Week 2: The Priestly Ministry Begins

Objective:

- Moses anoints Aaron and his sons as well as the tabernacle too
- The Profane Fire of Nadab and Abihu
- The difference between Holy and common (focus the lesson on this concept)

Resources:

- Fr Tadros Y Malaty Commentary
- Catena Bible Commentary

Reading:

- Leviticus 8:1-21, 31-36
- Leviticus 9:1-7, 22-24
- Leviticus 10:1-11

Key verse(s):

"By those who come near Me I must be regarded as holy; And before all the people I must be glorified.' " Leviticus 10:3

Comments:

- God established the Aaronic Priesthood
- The role of the priest is to speak to God on behalf of the people (compare with the role of the priest now)
- The role of the prophet is to deliver to the people God's message
- Compare what Moses did with the rite of the priest ordination now (As the Lord commanded)
- The Lord's wrath was aroused against Aaron's sons for not distinguishing between what is Holy and what is common (Be careful towards what is Holy)
- The Lord commands not to drink alcohol or intoxicating drinks
- Share the pictures of the vestments with the youth



THE HIGH PRIEST'S GARMENTS

EXODUS 28

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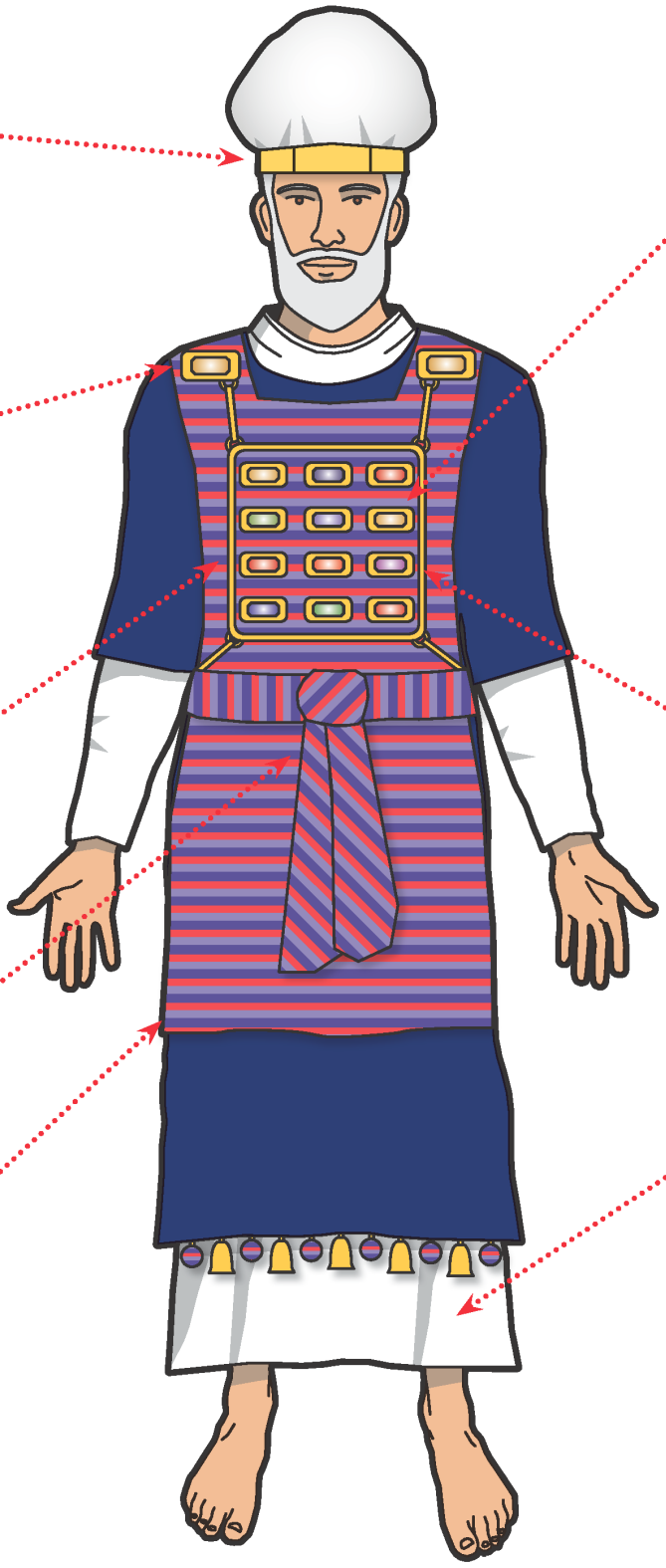
TURBAN of fine linen above a golden plate, engraved with the words, "Holy to the Lord". The engraved plate symbolised the bearing of the people's guilt on the high priest's head. (36-39)

SHOULDER PIECES - two onyx stones in gold settings, engraved with the names of the sons of Israel for "rememberance". (9-12)

URIM & THUMMIM - Held within the breastpiece next to the high priest's heart, symbolising the bearing of the people's judgement before the Lord. These were probably used for making decisions on particular matters. (30)

SASH embroidered with needlework. (39)

EPHOD - a linen garment made of gold, blue, purple and scarlet yarns, held by a woven waistband. (6-8)



BREASTPLATE OF JUDGEMENT - a square of fabric made of linen in gold, blue, purple and scarlet yarns, and doubled over. The piece was held in place with cords of gold, attached to golden rings. Set in the breastplate were four rows of three stones set in gold, each engraved with the name of one of the twelve tribes. (15-29)

12 STONES were each engraved with the name of one of the twelve tribes:

1) sardius, topaz, & carbuncle
2) emerald, sapphire, & diamond
3) jacinth, agate, & amethyst
4) beryl, onyx, & jasper

The high priest would carry the names of the tribes on his heart into the Holy Place for "remembrance before the Lord". (17-20)

UNDERGARMENTS made from linen, covering the "naked flesh" from the hips to the thighs, so the high priest doesn't bear guilt in the Holy Place and die. (42-43)

Review/recap questions:
***Servant may add more questions*

1. *Of the five known kinds of offerings which one was not offered on the eighth day of the consecration?*
2. *Who announced to the people that the Lord will appear to them?*
3. *Why were Nadab and Abihu offering considered profane?*
4. *What does God ask of His worshippers?*
5. *Briefly list the main steps in the ordination of a high priest.*
6. *How does God show His approval of the people's worship?*

Homework:
***Servant may add more questions*

1. *How many animals were killed on the day of the consecration of Aaron and his sons?*
   a) one b) two c) three d) four
2. *The number of days of consecration were:*
   a) three days b) one day c) seven days d) four days
3. *What did Moses sprinkle on Aaron and his sons to consecrate them?*
4. *The glory of the Lord appeared to:*
   a) Aaron b) Moses c) the people d) all of the these
5. *When the people saw the fire sent by the Lord:*
   a) They shouted and fell on their faces b) they ran away c) they blamed Moses d) they sang and dance
6. *The names of Aaron's sons who were devoured by fire were _____ and _____.*
7. *The Lord said to Aaron, "Do not drink _____ when you go into the Tabernacle of Meeting."*
8. *What was the punishment of Nadab and Abihu?*

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