

# Exodus 28-29 – 18 June 2020

## “Seeing Jesus In The Aaronic Priesthood”

### Introduction

Moses has come up to top of Mt Sinai for 40 days. God will give him & Israel 2 things:

1. The Law – We’ve seen this in chapter 19-24
2. The Tabernacle – in chapter 25-27

The Law – how to represent God to the world

The Tabernacle – God representing Himself to Israel

Today we see the Aaronic Priesthood that will serve in the Tabernacle. Remember...

\*\*Just as the earthly Tabernacle isn’t the real one  
(Real one is in heaven)

\*\*The Aaronic Priesthood isn’t the real one either

Real 1 is priesthood of Melchizedek - Read Heb 7:11

**Today - 3 attributes of the Aaronic priesthood that show us Jesus Christ**

# #1 – High Priest should represent God & man (Chap 28)

Read Chap 28:1-4

1. Tribe of Levi chosen to be priesthood, specifically Aaron's lineage.
2. Priesthood was already a well-established office in society.
  - a. The one who represented God to man
  - b. The one who represented man to God
3. Vs 4 – The H.P. is a picture of Christ, all other priests are pic of Christians.
  - a. Their dress & appearance needed to reflect ideas that don't betray the character of God.
  - b. Does your look reflect character of God?

Read Chap 28:5-7 – *Ephod*

1. Working from outer layer to the inner layer.
2. This is the glory & beauty that holds...
  - a. The breastplate & its stones
  - b. The shoulder pieces with their stones

(Read all vss) Chap 28:8-14 – *Girdle (belt) & the two shoulder stones*

1. Belt around it all – signifying order
2. Two shoulder stones – signifying that the H.P. borne burden for all of Israel in representing God
  - a. Vs 12 – “For a memorial” – H.P. always to be reminded, he’s there on behalf of Israel.

(Read vs 15-17 only) Chap 28:15-30 – *Breastplate*

1. Called the Breastplate of Judgement
2. Was to signify the H.P. duty to determine justice among the people of Israel.
3. H.P. represented God to man!
4. 9” square breastplate like a purse w/ stone covering.
  - a. Stones showed God individual care for Israel
    - i. Close to the heart.
  - b. Vs 30 – Urim & Thummim inside
    - i. Probably used like casting dice.
      1. Didn’t automatically give God’s will

(Read all vss) Chap 28:31-35 – *Robe of the Ephod*

1. Purple representing royalty, blue being a shade of purple represents an important office.
2. Pomegranates have a thick shell w/ many seeds inside making a “shaker” of sorts.
3. By traditions, they tied rope to H.P. ankle for each time he’d go into Holy of Holies.

(Read all vss) Chap 28:36-38 – *Plate for the Mitre*

1. The mitre was a hat, headdress, a turban that wound around his head.
2. Inscription was more important than the hat
  - a. “I’m set apart for the Lord’s work”.
  - b. Whole person was dedicated to representing God.

(Read all vss) Chap 28:39 – “*Coat (undergarment)*”,  
*Mitre & Girdle of fine linen*

1. Not made of metal as warrior’s garments
  - a. No sweat – No striving/effort in God’s service
  - b. Not warrior but a worshipper’s garment

(Read all vss) Chap 28:40-43 – *Other Priest's clothes*

1. All the rest of the priest's also have special clothing.
2. Vs 42 – Magic underwear (jk, relax)

## **#2 – High Priest needs to be holy / set apart (Chap 29:1-28)**

*(Two Ways - #1) Vs 1-14 – Making priests holy by washing*

(Read vs 4-6) Chap 29:1-7 – *Consecrating H.P. Aaron*

1. There is a sacrifice for every part of servicing in the Lord's house.
  - a. We'll be dealing w/ each kind in Leviticus
2. H.P. is picture of Christ
  - a. Even He was symbolically washed by baptism
3. Other priests are a picture of all believers.
  - a. Notice H.P. is separate, others are together
  - b. Read Tit 3:5

(Read vs 8 only) Chap 29:8-14 – *Consecrating the other Priests*

1. Now all others, offerings, washing, but no anointing as for the H.P.

(Two Ways - #2) Vs 15-28 – *Making priests holy by sacrifices*

(Read vs 18-19) Chap 29:15-28 – *Sacrifices*

1. There are 5 major offerings (Burnt, Meal, Peace, Sin & Trespass)
  - a. We see the sin and burnt offerings here.
  - b. Also others like a heave and wave offering
2. At times the Lord prescribes for them to place their hands on the head of the animal
  - a. As a symbolic transference of sins from them to the animal.
  - b. Same in the NT as we call out in faith to the Lord to transfer power to the sick
  - c. Or by faith asking the Lord to grant the H.S

### **#3 –Priesthood needs sustained (Chap 29:29-46)**

Read Chap 29:29-30 – *A lineage of priests*

1. The very life of the H.P. needs sustained by using his descendants. Generation after generation
2. Jesus solved that short-coming
  - a. Read Heb 7:23-24
  - b. As prophesied in Psm 110:4 and restated in (Read Heb 5:10)

(Read vs 31 only) Chap 29:31-37 – *Priestly food*

1. The idea of having a mediator between Israel and God is baked in to the fabric of the country.
2. Turn to Num 18:20-24
3. The very strength of the H.P. needs sustained by using the sacrifices offered.
4. Jesus solved that short-coming
  - a. Turn to John 4:31-34
  - b. Jesus was sustained day by day by doing service to His Father by abiding in His will.
  - c. Are you being sustained by doing God's will?

(Read vs 38-39 only) Chap 29:38-46 – *Continual Sacrifices*

1. At the 3<sup>rd</sup> hour (9am) & 9<sup>th</sup> hour (3pm)
2. When u hear, “They went to the temple at the ‘hour of prayer’”, that’s what they’re talking about
3. The very efficacy of the atoning sacrifice needs sustained day by day.
4. Jesus solved that short-coming
5. Turn to Heb 7:23-28 (already read vs 23-24)
  - a. Once for all people (who accept) and for all time b/c Jesus ever lives to make intercession for us.
    - i. Vs 27 - B/c the H.P who offered the perfect sacrifice REMAINS pure, perfect & ALIVE; the offering remains accepted for all time.
    - ii. Praise God for the confidence we can have!!!!!!!



## Conclusion

So 3 Attributes of the Aaronic Priesthood that show us Jesus Christ

### **1. High Priest should represent God & man**

- a. There is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus – I Tim 2:5
- b. Jesus is truly God and yet became a man

### **2. High Priest needs to be holy & set apart**

- a. God is called the Holy Father by Jesus (John 17:11)
- b. Jesus is called the Holy One all thru the Psms, the prophets and by the demon Legion (Mark 1:24)
- c. The Holy Ghost is called....well the Holy Ghost! ha

### **3. Priesthood needs sustained**

- a. Jesus ever lives to sustain His work of saving us.
- b. We're kept eternally b/c He lives.