

Aaronic Priesthood Begins its Ministry (8 Nisan [April] 1445 BC)

Leviticus 9

Instructions for Ministry

- 1 Then on the eighth day Moses summoned Aaron and his sons and Israel's elders,
- 2 and he said to Aaron, "Take for yourself a bull calf as a sin offering and a ram as a burnt offering, without defect, and present *them* before Yahweh.
- 3 Then you must speak to the Israelites, saying, 'Take a he-goat as a sin offering and a bull calf and a male sheep, yearlings without defect, as a burnt offering,
- 4 and an ox and a ram as fellowship offerings to sacrifice before Yahweh, and a grain offering mixed with oil, because today Yahweh will appear to you.'
- 5 So they took what Moses had commanded to *the* front of *the* tent of assembly, and the whole community presented *themselves*, and they stood before Yahweh.
- 6 Then Moses said, "This *is* the word that Yahweh commanded you to do so that the glory of Yahweh might appear to you."
- 7 Then Moses said to Aaron, "Approach the altar and sacrifice your sin offering and your burnt offering, and make atonement for yourself and for the people. And sacrifice the people's offering and make atonement for them, *just* as Yahweh has commanded."

Sin and Burnt Offering for Aaron

- 8 Then Aaron approached the altar, and he slaughtered the bull calf of the sin offering, which was for himself.
- 9 Then Aaron's sons presented the blood to him, and he dipped his finger in the blood, and he put *it* on the altar's horns, and he poured out the blood on the altar's base.
- 10 And the fat and the kidneys and the lobe from the sin offering's liver he turned into smoke on the altar, *just* as Yahweh had commanded Moses,
- 11 but the meat and the skin he burned with fire outside the camp.
- 12 Then he slaughtered the burnt offering, and Aaron's sons brought the blood to him, and he sprinkled it on the altar all around;
- 13 and they brought the burnt offering to him by its pieces, as well as the head, and he turned *them* into smoke on the altar;
- 14 and he washed the inner parts and the lower leg bones, then he turned *them* into smoke upon the burnt offering on the altar.

Sin, Burnt, Grain and Peace Offering for the People

- 15 Then he presented the people's offering, and he took the goat of the sin offering, which *was* for the people, and he slaughtered it and offered it *as* a sin offering like the first one.
- 16 Then he presented the burnt offering, and he sacrificed it according to the regulation.
- 17 Then he presented the grain offering, and he filled his palm with some of it, and he turned it into smoke on the altar besides the morning's burnt offering.
- 18 Then he slaughtered the ox and the ram, the fellowship offerings that *are* for the people, and Aaron's sons brought the blood to him, and he sprinkled it on the altar all around.
- 19 And *as for* the fat portions from the ox and from the ram (the fat tail and the layer of fat and the kidneys and the lobe of the liver),
- 20 they placed the fat portions on the breast sections, and he turned the fat portions into smoke on the altar.
- 21 Then Aaron waved the breast sections and the right upper thigh *as* a wave offering before Yahweh, *just* as Moses had commanded.

Yahweh Confirms the Priests' Ministry

- 22 Then Aaron lifted his hand toward the people, and he blessed them, and he came down after sacrificing the sin offering and the burnt offering and the fellowship offerings.
- 23 Then Moses and Aaron entered *the* tent of assembly. When they came out, they blessed the people, and Yahweh's glory appeared to all the people.
- 24 Then a fire went out from before Yahweh, and it consumed the burnt offering and the fat portions on the altar. And all the people saw *it*, so they shouted *for joy*, and they fell on their faces.

The Sin of Nadab and Abihu (8 Nisan [April] 1445 BC)

Leviticus 10

Nadab and Abihu Sin Against Yahweh

- 1 And Aaron's sons Nadab and Abihu each took his censer, and they put fire in them and placed incense on it; then they presented before Yahweh illegitimate fire, which he had not commanded them.
- 2 So fire went out from before Yahweh, and it consumed them so that they died before Yahweh.
- 3 Therefore Moses said to Aaron, "This *is* what Yahweh spoke, saying, 'Among those who are close to me I will show myself holy, and in the presence of all the people I will display my glory.'" So Aaron was silent.

The Aftermath

4 Then Moses summoned Mishael and Elzaphan the sons of Uzziel, Aaron's uncle, and he said to them, "Come forward. Carry your brothers from the front of the sanctuary to outside the camp."

