

**Ordination of Aaron and His Sons (1 Nisan [March/April] 1445 BC)**

## Leviticus 8

**Preparations for Ordination**

1 Then Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

2 “Take Aaron and his sons with him, and the garments and the anointing oil and the bull of the sin offering and the two rams and the basket of the unleavened bread,

3 and summon all of the community to the entrance to the tent of assembly.”

4 So Moses did *just* as Yahweh commanded him, and the community gathered by the entrance to the tent of assembly.

5 Then Moses said to the community, “This *is* the word that Yahweh has commanded to be done.”

6 So Moses brought Aaron and his sons near, and he washed them with water.

7 Then he put the tunic on him and tied the sash *around* him; then he clothed him with the robe and put the ephod on him; then he tied the ephod’s waistband *around* him and fastened *the ephod* to him with it.

8 Then he placed the breastpiece on him and put the Urim and the Thummim into the breastpiece;

9 and he placed the turban on his head, and on the front of the turban he placed the gold rosette, the holy diadem, *just* as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

**Anointing of Tabernacle and Aaron**

10 Then Moses took the anointing oil and anointed the tabernacle and all that *was* in it, and he consecrated them.

11 And he spattered part of it on the altar seven times—thus he anointed the altar and all of its utensils, and the basin and its stand, to consecrate them.

12 Then he poured out part of the anointing oil on Aaron’s head—thus he anointed him *in order* to consecrate him.

13 Then Moses brought Aaron’s sons near and clothed them *with* tunics and tied a sash *around* each one, and he bound headbands on them, *just* as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

**Sin Offering (see Exodus 29:10–14)**

14 Then he brought forth the bull of the sin offering, and Aaron and his sons placed their hands on the head of the bull of the sin offering,

15 and he slaughtered *it*, and Moses took the blood and put *it* with his finger on the altar’s horns all around and purified the altar; then he poured the blood out on the altar’s base—thus he consecrated it *in order* to make atonement for it.

16 Then he took all the fat that *was* on the inner parts and the lobe on the liver and the two kidneys and their fat, and Moses turned *them* into smoke on the altar,

17 but he burned the bull and its skin and its meat and its offal in the fire outside the camp, *just* as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

**Burnt Offering (see Exodus 29:15–18)**

18 Then he brought the ram of the burnt offering near, and Aaron and his sons placed their hands on the ram’s head,

19 and he slaughtered *it*. Then Moses sprinkled the blood on the altar all around.

20 Then he cut the ram into pieces, and Moses turned into smoke the head and the pieces and the suet,

21 but he washed the inner parts and the lower leg bones with water, and Moses turned into smoke all of the ram on the altar; it *was* a burnt offering as an appeasing fragrance, an offering made by fire for Yahweh, *just* as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

**Ram of Ordination (see Exodus 29:19–30)**

22 Then he brought the second ram near, the ram of the consecration, and Aaron and his sons placed their hands on the ram’s head, 23 and he slaughtered *it*. Then Moses took some of its blood and put *it* on Aaron’s right ear lobe and on his right hand’s thumb and on his right foot’s big toe.

24 Then he brought Aaron’s sons near, and Moses put some of the blood on their right ear lobe and on their right hand’s thumb and on their right foot’s big toe, and Moses sprinkled the blood on the altar all around.

25 Then he took the fat and the fat tail and all of the fat that *was* on the inner parts and the lobe of the liver and the two kidneys and their fat and the right upper thigh;

26 and from the basket of the unleavened bread that *was* before Yahweh he took one ring-shaped unleavened bread and one ring-shaped bread with oil and one wafer, and he placed *them* on the fat parts and on the right upper thigh.

27 Then he put all of these on Aaron’s palms and on his sons’ palms, and he waved them *as* a wave offering before Yahweh.

28 Then Moses took them from upon their palms, and he turned *them* into smoke upon the burnt offering on the altar; they *were* a consecration offering as an appeasing fragrance—it *was* an offering made by fire for Yahweh.

29 Then Moses took the breast section, and he waved it *as* a wave offering before Yahweh from the ram of the consecration offering; it *was* Moses’ share, *just* as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

30 Then Moses took some of the anointing oil and some of the blood that *was* on the altar, and he spattered *them* on Aaron, on his garments, and on Aaron’s sons and on his sons’ garments with him—thus he consecrated Aaron, his garments, and his sons and his sons’ garments with him.

**Seven Day Ordination Period (see Exodus 29:31–37)**

31 Then Moses said to Aaron and to his sons, “Boil the meat in *the* entrance to *the* tent of assembly, and there you must eat it and the bread that *is* in the basket of the consecration offering, *just* as I have commanded, saying, ‘Aaron and his sons must eat it,’  
 32 but the remainder of the meat and the bread you must burn in the fire.  
 33 And you must not go out from the entrance to *the* tent of assembly *for* seven days, until *the* day of fulfilling the days of your consecration, because it will take seven days to ordain you.  
 34 *Just* as was done on this day, Yahweh commanded to be done *in order* to make atonement for you.  
 35 And you must stay *at the* entrance to *the* tent of assembly day and night *for* seven days, and you shall keep the obligation from Yahweh, so you might not die, for thus I have been commanded.”  
 36 So Aaron and his sons did all the things that Yahweh had commanded through Moses.

