

TORAH, GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS
EXODUS 28 - INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PRIESTS
PART 3

Say - Welcome to Sabbath School class. Let's bow our head and ask God for understanding as we continue our study of the book of Exodus. Our lesson is on the instructions for God's priests and what they were to wear.

Say - God had high standards for the priests; let's take a look at what He said in the book of Leviticus. They must live an example before the people and it is the same today for God's ministers ¹²Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" I Timothy 4:12.

Leviticus 21

¹And the LORD said unto Moses, Speak unto the priests the sons of Aaron, and say unto them, There shall none be defiled for the dead among his people: (Priests were not allowed to touch the dead except for "his kin" vs. 2, for this defiled them, ¹¹Neither shall he go in to any dead body (if not close kin), nor defile himself for his father, or for his mother" Leviticus 21:11.) ²But for his kin, that is near unto him, that is, for his mother, and for his father, and for his son, and for his daughter, and for his brother. ³And for his sister a virgin, that is nigh unto him, which hath had no husband; for her may he be defiled (Do we see how God was understanding and caring about the "next of kin". Here is what the God's law said, ¹⁴This is the law, when a man dieth in a tent: all that come into the tent, and all that is in the tent, shall be unclean seven days" Numbers 19:14.).

⁴But he shall not defile himself, being a chief man (high priest) among his people, to profane himself (The high priest had to be pure to offer sacrifices for the people and to enter the holy place.).

⁵They shall not make baldness upon their head, neither shall they shave off the corner of their beard, nor make any cuttings in their flesh (God is saying don't follow the example of the priests of Baal for they added this as a way to contact their false gods which was all inspired by Satan and his demons. God said I do not want to be worshipped as Baal. God's law said ²⁶Ye shall not eat any thing with the blood (pagan worshippers ate the blood): neither shall ye use enchantment (astrology, magic or hiss), nor observe times (practice soothsaying which is all from Satan). ²⁷Ye shall not round the corners of your heads, neither shalt thou mar the corners of thy beard. ²⁸Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I am the LORD" Leviticus 19:26-28).

⁶They shall be holy unto their God, and not profane (pollute as in idolatry) the name of their God: for the offerings of the LORD made by fire, and the bread of their

God, they do offer: therefore they shall be holy. (⁴⁴And I will sanctify the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar: I will sanctify also both Aaron and his sons, to minister to me in the priest's office Exodus 29:44. Why? The high priest represented Jesus Christ our High Priest for He is the Shepherd of God's flock and the high priest represented the bride of God.)

⁷They shall not take a wife that is a whore (harlot), or profane; neither shall they take a woman put away from her husband (because it might have been a fault of hers): for he (the high priest) is holy unto his God.

⁸Thou shalt sanctify (be holy) him therefore; for he offereth the bread of thy God (The twelve loaves of unleavened bread which were set out in the holy place of the tabernacle or tent before God "always" Exodus 25:30) he shall be holy unto thee: for I the LORD, which sanctify you, am holy.

⁹And the daughter of any priest, if she profane herself by playing the whore, she profaneth her father: she shall be burnt with fire.

¹⁰And he that is the high priest among his brethren, upon whose head the anointing oil was poured, and that is consecrated (to put the priesthood into their hands) to put on the garments, shall not uncover his head, nor rend (tear his priestly garments in mourning) his clothes; ¹¹Neither shall he go in to any dead body (if not close kin, vs. 2), nor defile himself for his father, or for his mother;

¹²Neither shall he go out of the sanctuary (this was the home of the high priest, he was to do the work of God first just as God's people today "are to seek first the kingdom of god and his righteousness..." Matthew 6:33.), nor profane the sanctuary of his God; (Why?) for the crown of the anointing oil of his God is upon him (The "crown" meant a diadem/mitre which separated the high priest from the people and the "anointing oil" was representative of God's spirit He gave to the high priest and it is God's spirit which will make His people become like Him or consecrated/holy. God through His prophet Isaiah tells us God's church "Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God" Isaiah 62:3.): I am the LORD. (The Bible tells us at the time of the "harvest or gathering" of God's people, His "firstfruits" ¹⁴And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown (Jesus, our High Priest, crowned as King of Kings.), and in his hand a sharp sickle" Revelation 14:14).