5 So they came forward, and they carried them outside the camp in their tunics, just as Moses had ordered.

6 Then Moses said to Aaron and to his sons Eleazar and Ithamar, "You must not let your hair hang loosely, and you must not tear your garments, so that you will not die and he will be angry with all the community. But your brothers, all the house of Israel, may weep *because of* the burning that Yahweh caused,

7 but you must not go out from *the* entrance to *the* tent of assembly lest you die, because Yahweh's anointing oil *is* on you." So they did according to Moses' word.

Yahweh's Instructions to Aaron

8 Then Yahweh spoke to Aaron, saying,

9 "You and your sons with you may not drink wine or strong drink when you come to *the* tent of assembly, so that you will not die—*it is* a lasting statute for your generations—

10 and to distinguish between the holy and the unholy, as well as between the unclean and the clean,

11 and to teach the Israelites all the rules that Yahweh has spoken to them through Moses."

Disposal of Offerings

12 Then Moses spoke to Aaron and to his sons Eleazar and Ithamar, "*As for* the remaining *parts*, take the remainder *of* the grain offering from Yahweh's offerings made by fire and eat it, *the* unleavened bread, beside the altar, because *it is* a most holy thing.

13 And you shall eat it in a holy place, because *it is* your allotted portion and the allotted portion of your sons from Yahweh's offerings made by fire, for so I have been commanded.

14 And the wave offering's breast section and the upper thigh of the contribution *offering* you must eat in a clean place, you and your sons and your daughters with you, because they are given *as* your allotted portion and your sons' allotted portion from the sacrifices of the Israelites' fellowship offerings.

15 They must bring the thigh of the contribution *offering* and the breast section of the wave offering in addition to the offerings made by fire, *consisting* of the fat portions, to wave as a wave offering before Yahweh; and it will be for you and for your sons with you as a lasting rule, *just* as Yahweh had commanded."

16 Then Moses sought all over *for* the goat of the sin offering and behold, it was burned up. So he was angry with Aaron's remaining sons Eleazar and Ithamar, saying,

17 "Why did you not eat the sin offering on the sanctuary's site, because *it is* a most holy thing? And he gave it to you to remove the community's guilt, to make atonement for them before Yahweh.

18 Look, its blood was not brought inside the sanctuary. Certainly you should have eaten it in the sanctuary, as I commanded."

19 So Aaron said to Moses, "Look, today they presented their sin offering and their burnt offering before Yahweh, and *things* such as these have happened to me, and *if* I were to eat a sin offering today, would it have been good in Yahweh's eyes?"

20 When Moses heard, it was good in his eyes.

Offerings from the Twelve Tribes of Israel – Part 2 (8–11 Nisan [April] 1445 BC)

Numbers 7:54–77

Eighth Day Offering—Manasseh

54 On the eighth day Gamaliel son of Pedahzur, leader of the descendants of Manasseh:

55 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;

56 one golden dish weighing ten shekels filled *with* incense;

57 one young bull, one ram, a male lamb in its first year as a burnt offering;

58 one he-goat as a sin offering;

59 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 Gamaliel son of Pedahzur.

Ninth Day Offering—Benjamin

60 On the ninth day Abidan son of Gideon, leader of the descendants of Benjamin:

61 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;

62 one golden dish weighing ten shekels filled *with* incense;

63 one young bull, one ram, a male lamb in its first year as a burnt offering;

64 one he-goat as a sin offering;

65 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 Abidan son of Gideoni.

Tenth Day Offering—Dan

66 On the tenth day Ahiezer son of Ammishaddai, leader of the descendants of Dan:

67 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;

68 one golden dish weighing ten shekels filled *with* incense;

69 one young bull, one ram, a male lamb in its first year as a burnt offering;

70 one he-goat as a sin offering;

71 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 Ahiezer son of Ammishaddai.

Eleventh Day Offering—Asher

72 On the eleventh day Pagiel son of Ocran, leader of the descendants of Asher:

73 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;

74 one golden dish weighing ten shekels filled *with* incense;

75 one young bull, one ram, a male lamb in its first year as a burnt offering;

76 one he-goat as a sin offering;

77 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 Pagiel son of Ocran.

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