurrection - Feast of Pentecost Acts. 2:1-13
 - b) Commemorates Lord Giving Moses the Law on Mount Sinai Ex. 19 – 31
 - (1) Christ's New Covenant Laws are Within Us by Indwelling Holy Spirit
 - (a) "The holy spirit (*In Jer. 31:33-34*) also testifies to us, for after saying: 'This is the covenant I will establish with them after those days (*Jesus' Death & Resurrection*), says the Lord: "I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them upon their minds," he also says: 'Their sins and their evildoing I will remember no more.'" Heb. 10:15-17
 - c) Celebration of Feast of Pentecost
(Prefigures Celebration of Christ's Church)
 - (1) Israelites Present New Cereal Offerings
 - (a) First Fruits from Latter Spring Harvest
 - *Represents Christ's Harvest of Souls at End of Age*
Rev. 14:14-16
 - (2) Priest Waves 2 Loaves of Bread Before Lord
 - (a) Bread Baked with Leavening
 - *Leavening Represents the Church (Imperfect People being Sanctified) Made Up of Both Jews & Gentiles* *1 Cor. 5:6-8*
 - (3) Priests Sacrifice Prescribed Holocaust Offerings
Lev. 23:18; Num. 28:27-29
 - (a) *Prefigures Jesus' Sacrifice for Atonement of Sins of Church*

- (4) Priests Sacrifice One Male Goat as a Sin Offering
(a) Prefigures Jesus' Sacrifice for Forgiveness of Sins of Church
- (5) Priests Sacrifice 2 Unblemished Yearling Lambs as Peace Offering
(a) Prefigures Jesus' Sacrifice for Peace of His Church
- *Jesus is Mediator Between God & Man*
- (6) Priest Wave Offerings Before Lord
- (a) Bread from First Fruits
 - (b) 2 Lambs from Peace Offerings
 - (c) Priests' Portion as Sacred Food
 - (d) Prefigures Sacrament of Holy Communion Celebrated by Church*
- (7) Priests Call a Sacred Assembly
- (a) Gathering of Peoples from Nations of the World into His Church*
 - *“ But you will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8*
- 6) Festival of Booths / Tabernacles Lev. 23:23-32
Festival Foreshadows Events that are Still in the Future – The Second Coming of Messiah Jesus and His Kingdom (See “Messianic Kingdom” Study)
- a) Three Feasts Celebrated in the Seventh Month of Jewish Calendar
 - b) Celebrates Israel in Promise Land as the Lord's Chosen Nation
(1) After Wandering 40 Years in the Wilderness Following their Exodus from Egypt (40 Symbolizes Period of Trial or Probation)
 - c) New Years Day (“Feast of Trumpets”) (“Rosh Hashanah”) Lev. 23:23-25; Num. 29:1-6
 - (1) Feast Celebrated on 1st Day of 7th Month
(Symbolic of Beginning of Lord's Perfect Time)
 - (a) Priests Call a Sacred Assembly
 - Trumpets (“Shofar” / Rams' Horns) are Blown
 - Sabbath Rest Observed
 - (b) Priests Sacrifice Prescribed Holocaust Offerings Num. 29:2-4
 - (c) Priests Sacrifice One Male Goat as a Sin Offering
 - (d) Priests Also Offer Ordinary New Moon Holocausts
 - (2) Feast Prefigures Jesus Christ's Return for His Church
 1 Cor. 15:50-58; 1 Thess, 4:13-18*
 - d) Day of Atonement (“Yom Kippur”) Lev. 23:26-32; Num. 29:7-11
 - (1) Feast Celebrated on 10th Day of 7th Month
 - (a) Priests Call a Sacred Assembly
 - (b) Israelites Do Not Work, Fast & Mortify Themselves
(Repentance)
 - (c) High Priest Performs the Special “Day of Atonement” Ritual Prescribed by the Lord Lev. 16
[See Section D.5.d. 7) “Day of Atonement Ritual” Below.]
 - (d) Priests Offer the Prescribed Sacrifices Num. 29:8-11
 - (2) Feast Prefigures Coming of Messiah Jesus for the Atonement, Redemption & Restoration of Israel Zech. 12; Zech. 14; Isa. 61 – 64; Ezek. 40 – 48; Rom. 11:25-29; Rev. 19:11-21*
 - (3) Messiah Jesus Provides Eternal Atonement, Fulfilling “Yom Kippur”
 Heb. 9:23 – 10:18*

e) Feast of Booths (“Feast of Tabernacles”) (“Sukkot”)

Lev. 23:33-43; Num. 29:12-39

(1) Celebration Starts on 15th Day of 7th Month & Continues 7 Days

(a) First Day (Opening Day)

- Priests Call a Sacred Assembly
- People Gather Materials (Foliage from Trees, Palm Branches, etc.) & Build Temporary Shelters (“Booths”)

(b) Seven Day (Week) Celebration

- People Dwell in Booths (“Tabernacles”)
- Priests Offer Sacrifices Prescribed for Each of the 7 Days
Num. 29:13-34
- People Rejoice & Make Merry Before Lord

(c) Eighth Day (Closing Day)

- Priests Call a Sacred Assembly
- Priests Offer Sacrifices Prescribed for 8th Day
Num. 29:35-38

(2) Feast Recalls Lord’s Deliverance of Israel from Bondage in Egypt

(a) Where the Lord Provided Shelter for His People in Wilderness

(3) *Feast Prefigures Israel’s Celebration in Messiah’s Kingdom*7) Day of Atonement Ritual (“Yom Kippur”)

Lev. 16

High Priest Makes Atonement for Israel’s Sins Before the Presence of Lord. No One is Allowed to Enter the Holy of Holies (Lord’s Presence) in the Tabernacle, Except the High Priest Once a Year on the Day of Atonement to Perform its Prescribed Rituals.

Jesus Christ Fulfilled the Atonement of Sin for All Generations on the Day He Offered Himself as a Holy & Perfect Sacrifice.

- *He Provided Atonement for Faithful Who Died Under the Old Covenants*
- *He Provides Salvation to Everyone (Jew & Gentile) Who Repents of Sin and Accepts Him as Lord & Savior Under the New Covenant*
- *He Will Provide Atonement for Israel When They Repent & Accept Him as Messiah at His Second Coming Zech, 12:9-10; Rom. 11:25-26*
- *He Will Provide Salvation for Faithful Living During His Reign on Earth Rev. 20:1-10*

a) Prohibition Against Entering Holy of Holies

(1) “Tell your brother Aaron that he is not to come whenever he pleases into the sanctuary, inside the veil, in front of the propitiatory on the ark; otherwise, when I reveal myself in a cloud above the propitiatory, he will die.” (Lev. 16:2)

(a) *Propitiatory is the Lid of the Ark of the Covenant – Place of the Lord’s “Mercy Seat”, Where He Meets with His Priest in the Tabernacle.*

Ex. 25:10-22

(2) Review of Old Covenant Worship

Heb. 9:1-10

(a) Earthly Regulations Imposed by the Law

- “.....Behind the second veil was the tabernacle called the Holy of Holies, in which were the gold altar of incense and the ark of the covenant Above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the place of expiation (Atonement)

the priests, in performing their service, go into the outer tabernacle repeatedly, but the high priest alone goes into the inner one once a year (*On Day of Atonement*), not without blood that he offers for himself and for the sins of the people

- (b) Presence of God Veiled by Holy Spirit
- “In this way the holy Spirit (*Who Inspired & Instructed Moses*) shows that the way into the sanctuary (*God’s Presence*) had not yet been revealed while the outer tabernacle still had its place (*During Old Covenant*).....”
- (3) Veil Before Sanctuary (Holy of Holies) Represents Christ’s Flesh
- (a) Veil Torn Apart at Christ’s Death
- “Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit. And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom.....” Matt. 27:50-51
- (b) Christ Entered Heavenly Sanctuary as Our High Priest
- “But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that have come to be, passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation, he entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.” Heb. 9:11-12
- (c) Christ Gains Access for Us into God’s Presence
- “Therefore, brothers, since through the blood of Jesus we have confidence of entrance into the sanctuary by the new and living way he opened for us through the veil, that is, his flesh, and since we have ‘a great priest over the house of God,’ let us approach with a sincere heart and in absolute trust, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed in pure water.” Heb. 10:19-22
- b) High Priest’s Preparations to Enter Lord’s Presence on Day of Atonement
- (1) He Must Bathe Himself
 - (2) He Must Clothe Himself with High Priest’s Sacred Vestments
 - (3) He Must Bring Bullock as Sin Offering & Ram as Holocaust
 - (4) He Receives 2 Male Goats as Sin Offering & Ram as Holocaust from Israelite Community
 - (5) High Priest Jesus is Already Clean (Without Sin) & Clothed in Righteousness
- (a) “Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin” Heb. 4:14-15
- (b) “It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the heavens.” Heb. 7:26-27
- c) High Priest Makes Atonement for Himself & His Family
- (1) Slaughters Bullock as Sin Offering for Himself & His Household
 - (a) Jesus, Being Sinless, Did Not Need to Offer Sacrifice for Himself
 - (2) Enters into Lord’s Presence within the Holy of Holies

