

Old Testament Shadows of New Testament Realities

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PART 1 – SHADOWS point to Christ as reality

WHAT?

Gal 4:24 *These things may be taken figuratively, for the women represent two covenants. One covenant is from Mount Sinai and bears children who are to be slaves: This is Hagar. 25 Now Hagar stands for Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present city of Jerusalem, because she is in slavery with her children. 26 But the Jerusalem that is above is free, and she is our mother.*

1 Co 1:22 *Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles ...*

Mat 12:39 *He answered, "A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a miraculous sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. 40 For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.*

Rom 4:9 *Is this blessedness only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? We have been saying that Abraham's faith was credited to him as righteousness. 10 Under what circumstances was it credited? Was it after he was circumcised, or before? It was not after, but before! 11 And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. So then, he is the father of all who believe but have not been circumcised, in order that righteousness might be credited to them. 12 And he is also the father of the circumcised who not only are circumcised but who also walk in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.*

Heb 10:1a *The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming—not the realities themselves ...*

Heb 8:5 *They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven. This is why Moses was warned when he was about to build the tabernacle: "See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.."*

1 Co 10:6 *Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did ... 11 These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come.*

Col 2:16 *Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. 17 These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.*

WHO?

Rom 10:4 *Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.*

Mat 5:17 *"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets, I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. 19 Anyone who*

breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

WHEN?

***Heb 1:1** In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, **2** but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. **3** The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.*

WHERE?

***Luk 24:44** He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." **45** Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. **46** He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, **47** and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.*

HOW?

***1 Co 3:13** We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to keep the Israelites from gazing at it while the radiance was fading away. **14** But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. **15** Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. **16** But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. **17** Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. **18** And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with everincreasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.*

***Exo 34:33** When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. **34** But whenever he entered the LORD's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, **35** they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD.*

***Gal 3:23** Before this faith came, we were held prisoners by the law, locked up until faith should be revealed. **24** So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith. **25** Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law.*

***1 Pe 1:10** Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, **11** trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.*

WHY?

***Col 2:13** When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, **14** having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. **15** And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. **16** Therefore do*

not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. 17 These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.

2 Ti 3:16 *All Scripture is Godbreathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

Joh 20:30 *Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*

PART 2 SINFULNESS revealed by the laws of ceremonial uncleanness

The Curses of Sin

1 Gen 3:16 *To the woman he said, “I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.” 17 To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat of it,’ “Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. 18 It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. 19 By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.”*

Our plight/our hope

Rom 8:18 *I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. 19 The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. 20 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. 23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.*

UNCLEAN SHADOW #1 Leviticus, chapter 11

What about food?

Gen 1:29 *Then God said, “I give you every seedbearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.*

Gen 7:2 *Take with you seven of every kind of clean animal, a male and its mate, and two of every kind of unclean animal, a male and its mate ... **Gen 7:3** Everything that lives and moves will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything. 4 “But you must not eat meat that has its lifeblood still in it.*

Lev 17:10 *“Any Israelite or any alien living among them who eats any blood—I will set my face against that person who eats blood and will cut him off from his people. 11 For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one’s life.*

Lev 11:47 *You must distinguish between the unclean and the clean, between living creatures that may be eaten and those that may not be eaten.”*

Lev 11:3 *You may eat any animal that has a split hoof completely divided and that chews the cud.*

Lev 11:9 “Of all the creatures living in the water of the seas and the streams, you may eat any that have fins and scales.

Lev 11:13 “These are the birds you are to detest and not eat because they are detestable: the eagle, the vulture, the black vulture, **14** the red kite, any kind of black kite, **15** any kind of raven, **16** the horned owl, the screech owl, the gull, any kind of hawk, **17** the little owl, the cormorant, the great owl, **18** the white owl, the desert owl, the osprey, **19** the stork, any kind of heron, the hoopoe and the bat.

Lev 11:20 “All flying insects that walk on all fours are to be detestable to you. **21** There are, however, some winged creatures that walk on all fours that you may eat: those that have jointed legs for hopping on the ground.

What about reality?

Mar 1:14 Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. **15** Nothing outside a man can make him ‘unclean’ by going into him. Rather, it is what comes out of a man that makes him ‘unclean.’ **16 17** After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable. **18** “Are you so dull?” he asked. “Don’t you see that nothing that enters a man from the outside can make him ‘unclean’? **19** For it doesn’t go into his heart but into his stomach, and then out of his body.” (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods ‘clean.’) **20** He went on: “What comes out of a man is what makes him ‘unclean.’ **21** For from within, out of men’s hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, **22** greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. **23** All these evils come from inside and make a man ‘unclean.’