¹³And he shall take a wife in her virginity. ¹⁴A widow, or a divorced woman, or profane, or an harlot, these shall he not take: but he shall take a virgin of his own people to wife (Here were the rules for the priest "²²Neither shall they take for their wives a widow, nor her that is put away: but they shall take maidens of the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow that had a priest before" Ezekiel 44:22. The high priest was to love God with all his heart mind and being above all else.)

¹⁵Neither shall he profane his seed among his people: for I the LORD do sanctify him (God wanted the high priest to keep his duties pure and holy in all ways. God tells His people "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light (truth) with darkness (deception)?" 2 Corinthians 6:14.).

¹⁶And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, ¹⁷Speak unto Aaron, saying, Whosoever he be of thy seed in their generations that hath any blemish (any defect), let him not approach to offer the bread of his God (the shewbread in the holy place).

¹⁸For whatsoever man he be that hath a blemish, he shall not approach: a blind man, or a lame, or he that hath a flat nose, or any thing superfluous (deformed), ¹⁹Or a man that is brokenfooted, or brokenhanded, ²⁰Or crookback, or a dwarf, or that hath a blemish in his eye, or be scurvy, or scabbed, or hath his stones (testicles) broken; ²¹No man that hath a blemish of the seed of Aaron the priest shall come nigh to offer the offerings of the LORD made by fire: he hath a blemish; he shall not come nigh to offer the bread of his God. ²²He shall eat the bread of his God, both of the most holy, and of the holy. ²³Only he shall not go in unto the vail, nor come nigh unto the altar, because he hath a blemish; that he profane (pollute) not my sanctuaries: for I the LORD do sanctify them (This was done so the high priest matched the perfect living God he served "But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" I Peter 1:19. We are not to have a minister today who is sinful or does not follow the teachings of God.). ²⁴And Moses told it unto Aaron, and to his sons, and unto all the children of Israel. **Leviticus 21**

Exodus 28

Say - Verses 1-29 are of God establishing through Moses Aaron and his sons and descendants as priests. Aaron was called by God to be the high priest "⁴And no man taketh this honour unto himself (can't self appoint to be a minister), but he that is called of God, as was Aaron" Hebrews 5:4. The high priest represented Jesus Christ and the bride of Christ in the court and in the holy place and in the most holy place on the Day of Atonement.

Say - The work of a high priest was holy work as we read above and so must their garments be holy; God was teaching His people how He wanted to be worshipped. Remember God had told His people and it is the same today "⁵Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: ⁶And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel" Exodus 19:5-6, I Peter 2:9, Revelation 1:6.

¹And take thou unto thee Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office, even Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's sons.

Say - Verse 2-5 are of the holy undefiled garments for the high priest.

Now God tells His people "I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation (Christ delivered or rescued His people by His death), he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels" Isaiah 61:10. This is the bride and Redeemer of Israel.).

²And thou shalt make holy garments for Aaron thy brother for glory and for beauty.

³And thou shalt speak unto all that are wise hearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron's garments to consecrate him, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office. ⁴And these are the garments which they shall make; a breastplate, and an ephod, and a robe, and a broidered coat, a mitre, and a girdle: (When Christ returns, the Bible tells us "righteousness shall be the "girdle" of His (Jesus) loins..." Isaiah 11:5 and we are to have "...your loins girt about with truth" or the word of God Ephesians 6:14.) and they shall make holy garments for Aaron thy brother, and his sons, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office. ⁵And they shall take gold, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen. (The Bible tells us "¹⁹And when they go forth into the utter (outer) court, even into the utter court to the people, they shall put off their garments wherein they ministered (to God), and lay them in the holy chambers, and they shall put on other garments; and they shall not sanctify the people with their garments (The holy garments were for appearing before God only. Ezekiel 44:19).