- (a) Taking Some of the Blood from Bullock Sacrifice
- (b) Taking Censor of Glowing Embers from Altar of Sacrifice
- (c) Taking a Double Handful of Fragrant Incense
- (3) Offers Incense on Fire in Incense Altar Before Propitiatory
 - (a) Cloud from Burning Incense Covers Lord's Presence
- (4) Sprinkles Blood with His Finger 7 Times in Front of Propitiatory
- (5) **Jesus Entered Heavenly Sanctuary With His Own Blood for Sins of His Household (Israel)**
 - (a) "For Christ did not enter into a sanctuary made by hands, a copy of the true one, but heaven itself, that he might now appear before God on our behalf. Not that he might offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters each year into the sanctuary with blood that is not his own; if that were so, he would have had to suffer repeatedly from the foundation of the world. But now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages to take away sin by his sacrifice." Heb. 9:24-26
- d) High Priest Makes Atonement for Israel
 - (1) Casts Lots Over the 2 Male Goats Received from Community
 - (2) Slaughters One of the Goats as Sin Offering for Israelites
 - (3) Enters into Lord's Presence within the Holy of Holies with Blood from Sacrificed Goat
 - (a) Sprinkles Blood on Propitiatory
 - (b) **Jesus Entered Heavenly Sanctuary with His Own Blood for Sins of All Mankind (Jew & Gentile)** Heb. 9:11-14
 - (4) Makes Atonement for Tabernacle by Sprinkling Blood
 - (a) "Thus he shall make atonement for the sanctuary because of all the sinful defilements and faults of the Israelites. He shall do the same for the meeting tent, which is set up among them in the midst of their uncleanness." (*Lev. 16:16*)
 - **Jesus Entered a Holy Tabernacle, Not Constructed & Defiled by Sinful Man**
 - (b) "No one else may be in the meeting tent from the time he enters the sanctuary to make atonement until he departs." (*Lev. 16:17a*)
 - **Jesus is the Only High Priest to Enter Heavenly Sanctuary**
 - (5) Makes Atonement for the Altar by Sprinkling Blood
 - (a) "Thus he shall render it clean and holy, purged of the defilements of the Israelites." (*Lev. 16:19b*)
 - (b) **Jesus Inaugurates a New Covenant by His Holy Sacrificed Blood**
Heb. 7:26-28; Heb. 9:15-22
 - (6) Lays Both Hands on Live Goat ("Scapegoat")
 - (a) Confessing All Sins, Faults & Transgression of Israelites
 - (b) Places Sins on Goat's Head
 - (c) Goat Led into Desert & Released to Carry Off their Iniquities
 - (d) **Jesus Fulfills Role of Scapegoat**
 - **Israel's Priests Apprehended & Condemning Jesus**
- **Jesus Took Our Sins Upon Himself**
 - **Jesus Led Outside the City (Jerusalem) to be Crucified**
 - **Jesus Carried Away Our Sins Forever**

- Fulfilling David's Psalm. "As the heavens tower over the earth, so God's love towers over the faithful. As far as the east is from the west, so far have our sins been removed from us." Psa. 103:11-12
- e) High Priest Concludes Rite of Atonement
 - (1) Changes His Vestments
 - (a) Leaves Sacred Vestments in Sanctuary
 - (b) Bathes & Clothes Himself with His Own Vestments
 - (c) Jesus Returned to His Divine Glory After His Resurrection
John 17:4-5; Phil. 2:5-11; Heb. 1:1-4
 - (2) Sacrifices His & People's Holocaust & Sin Offerings
 - (a) Making Atonement for Himself & Community
 - (b) Jesus Offered Himself as a Perfect & Holy Sacrifice for the Atonement of Sin
- f) Duties of Man Who Led the Scapegoat into Desert
(The Man Represents Christ's Church)
 - (1) Takes Remainder of Sin-Offered Bullock & Goat Outside Camp
 - (a) Burns Them Up with Fire
 - (b) *We Receive Christ's Sacrifice for Our Salvation Rom. 10:9-10*
 - (2) Washes His Garments & Bathes
 - (a) *We are a New Creation in Christ Jesus 2 Cor. 5:17*
 - (b) *We are Cleansed by Christ's Sacrifice 1 John 1:6-10*
 - (3) Returns to the Camp
 - (a) *We Live in the World as Christ's Witnesses Acts 1:9*
- e. Priests Govern the Laws of Purity Lev. 11 – 15
 - 1) Dietary Laws Lev. 11
 - a) Moses & Aaron Responsible for Informing Israel of Lord's Dietary Laws
 - (1) Differentiating Between Clean & Unclean Animals
 - (2) Contamination from Unclean Animals & Remedies
 - b) "For I, the LORD, am your God; and you shall make and keep yourselves holy, because I am holy." (Lev. 11:44)
 - c) Spiritual Application of Law Mark 7:1-23
 - (1) "Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." (Mark 7:15)
 - (2) ".....Do you not realize that everything that goes into a person from outside cannot defile, since it enters not the heart but the stomach and passes out into the latrine?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) "But what comes out of a person, that is what defiles. From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile." (Mark 7:18-23)
 - 2) Uncleanness from Childbirth Lev. 12
 - a) Women Considered Unclean After Childbirth
 - (1) Unclean 7 Days for Birth of Son & 14 Days for Daughter
 - (2) Boy Circumcised on 8th Day
 - Jesus Circumcised on 8th Day Luke 2:21
 - (3) Waiting Period for Her Blood to Purify
 - 33 Days for Son & 66 Days for Daughter

- b) After Purification Period
- (1) Mother Brings Holocaust & Sin Offering to Priest
 - (2) Priest Makes Atonement by Sacrificing Offerings
 - Mother Becomes Clean After Her Blood Flow
- c) *Mary Goes Through Purification Rites Obeying the Law* Luke 2:22-24
(Even Though She was Not Defiled by Delivering a Divine Offspring)
- 3) Leprosy Lev. 13 – 14
(Leprosy is Symbolic of Sin. It is a Destructive, Debilitating Disease of the Flesh that is Highly Contagious, Naturally Incurable & Fatal.)
- a) Priests Examine & Diagnose Leprosy Lev. 13
- (1) Person Suspected of Leprosy Brought Before Priests
 - (2) Priest Examines Afflicted Person & Diagnoses Disease
 - Declares Person Clean if it's Eczema, etc.
 - Declares Person Unclean if it's Leprosy
 - (3) Lepers are Separated from Community
 - Must Rent Garments & Cry Out "Unclean, unclean!"
 - Must Live Outside Camp
 - (4) Priests Examine Garments Suspected of Contamination
 - Infected Garments Destroyed by Fire
 - Uninfected Garments Washed & Declared Clean
- b) Purification of Healed Lepers Lev. 14
- (1) Priest Examines Lepers Claiming to be Healed
 - If Healed, Priest Orders Man to be Purified
 - (2) Purification Rite
 - Man Gets 2 Live Birds, Cedar Wood, Scarlet Yarn & Hyssop
 - Priest Orders Man to Slay One Bird Over an Earthen Vessel Containing Water
 - Priest Takes Live Bird with Cedar Wood, Scarlet Yarn & Hyssop
 - Dips Items into Blood of Slain Bird
 - Sprinkles Man 7 Times
 - Releases Live Bird to Fly Away
 - Man Washes His Garments, Shaves All His Hair & Bathes
 - He is Free to Enter the Camp
 - He Must Remain Outside His House for 7 Days
 - 7th Day Man Shaves His Head, Beard, Eyebrows & Body
 - Washes His Garments & Bathes
 - (3) Purification Sacrifices Offered on 8th Day
 - Healed Leper Brings Offerings to Priest
 - 2 Unblemished Male Lambs
 - One Unblemished Yearling Ewe Lamb
 - Cereal Offering of Flour Mixed with Oil
 - Container of Oil
 - Priest Sacrifices One of the Lambs as Guilt Offering
 - Waves Lamb & Oil Before the Lord
 - Priest Takes Some of the Blood from Guilt Offering
 - Puts Blood on Man's Right Ear, Thumb of His Right Hand & Big Toe of His Right Foot
 - Priest Pours Some of Oil into His Left Hand

- Sprinkles Oil 7 Times Before Lord
 - Puts Oil on Man's Right Ear, Thumb of His Right Hand & Big Toe of His Right Foot, Over Blood of Guilt Offering
 - Pours Rest of Oil Over Man's Head
 - Priest Makes Atonement for Man's Uncleanness
 - Sacrifices the Sin Offering
 - Sacrifices Holocaust & Cereal Offerings
 - Priest Declares Man Clean
 - (4) Provisions for Poor Man Healed of Leprosy
 - Similar Ritual with Less Expensive Offerings
 - (5) Houses Contaminated by Leprosy
 - Owner of House Reports to Priest
 - "It looks to me as if my house were infected." (*Lev. 14:35b*)
 - Priest Orders House Cleared of All Household Articles
 - Priest Examines the House
 - Quarantines House for 7 Days if Walls are Infected
 - Priest Reexamines House on 7th Day
 - Orders Infected Stones Removed & Dumped Outside City
 - Orders Whole House Scraped & New Stones Installed
 - Priest Reexamines House Again
 - If Infection Returns, Priest Orders House Torn Down
 - If Not Infected Priest Declares House Clean
 - Priest Performs Purification Rite – Making Atonement for House
 - Takes 2 Birds, Cedar Wood, Scarlet Yarn & Hyssop
 - Slays One Bird Over an Earthen Vessel Containing Water
 - Dips Cedar Wood, Hyssop, Scarlet Yarn & Live Bird into Blood, and Sprinkles on House 7 Times
 - Releases Live Bird to Fly Away
- c) **Jesus Healed People of Leprosy**
Whereas Priests were Given the Responsibility & Authority to Diagnose Leprosy & Perform Purification Rites; Jesus Actually Healed People with Leprosy, Revealing His Greater Authority.
- (1) **Jesus Heals a Leper at Beginning of His Ministry** Matt. 8:1-4
- Leper Says to Jesus: "Lord, if you wish, you can make me clean."
 - Jesus Touches Man, Saying: "I will do it. Be made clean."
 - Man Cleansed as Jesus Touches Him
 - Man Healed at Jesus' Word
 - Jesus Instructs Man: "..... go show yourself to the priest (*In Compliance with the Law*), and offer the gift that Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them."
- (2) **Jesus Heals 10 Lepers on His Way to Jerusalem to Complete His Salvific Mission** Luke 17:11-19
- 10 Lepers See Jesus from a Distance & Cry Out: "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!"
 - Jesus Shouts Back: "Go show yourselves to the priests."
 - 10 Lepers Obey Jesus & are Cleansed on Their Way to Priests
 - One, a Samaritan, Returns to Jesus Glorifying God

