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## SCRIPTURES

- Exodus 27:20-30:10
- Ephesians 6:14
- Isaiah 9:6; 59:17
- Hebrews 7:23
- Hebrews 9:1-15
- 1 Peter 2:5-9

## Y'SHUA, OUR ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST!

- Patterns on the Mountain
- Breastpiece of Judgment
- Breastpiece of Righteousness
- A Holy Priesthood
- A Royal Priesthood

*As the Church we are called a Holy priesthood and mandated to put on our “Breastplate of Righteousness”, but what does that even mean? Certainly we are made righteous in God’s sight because of the work of Christ on the cross, but is there something left for us to do? Join us this week as we continue our exploration into the patterns of the tabernacle and priesthood.*

## THEME: MAIN SCRIPTURE(S) THAT HAS INSPIRED MESSAGE

Exodus 28: 7-15 “And they shall make the ephod of gold, of blue and purple and scarlet yarns, and of fine twined linen, skillfully worked. It shall have two shoulder pieces attached to its two edges,

so that it may be joined together. And the skillfully woven band on it shall be made like it and be of one piece with it, of gold, blue and purple and scarlet yarns, and fine twined linen. You shall take two onyx stones, and engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel, six of their names on the one stone, and the names of the remaining six on the other stone, in the order of their birth. As a jeweler engraves signets, so shall you engrave the two stones with the names of the sons of Israel. You shall enclose them in settings of gold filigree. And you shall set the two stones on the shoulder pieces of the ephod, as stones of remembrance for the sons of Israel. And Aaron ***shall bear their names before the LORD on his two shoulders*** for remembrance. You shall make settings of gold filigree, and two chains of pure gold, twisted like cords; and you shall attach the corded chains to the settings.

“You shall make a ***breastpiece of judgment***, in skilled work. In the style of the ephod you shall make it—of gold, blue and purple and scarlet yarns, and fine twined linen shall you make it. It shall be square and doubled, a span its length and a span its breadth.

Isaiah 9:6 For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government ***shall be on His shoulder***; and His name shall be called

Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

### **OUTCOME: MAIN TAKEAWAY(S) I AM HOPING FOR PEOPLE**

Ephesians 6:14 Therefore stand, having your loins girded about with truth, and having on the *breastplate of righteousness*

Isaiah 59:17 For He put on *righteousness like a breastplate*, and a helmet of salvation on His head. And He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was covered with zeal like a cloak.

Hebrews 7:23 And they truly were many priests, because they were not allowed to continue because of death; but He, because *He continues forever*, has an unchangeable priesthood.

## Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

1. This week's Torah Portion begins with God giving Moses specific instructions on how to set up the "Tent of Meeting" or Tabernacle.
2. In these specific details, Yahweh requests in Exodus 27:20 "You shall command the people of Israel that they bring to you pure

beaten olive oil for the light, that a lamp may regularly be set up to burn.

3. Aaron and his sons were to called upon to serve Yahweh as Priests.
4. They were then ordered to make garments that would be used in the sacerdotal duties to be observed by each one, Aaron would become the first High Priest.
5. One of the items that Yahweh requested to be made is the “Breastpiece of Judgement” which would be hung from the rings on the shoulders of the Ephod.
6. Aaron was to also place stones on each shoulder to commemorate the names of the sons of Israel. To carry them on his shoulders.
7. Only those of the Priestly lineage could become Priests as they would be called by Yahweh.
8. In the likeness of the earthly Priests, Y’Shua became our High Priest and abolished the sacrificial system for all times. He has then permitted us (those who bare His name) to come into Yahweh’s Throne room boldly!

WE HAVE A HOLY CALLING IN OUR LIVES

## **1. A Priesthood**

### **A. The Church is a Priesthood**

- (1) We are also a Kingdom of Priests--1 Peter 2:5 you also as living stones are built up ***a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.***
- (2) 1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen generation, a ***royal priesthood***, a holy nation, a people for possession, so that you might speak of the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light
- (3) We should be both humbled and thrilled that the Creator of the Universe would choose to partner up with His creation to carry out His plans. His plans of furthering His Kingdom!
- (4) Hebrews 9:14 how much more shall the blood of Christ (who through the eternal Spirit ***offered Himself without spot to God***) purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? What do you need to be purged from or out of in order to be one hundred percent on board with what Yahweh has in store for you?
- (5) The tabernacle made with hands was a place for the people to meet with Yahweh. But since then, the tabernacle made with hands has been replaced with the temple of the Holy Spirit which is where? We are His Temple!

- (6) Being that Y'Shua carried our sins on His shoulders (The Cross) in the likeness of the High Priests going into the Holy of Holies, and given the fact we have now been called a ***royal priesthood***. We are to walk worthy of His calling on our life since we are now representatives of Yahweh to the people.

## CLOSING

### 2. Hebrews and the Priesthood

#### A. We are called to the Holy of Holies

- (1) The book of Hebrews cannot be properly understood without knowing the meaning of the Priesthood Yahweh set up through Moses.
- (2) Once an understanding of the meaning of the Priesthood is achieved, it is tantamount for the believer to accept their calling into the Holy Place.
- (3) Having then accepted to be a part of the royal Priesthood. We are then required to represent God to the people in a way where they will desire to have their sins atoned for as well.
- (4) We'll let the Bible speak for itself to close out the topic:
  - (a) Hebrews 9:1-15—Then truly the first tabernacle had also ordinances of divine service and an earthly sanctuary.

For the first tabernacle was prepared, in which was both the lampstand, and the table, and the setting out of the loaves, which is called Holies. And after the second veil was a tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies, having a golden altar of incense, and the ark of the covenant overlaid all around with gold, in which was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant. And over it were the cherubs of glory overshadowing the mercy-seat (about which we cannot now speak piece by piece. Now when these things were ordained in this way, the priests always went into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God. But once in the year into the second the high priest goes alone, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the errors of the people) the Holy Spirit signifying by this that the way into the Holiest of all was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing. For it was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices that could not make him who did the service perfect as regards the conscience, which stood only in meats and drinks, and different kinds of washings and fleshly ordinances, imposed on them until

the time of reformation. Redemption Through the Blood of Christ But when Christ had become a high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building nor by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood He entered once for all into the Holies, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling the unclean sanctifies to the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ (who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God) purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause He is the Mediator of the new covenant, so that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first covenant, those who are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.



## QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

1. How does the concept of being called into a "royal priesthood" affect you?
2. What is getting in the way of you jumping on board with Yahweh's plan?
3. Knowing that Christ entered into the Holy Place once and for all, does that pose a challenge, or does that bring peace and freedom to live righteously?
4. Peter calls us "spiritual houses" made with living stones, is that the case for you?
5. The breastplate of righteousness is one of the pieces of the Armor of God. It gets a lot of miles in most Christian circles. Do you object to wear it or do you display it proudly?