

The High Priest

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Let's Review

What we have studied already —

Where are we going?

The Tent of Meeting Review:

1. God wants to dwell with His people.

"Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them." - Ex. 25:8

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3. God is holy and expects us to be holy as well.

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The Priestly Lines

1. Levi			2. Melchizedek
Kohath	Gershon	Merar	Jesus Christ
Aaron			
Priests			

High Priest History

- The first priest was Aaron.
- There were 70 High Priests in all (Historian Josephus). The last high priest that is mentioned is Caiaphas.
- Jesus is the final and permanent high priest.

The Purpose of the Priest

1. To serve in the tabernacle, leading in worship and sacrifice.
2. To teach God's law.
3. To seek and/or ascertain God's will.

To Be a Priest, One Must Be...

1. Chosen (Exodus 28:1; Hebrews 5:4)
2. Clean (Exodus 29:4)
3. Clothed (Exodus 29:5-6)
4. Consecrated (Exodus 29:9-36)

The Garments of the High Priest

1. The white tunic and turban were a reminder of righteousness (clean).
"These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." - Revelation 7:14
2. The blue robe is a reminder of God's divinity.
3. The ephod is a reminder of God's attributes.
4. The breastplate is a reminder of God's people and His care.
5. The Urim and Thummim are a reminder of God's will.
"Also put the Urim and the Thummim in the breastpiece, so they may be over Aaron's heart whenever he enters the presence of the LORD. Thus Aaron will always bear the means of making decisions for the Israelites over his heart before the LORD." - Exodus 28:30

Lessons We Learn:

1. All Christians are priests.
"...and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve His God and Father — to Him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen." - Revelation 1:6
2. Our High Priest is Jesus Christ.
"When Christ came as high priest of the good things that are already here, He went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man-made, that is to say, not a part of this creation." - Hebrews 9:11
3. We are to picture ourselves in the white "uniform" of the priest understanding that our righteousness is our testimony.
"He who overcomes will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out his name from the book of life, but will acknowledge his name before my Father and His angels." - Revelation 3:5
"In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." - Matthew 5:16

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