- Falls at Jesus' Feet Thanking Him
 - Jesus Responds:
 - "Ten were cleansed (*Physically Healed*), were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?"
 - "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." (*Man was Made Whole – Physically & Spiritually*)
- 4) Personal Uncleaness Lev. 15
- a) Lord Instructs Moses & Aaron to Inform People of Conditions Causing Uncleaness with Sanitary Practices
 - b) Man Afflicted with a Chronic Blood Flow
 - (1) Once Healed, Man Waits 7 Days to be Purified
 - Washes His Garments & Bathes
 - (2) 8th Day Man Presents Offerings to Priest
 - 2 Turtledoves or Pigeons
 - (3) Priest Makes Atonement for Man's Disease
 - Sacrifices One Bird as Sin Offering
 - Sacrifices Other Bird as Holocaust
 - c) Woman Afflicted with Unnatural Blood Flow
 - (1) Once Healed, Woman Waits 7 Days to be Purified
 - (2) 8th Day Woman Presents Offerings to Priest
 - 2 Turtledoves or Pigeons
 - (3) Priest Makes Atonement for Woman's Disease
 - Sacrifices One Bird as Sin Offering
 - Sacrifices Other Bird as Holocaust
 - d) "You shall warn the Israelites of their uncleanness, lest by defiling my Dwelling, which is in their midst, their uncleanness be the cause of their death." (*Lev. 15:31*)
 - e) Jesus Heals a Woman with Unnatural Blood Flow Mark 5:25-34
 - (1) Woman Suffered with Hemorrhages for 12 Years
 - Unsuccessfully Spent All She had on Doctors (*Physical Need*)
 - Unclean & Couldn't Worship at Temple (*Spiritual Need*)
 - (2) Woman Makes Her Way to Jesus Through Crowd
 - Saying to Herself: "If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured."
 - (3) Woman Completely Healed as She Touched Jesus' Cloak
 - (4) Jesus Discerns Touch of Faith, Asks: "Who has touched my clothes?"
 - (5) Woman Fearfully Confesses to Jesus
 - (6) Jesus Answers: "Daughter, your faith has saved you (*Spiritually Cleansed*). Go in peace and be cured of your affliction (*Physically Healed*)."
 - *Proving His Authority to Heal Our Bodies & Save Our Souls*
- f. Holiness of Priests Lev. 21
Jesus Christ is Sacred & Holy, Fulfilling God's Requirements of Holiness for His Priests.
- 1) Priests to be Kept Sacred Before Lord Lev. 21:1-9
 (*Sacred Intercessors Between Lord God & His Chosen People.*)
 - a) Priests to be Clean & Undefined
 - (1) "Speak to Aaron's sons, the priests, and tell them: None of you shall

make himself unclean for any dead person among his people, except for his nearest relatives.....” (Lev. 21:1-4)

(2) Jesus Remained Clean & undefiled Throughout His Life on Earth

- Jesus Cleansed People by His Touch & Word (*See Above*)
- Jesus Restored the Dead to Life by His Word
Matt. 9:18-26; Luke 7:11-17; John 11:1-44
(*One Can Not Give What He Does Not Possess*)

(3) “..... Tell Aaron and his sons to respect the sacred offerings which the Israelites consecrate to me; else they will profane my holy name. I am the LORD. Tell them: If any one of you, or of your descendants in any future generation, dares, while he is in a state of uncleanness, to draw near the sacred offerings which the Israelites consecrate to the LORD, such a one shall be cut off from my presence. I am the LORD.” Lev. 22:1-3

(4) Jesus Offered Himself as a Sacred & Holy Sacrifice to the Lord

- “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth. When he was insulted, he returned no insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten; instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly (Father God). He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.”
1 Pet. 2:22-24

b) Priests to be Holy Before the Lord

(1) “The priests shall not make bare the crown of the head, nor shave the edges of the beard, nor lacerate the body. (*Practices of Pagan Priests*)

(2) “To their God they shall be sacred, and not profane his name; since they offer up the oblations of the LORD, the food of their God, they must be holy.” (Lev. 21:5-6)

(3) Jesus Lived Without Sin, Holy & Sacred Before God

- Jesus Confronts Pharisees: **“Can any of you charge me with sin?”**
John 8:46a

(4) Jesus Offered a Holy & Perfect Sacrifice to Lord 1 Pet. 2:22-24

c) Priests to be Honorable

(1) Honorable in Marriage

(2) Honored & Respected by Community. “Honor him as sacred who offers up the food of your God; treat him as sacred, because I, the LORD, who have consecrated him, am sacred. (Lev. 21:8)

(3) Honorable Family

(4) Jesus is Honored as Head of the Church

- “.....He (Jesus Christ) is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross (through him), whether those on earth or those in heaven.” Col. 1:15-20

2) High Priest Kept to a Higher Standard Lev. 21:10-15

a) Office of High Priest to be Pure & Undefiled

(1) “The most exalted of the priests, upon whose head the anointing oil

- has been poured and who has been ordained to wear the special vestments, shall not bare his head or rend his garments,
- (2) “nor shall he go near any dead person. Not even for his father or mother may he thus become unclean
 - (3) “or leave the sanctuary; otherwise he will profane the sanctuary of his God, for with the anointing oil upon him, he is dedicated to his God, to me, the LORD.”
 - (4) **Jesus is a Pure & Holy High Priest, Dedicated to God**
 - “It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners (*Sanctified*), higher than the heavens.” Heb. 7:26
- b) High Priest’s Purebred Marriage & Family
- (1) **Jesus is the Son of God**
 - “..... Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.’” Mark 1:9-11
 - “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life” John 3:16
 - “In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he spoke to us through a son (*Jesus Christ*), whom he made heir of all things and through whom he created the universe, who is the refulgence of his glory, the very imprint of his being, and who sustains all things by his mighty word.....” Heb. 1:1-4
- 3) Priests Must be Without Physical Defect Lev. 21:16-24
- a) Disabled Sons Forbidden to Serve as Priests
 - (1) “Speak to Aaron and tell him: None of your descendants, of whatever generation, who has any defect shall come forward to offer up the food of his God.” (*Lev. 21:17*)
 - Blind, Lame, Disfigured, Skin Diseases, Hernia, etc.
 - (2) “No descendant of Aaron the priest who has any such defect may draw near to offer up the oblations of the LORD; on account of his defect he may not draw near to offer up the food of his God.” (*Lev. 21:21*)
 - (3) **Jesus is Perfect, Without Defect or Any Disability (A Perfect Man)**
 - **Jesus Healed the Disabled by His Touch & Word**
 - He Made the Blind See John 9:1-7
 - He Made the Deaf Hear & Mute Speak Mark 7:31-37
 - He Made the Paralyzed Walk Mark 2:1-12
 - b) Disabled Sons Allowed to Partake Sacred Food
(*As Legitimate Offspring, they are Inheritors of the Priestly Heritage.*)
 - (1) “He may, however, partake of the food of his God: of what is most sacred as well as of what is sacred.

(2) Jesus Offers Us Sacred Food

- “.....the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, ‘**This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.**’ In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, ‘**This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.**” 1 Cor. 11:23-25
- *We are Inheritors of Christ’s Heritage* Rom. 8:14-17

(3) “Only, he may not approach the veil nor go up to the altar on account of his defect; he shall not profane these things that are sacred to me, for it is I, the LORD, who make them sacred.” (Lev. 21:22-23)

(4) Jesus Provides the Way for Us to Approach the Throne of God

- “Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.” Heb. 4:14-16

4) Jesus Lived a Life in Total Obedience to Law, Becoming Our High Priest

- a) “In the days when he (*Jesus Christ*) was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered (*Living as a Man*); and when he was made perfect (*Sacrifice on the Cross*), he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, declared by God high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.” Heb. 5:7-10

g. Priests to Bestow Lord’s Blessing on People

Num. 6:22-27

- 1) Lord Instructs Moses: “Speak to Aaron and his sons and tell them: This is how you shall bless the Israelites. Say to them:
 a) ‘The LORD bless you and keep you!
 b) ‘The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!
 c) ‘The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!’
 2) “So shall they invoke **my name** upon the Israelites, and **I will bless them.**”
 3) Priests Pronounced Lord’s Blessing on People, **Jesus Pronounces His Personal Blessing on His Church**
 a) “**Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.**”
 John 14:27

6. Supremacy of Priestly Order

Num. 18:20-32

Basic Principles of Covenant Tithing:

- 1) *Ten Percent (Tithe) of Everyone’s Gross Income Belongs to the Lord.*
- 2) *Tithes & Offerings (i.e. Gifts Greater than 10% Tithe) Must be the Best Quality.*
- 3) *The Lesser Pays Tithes to the Greater.*

a. The Lord is Aaron’s (Priests’) Heritage

- 1) “Then the LORD said to Aaron, ‘You shall not have any heritage (*Property, Vineyards, etc.*) in the land of the Israelites nor hold any portion among them; I