Say - Verses 6-38 are of the garments of Aaron. Verses 6-14 are of the ephod.

⁶And they shall make the ephod of gold, of blue, and of purple, of scarlet, and fine twined linen, with cunning work (The ephod was a sacred vest or shoulder piece which covered the breast and stomach in the front and back and hung down to the middle of the thighs and there was skilled cunning embroidery work on the ephod. The ephod was worn by Aaron the priest, Samuel the prophet and David the king).

⁷It shall have the two shoulderpieces thereof joined at the two edges thereof; and so it shall be joined together. ⁸And the curious (embroidered) girdle of the ephod, which is upon it, shall be of the same, according to the work thereof; even of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen. ⁹And thou shalt take two onyx stones, and grave on them the names of the children of Israel: ¹⁰Six of their names on one stone, and the other six names of the rest on the other stone, according to their birth (the names of the 12 tribes of Israel). ¹¹With the work of an engraver (craftsman) in stone, like the engravings of a signet (ring), shalt thou engrave the two stones with the names of the children of Israel: thou shalt make them to be set in ouches (sockets for precious stones) of gold.

¹²And thou shalt put the two stones upon the shoulders of the ephod for stones of memorial unto the children of Israel (Remember the Bible tells us "⁶For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder

(which will be spiritual Israel when He returns): and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. 7Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this" Isaiah 9:6-7.); and Aaron shall bear their names before the LORD upon his two shoulders for a memorial (The "memorial" was for the miracle of God delivering them out of Egypt and eventually to commemorate the crossing of the Jordan River when God had the children of Israel pass-over Jordan, Joshua 4:7. The Bible tells us "7And he put them on the shoulders of the ephod, that they should be stones for a memorial to the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses" Exodus 39:7. The front and back of the ephod were joined with clasps of gold and set with precious stones with the names of the 12 tribes of Israel.)

¹³And thou shalt make ouches (sockets) of gold; ¹⁴And two chains of pure gold at the ends; of wreathen (braid) work shalt thou make them, and fasten the wreathen chains to the ouches (sockets).

Say - Verses 15-29 are of the breastplate which was made of colored linens about 9 inches square and on its front were 12 stones with the names of the 12 tribes of Israel on them. The ephod held the breastplate in its place. The breastplate was a pouch of the high priest and held the Urim and Thummin as an emblem of complete truth.

Remember God's people are to have "...on the breastplate of righteousness Ephesians 6:14."....all of God's commandments are righteousness" Psalm 119:172". When we were repented of sin and were "...**washed** us from our sins in his own **blood**" Revelation 1:5, and were baptized, this was the first step towards putting on the "Breastplate of Righteousness" for when we were immersed in water and were washed clean of sin, only then could we receive a part of Him, His spirit, His power, now making it possible to begin to replace our "self-righteousness" with "His Righteousness" and begin to mature spiritually and become like Him as the "New creature/creation in Christ, 2 Corinthians 5:17" "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him (not unrighteousness)" 2 Corinthians 5:21.

Say - Continuing with the breastplate, the bible tells us "And he (Christ) saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm (power) brought salvation (the result of His righteousness) unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained (upheld Him, allowed Him to remain steadfast unto death, Strong's 5564, Greek.) 17FOR HE PUT ON RIGHTEOUSNESS AS A BREASTPLATE.... Isaiah 59:16-17. This verse above is a prophecy

about Christ before His death to rescue His people; it was the "Breastplate of Righteousness" (knowing God's laws, God's ways, knowing God's will) which sustained Him on the stake. If this is what sustained Christ facing death, surely it will be what will sustain us now in our daily lives and in the time of trouble to come.

