



"Holy garments
...for glory
and for
beauty."

Ladies Class – Spring 2012

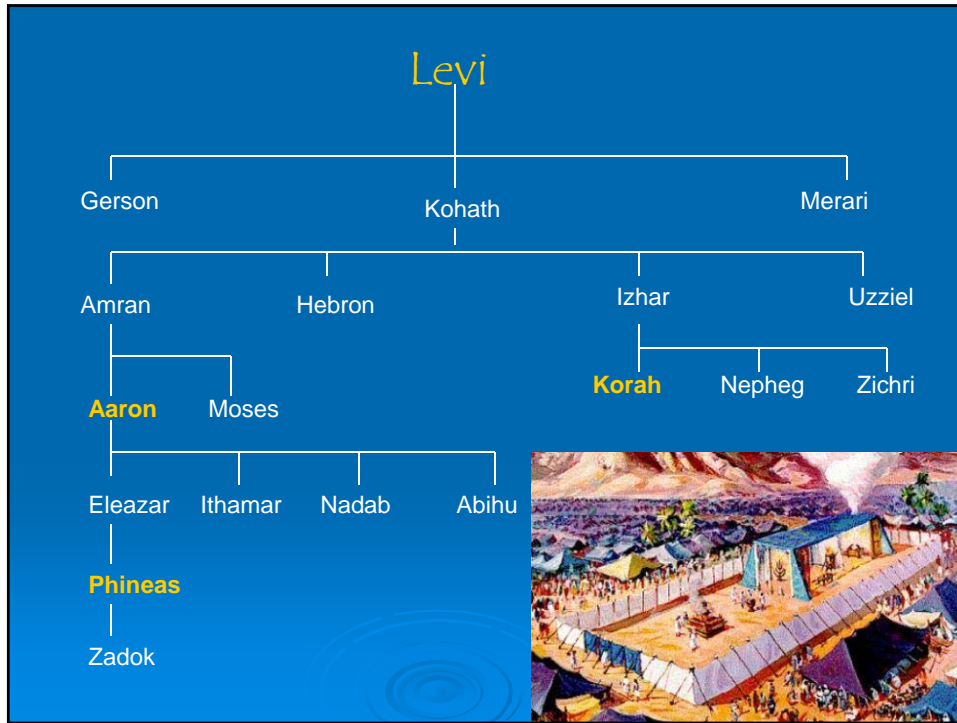
New Law Required Priests

Hebrew term - "Cohen" denotes in its root-meaning "one who stands up for another, and mediates his cause."

Num 18:6-7 And behold, I have taken your brothers the Levites from among the people of Israel. They are a gift to you, given to the LORD, to do the service of the tent of meeting. And you and your sons with you shall guard your priesthood for all that concerns the altar and that is within the veil; and you shall serve. I give your priesthood as a gift, and any outsider who comes near shall be put to death."

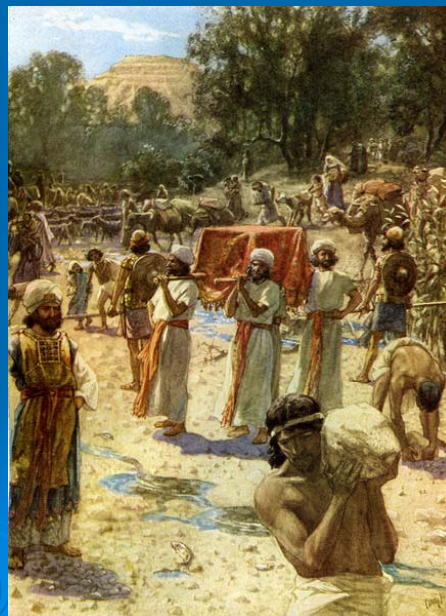
With special attention to the person of the High Priest