- will be your portion and your heritage among them.” (Num. 18:20)
- b. All Israel Pays Tithes to Levites
 - 1) “To the Levites, however, I hereby assign all tithes in Israel as their heritage in recompense for the service they perform in the meeting tent.” (Num. 18:21)
 - 2) Levites Have No Heritage Among Israelites
 - a) “The Levites, therefore, shall not have any heritage among the Israelites, for I have assigned to them as their heritage the tithes which the Israelites give as a contribution to the LORD.....” (Num. 18:23c-24)
 - c. Levites Pay Tithes to Priests
 - 1) “Give the Levites these instructions: When you receive from the Israelites the tithes I have assigned you from them as your heritage, you are to make a contribution from them to the LORD, a tithe of the tithes; (Num. 18:26)
 - 2) “Thus you too shall make a contribution from all the tithes you receive from the Israelites, handing over to Aaron the priest the part to be contributed to the LORD.” (Num. 18:28)
 - d. Levites Portion of Tithes Num. 18:30-32
 - 1) “Tell them (*Levites*) also: Once you have made your contribution from the best part, the rest of the tithes will be credited to you Levites as if it were produce of the threshing floor or of the winepress.
 - 2) “Your families, as well as you, may eat them anywhere, since they are your recompense for service at the meeting tent.
 - 3) “You will incur no guilt so long as you make a contribution of the best part....”
 - e. Jesus Christ’s Priesthood is Superior to Levitical Priesthood (Order of Aaron)
 - 1) Melchizedek an Image / Type of Jesus Christ Heb. 7
 - a) Melchizedek Received Tithes from Abraham Gen. 14:17-20
(See Section C Above)
 - (1) “See how great he (*Melchizedek*) is to whom the patriarch ‘Abraham (indeed) gave a tenth’ of his spoils.” (Heb. 7:4)
 - b) Priestly Order of Aaron from Tribe of Levi
(*Levi Great-Grandson of Abraham*)
 - (1) “The descendants of Levi who receive the office of priesthood (*i.e. Order of Aaron*) have a commandment according to the law to exact tithes from the people, that is, from their brothers, although they also have come from the loins of Abraham.” (Heb. 7:5)
 - c) Melchizedek Not a Descendant of Abraham, Who Received God’s Promises. (*Promises Fulfilled by Jesus of Nazareth Who – Through His Mother Mary - was Humanly Descended from Abraham*)
 - (1) “But he (*Melchizedek*) who was not of their ancestry received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had received the (*Messianic*) promises.” (Heb. 7:6)
 - d) Melchizedek Greater than Abraham & His Descendants (*Including House of Aaron from Tribe of Levi*)
 - (1) “Unquestionably, a lesser person is blessed by a greater.
 - (2) “In the one case, mortal men receive tithes; in the other, a man of whom it is testified that he lives on (*No Record of Melchizedek’s Ancestry, Birth or Death*).
 - (3) “One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, was tithed through Abraham, for he was still in his father’s loins when Melchizedek met him.” (Heb. 7:7-10)

- 2) God Almighty Appointed Jesus Christ as High Priest According to the Order of Melchizedek, Not Aaron, Making Jesus' Priesthood Superior to Israel's (See Sect. F Below)
- a) Christ Appointed High Priest by Virtue of Life (*An Eternal Priesthood*)
- (1) "It is even more obvious if another priest is raised up after the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become so, not by a law expressed in a commandment concerning physical descent but by the power of a life that cannot be destroyed. For it is testified: 'You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.' (Quoting Psa. 110:4)" (Heb. 7:15-17)
- *God the Son is Eternal & Co-Existent with Father God*
John 1:1-5
 - *Jesus Proved His Power of Life by Rising from the Dead*
Acts 2:22-24
 - *Jesus is Life Itself. "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."* John 14:6
- b) Christ Appointed High Priest by God's Sworn Oath
- (1) ".....others (*House of Aaron*) became priests without an oath, but he (*Messiah – High Priest*) with an oath, through the one who said to him: The Lord has sworn, and he will not repent: "You are a priest forever" (Quoting Psa. 110:4)" (Heb. 7:20-21)
7. Priestly / Levite Allotments & Inheritance Num. 35:1-8; Deut. 10:8-9; Deut. 18:1-8
- a. *Israel's Inheritance in the Promise Land*
- 1) *The Promise Land Belongs to the Lord* Lev. 25:23
- a) "The land shall not be sold in perpetuity; for the land is mine, and you (Israelites) are but aliens who have become my tenants"
- 2) *After Israel Returned to the Promise Land from Egypt, the Lord Allotted Specific Land Grants to Each Tribe, Excluding Levi* Joshua 13 - 19
- 3) *The Lord Establishes Himself as the Inheritance of the Tribe of Levi* Num. 18:20-26
- b. The Lord is the Inheritance of Priests (*Sons of Aaron from Tribe of Levi*)
- 1) "Then the LORD said to Aaron, 'You shall not have any heritage in the land of the Israelites nor hold any portion among them; I will be your portion and your heritage among them." Num. 18:20
- 2) "The whole priestly tribe of Levi (House of Aaron) shall have no share in the heritage with Israel; they shall live on the oblations of the LORD and the portions due to him." Deut. 18:1
- c. The Lord is the Inheritance of the Levites
- 1) "..... the LORD set apart the tribe of Levi to carry the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to be in attendance before the LORD and minister to him, and to give blessings in his name, For this reason, Levi has no share in the heritage with his brothers; the LORD himself is his heritage, as the LORD, your God, has told him." Deut. 10:8-9
- 2) "Levi shall have no heritage among his brothers; the LORD himself is his heritage, as he has told him." Deut. 18:2
- d. The Lord Assigns Cities to Levites
- 1) Lord Instructs Moses to Assign Cities Scattered Throughout Israel to Levites Num. 35:1-15

- a) 6 Cities of Refuge (Asylum)
- b) 42 Other Cities
- 2) The Levite Cities Joshua 21
 - a) 13 Cities for Aaron Within Tribal Lands of Judah, Simeon & Benjamin
 - b) 10 Cities for Levite Clan of Kohath Within Tribal Lands of Ephraim, Dan & ½ Manasseh
 - c) 13 Cities for Levite Clan of Gershon Within Tribal Lands of Issachar, Asher, Naphtali & ½ Manasseh
 - d) 12 Cities for Levite Clan of Merar Within Tribal Lands of Reuben, Gad & Zebulun
- e. **Israel's Inheritance in Messianic Kingdom**
 - 1) *The Land Belongs to Lord God & His Messiah (Jesus)*
(Israel's Promise Land Represents the Entire Earth. Lev. 25:23; Psa. 24:1-2)
 - a) *The Lord Allotted the Promise Land to Israel*
 - b) *Historical Background*
 - (1) *The Lord Allowed Gentile Nations to Occupy Promise Land*
 - *Ancient Israel Continually Rejected the Lord their God, Disobeyed His Laws, Worshipped Foreign Gods and Remained Unrepentant, Despite the Pleading of Lord's Prophets*
 - *Northern Israel Conquered & Occupied by Assyria 722 BC*
 - *Southern Israel, Including Jerusalem, Conquered & Occupied by Babylon 586 BC*
 - *Remnant of Jews Return to Promise Land, Which Remained Under Foreign (Pagan) Rule*
 - *Jesus Came as Messiah and was Rejected by Israel*
 - *Rome Destroyed Jerusalem & Dispersed Jews Among Gentile Nations*
 - *Promise Land Remained Occupied by Many Gentile Nations*
 - (2) *Israel Became an Independent Nation in 1948*
 - *Israel Liberated Jerusalem in 1967, making it their Capital City*
 - *Jesus' Prophecy: "Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled"*
Luke 21:24
 - *The Sovereignty & Existence of Israel has been Attacked by its Neighbors & Contested by Much of the World to this Day*
 - c) *Prophecies of Messiah's Return Zech. 12; Zech. 14; Rev. 19 & 20*
 - (1) *Israel will Eventually be Surrounded & Invaded by Enemy Forces*
 - (2) *Messiah Returns to Earth as Israel's Kinsman-Redeemer*
[See "Kinsman-Redeemer" in Section 3.a.4) of "Anointed Prophet – Part II" Study]
 - *Messiah Will Destroy the Invading Armies & Judge Nations*
 - *Messiah Will Reclaim the Land*
 - *Messiah Will Establish & Rule His Kingdom from Jerusalem*
 - (3) *Israel Will Recognize & Accept Jesus as Messiah*
 - 2) *Messiah Jesus Will Re-Appportion the Promise Land Ezek. 40 – 48*
(See Section 2.c "Messiah's New Israel", and Sections 3.a & b "Spiritual / Religious Life & Worship", within "Messianic Kingdom" Study.)
 - a) *Messiah's Sacred Tract at Center of Promise Land*

Ezek. 45:1-8; Ezek. 48:8-22

- (1) Jerusalem is Messiah's Capital City Ezek. 48:30-35; Zech. 1:14-17
 - City Named: "THE LORD IS HERE" (Ezek. 48:35)
- (2) New Temple Erected at Center of Jerusalem Ezek. 40 - 43
 - New Temple Consecrated to Lord
 - Jesus Enters New Temple & Enthroned in "Holy of Holies" as Eternal High Priest & Universal King
 - "..... I (Prophet Ezekiel) saw the glory of the God of Israel coming from the east (Mount of Olives, where Jesus Returns). I heard a sound like the roaring of many waters (Jesus Speaks with Divine Authority), and the earth shone with his glory (Jesus the Light of the World)." (Ezek. 43:2)
 - "..... I saw that the temple was filled with the glory of the LORD (Jesus Enters the Temple)." (Ezek. 43:5)
 - "..... this is where my (Jesus – Son of God's) throne shall be, this is where I will set the soles of my feet; here I will dwell among the Israelites forever....." (Ezek. 43:7)
 - Temple Purified by Presence of Lord
- (3) Priests Reside in Sacred Tract Ezek. 44:15-31
(Priests are Under the Authority of Messiah - High Priest)
(Priests from House of Zadok, Chosen Descendants of Aaron)
- (4) Levites Reside in Sacred Tract Ezek. 44:10-14
- (5) Prince's Lands on Both Sides of Sacred Tract & City Property
- b) Messiah Apportions Land of Israel Ezek. 47:13 – 48:35
 - (1) Israel's Inheritance North of Sacred Tract Ezek. 48:1-9
 - Equal Portions for Dan, Asher, Naphtali, Manasseh, Ephraim, Reuben & Judah (Jesus' Tribe Borders Sacred Tract)
 - (2) Israel's Inheritance South of Sacred Tract Ezek. 48:23-28
 - Equal Portions for Benjamin, Simeon, Issachar, Zebulun & Gad

E. Notable Priests Throughout History of Israel

A Sampling of Priests Throughout the History of Israel & Judah was Presented in "Anointed Priest – Part I" Study. In this Study, We will Look at 3 Examples taken from among those Priests Showing how they Reveal Messiah's Priesthood.