Joh 15:3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.

Mat 4:4 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

UNCLEAN SHADOW #2 – Leviticus, chapter 12

What about birth?

Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.” **16** To the woman he said, “I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.”

Gen 5:1 This is the written account of Adam’s line. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. **2** He created them male and female and blessed them. And when they were created, he called them “man.” **3** When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth.

Lev 12:1 The LORD said to Moses, **2** “Say to the Israelites: ‘A woman who becomes pregnant and gives birth to a son will be ceremonially unclean for seven days, just as she is unclean during her monthly period. **3** On the eighth day the boy is to be circumcised. **4** Then the woman must wait thirtythree days to be purified from her bleeding. She must not touch anything sacred or go to the sanctuary until the days of her purification are over. **5** If she gives birth to a daughter, for two weeks the woman will be unclean, as during her period. Then she must wait sixtysix days to be purified from her bleeding.

What about reality.

Psa 51:5 Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Luk 2:7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Gal 4:4 But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, 5 to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.

UNCLEAN SHADOW #3 *Leviticus, chapter 13*

What about decay?

Lev 11:8 You must not eat their meat or touch their carcasses; they are unclean for you ... 11 And, since you are to detest them, you must not eat their meat and you must detest their carcasses ... 24 “You will make yourselves unclean by these; whoever touches their carcasses will be unclean till evening ... 28 Anyone who picks up their carcasses must wash his clothes, and he will be unclean till evening. They are unclean for you.

Lev 13:45 “The person with such an infectious disease must wear torn clothes, let his hair be unkempt, cover the lower part of his face and cry out, ‘Unclean! Unclean!’ 46 As long as he has the infection he remains unclean. He must live alone; he must live outside the camp.

Lev 13:59 These are the regulations concerning contamination by mildew in woolen or linen clothing, woven or knitted material, or any leather article, for pronouncing them clean or unclean.

What about reality?

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death ...

UNCLEAN SHADOW #4 *Leviticus, chapter 15*

What about my body?

Lev 15:32 These are the regulations for a man with a discharge, for anyone made unclean by an emission of semen, 33 for a woman in her monthly period, for a man or a woman with a discharge, and for a man who lies with a woman who is ceremonially unclean.

What about reality?

Rom 7:19 For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. 20 Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

Jam 1:14 ... but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. 15 Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

REMEDY for Uncleanness #1

... for dead flesh

Num 19:2 “This is a requirement of the law that the LORD has commanded: Tell the Israelites to bring you a red heifer without defect or blemish and that has never been under a yoke ... 6 The priest is to take some cedar wood, hyssop and scarlet wool and throw them onto the burning heifer . 11 “Whoever touches the dead body of anyone will be unclean for seven days. 12 He must purify himself with the water on the third day and on the seventh day; then he will be clean .

... for what purpose?

Num 19:4 Then Eleazar the priest is to take some of its blood on his finger and sprinkle it seven times toward the front of the Tent of Meeting. 5 While he watches, the heifer is to be burned—its hide, flesh, blood and offal

Lev 17:11 For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life.

What about reality?

1 Jo 2:1 I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. 2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Tit 3:5 he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us Generously through Jesus Christ our Savior ...

REMEDY FOR UNCLEANNES #2

... for childbirth

Lev 12:7b “These are the regulations for the woman who gives birth to a boy or a girl. 8 If she cannot afford a lamb, she is to bring two doves or two young pigeons, one for a burnt offering and the other for a sin offering. In this way the pest will make atonement for her, and she will be clean.”

... for what purpose?

What about reality?

1 Jo 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Luk 18:16 But Jesus called the children to him and said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. 17 I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”

Eph 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is light 2 “Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise 3 “that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

REMEDY FOR UNCLEANNES #3

... for leprosy

Lev 14:4 the priest shall order that two live clean birds and some cedar wood, scarlet yarn and hyssop be brought for the one to be cleansed. 5 Then the priest shall order that one of the birds be killed over fresh water in a clay pot. 6 He is then to take the live bird and dip it, together with the cedar wood, the scarlet yarn and the hyssop, into the blood of the bird that was killed over the fresh water. 7 Seven times he shall sprinkle the one to be cleansed of the infectious disease and pronounce him clean. Then he is to release the live bird in the open fields ... 10 “On the eighth day he must bring two male lambs and one ewe lamb a year old, each without defect, along with threenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering, and one log of oil ... 14 The priest is to take some of the blood of the guilt offering and put it on the lobe of the right ear of the one to be cleansed, on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot 15 The priest shall then take some of the log of oil, pour it in the palm of his own left hand, 16 dip his right forefinger into the oil in his palm, and with his finger sprinkle some of it before the LORD seven times ... 18 The rest of the oil in his palm the priest shall put on the head of the one to be cleansed and make atonement for him before the LORD. 19 “Then the priest is to sacrifice the sin offering and make atonement for the one to be cleansed from his uncleanness. After that, the priest shall slaughter the burnt offering 20 and offer k on the altar, together with the grain offering, and make atonement for him, and he will be clean.

for what purpose?