Duties Assigned – Number 3

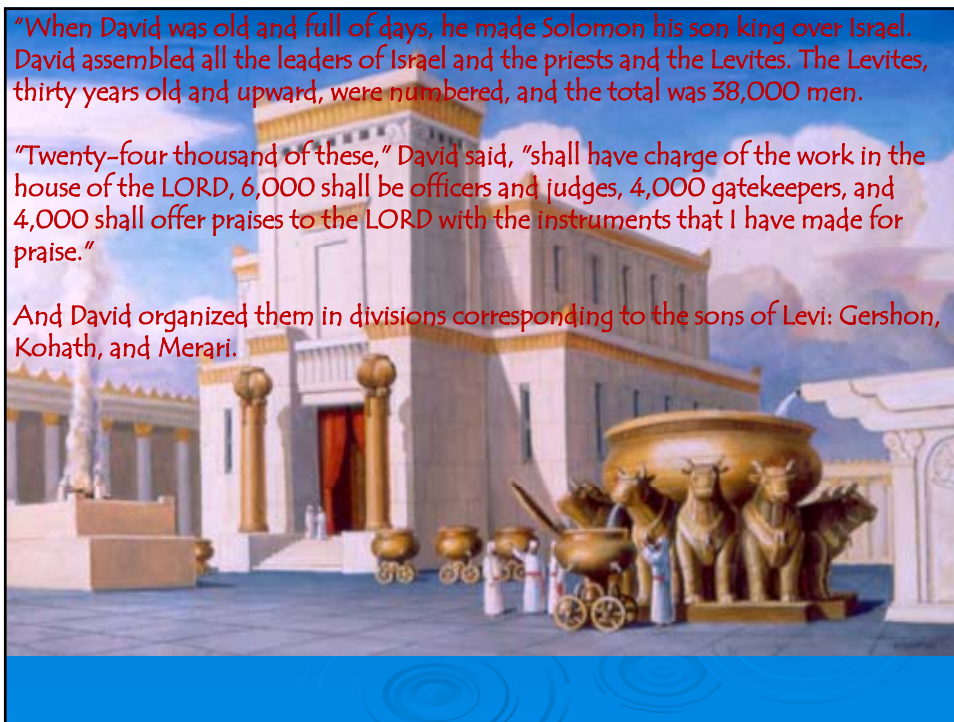
- Gershon:
 - Tabernacle
 - Tent and covering
 - Screen –tabernacle of meeting
 - Screen – door of the court
 - Hangings around courtyard
 - The cords
- Kohath: (Most Holy Things)
 - Ark (Box of Testimony)
 - Table of shewbread
 - Lamp stand
 - Altars
 - Utensils inside sanctuary
 - The Veil
- Merari:
 - Boards of tabernacle
 - Bars
 - Pillars
 - Sockets
 - Utensils used in courtyard
 - Pillars of courtyard, sockets, pegs and cords



"When David was old and full of days, he made Solomon his son king over Israel. David assembled all the leaders of Israel and the priests and the Levites. The Levites, thirty years old and upward, were numbered, and the total was 38,000 men.

"Twenty-four thousand of these," David said, "shall have charge of the work in the house of the LORD, 6,000 shall be officers and judges, 4,000 gatekeepers, and 4,000 shall offer praises to the LORD with the instruments that I have made for praise."

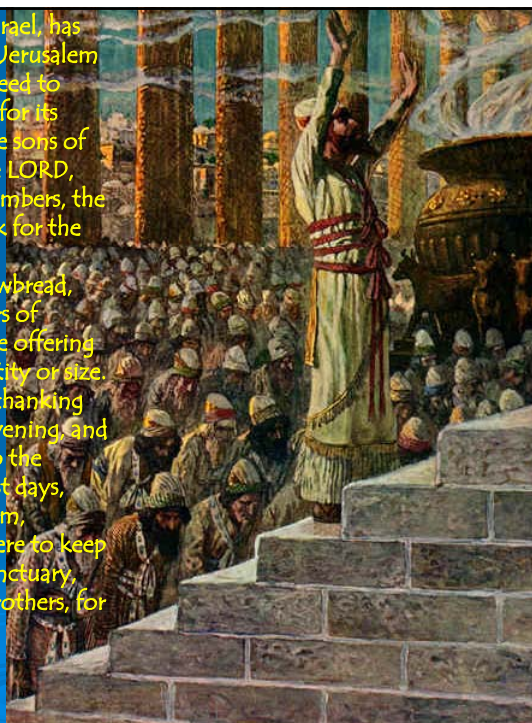
And David organized them in divisions corresponding to the sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.



For David said, "The LORD, the God of Israel, has given rest to his people, and he dwells in Jerusalem forever. And so the Levites no longer need to carry the tabernacle or any of the things for its service." ...For their duty was to assist the sons of Aaron for the service of the house of the LORD, having the care of the courts and the chambers, the cleansing of all that is holy, and any work for the service of the house of God.

Their duty was also to assist with the showbread, the flour for the grain offering, the wafers of unleavened bread, the baked offering, the offering mixed with oil, and all measures of quantity or size. And they were to stand every morning, thanking and praising the LORD, and likewise at evening, and whenever burnt offerings were offered to the LORD on Sabbaths, new moons, and feast days, according to the number required of them, regularly before the LORD. Thus they were to keep charge of the tent of meeting and the sanctuary, and to attend the sons of Aaron, their brothers, for the service of the house of the LORD.

1 Chron 23:25-31



"We can picture to ourselves how they who ministered in holy things would at eventide, when the Temple was deserted of its worshippers, gather to speak of the spiritual meanings of the services, and to consider the wonderful things which had taken place in Jerusalem."

Edershiem, "The Temple"
(*The Officiating Priesthood*)



Mal 2:7 "For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts"



Ezra reads the laws



High Priest Garments Exodus 28:1-43, 39:1-31

- **Undergarments:**
 - Linen – from waist to thighs
 - Cover their nakedness
 - Death to enter tabernacle or approach altar without
- **The Coat**
 - Tunic of woven work (embroidered or “checkered work”)
 - Fine linen and woven in pattern
 - Josephus says that this garment reached the feet and had tightly fitting