1. Conquest of the Promise Land

(Prefigures Jesus Christ's Conquest of the World & the Establishment of His Kingdom)

a. Background

- 1) *Moses Led Israel through Wilderness 40 Years After their Exodus from Egypt.*
 - a) *Where Israel was Looking for the Promise Land as they Wandered through the Wilderness; So, Israel was Looking for the Promised Messiah as they were being Ruled by Pagan Nations.*
- 2) *Moses Died Before Israel Entered Promise Land.*
 - a) *Where Moses Died Before Israel Entered to Conquer the Promise Land; So, Jesus Died to Effectuate His Kingdom.*
- 3) *Lord Appoints Joshua to Lead Israel Into & Occupy Promise Land.*
 - a) *Moses Announces Lord's Appointment of Joshua to Israel Deut. 31:7-8*
 - b) *Where Joshua was Appointed by the Lord to Conquer & Occupy Promise*

*Land; So, Jesus was Appointed as the Lord's Holy Anointed One (Messiah) to Conquer Sin, Death & All the Forces of Evil (John 16:33).
 (1) "Joshua" & "Jesus" Have the Same Hebrew Name "Yeshua"
 (2) "Yeshua" Means "Yahweh is Salvation"*

- b. Israel Crosses Jordan River into Promise Land Joshua 3 – 4
- 1) Lord Instructs Joshua
 - a) "Today I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know I am with you, as I was with Moses. (Joshua 3:7)
 - b) *Jesus Fulfills Lord's Promise to Joshua*
 - (1) *Moses Testified of Jesus. "For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, because he wrote about me." John 5:46*
 - (2) *Jesus Exhibited God's Presence by Performing Miracles. "If I do not perform my Father's works, do not believe me; but if I perform them, even if you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may realize (and understand) that the Father is in me and I am in the Father." John 10:37-38*
 - (3) *Having Successfully Completed His Mission, God Exalted Jesus Above All Creation Phil. 2:5-11*
 - c) "Now command the priests carrying the ark of the covenant to come to a halt in the Jordan when they reach the edge of the waters." (Joshua 3:8)
 - 2) Joshua Commands Israel as Instructed by Lord
 - a) *Jesus Commands His Church as Our Lord & Savior*
 - 3) Priests Carry Ark of Covenant to Bed of Jordan River
Ark of the Covenant Represents Jesus Christ. It is a Box (Body) Made of Wood (Symbolizing Man), Covered in Gold (Symbolizing God), Containing the Law (Word of God). Jesus Christ is Son of God & Son of Man. He is the Word of God Made Flesh (John 1:14), the Fulfillment of the Law (Matt. 5:17).
 - a) River Parts as Priests' Feet Touch the Water
 - (1) *Jesus Begins His Public Ministry by being Baptized Matt. 3:13-17*
 - *John the Baptist, from the Priestly House of Aaron, Baptizes Jesus in the Jordan River*
 - *Spirit of God Descends Upon Jesus Anointing Him for Ministry*
 - *A Voice from Heaven Declares: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."*
 - (2) *Jesus' Mission Divides the Old & New Covenants*
 - b) People Pass Over Jordan on Dry Ground
 - (1) *"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved" Mark 16:16a*
 - (2) *Jesus' Church is on Firm Ground (His Death & Resurrection)*
 - 4) Joshua has 12 Memorial Stones Erected Where Priests Stand Holding Ark
 - a) One Stone for Each Tribe of Israel
 - b) *Jesus was Sent to Israel. "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" Matt. 15:24*
 - c) *Israel Becomes the Foundation of Christ's Church, With Jesus Himself as King & High Priest Acts 1 – 9; Acts 11:1-18; Heb. 4:14-16*
 - 5) Joshua Commands Priests to Leave River Bed
 - a) River Resumes its Course as Priests Leave
 - b) *Jesus Ascends into Heaven, Commissioning His Church Acts 1:6-9*
- c. Joshua Conquers & Occupies Promise Land
- 1) *Having Conquered Sin, Death & Forces of Evil; Jesus Anoints & Leads His*

2. Time of the Judges

a. Lord's Oracle to Priest Eli

An Unnamed Prophet, Know Only as "Man of God", Prophesied to Priest Eli that a Faithful & Eternal High Priest Would Arise from Another Tribe & Replace the House of Aaron (Tribe of Levi) as the Lord's Ordained Priesthood.

Jesus Christ Fulfills "Man of God's" Oracle by Becoming the Lord's Faithful & Eternal High Priest.

- 1) Eli was Both Priest & Judge (*God's Governing Authority*) in Israel
 - a) Judges Israel for 40 Years 1 Sam. 4:18
- 2) Eli's Sons Hophni & Phinehas are Wicked 1 Sam. 2:12-17
 - a) Irreverent, Disobedient & Misuse Priestly Office
 - b) Disregard Eli's Correction 1 Sam. 2:22-25
- 3) Lord Sends "Man of God" to Confront Eli 1 Sam. 2:27-36
 - a) Reminds Eli of His Priestly Heritage (*House of Aaron - Tribe of Levi*)
 - (1) Called & Ordained to be Lord's Priests
 - b) Rebukes Eli (*Priest & Judge*) for Tolerating His Sons' Wickedness
 - c) Delivers the Lord's Oracle to Eli
 - (1) House of Aaron will Not Continue in Perpetuity
 - (2) Lord Judges House of Eli
 - "You shall have a sign in what will happen to your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas: both shall die on the same day." (*1 Sam. 2:30-34*)
 - *Word Fulfilled – Sign of Validity of Lord's Oracle 1 Sam. 4*
- (3) Lord will Choose Faithful & Eternal High Priest from Another Tribe
 - I will choose a faithful Priest who shall do what I have in heart and mind. I will establish a lasting house for him which shall function in the presence of my anointed forever. (*1 Sam. 2:35*)
 - Jesus Chosen by God as Faithful High Priest Heb. 5:1-10
 - "Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, declared by God high priest according to the order of Melchizedek (Not Aaron)" (*Heb. 5:8-10*)
 - Jesus is Likeminded with Father God. "Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves" John 14:10-11
 - Jesus is from Tribe of Judah Matt. 1:1-16; Heb. 7:11-17
 - Jesus' Priesthood Replaces Order of Aaron Heb. 7:18-21
 - Jesus is Eternal High Priest Heb. 7:22-28
- (4) House of Aaron will be Subject to Lord's Faithful High Priest
 - "Then whoever is left of your family will come to grovel before him (*Messiah – High Priest*) for a piece of silver or a loaf of bread, and will say: Appoint me, I beg you, to a Priestly function,

that I may have a morsel of bread to eat (*Their Daily Sustenance Depends on Faithful High Priest*).” (1 Sam. 2:36)

- House of Aaron Subject to Christ’s Priesthood
 - All Creation (*Including House of Aaron*) Shall Kneel Before Jesus & Confess that He is Lord Phil. 2:5-11
 - House of Aaron Does Not Serve as Priests in Messiah’s Kingdom, Only the House of Zadok Under Jesus’ Authority as High Priest Ezek. 44:10-31
- 4) Jesus is Not Only High Priest, But Also King of Kings & Supreme Judge Rev. 19 & 20; Matt. 25:31-46

3. The United Kingdom of Israel

a. Priests Abiathar & Zadok

1) David King of Israel

King David, “A Man After God’s Own Heart” (1 Sam. 13:13-14), is a Type of Messiah Jesus at His First Coming; Who Conquered His Enemies, Established, Secured & Extended His Kingdom.

a) Abiathar & Zadok were Priests in David’s Royal Court

2 Sam. 8:15-18; 2 Sam. 20:23-26; 1 Chron. 18:14-17

(1) Abiathar Descendant of Ithamar Son of Aaron 1 Chron. 24:1-4

(2) Zadok Descendant of Eleazar Son of Aaron

2) Solomon Anointed King of Israel

1 Kings 1 & 2

King Solomon is a Type of Messiah Jesus at His Second Coming; Who Built a Permanent Place of Worship, and Ruled a United Kingdom in Peace.

a) King David Old & Bed-Ridden

b) David’s Son Adonijah Attempts to Seize the Throne

(1) Does Not Consult Nathan the Prophet

(Kings to be Appointed by Lord & Anointed by Lord’s Prophets)

(2) Supported by Priest Abiathar, General of Army & Other Officials

c) Bathsheba Reminds David of His Oath that Their Son Solomon will Reign After Him

(1) Nathan the Prophet Confirms Bathsheba’s Claim

d) David Orders Priest Zadok & Prophet Nathan

(1) “Take with you the royal attendants. Mount my son Solomon upon my own mule and escort him down to Gihon. There Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet are to anoint him king of Israel, and you shall blow the horn and cry, ‘Long live King Solomon!’

(2) “When you come back in his train, he is to go in and sit upon my throne and reign in my place. I designate him ruler of Israel and of Judah.” (1 Kings 1:33-35)

e) Zadok & Nathan Anoint & Install Solomon as King

(1) King Solomon Sits on David’s Throne

f) King David Dies & Buried

g) King Solomon Secures His Kingdom

(1) Orders Death of Adonijah After He Attempts to Undermine King

(2) Deposes Abiathar from His Office & Banishes Him from Jerusalem (*Israel’s Capital City Where Solomon Will Build Temple of Lord*)

(a) “Go to your land in Anathoth. Though you deserve to die, I will not put you to death this time, because you carried the ark of the

Lord GOD before my father David and shared in all the hardships my father endured.” (2 Kings 2:26)

- 3) Messiah – High Priest Appoints House of Zadok as Priests in His Kingdom
 - a) *The Appointment of Priests is a Divine Prerogative*
Ex. 28:1; Heb. 5:1-10
 - b) Messiah, as Divine High Priest, Appoints Priests & Assigns their Duties in His Kingdom
Ezek. 44

Note. Messiah honors the Lord’s Word given to Moses concerning the perpetual assignment of Levites (Including House of Aaron) to serve in His Sanctuary (See Section D.2.a Above). Jesus exercises His Divine Prerogative & Authority as High Priest by reassigning their specific duties and responsibilities.