What about reality?

1 Pe 1:1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God's elect ... 2 who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

Col 1:19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood shed on the cross.

Psa 92:12 The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; 13 planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God. 14 They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, 15 proclaiming, "The LORD is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him." I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Joh 4:10b I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

REMEDY FOR UNCLEANNES #4

... for discharges

Lev 15:5 Anyone who touches his bed ... 6 Whoever sits on anything that the man with a discharge sat on ... 7 "Whoever touches the man who has a discharge ... 10 and whoever touches any of the things that were under him ... whoever picks up those things 11 "Anyone the man with a discharge touches without rinsing his hands with water ... must wash his clothes and bathe with water, and he will be unclean till evening ...

Lev 15:13 "When a man is cleansed from his discharge, he is to count off seven days for his ceremonial cleansing, he must wash his clothes and bathe himself with fresh water, and he will be clean ... 16 "When a man has an emission of semen, he must bathe his whole body with water, and he will be unclean till evening ...

Lev 15:5 The priest is to sacrifice them, the one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering. In this way he will make atonement before the LORD for the man because of his discharge.

for what purpose?

What about reality?

Heb 10:22 ... let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

1 Co 6:11 And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Gal 3:26 You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, 27 for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

PART 3 – SALVATION acted out on the Day of Atonement

Need for atonement?

Ecc 7:20 There is not a righteous man on earth who does what is right and never sins.

Atonement provided.

1 Jo 2:1 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. 2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins,

and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

The *THREE ACT* Old Testament SHADOW play

What had happened?

Lev 10:1 Aaron's sons Nadab and Abihu took their censers, put fire in them and added incense; and they offered unauthorized fire before the LORD, contrary to his command. *2* So fire came out from the presence of the LORD and consumed them, and they died before the LORD. *3* Moses then said to Aaron, "This is what the LORD spoke of when he said. "'Among those who approach me I will show myself holy; in the sight of all the people/ will be honored. "'Aaron remained silent.

What was forgotten?

Exo 33:19 And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. *20* But, "he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live."

What sin may have been a contributing factor?

Lev 10:8 Then the LORD said to Aaron, *9* "You and your sons are not to drink wine or other fermented drink whenever you go into the Tent of Meeting, or you will die. This is a lasting ordinance for the generations to come.

When was the "drama" to be performed?

Lev 23:26 The LORD said to Moses, *27* "The tenth day of this seventh month is the Day of Atonement. Hold a sacred assembly ...

ACT ONE, Scene One – The People Made Ready

What was the people's preparation?

Lev 23:27 ... deny yourselves, and present an offering made to the LORD by fire. *28* Do no work on that day, because it is the Day of Atonement, when atonement is made for you before the LORD your God. *29* Anyone who does not deny himself on that day must be cut off from his people.

For what purpose?

Lev 23:32 It is a sabbath of rest for you, and you must deny yourselves. From the evening of the ninth day of the month until the following evening you are to observe your sabbath."

Scene Two – The People's Representative Made Ready

What did the High Priest do?

Lev 16:4 He is to put on the sacred linen tunic, with linen undergarments next to his body; he is to tie the linen sash around him and put on the linen turban. These are sacred garments; so he must bathe himself with water before he puts them on ... *6* "Aaron is to offer the bull for his own sin offering to make atonement for himself and his household ... *11* "Aaron shall bring the bull for his own sin offering to make atonement for himself and his household, and he is to slaughter the bull for his own sin offering. *12* He is to take a censer full of burning coals from the altar before the LORD and two handfuls of finely ground fragrant incense and take them behind the curtain. *13* He is to put the incense on the fire before the LORD, and the smoke of the incense will conceal the atonement cover above the Testimony, so that he will not die. *14* He is to take some of the bull's blood and with his finger sprinkle it on the front of the atonement cover, then he shall sprinkle some of it with his finger seven times before the atonement cover.

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second?	rest of v. 4	q
third?	vs. 6, 11	q
fourth?	vs. 12, 13	q
fifth?	v. 14	q

ACT TWO, Scene One Sin Covered

What was done to cover sin?

