

Leviticus: The High Priest

GOAL OF THIS LESSON

1. To improve our knowledge of the role of a High Priest
2. To grow in our understanding of Jesus as our High Priest

SCRIPTURES TO STUDY

Leviticus 1.1-9, chapters 2, 12-15, 16, 21, 22.1-16, Exodus chapters 28-29

RESEARCH/STUDY ASSIGNMENTS

Identify the duties, role and authority of the High Priest?

List the restrictions and blessings the High Priest had as opposed to the rest of Israel

KEEP THESE THINGS IN MIND....

Why was Aaron and his sons chosen as the High Priest? Was it just because he was Moses' brother or were there other reasons? Reasons based on eternal principles and eternal needs?



ENCOURAGEMENT

As you study for these lessons and are learning the principles of the work and service of priests, notice how the Israelite had to submit to the High Priest and to the Levitical priests in so many different things. We are also to submit to our High Priest, Jesus. There is another fulfillment of the priesthood we don't usually think about... The Apostles. Consider the foreshadowing of the Apostles as we study the Old Covenant priests.

EDIFICATION CHALLENGE

The New testament letter to the Hebrews goes into a lot of detail describing Jesus as our High Priest. The descriptions are all based on ideas and concepts established in Leviticus and other parts of the Law of Moses. One of those parts is from Genesis 14.18-20 with a very brief exchange between Abram and the king/High Priest of Salem, Melchizedek. The Hebrew writer spends a great deal of time explaining how Jesus' priesthood is based Melchizedek's priesthood as well as the priesthood of Aaron & his sons. At the end of our study of the priesthood in Leviticus and Numbers we will study Hebrews. Spend some time in the next couple of weeks studying Hebrews chapters 5-10 in preparation for this part of our study.