

Leviticus and the Sacrificial System

Lesson 6 – Consecration of the Priests

Text

Leviticus 8:1-9:24; Exodus 12:37; 28-29; 30:22-33; 38:26

Introduction

Having set out the regulations for the offerings, the LORD now has Aaron and his sons consecrated as the priests. It is important to remember that this is all happening at Sinai shortly after the completion of the tabernacle. This process established the Aaronic priesthood, and foreshadowed the coming of the Christ, our true high priest.

Important Terms

1. Consecrate (Lev 8:10): *qadash* (kaw-dash') – to set apart as sacred, dedicate, purify, prepare.
2. Anoint (Lev 8:10): *mashach* (maw-shakh') – To paint... To smear... Typically, but not always used with oil. Used in Ex 29:2 (spread with oil); similar to putting butter on toast. The formal consecration was done by anointing the one to be consecrated with oil
3. Ordain (Lev 8:33): *male* (maw-lay'): To be full, to fill up. Lev 8:33 literally states, “fill the hands” ⁽¹⁾

(1) Smith, James E; *The Pentateuch*; College Press Publishing Company, Joplin, MO; 1992 (pg. 370)

Questions

1. Who was being consecrated for priestly service?
2. Where was the consecration to take place?
3. How large was the congregation of Israel at Sinai (Ex 12:37; 38:26)?
4. What was the first thing Moses did to Aaron and his sons before consecrating them?
5. According to Ex 30:22-33, what was in the anointing oil?
6. Describe the clothes for Aaron (Lev 8:6-9)?
7. Describe the clothes for Aaron's sons (Lev 8:13)?
8. According to Ex 28:9, what stones were put on the Ephod? What was written on them?
9. In Lev 8:8, what did Moses put on Aaron's breastplate?
10. Thought question: What were the Urim and Thummim? Urim means Lights; Thummim means perfection. (Ex 28:30; Num 27:21; Deut 33:8; 1 Sam 28:6; Ezra 2:63; Neh 7:65)

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11. What was the first offering of the ceremony?
12. What was done with the blood from the ram of ordination?
13. How long was the ordination process?
14. What is the ONE subject of Lev 9?
15. What was the difference between what Aaron and the sons of Israel were to offer (9:2-4)?
Aaron:
Israel:
16. What offerings were made in Lev 9:15-18?
17. Thought question: Why was no trespass offering made on this day?
18. Compare Lev 9:7 with Heb 5:1-4
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Foreshadows of Christ.

1. Compare Lev 9:15 with 2 Cor 5:21.
2. Can the Urim (light) and the Thummim (perfection) foreshadow Christ (John 8:12; 1 Pet 1:18-19)?
3. Discuss the following:
Washed: (Lev 8:6) ... (Matt 3:15)
Anointed: (Lev 8:10) ... (Matt 3:16)
Robes sprinkled with blood (Lev 8:30) ... (Rev 19:13)
Offered sacrifices (Lev 9:8-19) ... (Heb 7:27)
4. How does the blood from the ram of ordination (Lev 8:22-24) resemble what happened to Christ?