¹⁵And thou shalt make the breastplate of judgment (The high priest will make judicial decisions with the Urim and Thummim directed by God, vs. 30. Now with Jesus as our High Priest and His spirit opening the eyes of His people to the truth of God, all can learn from His word which leads us into all truth and eternal life when we follow Him.) with cunning (skillful embroidered) work; after the work of the ephod thou shalt make it; of gold, of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine twined linen, shalt thou make it. ¹⁶Four square it shall be being doubled; a span shall be the length thereof, and a span shall be the breadth thereof. ¹⁷And thou shalt set in it settings of stones, even four rows of stones: the first row shall be a sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle: this shall be the first row.

¹⁸And the second row shall be an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond. ¹⁹And the third row a ligure, an agate, and an amethyst. ²⁰And the fourth row a beryl, and an onyx, and a jasper: they shall be set in gold in their inclosings (There was a different stone for each tribe of Israel.).

²¹And the stones shall be with the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names (in order of birth), like the engravings of a signet; every one with his name shall they be according to the twelve tribes. ²²And thou shalt make upon the breastplate chains at the ends of wreathen work of pure gold. ²³And thou shalt make upon the breastplate two rings of gold, and shalt put the two rings on the two ends of the breastplate ²⁴And thou shalt put the two wreathen chains of gold in the two rings which are on the ends of the breastplate.

²⁵And the other two ends of the two wreathen chains thou shalt fasten in the two ouches (sockets), and put them on the shoulderpieces of the ephod before it. ²⁶And thou shalt make two rings of gold, and thou shalt put them upon the two ends of the breastplate in the border thereof, which is in the side of the ephod inward (The chains passed through the rings and the breastplate was attached to the shoulder piece of the ephod, vs. 25.). ²⁷And two other rings of gold thou shalt make, and shalt put them on the two sides (shoulder) of the ephod underneath, toward the forepart thereof, over against the other coupling thereof, above the curious girdle of the ephod.

²⁸And they shall bind the breastplate by the rings (symbol of authority) thereof unto the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that it may be above the curious girdle of the ephod, and that the breastplate be not loosed from the ephod. ²⁹And Aaron shall bear the names of the children of Israel in the breastplate of judgment upon his heart (this is where love begins), when he goeth in unto the holy place, for a memorial before the LORD continually.

³⁰And thou shalt put in the breastplate of judgment the Urim and the Thummim; and they shall be upon Aaron's heart, when he goeth in before the LORD: and Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel upon his heart before the LORD continually (Urim means "lights" and Thummim means "perfections". They were stones kept in the pouch of the high priest's breastplate and were used in asking guidance from God and an emblem of complete truth.).

Say - The robe of the high priest was worn under the ephod and it went down to the feet with a hem alternating with golden bells and pomegranates of blue, purple and scarlet.

³¹And thou shalt make the robe of the ephod all of blue. ³²And there shall be an hole in the top of it, in the midst thereof: it shall have a binding of woven work round about the hole of it (so he can take out the urim or thummim), as it were the hole of an habergeon (corselet), that it be not rent (torn).

³³And beneath upon the hem (skirts) of it thou shalt make pomegranates of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, round about the hem thereof; and bells of gold between them round about: ³⁴A golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the hem of the robe round about.

³⁵And it shall be upon Aaron to minister: and his sound (from the bells) shall be heard when he goeth in unto the holy place (to burn incense that it be a sweet scent) before the LORD, and when he cometh out, that he die not (The Bible tells us "¹⁰And the whole multitude of the people were praying without (the holy place) at the time of incense" Luke 1:10. ¹⁰How fair is thy love, my sister, my spouse! how much better is thy love than wine! and the smell of thine ointments than all spices! Song of Solomon 4:10. The incense came after the sacrifice.).

Say - In the Song of Solomon our Shepherd speaks and says, "¹³Thy plants are an orchard of pomegranates (speaking about His church), with pleasant fruits; camphire, with spikenard" Song of Solomon 4:13. In the future there will be a paradise which will be real, the heavenly Jerusalem, "¹And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. ²In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life (as in the garden of Eden), which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her (church/bride) fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations (do you think the pomegranate tree will be one of them) Revelation 22:1-2.