Lev 16:7 Then he is to take the two goats and present them before the LORD at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting ... 8 He is to cast lots for the two goats—one lot for the LORD and the other for the scapegoat ... 15 “He shall then slaughter the goat for the sin offering for the people and take its blood behind the curtain and do with it as he did with the bull’s blood: He shall sprinkle it on Me atonement cover and in front of it ... 18 “Then he shall come out to the altar that is before the LORD and make atonement for it. He shall take some of the bull’s blood and some of the goat’s blood and put it on all the horns of the altar. “Then he shall come out to the altar that is before the LORD and make atonement for it. He shall take some of Me bull’s blood and some of the goat’s blood and put it on all the horns of the altar.

How was sin “covered”?

Lev 16:15 “He shall then slaughter the goat for the sin offering for the people and take its blood behind the curtain and do with it as he did with the bull’s blood: He shall sprinkle it on the atonement cover and in front of it.

Why was sin “covered”?

Lev 16:16 In this way he will make atonement for the Most Holy Place because of the uncleanness and rebellion of the Israelites, whatever their sins have been. He is to do the same for the Tent of Meeting, which is among them in the midst of their uncleanness.

Where was the “covering” done? (3 places)

Lev 16:16 In this way he will make atonement for the Most Holy Place because of the uncleanness and rebellion of the Israelites, whatever their sins have been. He is to do the same for the Tent of Meeting, which is among them in the midst of their uncleanness ... 18 “Then he shall come out to the altar that is before the LORD and make atonement for it. He shall take some of the bull’s blood and some of the goat’s blood and put it on all the horns of the altar.. 20 “When Aaron has finished making atonement for the Most Holy Place, the Tent of Meeting and the altar, he shall bring forward the live goat.

Scene Two – Sin Taken Away

What did the high priest do?

Lev 16:7 Then he is to take the two goats and present them before the LORD at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting. 8 He is to cast lots for the two goats—one lot for the LORD and the other for the scapegoat ... 20 “When Aaron has finished making atonement for the Most Holy Place, the Tent of Meeting and the altar, he shall bring forward the live goat.

How did he do it?

Lev 16:21 He is to lay both hands on the head of the live goat and confess over it all the wickedness and rebellion of the Israelites—all their sins—and put them on the goat’s head. He shall send the goat away into the desert in the care of a man appointed for the task.

Why and where did he do it?

Lev 16:22 The goat will carry on itself all their sins to a solitary place; and the man shall release it in the desert.

ACT THREE – Return to Normal

What must be done ... ?

... by the high priest?

Lev 16:23 “Then Aaron is to go into the Tent of Meeting and take off the linen garments he put on before he entered the Most Holy Place, and he is to leave them there. 24 He shall bathe himself with water in a holy place and put on his regular garments .

... for the high priest and the people?

Lev 16:24b Then he shall come out and sacrifice the burnt offering for himself and the burnt offering for the people, to make atonement for himself and for the people .

... by the other priests?

Lev 16:26 “The man who releases the goat as a scapegoat must wash his clothes and bathe himself with water afterward he may come into the camp ... 28 The man who burns them must wash his clothes and bathe himself with water; afterward he may come into the camp.

When?

Lev 16:29 “This is to be a lasting ordinance for you: On the tenth day of the seventh month you must deny yourselves and not do any work—whether native—born or an alien living among you ... 34 “This is to be a lasting ordinance for you: Atonement is to be made once a year for all the sins of the Israelites.”

Why?

Lev 16:30 because on this day atonement will be made for you, to cleanse you. Then, before the LORD, you will be clean from all your sins. 31 It is a sabbath of rest ...

How?

Lev 16:33b ... and you must deny yourselves; it is a lasting ordinance.

By whom?

Lev 16:32 The priest who is anointed and ordained to succeed his father as high priest is to make atonement. He is to put on the sacred linen garments ...

For what and for whom? (5 items)

Lev 16:33 and make atonement for the Most Holy Place, for the Tent of Meeting and the altar, and for the priests and all the people of the community.

The ONE ACT New Testament Reality Play

How is the real high priest described?

Heb 7:26 Such a high priest meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. 27 Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.

Describe the real setting.

Heb 9:24 For Christ did not enter a manmade sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence.

Describe how the real sacrifice was different.

Heb 10:5 Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; **6** with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased. **7** Then I said, 'Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—I have come to do your will, O God.'" **8** First he said, "Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them" (although the law required them to be made). **9** Then he said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will." He sets aside the first to establish the second.

Describe how the real thing brought about a different effect.

