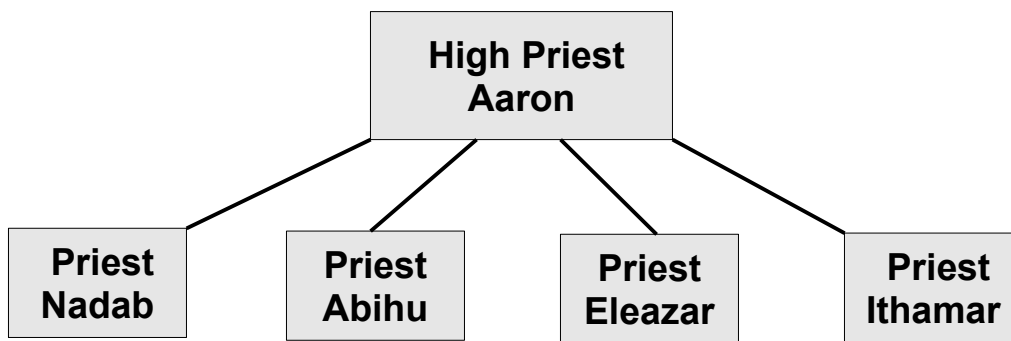


Sanctuary Messages Series
Lesson 13: The Holy Men of the Sanctuary
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Who were the officials that served in the sanctuary?

Exodus 28:1 And take thou unto thee Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office, *even* Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's sons.

Exodus 29:44 And I will sanctify the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar: I will sanctify also both Aaron and his sons, to minister to me in the priest's office.



Where did they serve in the sanctuary and how often?

Both the High Priest and the Priest served there various duties in the courtyard and the holy place daily.

Hebrews 9:6 Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service *of God*.

The High Priest served once per year in the MOST holy place known as the Day of Atonement or the Day of Judgment

Once per year – only the High Priest

Hebrews 9:3 And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all;

Hebrews 9:7 But into the second *went* the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and *for* the errors of the people:

Who does the High Priest represent?

Hebrews 4:14, 15

14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* profession.

15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are*, yet without sin.

Jesus is our ONLY High Priest

Where did Jesus go when He went back to heaven?

Hebrews 9:11, 12

11 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in **once into the holy place**, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

Once His sacrificial work in the courtyard of earth was complete, Jesus went to the Holy Place in the heavenly sanctuary.

Now we know who the High Priest represents, who does the priest represent?

Exodus 19:6 And ye shall be unto me a **kingdom of priests**, and an **holy nation**. These *are* the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

1 Peter 2:9 But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

The Priest under Aaron represent the people of God... Remember you could not enter into the holy place without being a priest holy and acceptable to God. God called us to be a KINGDOM OF PRIEST and an HOLY NATION!!!!

Could the High Priest and priest wear just anything while they were ministering in the sanctuary?

Exodus 35:19 The cloths of service, to do service in the holy *place*, the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office.

Exodus 28:2 And thou shalt make holy garments for Aaron thy brother for glory and for beauty.

The garments were holy to reflect the glory and beauty of God. What is glory? Character of God. The garments of the priest reflected the character of God. **Holy garments**

How should our dress be if we as priests of the kingdom of God? Should it reflect the glory of God not to bring attention to SELF, but God! Should it be an advertisement bill board of fornication and lose living? We need TRUE dress reform in our churches! God does care what you wear.

“Everything connected with the apparel and deportment of the priests was to be such as to impress the beholder with a sense of the holiness of God, the sacredness of His worship, and the purity required of those who came into His presence.” Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 350, 351

Our dress on the outside will reflect what is on the inside. Our dress should be modest reflecting the pure character of God on the inside.

What is the significance of one of the garments of the priest known as “the coat”?

Exodus 39:27 And they made **coats of fine linen of woven work** for Aaron, and for his sons,

Coat in the Hebrew is kûttôneth (koot-to'-neth) meaning "to cover".

Fine linen is bleach white which represents the righteousness of Christ.

What else was significant of "the coat" was that it was a "woven work" meaning that it was woven into one piece. There was NO seams in the coat of fine linen.

Both the priests and the high priest wore the coat made bleach white linen woven in one piece representing the righteous cover of Jesus Christ.

Christ and His righteousness is whole without tear nor seam to expose your nakedness. We need to be totally covered by God's seamless "coat."

Isaiah 61:10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe (covering) of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.

What are we going to wear in heaven as priests of God?

Revelation 19:7, 8

7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

They have cast off the righteousness covering of God! God says we need to be covered with white coats! We need to be properly dressed both physically and spiritually.

- ***Did you know that the priest were not to tear or rip their garments?***

Leviticus 21:10 And *he that is* the high priest among his brethren, upon whose head the anointing oil was poured, and that is consecrated to put on the garments, shall not uncover his head, nor rend his clothes;

Why? Remember it represents the righteousness of Christ.

- ***Which High Priest ripped open his holy coat?***

Matthew 26:57, 63-65

57 And they that had laid hold on Jesus led *him* away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled.

63 But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God.

64 Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

65 Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy.

The High Priest totally rejected the righteousness of Christ to cover him by tearing his coat.

- **Did you know that Jesus wore a physical seamless coat and it was prophesied in John 19:24 that this holy coat would not be torn but gambled for?**

Psalms 22:18 They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture. (garment)

Was it fulfilled?

John 19:23, 24

23 Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also *his* coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout.