Say - Verses 36-38 are of the mitre or a crown-like cap for the head. On this mitre was a plate.

³⁶And thou shalt make a plate of pure gold, and grave upon it, like the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD (was worn on the forehead of the high priest; in the millennium it will be worn on the bells of the horses, "²⁰In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots

in the LORD's house shall be like the bowls before the altar. ²¹Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts (everything even in private homes will be holy): and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts. Zechariah 14:20-21 (There will be no ungodly people ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD" Isaiah 55:8.).

³⁷And thou shalt put it on a blue lace, that it may be upon the mitre (turban); upon the forefront of the mitre it shall be. ³⁸And it shall be upon Aaron's forehead, that Aaron may bear (carry) the iniquity of the holy things, which the children of Israel shall hallow in all their holy gifts; and it shall be always upon his forehead, that they may be accepted before the LORD.

Say - The high priest's coat of fine linen.

³⁹And thou shalt embroider the coat of fine linen (this was the inner most priestly garment, it reached to the feet and the sleeves to the wrist), and thou shalt make the mitre of fine linen (Symbolic of the kingly throne of Christ, ¹³Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both" the king and the priesthood are always together, Zechariah 6:13.), and thou shalt make the girdle (sash) of needlework.

⁴⁰And for Aaron's sons thou shalt make coats, and thou shalt make for them girdles, and bonnets (turbans) shalt thou make for them, for glory and for beauty (God is telling His people how to appear before Him; we should be a glory to Him and beautiful inside and out.).

⁴¹And thou shalt put them upon Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him; and shalt anoint them, and consecrate them, and sanctify them, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office (gave them authority and official power). ⁴²And thou shalt make them linen breeches to cover their nakedness (had nothing against nakedness but when we come before God, must be beautifully adorned); from the loins even unto the thighs they shall reach: ⁴³And they shall be upon Aaron, and upon his sons, when they come in unto the tabernacle (tent) of the congregation, or when they come near unto the altar to minister in the holy place (the priests must wear the anointed garments to do the service of God); that they bear not iniquity, and die: it shall be a statute for ever unto him and his seed after him.

Say - As we said above, the garment of the priests represented the bride's garment. God's people are to be preparing their "garment" also to be at the marriage supper of the lamb, ¹²And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment (he had not repented of his sins, it was a strange garment for he had gotten his religion from a different source other than God)? And he was speechless. ¹³Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness, there shall be weeping and

gnashing of teeth (These are the people that would not listen to God or obey His laws of love. In contrast "...Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments (kept all the laws of God which are applicable and loved Him with all their heart, mind and being.), lest he walk naked, and they see his shame" Revelation 16:15, 19:9.).

Say - **God's Holy Days** teach God's people how to make sure our garment is ready when Christ returns for His people. God has sent out an invitation to many to come to the great wedding feast but we are told "many are called but few are chosen" Matthew 22:14. The "calling" or invitation was the first step in putting on the wedding garment; we had to accept or decline the invitation.

Say - The next step was to "count the cost" of following God; are we willing to put God and His teachings above everything in our life such as church, work, friends, family and make Him number one. Are we ready to take the "... narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" Matthew 7:14 and give up the "...broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction,... Matthew 7:13. Let's take a look at God's holy days.

WEEKLY SABBATHS - The Sabbaths of God are "... a **sign** (a "token", or "proof" of betrothal or engagement) between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you (set apart as a treasure to God because we are His Bride)" Exodus 31:13

PASSOVER - Passover teaches us about preparing our "Wedding Garment" for we must repent of sin or lawlessness of God's ways for sin is "the disobedience of God's laws" I John 3:4 and accept the sacrifice of Jesus who took the penalty of death upon Himself at Passover (not Easter). After repenting, we learn to abhor sin and now we have a circumcised heart/mind, Colossians 2:10-11.

