

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

Leviticus 9

Instructions for Ministry

- 1 On the eighth day Moses summoned Aaron and his sons and the elders of Israel,
- 2 and said to Aaron, "Take for yourself a bull calf for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering, both flawless, and present them before the LORD.
- 3 Then tell the Israelites: 'Take a male goat for a sin offering and a calf and lamb, both a year old and flawless, for a burnt offering,
- 4 and an ox and a ram for peace offerings to sacrifice before the LORD, and a grain offering mixed with olive oil, for today the LORD is going to appear to you.'"
- 5 So they took what Moses had commanded to the front of the Meeting Tent and the whole congregation presented them and stood before the LORD.
- 6 Then Moses said, "This is what the LORD has commanded you to do so that the glory of the LORD may appear to you."
- 7 Moses then said to Aaron, "Approach the altar and make your sin offering and your burnt offering, and make atonement on behalf of yourself and on behalf of the people; and also make the people's offering and make atonement on behalf of them just as the LORD has commanded."

Sin and Burnt Offering for Aaron

- 8 So Aaron approached the altar and slaughtered the sin offering calf which was for himself.
- 9 Then Aaron's sons presented the blood to him and he dipped his finger in the blood and put it on the horns of the altar, and the rest of the blood he poured out at the base of the altar.
- 10 The fat and the kidneys and the protruding lobe of the liver from the sin offering he offered up in smoke on the altar just as the LORD had commanded Moses,
- 11 but the flesh and the hide he completely burned up outside the camp.
- 12 He then slaughtered the burnt offering, and his sons handed the blood to him and he splashed it against the altar's sides.
- 13 The burnt offering itself they handed to him by its parts, including the head, and he offered them up in smoke on the altar,
- 14 and he washed the entrails and the legs and offered them up in smoke on top of the burnt offering on the altar.

Sin, Burnt, Grain and Peace Offering for the People

- 15 Then he presented the people's offering. He took the sin offering male goat which was for the people, slaughtered it, and performed a decontamination rite with it like the first one.
- 16 He then presented the burnt offering, and did it according to the standard regulation.
- 17 Next he presented the grain offering, filled his hand with some of it, and offered it up in smoke on the altar in addition to the morning burnt offering.
- 18 Then he slaughtered the ox and the ram—the peace offering sacrifices which were for the people—and Aaron's sons handed the blood to him and he splashed it against the altar's sides.
- 19 As for the fat parts from the ox and from the ram (the fatty tail, the fat covering the entrails, the kidneys, and the protruding lobe of the liver),
- 20 they set those on the breasts and he offered the fat parts up in smoke on the altar.
- 21 Finally Aaron waved the breasts and the right thigh as a wave offering before the LORD just as Moses had commanded.

Yahweh Confirms the Priests' Ministry

- 22 Then Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people and blessed them and descended from making the sin offering, the burnt offering, and the peace offering.
- 23 Moses and Aaron then entered into the Meeting Tent. When they came out, they blessed the people, and the glory of the LORD appeared to all the people.
- 24 Then fire went out from the presence of the LORD and consumed the burnt offering and the fat parts on the altar, and all the people saw it, so they shouted loudly and fell down with their faces to the ground.

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

Leviticus 10

Nadab and Abihu Sin Against Yahweh

- 1 Then Aaron's sons, Nadab and Abihu, each took his fire pan and put fire in it, set incense on it, and presented strange fire before the LORD, which he had not commanded them to do.
- 2 So fire went out from the presence of the LORD and consumed them so that they died before the LORD.
- 3 Moses then said to Aaron, "This is what the LORD spoke: 'Among the ones close to me I will show myself holy, and in the presence of all the people I will be honored.'" So Aaron kept silent.

The Aftermath

4 Moses then called to Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of Uzziel, Aaron's uncle, and said to them, "Come near, carry your brothers away from the front of the sanctuary to a place outside the camp."