- (1) Levites (Including House of Aaron) Assigned Supportive Services
Ezek. 44:10-14
 - (a) “But as for the Levites who departed from me when Israel strayed from me to pursue their idols, they shall bear the consequences of their sin. They shall serve in my sanctuary as gatekeepers and temple servants; they shall slaughter the holocausts and the sacrifices for the people, and they shall stand before the people to minister for them.
 - Levites Serve as Sanctuary Gatekeepers & Temple Servants
 - Levites Slaughter Sacrifices for People
 - Levites Minister to People
 - (b) “Because they used to minister for them before their idols, and became an occasion of sin to the house of Israel, therefore I have sworn an oath against them, says the Lord GOD: they shall bear the consequences of their sin.
 - (c) “They shall no longer draw near me to serve as my priests, nor shall they touch any of my sacred things, or the most sacred things. Thus they shall bear their disgrace because of all their abominable deeds.....”
- (2) House of Zadok Selected from Among Descendants of Aaron to Serve as Priests Under the Authority of Messiah Jesus – High Priest
Ezek. 44:15-31
(Jesus, a Descendant of Kings David & Solomon, Rewards House of Zadok for their Faithfulness & Loyalty.)
 - (a) “As for the levitical priests, however, the Zadokites who cared for my sanctuary when the Israelites strayed from me, they shall draw near me to minister to me, and they shall stand before me to offer me fat and blood, says the Lord GOD. It is they who shall enter my sanctuary, they who shall approach my table to minister to me, and they who shall carry out my service.” (*Ezek. 44:15-16*)
 - Priests Minister to Lord (*Intercession Role of Priests*)
 - Priests Offer Sacrifices to Lord (*Sacrificial Role of Priests*)
 - Priests Enter Lord’s Sanctuary (*Inner Court*)
 - Priests Approach Lord’s Table (*Before Messiah’s Throne*)
 - (b) Priestly Vestments Required for Service in Inner Court
 - Linen Garments & Turbans (*Symbolizing Purity*)
 - No Wool or Anything Causing Sweat

- (c) Sanctity / Holiness of Priests
 - Priests Required to Keep a Clean Appearance
 - Priests Forbidden to Drink Wine Before Entering Inner Court
 - Priests Required to Observe Laws of Purity
 - Keep Themselves Ritually Clean & Go Through Purification Rites if They Become Unclean
 - Adhere to Prescribed Dietary Laws
 - Priests Must Have Honorable Families
 - Marry Only Israelite Virgins or Widows of Priests
- (d) Priests Govern Laws of Purity
 - Teach People to Distinguish Between Sacred from Profane, the Clean from Unclean
- (e) Priests Judge People in Capital Cases
- (f) Priests Officiate at Ceremonies, Festivals, Feasts & Holy Days
- (g) Priests Have No Inheritance (*Property*) in Israel. “..... I (*Messiah & Lord*) am their inheritance;.... I am their property (*Ezek. 44:28*)
 - Priests’ Portion of Offerings & Produce of Land
 - Priests Allowed to Eat Cereal, Sin & Guilt Offerings
 - Choicest First Fruits & Best Offerings Belong to Priests

(See Section D.3 “Spiritual/Religious Life & Worship” Within “Messianic Kingdom” Study for a More Comprehensive Study of Worship in Messiah’s Kingdom.)

F. Messiah: King, Priest & Conquering Judge

1. King David’s Messianic Psalm Psa. 110
 Jesus of Nazareth Fulfills King David’s Messianic Psalm
 - a. Messiah - King & Son of God Psa. 110:1-3
 Jesus is Messiah – Son of God - King of Kings & Lord of Lords
 - 1) “The LORD (*Yahweh*) says to you, my lord (*Messiah*): ‘Take your throne at my righthand, while I make your enemies your footstool.’” (*Psa. 110:1*)
 - a) Jesus Claims David’s Prophetic Psalm Matt. 22:41-46
 - (1) Jesus Questions Religious Leaders: “.....What is your opinion about the Messiah? Whose son is he?” (*Matt. 22:41-42*)
 - (2) Religious Leaders Answer: “David’s.”
 - (3) Jesus Replies: “How, then, does David, inspired by the Spirit, call him ‘lord,’ saying: ‘The Lord (*Yahweh*) said to my lord (*Messiah*), Sit at my right hand until I place your enemies under your feet’? (*Quoting Psa. 110:1*) If David calls him ‘lord,’ how can he be his son? (*Jesus is Messiah & King David’s Lord*)” (*Matt. 22:43-45*)
 - (4) Jesus was from the House & Lineage of King David Matt. 1:6-16
 - (5) People Acknowledged & Addressed Jesus as “Son of David”
 - “And as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed (him), crying out, ‘Son of David, have pity on us!’” Matt. 9:27
 - Jesus Healed Them, Proving His Anointing
 - (6) Jesus’ Testimony Before Court of Chief Priests Matt. 26:62-64
 - High Priest Orders Jesus: “I order you to tell us under oath before the living God whether you are the Messiah, the Son of

God.”

- Jesus Answers: “You have said so. But I tell you: From now on you will see ‘the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power’ (*Quoting Psalm 110:1 & Applying it to Himself*) and ‘coming on the clouds of heaven.’”

(7) Jesus is Enthroned at Right Hand of God Almighty

- “..... When he (*Jesus Christ*) had accomplished purification from sins, he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high, as far superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.” Heb. 1:1-4
- “..... For he (*Jesus Christ*) must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.....” 1 Cor. 15:20-28

(8) Jesus Christ Will Return to Earth to Destroy All the Forces of Evil & Establish His Kingdom Rev. 19:11 – 20:6

- “Out of his (*Jesus Christ’s*) mouth came a sharp sword to strike the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod, and he himself will tread out in the wine press the wine of the fury and wrath of God the almighty. He has a name written on his cloak and on his thigh, ‘King of kings and Lord of lords.’” (*Rev. 19:15-16*)

2) “The scepter of your sovereign might the LORD will extend from Zion.” (*Psa. 110:3a*)

a) Messiah Jesus Will Rule Worldwide Kingdom from Jerusalem Isa. 2:1-5

3) “The LORD says: ‘Rule over your enemies! Yours (*Messiah’s*) is princely power from the day of your birth (*Referring to Jesus’ Physical Birth as Man*). In holy splendor before the daystar, like the dew I (*Yahweh*) begot you (*Messiah Jesus is the Only Begotten Son of God*).’” (*Psa. 110:2b-3*)

Jesus Applies the Messianic Kingship to Himself in King David’s Psalm; therefore, the Rest of that Psalm Also Applies to Him.

b. Messiah - High Priest

Jesus is Messiah – High Priest According to the Order of Melchizedek, Fulfilling the Office of High Priest

1) “The LORD has sworn and will not waver: ‘Like Melchizedek you are a priest forever.’” Psa. 110:4

2) High Priests Appointed by God

a) Israel’s High Priests Appointed from Order of Aaron Heb. 5:1-4
(See Section D.2 “*Order of Priests & Religious*” Above)

- (1) High Priests are Taken from Among Men
- (2) High Priests Intercede for People
- (3) High Priests Offer Sacrifices for the Atonement of Sin
- (4) “No one takes this honor (*Of Being Appointed High Priest*) upon himself but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.” (*Heb. 5:4*)

b) Christ Jesus Appointed High Priest According to Order of Melchizedek

(1) Christ was Taken from Among Men (*Jesus is the Son of Man*)

- “..... it was not Christ who glorified himself in becoming high priest, but rather the one who said to him: ‘You (*Messiah – Son of God*) are my son; this day I have begotten you’ (*Psa. 2:7*); just as he says in another place: ‘You (*Messiah*) are a priest forever

according to the order of Melchizedek' (*Psa. 110:4*) Heb. 5:5-6

- Jesus, the Only Begotten Son of God, Appointed by God as Eternal High Priest
- (2) Christ Intercedes for Mankind with Prayers & Supplications
- "In the days when he was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence." Heb. 5:7
 - Jesus was Heard by Father God because of His Reverence (*His Faith, Humility, Obedience & Righteousness*)
- (3) Christ Offers Himself as Lord's Sacrifice for the Atonement of Sin
- "Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him," Heb. 5:8-9
 - Jesus Learned Obedience through His Suffering (*Living, Experiencing & Overcoming the Vicissitudes of a Man*)
 - Jesus' Suffering was Perfected (*Jesus' Life Culminated in His Perfect Sacrifice on the Cross for Atonement of Sin*)
 - Jesus is the Source of Eternal Salvation. "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6
- (4) Christ Declared High Priest by God Almighty
- "(Jesus Christ) declared by God high priest according to the order of Melchizedek." Heb. 5:10
- 3) Jesus Christ Fulfills God's Oath of an Eternal High Priest
- a) "When God made the promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, 'he swore by himself,' and said, 'I will indeed bless you and multiply you'. And so, after patient waiting, he (*Abraham*) obtained the promise." Heb. 6:13-15
- (1) Recalling God's Oath to Abraham Gen. 22:16-18
(*God Swears His Oath After Abraham Sacrifices the Ram Provided by the Lord in Place of His Son Isaac. See Section B.2.c "Abraham's Ultimate Offering – His Son Isaac" Above. Gen. 22:1-19*)
- "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son (*Isaac*),
 - "I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky (*Representing Christians*) and the sands of the seashore (*Representing Israelites*); your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies,
 - "and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing—all this because you obeyed my command (*To Offer His Son as a Sacrifice*)."
- (2) God's Oath to Abraham Fulfilled by Jesus Christ
- Abraham Father of Isaac, Isaac Father of Jacob, Jacob Father of the 12 Tribes of Israel & their Descendants.
 - Like the Ram Provided by the Lord, Jesus Christ, a Descendant of Abraham, Offered Himself as a Sacrifice, Taking Upon Himself the Sins of the World, Dying in Our Place, and