24 They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did.

What was the rest of the priest (Aaron's son) attire?

Exodus 28:40 And for Aaron's sons thou shalt make coats, and thou shalt make for them girdles (a cloth belt), and bonnets (caps) shalt thou make for them, for glory and for beauty.

What does the Belt represent? Ephesians 6:14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth. **Belt = truth**

What are loins spiritually? 1Pe_1:13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

What other attire did the High Priest wear that the priest were not allowed to wear?

Head piece

Exodus 28:36 - 39

36 And thou shalt make a plate *of* pure gold, and grave upon it, *like* the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD.

37 And thou shalt put it on a blue lace, that it may be upon the mitre; upon the forefront of the mitre it shall be.

38 And it shall be upon Aaron's forehead, that Aaron may bear the iniquity of the holy things, which the children of Israel shall hallow in all their holy gifts; and it shall be always upon his forehead, that they may be accepted before the LORD.

39 And thou shalt embroider the coat of fine linen, and thou shalt make the mitre *of* fine linen, and thou shalt make the girdle *of* needlework.

Mitre is also known as a **tiara** which is a crown worn only by royalty.

Also, the blue lace was a reminder of our need for obedience and standards and truth of God's 10 Commandments

Engraved In on a golden plate on the forehead of the mitre was written "Holiness to the Lord".

The High Priest was as a symbolic prophecy that the king is coming in the flesh! Holy unto the Lord.

12. What did the High Priest wear over the coat of fine linen (second layer)?

Exodus 28:32 And there shall be an hole in the top of it, in the midst thereof: it shall have a binding of woven work round about the hole of it, as it were the hole of an habergeon, that it be not rent.

Exodus 28:33 And *beneath* upon the hem of it thou shalt make pomegranates *of* blue, and *of* purple, and *of* scarlet, round about the hem thereof; and bells of gold between them round about:

Exodus 28:34 A golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the hem of the robe round about.

Blue ephod that was about the length of his coat with pomegranate and bells around the bottom of the hem or edge of the blue garment / ephod.

- ***What do the Bells represent?***

Psalms 89:15 Blessed *is* the people that know the joyful sound: they shall **walk**, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance.

1 Corinthians 13:1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

Bells – are your actions, not just your talk! ACTIONS Speak louder than your WORDS!

- ***What are pomegranates?*** Red fruit with thousands of red seeds.

Luke 8:11 The seed is the word of God. John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

Colossians 1:10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

Ephesians 5:9 (For the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)

Galatians 5:22, 23

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Pomegranates = Fruit of the spirit / works of the spirit and the seed of God's word. Pomegranates look like red blood cells which points to the blood of Jesus Christ.

What is the third layer of clothes on the High Priest attire?

Exodus 28:5 – 7

5 And they shall take gold, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen.

6 And they shall make the ephod *of* gold, *of* blue, and *of* purple, *of* scarlet, and fine twined linen, with cunning work.

7 It shall have the two shoulder pieces thereof joined at the two edges thereof; and so it shall be joined together.

Gold is Almighty God, Blue-Obedience, Purple-Royalty, Scarlet-Blood, and White–Righteousness

What was special on the shoulders of the High Priest?

Exodus 28:11, 12

- 11 With the work of an engraver in stone, *like* the engravings of a signet, shalt thou engrave the two stones with the names of the children of Israel: thou shalt make them to be set in ouches of gold.
- 12 And thou shalt put the two stones upon the shoulders of the ephod *for* stones of memorial unto the children of Israel: and Aaron shall bear their names before the LORD upon his two shoulders for a memorial.

Stones engraved with the names of the children of Israel are a representation of the kingdom of God, his government. This points to the pre-gospel.

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and **the government shall be upon his shoulder**: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Remember, the five pillars as we enter into the door of the Holy Place!

What was special on the “heart” or chest of the High Priest?

Exodus 28: 15 – 21, 27 - 29

- 15 And thou shalt make the breastplate of judgment with cunning work; after the work of the ephod thou shalt make it; *of* gold, *of* blue, and *of* purple, and *of* scarlet, and *of* fine twined linen, shalt thou make it.
- 16 Foursquare it shall be *being* doubled; a span *shall be* the length thereof, and a span *shall be* the breadth thereof.
- 17 And thou shalt set in it settings of stones, *even* four rows of stones: *the first row shall be* a sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle: *this shall be* the first row.
- 18 And the second row *shall be* an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond.
- 19 And the third row a ligure, an agate, and an amethyst.
- 20 And the fourth row a beryl, and an onyx, and a jasper: they shall be set in gold in their inclosings.
- 21 And the stones shall be with the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, *like* the engravings of a signet; every one with his name shall they be according to the twelve tribes.
- 27 And two *other* rings of gold thou shalt make, and shalt put them on the two sides of the ephod underneath, toward the forepart thereof, over against the *other* coupling thereof, above the curious girdle of the ephod.
- 28 And they shall bind the breastplate by the rings thereof unto the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that *it* may be above the curious girdle of the ephod, and that the breastplate be not loosed from the ephod.
- 29 And Aaron shall bear the names of the children of Israel in the breastplate of judgment upon his heart, when he goeth in unto the holy *place*, for a memorial before the LORD continually.

YOUR ARE CLOSE IN THE HEART & MIND OF JESUS!!

Precious jewels!

Malachi 3:16 – 18

- 16 Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard *it*, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.
- 17 And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.
- 18 Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.