DAYS OF UNLEAVENED BREAD - Once we have repented of our sins, we are ready for **baptism** by being immersed in water. Baptism is symbolic of burying the old garment of sin we once wore and bury the old man sin once filled with deception, superstition and most importantly the lawlessness and false doctrine and wash away our spots and blemishes. Now God's people begin to put on the garment of humility or meekness which is the "new leaven" the very nature of Christ which is part of the Robe of Righteousness. Remember the Bible tells us "Blessed are the **meek**: for they shall **inherit** the earth" Matthew 5:5.

PENTECOST - Once we have repented of sin and been baptized now we are ready to ratify or seal the covenant by receiving the **spirit of God** by the "laying on of hands" I Timothy 4:14. God's spirit gives us the power to overcome the temptation to sin. This is the **life-giving** part of the wedding garment for now we are begotten of God John 1:13 and the "new creature" begins to form inside of the temple of God, I Corinthians 5:17, 3:16. Receiving God's spirit is the "earnest" or promise of eternal life if we hold fast until He returns "²¹Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us (with His spirit), is God; ²²Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest (promise) of the Spirit in our hearts" 2 Corinthians 1:21-22.

FEAST OF TRUMPETS - Feast of Trumpets is the "**harvest time**" or reward time for God's people for they answered "yes" to following Christ. "I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness (God's Laws) Isaiah 61:10. "And he shall send his angels with a great **sound** of a **trumpet**, and they shall gather together his elect (chosen ones) from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other" Matthew 24:31.

DAY OF ATONEMENT - Day of Atonement pictures the **Marriage Supper of the lamb** "And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God" Revelation 19:9. She has made herself ready by "...not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish (forgiven of her sins)" Ephesians 5:27 and she was "...not defiled with women (the false church mixed with truth and error); for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb" (now are the spiritual Bride of Christ) ⁵And in their mouth was found no guile (deception): for they are without fault before the throne of God" Revelation 14:4-5.

Say - She has overcome Satan "...by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony (the truth of God for "His word is spirit it gives life" John 6:63); and they loved not their lives unto death (Christ gave His life for His people and God's people would give up their life for God)" Revelation 12:11. She "... had gotten the victory over the **beast**, and over his image, and over his **mark**, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God (this is the very throne of God the Holy of Holies represented)" Revelation 15:2. The Bible tells us a literal promise from God, "²¹To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne" Revelation 3:21.

FEAST OF TABERNACLES - The Feast of Tabernacles pictures the **Kingdom of God** for 1000 years. It is a time when "the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The **kingdoms** (governments) of this world are become the **kingdoms** (governments) of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever" Revelation 11:15. The Bible tells us "¹And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. ²And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, ³And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season" Revelation 20:1-3.

LAST GREAT DAY - "But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished..." Revelation 20:5. The Last Great Day is the 2nd greater harvest or resurrection and is known as the Great White Throne Judgment, Ezekiel 37, Revelation 20:11-15. This Holy Day pictures a time when anyone from the time of Adam who has died not knowing the truth of God will be resurrected and all will be offered salvation for the very first time and given the opportunity to answer God's call to come to Him and repent be baptized and receive His spirit and receive the "Garment of Salvation" of eternal life as He makes them in His image, Genesis 1:26, John 7:37, 38, Ezekiel 37.

Say - For further detailed information about the wedding garment and God's Holy Days please go to [Genesis 2B Wedding Garment](#)

MEMORY VERSE

And thou shalt make holy garments for Aaron thy brother for glory and beauty.