- Conquering Sin & Death; thereby, Becoming a Blessing to All Believers
2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 2:14-15
- Jesus Christ, a Descendant of Abraham, Birthed His Church, Who Became Spiritual Descendants of Abraham from the Nations of the World. Rom. 4; Gal. 3
- b) The Validity of an Oath Heb. 6:16-18
- (1) “Human beings swear by someone greater than themselves; for them an oath serves as a guarantee and puts an end to all argument.”
 - (2) “So when God wanted to give the heirs of his promise an even clearer demonstration of the immutability of his purpose, he intervened with an oath, so that by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge might be strongly encouraged to hold fast to the hope that lies before us.”
- c) God’s Oath to His Son – Jesus Christ
- (1) “The LORD has sworn (God Swears an Oath) and will not waver (God’s Oath is Immutable – Never Changing): ‘Like Melchizedek you (Messiah – Son of God) are a priest forever (Sworn as Eternal High Priest).’” Psa. 110:4
 - (2) Jesus Christ Fulfills God’s Priestly Oath
 - “This we have as an anchor of the soul, sure and firm, which reaches into the interior behind the veil (*Into God’s Holy Presence*), where Jesus has entered on our behalf as forerunner, becoming high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.” Heb. 6:19-20
 - Jesus Entered the Heavenly Sanctuary with His Own Sacrificed Blood, Becoming Our Eternal High Priest
- 4) Priestly Order of Melchizedek Superior to Order of Aaron
Jesus Christ is Eternal High Priest According to Order of Melchizedek
- a) Melchizedek King of Salem & Priest of Most High God
Gen. 14:17-20; Heb. 6:19-20
- (1) Melchizedek a Priest Forever. “This ‘Melchizedek, king of Salem and Priest of God Most High,’ ‘met Abraham as he returned from his defeat of the kings’ and ‘blessed him.’ And Abraham apportioned to him ‘a tenth of everything.’ Without father, mother, or ancestry, without beginning of days or end of life, thus made to resemble the Son of God, he (Melchizedek) remains a priest forever.” Heb. 7:1-3
 - Melchizedek Blessed Abraham
 - Abraham Paid Tithes to Melchizedek
 - Melchizedek Resembles the Son of God (*Jesus Christ*), Remaining a Priest Forever
 - (2) Abraham’s Posterity Tithed to Melchizedek. “See how great he (*Melchizedek*) is to whom the patriarch ‘Abraham (indeed) gave a tenth’ of his spoils. The descendants of Levi (*i.e. House of Aaron*) who receive the office of priesthood have a commandment according to the law to exact tithes from the people, that is, from their brothers, although they also have come from the loins of Abraham.” Heb. 7:4-5
 - Abraham Father of Isaac, Isaac Father of Jacob, Jacob Father of 12 Tribes of Israel, Including Levi

- Aaron is from the Tribe of Levi
 - Israel's Priests are from the House of Aaron
 - Israelites Pay Tithes to Levites Num. 18:21-24
 - Levites Pay Tithes to Priests from House of Aaron Num. 18:25-28
- (3) Melchizedek Greater than Abraham & His Descendants. "But he (*Melchizedek*) who was not of their ancestry received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had received the promises. Unquestionably, a lesser person is blessed by a greater. In the one case, mortal men receive tithes; in the other, a man (*i.e. Melchizedek*) of whom it is testified that he lives on. One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, was tithed through Abraham, for he was still in his father's loins when Melchizedek met him." [Heb. 7:6-10](#)
- Recalling God's Promises. "..... I (*Lord God*) will make of you (*Abraham*) a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you." [Gen. 12:1-3](#)
 - [Jesus Christ Fulfills God's Promise by Blessing All the Communities of Earth through His Sacrifice & Death](#)
 - The Law of Supremacy
 - The Lesser Pays Tithes to the Greater
 - The Greater Blesses the Lesser
 - Melchizedek is Not Abraham's Descendant
 - Melchizedek Received Tithes from Abraham & Blessed Him
 - Abraham had Received God's Promises
 - Levi in Abraham's Loins When He Paid Tithes to Melchizedek
 - Levi Paid Tithes to Melchizedek in the Person of His Great Grandfather Abraham
 - Human Recipients of Tithes are Subject to Death
 - No Record of Melchizedek's Death
 - Priestly Order of Melchizedek Remains Alive
 - [Jesus Christ Rose from the Dead, Living Forever as Eternal High Priest.](#) ".....he (*Jesus Christ*) remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them." [Heb. 7:24-25](#)
- (4) Order of Melchizedek is Superior to Levitical Order of Aaron
- "The LORD has sworn and will not waver: 'Like Melchizedek you (*Messiah – Son of God*) are a priest forever (*Eternal High Priest*).'" [Psa. 110:4](#)
 - Jesus Christ is Both [Son of Man](#) (*Humanly Descended from Abraham – Fulfilling God's Promises*), and [Son of God](#) (*Represented by Melchizedek*), Appointed by Most High God as King of Kings & Eternal High Priest
 - [Like Melchizedek, High Priest Christ Jesus is Superior to the Levitical Order of Aaron](#)

b) [Jesus Christ's Priesthood Supersedes the Order of Aaron Heb. 7:11-28](#)

- (1) Perfection Not Achieved through Levitical Order. "If, then, perfection came through the levitical priesthood, on the basis of which the people received the law, what need would there still have been for another priest to arise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not reckoned according to the order of Aaron?"
 - High Priests are Subject to Sin & Death
 - How Can They Atoned for Sins of Others before a Holy God?
 - [Another Priestly Order \(Melchizedek\) Needed to be Appointed](#)
 - [A Priestly Order that's Perfect, Holy & Eternal](#)
- (2) When Priesthood Changes – The Law Changes. "When there is a change of priesthood, there is necessarily a change of law as well (*i.e. a New Covenant*)."
- (3) [New Priest Appointed According to the Order of Melchizedek](#)
 - Christ Jesus from the Tribe of Judah. "..... It is clear that our Lord (*Jesus Christ*) arose from Judah, and in regard to that tribe Moses said nothing about priests."
 - Tribe of Judah Not Designated as Priests by Moses & Law
 - "It is even more obvious if another priest is raised up after the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become so, not by a law expressed in a commandment concerning physical descent but by the power of a life that cannot be destroyed.
 - [New Priest Appointed Not by the Law](#)
 - [New Priest Appointed Not by Physical Descent](#)
 - [New Priest Appointed by Virtue of the Power of Life that Cannot be Destroyed!](#)
 - "For it is testified: 'You (*Messiah*) are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.' (*An Eternal Priesthood*)"
- (4) The Old Covenant Annulled & [New Covenant Inaugurated](#)
 - "On the one hand, a former commandment is annulled because of its weakness and uselessness, for the law brought nothing to perfection; [on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God.](#)"
 - Order of Aaron Weak & Useless (*Officiated by Sinful Man*)
 - The Law Brought Nothing into Perfection
 - [New & Better Covenant Inaugurated by Christ Jesus Our High Priest, Drawing Us Closer to God](#)
 - "And to the degree that this happened not without the taking of an oath—for others became priests without an oath, [but he \(*Messiah Jesus*\) with an oath, through the one who said to him: 'The Lord has sworn, and he will not repent: 'You are a priest forever.'](#)"
 - Levitical Order Not Consecrated by Oath
 - [Messiah Jesus Consecrated High Priest by God's Oath](#)
 - "to that same degree has Jesus (also) become the guarantee of an (even) better covenant."
 - [Jesus Christ is Our Guarantee of a New & Better Covenant.](#)

- (5) Christ's Eternal Priesthood. "Those priests (*i.e. Levitical Priests*) were many because they were prevented by death from remaining in office, but he (*Jesus Christ*), because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them."
- Priests of Old Covenant Died & Had to be Replaced
 - Priest Jesus Lives Forever
 - Continually Providing Salvation for His Followers
 - Continually Interceding to Father God in Our Behalf
- (6) Jesus Christ Our Perfect & Eternal High Priest. "It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the heavens."
- Jesus is Holy, Innocent & Undefiled (*Sinless*)
 - Jesus is Separated from Sinners (*Sanctified*)
 - Jesus Higher than Heavens (*Enthroned at God's Right Hand*)
- (7) Priest Jesus Offered a Perfect & Eternal Sacrifice
- "He (*Jesus Christ*) has no need, as did the high priests (*Order of Aaron*), to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did that once for all when he offered himself."
 - Levitical Priests Offered Imperfect Temporary Sacrifices
 - Jesus Christ Offered Himself (*On the Cross*) as Perfect & Eternal Sacrifice!
 - "For the law appoints men subject to weakness (*Sinners*) to be high priests, but the word of the oath, which was taken after the law, appoints a son, who has been made perfect forever."
 - God's Oath Appoints His Son, Jesus Christ, as High Priest.
 - "The LORD has sworn and will not waver: 'Like Melchizedek you are a priest forever.'" Psa. 110:4
- c. Messiah - Conquering Judge Psa. 110:5-7
(*In Ancient Middle East, the King was the Supreme Judge of the Land.*)
- 1) "At your right hand is the Lord, who crushes kings on the day of wrath, Who, robed in splendor, judges nations, crushes heads across the wide earth, Who drinks from the brook by the wayside and thus holds high the head."
- a) Jesus Christ is the Lord Enthroned at God's Right Hand
- (1) "..... When he (*Jesus Christ*) had accomplished purification from sins, he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high, as far superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs." Heb. 1:1-4
- b) Jesus Christ Conquers All the Forces of Evil
- (1) At His First Coming, Jesus Conquered Satan, Sin & Death by His Sacrifice on the Cross
- "Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world (*Satan*) will be driven out. And when I am lifted up (*Crucified*) from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." John 12:31-32
 - Sinful Man Judged by Jesus' Sacrifice (*God's Judgment*)

Falls on His Son Jesus – Who Bore Our Penalty for Sin.)