**Offerings from the Twelve Tribes of Israel – Part 1 (1–7 Nisan [March/April] 1445 BC)**

Numbers 7:1–53

**Timing of Offerings**

7:1 On the day Moses finished setting up the tabernacle and appointed and consecrated it and all its vessels, and the altar and its vessels, and he appointed them and consecrated them,  
 2 the leaders of Israel, the heads of the families, presented an offering; they *were* the leaders of the tribes and *were* the ones in charge of the counting.  
 3 They brought their offering before the presence of Yahweh, six covered utility carts and twelve cattle, a utility cart for two of the leaders, and a bull for each; and they presented them before the tabernacle.  
 4 Yahweh said to Moses, saying,  
 5 “Take them, and they will be *used* to do the work of the tent of the assembly; and you will give them to the Levites, each according to his required service.”  
 6 So Moses took the utility carts and the cattle, and he gave them to the Levites.  
 7 Two utility carts and four cattle he gave to the descendants of Gershon according to their required service;  
 8 and four utility carts and eight cattle he gave to the descendants of Merari according to their required service, under the authority of Ithamar son of Aaron the priest.  
 9 But to the descendants of Kohath he did not give *anything* because the work of the sanctuary they carried upon them on their shoulders.  
 10 The leaders presented offerings for the dedication of the altar on *the* day of its anointing, and the leaders presented their offerings before the altar.  
 11 Yahweh said to Moses, “One leader for each day will present their offering for the dedication of the altar.”

**First Day Offering—Judah**

12 And it happened, the one who presented his offering on the first day *was* Nahshon son of Amminadab from the tribe of Judah.  
 13 His offering *was* one plate of silver—its weight was one hundred and thirty shekels—*and* one silver bowl *weighing* seventy shekels according to the sanctuary shekel, both of them filled *with* finely milled flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;  
 14 one golden dish weighing ten shekels filled *with* incense;  
 15 one young bull, one ram, one male lamb in its first year as a burnt offering;  
 16 one he-goat as a sin offering;  
 17 and as a sacrifice of the fellowship offering, two cattle, five rams, five he-goats, and five male lambs a year old. This *was* the offering of Nahshon son of Amminadab.

**Second Day Offering—Issachar**

18 On the second day Nethanel son of Zuar, leader of Issachar, presented an offering.  
 19 He presented *as* his offering one silver plate—its weight one hundred and thirty *shekels*—*and* one silver bowl for drinking wine *weighing* seventy shekels according to the sanctuary shekel, both of them filled *with* finely milled flour mixed with oil as a grain offering.  
 20 One dish weighing ten shekels filled *with* incense;  
 21 one young bull, one ram, a male lamb in its first year as a burnt offering;  
 22 one he-goat as a sin offering;  
 23 and for the sacrifice of the fellowship offering, two cattle, five rams, five he-goats, *and* five male lambs in their first year. This *was* the offering of Nethanel son of Zuar.

**Third Day Offering—Zebulun**

24 On the third day Eliab son of Helon, leader of the descendants of Zebulun:  
 25 his offering *was* one silver plate—its weight one hundred and thirty *shekels*—*and* one silver bowl for drinking wine *weighing*

seventy shekels according to the sanctuary shekel, both of them filled *with* finely milled flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;  
26 one golden dish weighing ten shekels filled *with* incense;  
27 one young bull, one ram, a male lamb in its first year as a burnt offering;  
28 one he-goat as a sin offering;  
29 and for the sacrifice of the fellowship offering, two cattle, five rams, five he-goats, *and* five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Eliab son of Helon.

#### **Fourth Day Offering—Reuben**

30 On the fourth day Elizur son of Shedeur, leader of the descendants of Reuben:  
31 his offering *was* one silver plate—its weight one hundred and thirty *shekels*—*and* one silver bowl for drinking *weighing* seventy shekels according to the sanctuary shekel, both of them filled *with* finely milled flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;  
32 one golden dish weighing ten shekels filled *with* incense;  
33 one young bull, one ram, a male lamb in its first year as a burnt offering;  
34 one he-goat as a sin offering;  
35 and for the sacrifice of the fellowship offering, two cattle, five rams, five he-goats, *and* five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Elizur son of Shedeur.

#### **Fifth Day Offering—Simeon**

36 On the fifth day Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai, leader of the descendants of Simeon:  
37 his offering *was* one silver plate—its weight one hundred and thirty *shekels*—*and* one silver bowl for drinking *weighing* seventy shekels according to the sanctuary shekel, both of them filled *with* finely milled flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;  
38 one golden dish weighing ten shekels filled *with* incense;  
39 one young bull, one ram, a male lamb in its first year as a burnt offering;  
40 one he-goat as a sin offering;  
41 and for the sacrifice of the fellowship offering, two cattle, five rams, five he-goats, *and* five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai.

#### **Sixth Day Offering—Gad**

42 On the sixth day Eliasaph son of Deuel, leader of the descendants of Gad:  
43 his offering *was* one silver plate—its weight one hundred and thirty *shekels*—*and* one silver bowl for drinking *weighing* seventy shekels according to the sanctuary shekel, both of them filled *with* finely milled flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;  
44 one golden dish weighing ten shekels filled *with* incense;  
45 one young bull, one ram, a male lamb in its first year as a burnt offering;  
46 one he-goat as a sin offering;  
47 and for the sacrifice of the fellowship offering, two cattle, five rams, five he-goats, *and* five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Eliasaph son of Deuel.

#### **Seventh Day Offering—Ephraim**

48 On the seventh day Elishama son of Ammihud, leader of the descendants of Ephraim:  
49 his offering *was* one silver plate—its weight one hundred and thirty *shekels*—*and* one silver bowl for drinking *weighing* seventy shekels according to the sanctuary shekel, both of them filled *with* finely milled flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;  
50 one golden dish weighing ten shekels filled *with* incense;  
51 one young bull, one ram, a male lamb in its first year as a burnt offering;  
52 one he-goat as a sin offering;  
53 and for the sacrifice of the fellowship offering, two cattle, five rams, five he-goats, *and* five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Elishama son of Ammihud.

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