- **The Robe**
 - Over the coat
 - Color of blue
 - Called the robe of the ephod
 - Ephod attached to this robe
 - Strong band around neck
 - Pomegranates and bells around hem
- **The Ephod**
 - Don't know word origin or meaning of word
 - Fabric of fine twined linen interwoven with threads of gold, blue, purple and scarlet.
 - Sash called “skillfully woven band”
 - Two flaps front and back
 - Flaps joined at shoulders
 - Two chains of gold (like cords) fastened to shoulder pieces
 - An onyx stone fastened in a setting of gold was attached at each shoulder
 - Engraved with 12 tribes
 - 6 on one and 6 on the other according to birth order

•The Breastplate



- Most important part of attire
- Called "Breastplate of Judgment"
- Wear as High Priest goes in and out before Lord
- Mingled colors as ephod
- Fabric was a nine inch square folded double to form a pocket.
- Pocket of breastplate held the Urim and Thummim (28:30)
- 4 rows of 3 stones engraved with names of 12 tribes bearing "the names of the children of Israel upon his heart, when he went into the holy place, for a memorial before the Lord continually." (28:29)
- Fastened with the two gold chains

•The Miter or Turban "Holy to Jehovah"



- Fine linen
- Gold plate on front of miter that reads "Holy to Jehovah"
- Engraved like a seal
- Attached with a blue lace (cord)
- By these words Aaron shall bear the iniquity of the holy things, which the children of Israel shall hallow in all their holy gifts....that they may be accepted before Jehovah " (28:38)

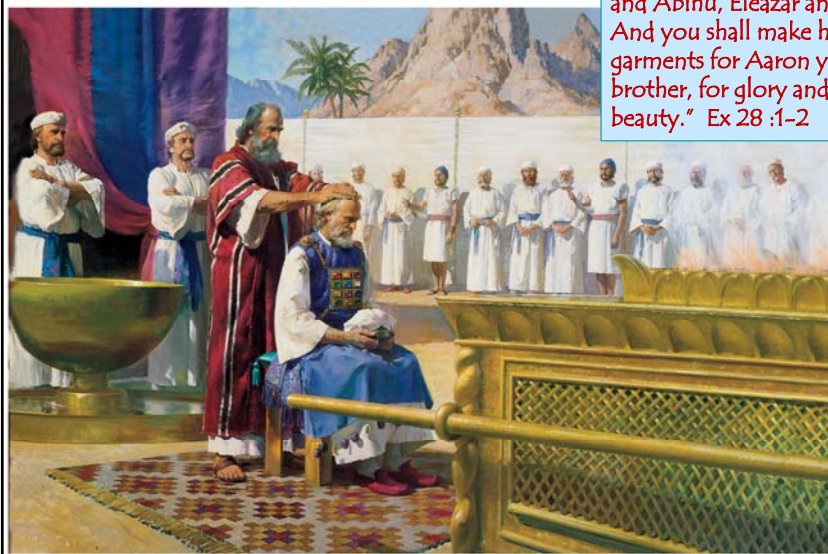
Other Priestly Garments

- Made for glory and beauty
- Linen underwear
- Coats like the innermost garment of High Priest
- Colorful sash or girdle
- Simple cap of white linen

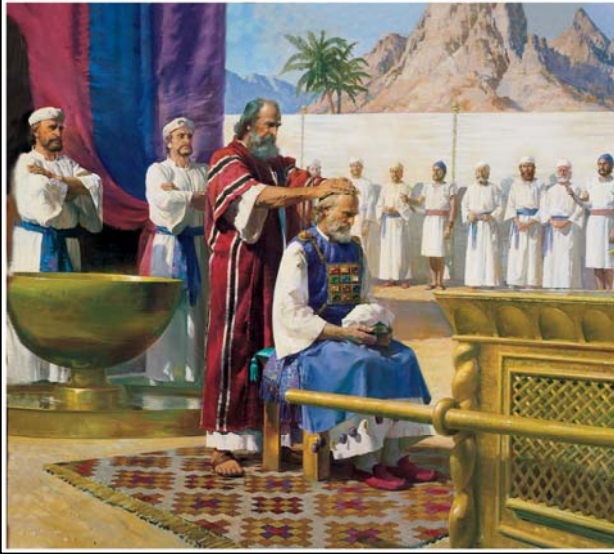


Aaron and His Sons

“Then bring near to you Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from among the people of Israel, to serve me as priests-- Aaron and Aaron’s sons, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty.” Ex 28 :1-2



Aaron and His Sons



"Now this is what you shall do to them to consecrate them, that they may serve me as priests. Take one bull of the herd and two rams without blemish, and unleavened bread, unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers smeared with oil. You shall make them of fine wheat flour.

You shall put them in one basket and bring them in the basket, and bring the bull and the two rams. You shall bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance of the tent of meeting and wash them with water. Then you shall take the garments, and put on Aaron the coat and the robe of the ephod, and the ephod, and the breastpiece, and gird him with the skillfully woven band of the ephod. And you shall set the turban on his head and put the holy crown on the turban. You shall take the anointing oil and pour it on his head and anoint him.

Then you shall bring his sons and put coats on them, and you shall gird Aaron and his sons with sashes and bind caps on them. And the priesthood shall be theirs by a statute forever. Thus you shall ordain Aaron and his sons.

Exodus 29:1-9



"They set the priests in their apparel with trumpets . . . to praise the Lord."—Exod iii. 10.