- Satan Defeated by Jesus' Victorious Sacrifice
 - Jesus' Sacrifice will Draw Men from Nations of World
 - “Now since the children share in blood and flesh, he (*Jesus – Son of God*) likewise shared in them, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who through fear of death had been subject to slavery all their life.” Heb. 2:14-15
 - Becoming Lord God's Eternal High Priest
 - “For there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and the human race, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself as ransom for all.....” 1 Tim. 2:5-6
 - Fulfilling Priestly Office of Melchizedek as “Priest of God Most High”
- (2) At His Second Coming, Jesus Will Destroy All the Forces of Evil & Establish His Kingdom on Earth Rev. 19:11-21
- Jesus Returns to Earth “Robed in Splendor”.
 - “Then I saw the heavens opened (*Christ Returns from His Heavenly Throne*), and there was a white horse (*Christ the Conqueror*); its rider was (called) ‘Faithful and True.’ He judges and wages war in righteousness. His eyes were (like) a fiery flame (*Christ is Omniscient*), and on his head were many diadems (*Crowned with Full Authority*)...... He wore a cloak that had been dipped in blood (*Christ's Victorious Sacrifice*), and his name was called the Word of God. The armies of heaven followed him (*Christ Commands the Forces of Heaven*), mounted on white horses and wearing clean white linen (*Church Sanctified by Blood of Jesus*).”
 - Jesus Will “Crush Kings on the Day of Wrath”
 - “Out of his mouth came a sharp sword to strike the nations (*Christ Conquers the Nations by His Word*). He will rule them with an iron rod (*Christ Rules with Supreme Authority*), and he himself will tread out in the wine press the wine of the fury and wrath of God the almighty (*Christ Executes God's Judgments*). He has a name written on his cloak and on his thigh, ‘King of kings and Lord of lords’.....”
- (3) Jesus “Judges Nations” Matt. 25:31-46
- “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.
 - “Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.....’
 - “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his

angels.....”

- (4) Jesus Will Rule the Nations with Supreme Authority & Justice
- Jesus Christ’s Universal Reign Psa. 2
 - “I (*Lord God*) myself have installed my king (*Messiah*) on Zion (*Jerusalem*), my holy mountain.” (*Psa. 2:6*)
 - “I (*Messiah*) will proclaim the decree of the LORD, who said to me, ‘You are my son; today I am your father. Only ask it of me, and I will make your inheritance the nations, your possession the ends of the earth. With an iron rod you shall shepherd them, like a clay pot you will shatter them.” (*Psa. 2:7-9*)
 - Jesus Christ is Lord’s Holy & Righteous King
 - Fulfilling Name of Melchizedek, Which Means “King of Righteousness / Justice”
 - Jesus Christ is Lord’s Holy King of Peace
 - Fulfilling the Royal Office of Melchizedek “King of Salem”, Which Means “King of Peace”

G. Heavenly Coronation of High Priest

1. Jesus Christ Presents His Sacrifice to Lord God Almighty Heb. 9:11-15
 - a. “But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that have come to be, passing through the greater and more perfect (*Heavenly*) tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation, he entered once for all into the sanctuary (*i.e. Into God’s Holy Presence*), not with the blood of goats and calves (*Like Sacrifices Offered Under the Old Covenant*) but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of a heifer’s ashes can sanctify those who are defiled so that their flesh is cleansed, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God.”
 - b. “For this reason he (*Jesus*) is mediator (*High Priest*) of a new covenant.....”
2. Prophet Zechariah’s Vision of Joshua the High Priest Zech. 3
Vision Fulfilled by Jesus Christ’s Coronation as High Priest Heb. 4:14 – 5:10
 (“*Joshua*” is Hebrew Name “*Yeshua*”; Translated from Greek to English as “*Jesus*”).
 - a. Zechariah Sees Joshua Standing Before Angel of the Lord
 Jesus Enters Heavenly Sanctuary with His Sacrifice (*See Above*) Heb. 9:11-15
 (*Angel is God’s Delegated Authority & Representative*)
 - 1) Satan Stands at Joshua’s Right Hand
 - a) Accusing Him (*Man’s Sinful Nature*)
 - 2) Angel Rebukes Satan: “May the LORD rebuke you, Satan; may the LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is not this man (*Jesus – Son of Man*) a brand (*Purifying Seal*) snatched from the fire (*Earth - Spiritual Battlefield*)?” (*Zech. 3:2*)
 - b. Joshua Clad in Filthy Garments
 Jesus Carrying the Sins (Filth) of the World. “He (*Jesus Christ*) himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross” 1 Pet. 2:24
 - 1) Angel Instructs Those Standing Before Him

- a) “Take off his filthy garments, and clothe him in festal garments.”
(*Zech. 3:4b*)
(1) Rejoice & Celebrate (*Represented by Festal Garments*) the Price of Sin has been Paid in Full by Jesus Christ
- b) “Put a clean miter on his head (*Symbol of High Priest*).” (*Zech. 3:5a*)
(1) Angel of God Announces Jesus as High Priest
- *Just as the Angel of God Announced the Conception & Birth of Jesus as Savior & Messiah-King to Mary, Joseph (Matt. 1:18-25 & Luke 1:26-38), and then the Shepherds (Luke 2:1-20); So, this Angel Announces Jesus as High Priest to Heavenly Hosts.*
- 2) They Put a Clean Miter on Joshua’s Head & Clothed Him with Festive Garments (*Priestly Robes*)
- a) Jesus Ordained & Consecrated as High Priest
(1) *Just as Priests of the Old Covenant were Clothed with Priestly Vestments & Consecrated in the Tabernacle to Serve as Temporal Priests (Ex. 29); So, Jesus is Clothed with “Festive Garments” & Consecrated in the Heavenly Sanctuary as Eternal High Priest.*
- b) Angel of Lord Says: “See, I have taken away your guilt.” (*Zech. 3:5c*)
(1) Lord God Forgives Man’s Sin through Jesus Christ’s Sacrifice
- c. Angel Gives Joshua the Lord’s Assurance
- 1) Authority Given to Joshua Conditioned upon His Obedience
Jesus Christ is the Only Person in Human History Who Lived a Sinless Life & Totally Obeyed the Laws of God Heb. 5:8-10
- a) “Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘If you walk in my ways and heed my charge, you shall judge my house and keep my courts, and I will give you access among these standing here (*i.e. Heavenly Hosts*).’” (*Zech. 3:7*)
- (1) Joshua Shall Judge the Lord’s House
- Jesus Christ is the Lord’s Righteous Judge. “Nor does the Father judge anyone, but he has given all judgment to his Son, so that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father...”
John 5:22-23
- (2) Joshua Shall Keep the Lord’s Courts (*His Holy Sanctuary*)
- Jesus Christ is Eternal High Priest. “But this one (*High Priest Jesus*) offered one sacrifice for sins, and took his seat forever at the right hand of God (*In the Heavenly Sanctuary*);.....”
Heb. 10:12-14
- (3) The Lord Gives Joshua Access to Heavenly Hosts
- Jesus Christ is Enthroned in Heaven, Superior to the Angels. “..... When he (*Jesus Christ*) had accomplished purification from sins, he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high, as far superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.”
Heb. 1:1-4
- 2) Joshua’s Entourage
- a) “Listen, O Joshua (*“Yeshua”*), high priest! You and your associates who sit before you are men of good omen. Yes, I will bring my servant the Shoot.” (*Zech. 3:8*)
- (1) Joshua & His Associates are Men of Good Omen
(*“Associates Who Sit Before You” Represent Christ’s Church - His “Brethren”*)

(“Men of Good Omen” Represent the Multitudes of People Saved by the Blood of Christ Jesus)

- Jesus’ Brethren Freed from Sin by His Sacrifice. Heb. 2:9-18
 - “For it was fitting that he, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the leader to their salvation perfect through suffering. He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated (*i.e. His Church*) all have one origin. Therefore, he is not ashamed to call them ‘brothers,’” (*Heb. 2:10-11*)
 - “..... he (*Jesus Christ*) had to become like his brothers in every way, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God to expiate the sins of the people.” (*Heb. 2:17*)
- (2) “My Servant Shoot” Refers to King David
 - Jesus is the Promised Messiah from House & Lineage of David
 - Jesus Christ is Both High Priest & King of Kings
- 3) Stone Placed Before Joshua – His Heritage
 - a) “Look at the stone that I have placed before Joshua, one stone with seven facets. I will engrave its inscription, says the LORD of hosts, and I will take away the guilt of the land in one day.” (*Zech. 3:9*)
 - (1) One Stone (*Covenant*) with Seven Facets (*All Ages of Mankind*)
 - Jesus Christ Having Fulfilled Old Covenant with Israel, Establishes a New Covenant for All Mankind Heb. 7:18-25
 - (2) The Lord Engraves His Inscription (*Law of Lord*) on Stone
 - Law of Lord Engraved Upon Hearts of Jesus’ Brethren. “The holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying: ‘This is the covenant I will establish with them after those days, says the Lord: “I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them upon their minds (*Re: Jer. 31:31-34*),”’ Heb. 10:15-16
 - (3) The Lord Takes Away the Guilt (*Sin*) of Land in One Day
 - Jesus Atoned for Sins of Mankind on the Day He was Crucified Heb. 10:1-18
 - “But this one (*Jesus Christ*) offered one sacrifice for sins, and took his seat forever at the right hand of God; now he waits until his enemies are made his footstool. For by one offering he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated.” (*Heb. 10:12-14*)
 - “he (*Holy Spirit*) also says: ‘Their sins and their evildoing I will remember no more (*Re: Jer. 31:31-34*).’ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer offering for sin.” (*Heb. 10:17-18*)
 - b) “On that day, says the LORD of hosts, you will invite one another under your vines and fig trees. (*Promise of Messianic Kingdom*)” (*Zech. 3:10*)
 - (1) Offer of Salvation to All Mankind, To Share in Christ’s Heritage
 - “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.” John 3:16-18

THE PRIESTLY BLESSING

“The LORD bless thee, and keep thee:

The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:

The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.”

(Num. 6:24-26 KJV)

JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!