5 So they came near and carried them away in their tunics to a place outside the camp just as Moses had spoken.

6 Then Moses said to Aaron and to Eleazar and Ithamar his other two sons, "Do not dishevel the hair of your heads and do not tear your garments, so that you do not die and so that wrath does not come on the whole congregation. Your brothers, all the house of Israel, are to mourn the burning which the LORD has caused,

7 but you must not go out from the entrance of the Meeting Tent lest you die, for the Lord's anointing oil is on you." So they acted according to the word of Moses.

Yahweh's Instructions to Aaron

8 Then the LORD spoke to Aaron,

9 "Do not drink wine or strong drink, you and your sons with you, when you enter into the Meeting Tent, so that you do not die, which is a perpetual statute throughout your generations,

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

11 and to teach the Israelites all the statutes that the LORD has spoken to them through Moses."

Disposal of Offerings

12 Then Moses spoke to Aaron and to Eleazar and Ithamar, his remaining sons, "Take the grain offering which remains from the gifts of the LORD and eat it unleavened beside the altar, for it is most holy.

13 You must eat it in a holy place because it is your allotted portion and the allotted portion of your sons from the gifts of the LORD, for this is what I have been commanded.

14 Also, the breast of the wave offering and the thigh of the contribution offering you must eat in a ceremonially clean place, you and your sons and daughters with you, for they have been given as your allotted portion and the allotted portion of your sons from the peace offering sacrifices of the Israelites.

15 The thigh of the contribution offering and the breast of the wave offering they must bring in addition to the gifts of the fat parts to wave them as a wave offering before the LORD, and it will belong to you and your sons with you for a perpetual statute just as the LORD has commanded."

16 Later Moses sought diligently for the sin offering male goat, but it had actually been burnt. So he became angry at Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's remaining sons, saying,

17 "Why did you not eat the sin offering in the sanctuary? For it is most holy and he gave it to you to bear the iniquity of the congregation, to make atonement on their behalf before the LORD.

18 See here! Its blood was not brought into the holy place within! You should certainly have eaten it in the sanctuary just as I commanded!"

19 But Aaron spoke to Moses, "See here! Just today they presented their sin offering and their burnt offering before the LORD and such things as these have happened to me! If I had eaten a sin offering today would the LORD have been pleased?"

20 When Moses heard this explanation, he was satisfied.

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 Manassehites, presented an offering.

55 His offering was one silver platter weighing 130 shekels and one silver sprinkling bowl weighing 70 shekels, both according to the sanctuary shekel, each of them full of fine flour mixed with olive oil as a grain offering;

56 one gold pan weighing 10 shekels, full of incense;

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

58 one male goat for a purification offering;

59 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings: two bulls, five rams, five male goats, and five 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 Benjaminites, presented an offering.

61 His offering was one silver platter weighing 130 shekels and one silver sprinkling bowl weighing 70 shekels, both according to the sanctuary shekel, each of them full of fine flour mixed with olive oil as a grain offering;

62 one gold pan weighing 10 shekels, full of incense;

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

64 one male goat for a purification offering;

65 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings: two bulls, five rams, five male goats, and five 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 Amishaddai, leader of the Danites, presented an offering.

67 His offering was one silver platter weighing 130 shekels and one silver sprinkling bowl weighing 70 shekels, both according to the sanctuary shekel, each of them full of fine flour mixed with olive oil as a grain offering;

68 one gold pan weighing 10 shekels, full of incense;

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

70 one male goat for a purification offering;

71 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings: two bulls, five rams, five male goats, and five lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Ahiezer son of Amishaddai.

Eleventh Day Offering—Asher

72 On the eleventh day Pagiel son of Ocran, leader of the Asherites, presented an offering.

73 His offering was one silver platter weighing 130 shekels and one silver sprinkling bowl weighing 70 shekels, both according to the sanctuary shekel, each of them full of fine flour mixed with olive oil as a grain offering;

74 one gold pan weighing 10 shekels, full of incense;

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

76 one male goat for a purification offering;

77 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings: two bulls, five rams, five male goats, and five lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Pagiel son of Ocran.

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