Exodus 28:2

BELOW IS THE SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR TOTS AND YOUTH

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PRIESTS OF GOD

GOD HAD HIGH STANDARDS FOR HIS PREISTS FOR THEY WERE TO BE AND EXAMPLE FOR BELIEVERS IN WORD, CONVERSATION, CHARITY, SPIRIT, FAITH AND IN PURITY;
IT IS THE SAME FOR THE MINISTRY TODAY THEY MUST BE AN EXAMPLE FOR BELIEVERS IN WORD, CONVERSATION, CHARITY, SPIRIT, FAITH AND PURITY. I TIMOTHY 4:12

THE HIGH PRIESTS WERE TO BE HOLY UNTO GOD AND NOT POLLUTE HIS NAME AS IN IDOLATRY; THE HIGH PRIESTS WERE NOT TO USE ASTROLOGY OR MAGIC AS THE PAGAN WORSHIPPERS DO TO THEIR FALSE GODS.
THEY WERE NOT TO BE BALD OR SHAVE OFF THE CORNER OF THEIR BEARD OR MAKE ANY CUTTINGS IN THEIR FLESH OR EAT ANYTHING WITH BLOOD AS PAGAN WORSHIPPERS DO WITH THEIR FALSE GODS.

THE HIGH PRIEST REPRESENTED JESUS CHIRST, THE SHEPHERD OF GOD'S FLOCK OR OUR HIGH PRIEST, AND THE HIGH PREIST REPRESENTED THE BRIDE OF GOD WHEN HE WENT INTO THE HOLY PLACE AND MOST HOLY PLACE;
THE HIGH PRIEST'S HOME WAS THE SANCTUARY AND HE WAS TO DO THE WORK OF GOD FIRST JUST AS GOD'S PEOPLE TODAY ARE TO "SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS". MATTHEW 6:33

GOD WANTED THE HIGH PRIEST TO KEEP HIS DUTIES PURE AND HOLY IN ALL WAYS; HE WAS TO LOVE THE GOD WITH ALL HIS HEART, MIND AND BEING JUST AS GOD'S PEOPLE TODAY;
GOD TELLS HIS PEOPLE "BE NOT UNEQUALLY YOKED WITH UNBELIEVERS FOR WHAT FELLOWSHIP HATH LIGHT OR TRUTH WITH DARKNESS OR DECEPTION." 2 CORINTHIANS 6:14

THE HIGH PRIESTS WERE TO WEAR HOLY GARMENTS FOR GOD AND
THEY WERE TO BE FOR GLORY AND FOR BEAUTY; GOD FILLED
THE HIGH PRIESTS WITH HIS SPIRIT OF WISDOM;
CHRIST DELIVERED OR RESCUED HIS PEOPLE BY HIS DEATH; NOW
GOD'S PEOPLE ARE TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE ON THE GARMENTS
OF SALVATION WHEN CHRIST RETURNS.

THE GARMENTS FOR THE HIGH PRIEST WAS THE BREASTPLATE, THE
EPHOD, A ROBE, AN EMBROIDERED COAT, A MITRE OR
HEADPIECE AND A GIRDLE;
WHEN CHRIST RETURNS THE BIBLE TELLS US "RIGHTEOUSNESS OR
JUSTICE SHALL BE THE "GIRDLE OF HIS LOINS..." AND GOD
WANTS US TO HAVE "OUR LOINS GIRT ABOUT WITH THE
TRUTH OF GOD" AS WE LIVE OUR LIVES. EPHESIANS 6:14

THE EPHOD WAS A VEST-LIKE GARMENT WHICH WAS ATTACHED
WITH STONES AS A "MEMORIAL" FOR THE CHILDREN OF
ISRAEL; THERE WAS A PRECIOUS STONE FOR EACH OF
THE 12 TRIBES OF ISRAEL ON THE SHOULDER OF
THE EPHOD;
REMEMBER THE BIBLE TELLS US "FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS
BORN...AND THE GOVERNMENT SHALL BE UPON HIS SHOULDERS
AND OF HIS GOVERNMENT THERE SHALL BE NO END....".
WHEN CHRIST RETURNS HE WILL RULE OVER
SPIRITUAL ISRAEL, ISAIAH 9:6-7

THE "MEMORIAL" WAS FOR THE MIRACLE OF GOD DELIVERING THE
CHILDREN OF ISRAEL OUT OF THE LAND OF SIN IN EGYPT AND
HOW GOD BROUGHT THEM THROUGH THE RED SEA;
EVENTUALLY THE "MEMORIAL" ALSO INCLUDED WHEN GOD GAVE
THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL A SAFE PASSAGE THROUGH THE
JORDAN RIVER.

THE BREASTPLATE WAS MADE OF COLORED LINENS IN THE SHAPE OF
A SQUARE WITH 12 STONES WITH THE NAMES OF THE 12
TRIBES OF ISRAEL ON THEM;

THE BREASTPLACE HELD A POUCH WHICH HELD THE URIM AND
THUMMIN AND ALL DIRECTED FROM GOD, THE HIGH PRIEST
WOULD MAKE DECISIONS FOR THE PEOPLE.

REMEMBER GOD'S PEOPLE ARE TO HAVE "...ON THE BREASTPLATE OF
RIGHTEOUSNESS" AND "ALL OF GOD'S COMMANDMENTS ARE
RIGHTEOUSNESS;" PSALM 119:172

WHEN CHRIST WAS FACING DEATH "HE PUT ON RIGHTEOUSNESS AS
A BREASTPLATE"; IF THIS IS WHAT SUSTAINED CHRIST
FACING DEATH SURELY IT WILL BE WHAT WILL SUSTAIN
US IN OUR DAILY LIVES AND IN THE TIME OF
TROUBLE TO COME. ISAIAH 59:16-17

THE HIGH PRIEST HAD A "CROWN" OR DIADEM OR MITRE ON HIS
HEAD; THIS SEPARATED THE HIGH PRIEST FROM THE PEOPLE;
THE HIGH PRIEST WAS ANOINTED WITH OIL WHICH WAS
REPRESENTATIVE OF GOD'S SPIRIT FOR THE HIGH PRIEST.

GOD THROUGH HIS PROPHET ISAIAH SAID ABOUT HIS CHURCH,
"THOU SHALT ALSO BE A "CROWN" OF GLORY IN THE HAND OF
THE LORD AND A ROYAL DIADEM IN THE HAND OF THY
GOD"; ISAIAH 62:3

WHEN CHRIST RETURNS, THE BIBLE TELLS US, "AND I LOOKED, AND
BEHOLD A WHITE CLOUD, AND UPON THE CLOUD ONE SAT LIKE
UNTO THE SON OF MAN, HAVING ON HIS HEAD A GOLDEN
CROWN..."; THIS IS JESUS OUR HIGH PRIEST
CROWNED AS KING OF KINGS! REVELATION 14:14

THE ROBE THE HIGH PRIEST WORE WENT DOWN TO HIS FEET WITH
A HEM ALTERNATING WITH GOLDEN BELLS AND
POMEGRANATES OF BLUE, PURPLE AND SCARLET; THE
SOUND FROM THE BELLS TOLD THE PEOPLE THE
HIGH PRIEST WAS IN THE HOLY PLACE TO
OFFER SWEET INCENSE TO GOD;
THE BIBLE TELLS US "AND THE WHOLE MULTITUDE OF THE PEOPLE
WERE PRAYING OUTSIDE THE HOLY PLACE AT THE TIME OF THE
BURNING OF THE INCENSE; THE INCENSE FILLED THE
COURTYARD WITH A SWEET SCENT.

AND THOU SHALT MAKE HOLY GARMENTS FOR AARON THY BROTHER
FOR GLORY AND BEAUTY.

EXODUS 28:2

GOD'S HOLY DAYS TELL US HOW TO PUT ON THE "GARMENT OF
SALVATION"; READ AS A FAMILY HOW THIS HAPPENS ON PAGES 9-11
OF THIS LESSON.

*AND NO MAN TAKETH THIS HONOR UNTO
HIMSELF BUT HE THAT IS CALLED OF GOD, AS
WAS AARON.
HEBREWS 5:4*



*DRAW A BEARD
ON THE PRIEST*

*AND THOU SHALT MAKE HOLY GARMENTS FOR
AARON THY BROTHER FOR GLORY AND BEAUTY.
EXODUS 28:2*