Heb 10:10 And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Does the real thing require a "return to normal?"

Heb 9:25 Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. **26** Then Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.

What difference does this make for us?

Heb 10:19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, **20** by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body; **21** and since we have a great priest over the house of God, **22** let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. **23** Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

Sum Up Question?**What "atonement" words do we use to describe how Jesus saves us from sin?**

1 Pe 4:8 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

Rom 4:7 "Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

1 Co 6:11 And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Jo 3:5 But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins.

Rev 6:11 Then each of them was given a white robe and they were told to wait a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and brothers who were to be killed as they had been was completed.

1 Pe 1:2 who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

1 Jo 4:10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

PART 4 – SUBSTITUTION, the essence of priesthood

Who is our substitute?

Heb 2:17 For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. **18** Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted. **Heb 3:1** Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess. **2** He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house.

With what result?

Rev: 1:4 John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, **5** and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, **6** and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

The Seven Circles

What human being's image do we all have?

Rom 5:12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man ...

Which son of Noah was the God's "tent?"

Gen 9:26 He also said, "Blessed be the LORD, the God of Shem! May Canaan be the slave of Shem. **27** May God extend the territory of Japheth; may Japheth live in the tents of Shem, and may Canaan be his slave."

Which man was "father of all believers?"

Gen 12:1 The LORD had said to Abram ... **3** ... all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

Which 12-some became the chosen people?

Exo 19:3 Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him ... "This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: ... **6** you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

Which of the twelve tribes served God and for what purposes?

Deu 33:8 About Levi he said, ... **10** He teaches your precepts to Jacob and your law to Israel. He offers incense before you and whole burnt offerings on your altar.

Deu 10:8 ... the LORD set apart the tribe of Levi to carry the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD to minister and to pronounce blessings in his name, as they still do today.

Which family served in the tabernacle?

Exo 30:30 'Anoint Aaron and his sons and consecrate them so they may serve me as priests.

Which one alone entered the Most Holy Place?

Heb 9:7 But only the high priest entered the inner room, and that only once a year ...

The Priest's Dress

Name the four foundation garments. Of what were they made? What color?

Exo 28:39 “Weave the tunic of fine Wen and make the turban of fine linen. The sash is to be the work of an embroiderer.. **42** “Make linen undergarments as a covering for the body, reaching from the waist to the thigh:

Why worn?

Exo 28:40 Make tunics, sashes and headbands for Aaron’s sons, to give them dignity and honor ... **43** Aaron and his sons must wear them whenever they enter the Tent of Meeting or approach the altar to minister in the Holy Place, so that they will not incur guilt and die.

What reality lies behind the color of standard priestly garments?

Rev 7:13 Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?” **14** I answered, “Sir, you know. “And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

The High Priest’s Additional Dress

What was the 5th item worn by the high priest?

Exo 28:6 “Make the ephod of gold, and of blue, purple and scarlet yarn, and of finely twisted linen—the work of a skilled craftsman.

How was it attached?

Exo 28:7 It is to have two shoulder pieces attached to two of its comers, so it can be fastened. **8** Its skillfully woven waistband is to be like it—of one piece with the ephod and made with gold, and with blue, purple and scarlet yam, and with finely twisted linen.

With what was it decorated and why?

Exo 28:9 “Take two onyx stones and engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel **10** in the order of their birth—six names on one stone and the remaining six on the other. **11** Engrave the names of the sons of Israel on the two stones the way a gem cutter engraves a seal. Then mount the stones in gold filigree settings **12** and fasten them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod as memorial stones for the sons of Israel. Aaron is to bear the names on his shoulders as a memorial before the LORD.

Over what was the 5th garment worn?

Exo 28:31 “Make the robe of the ephod entirely of blue cloth, **32** with an opening for the head in its center. There shall be a woven edge like a collar around this opening, so that it will not tear.

Describe the fringe and why it was attached?

Exo 28:33 Make pomegranates of blue, purple and scarlet yarn around the hem of the robe, with gold bells between them. **34** The gold bells and the pomegranates are to alternate around the hem of the robe. **35** Aaron must wear it when he ministers. The sound of the bells will be heard when he enters the Holy Place before the LORD and when he comes out, so that he will not die.

What was the 6th item worn by the high priest?

Exo 28:33 “Fashion a breastpiece for making decisions—the work of a skilled craftsman. Make it like the ephod: of gold, and of blue, purple and scarlet yarn, and of finely twisted linen. **16** It is to be square—a span long and a span wide—and folded double. **17** Then mount four rows of precious stones on it ...

How was it attached?

Exo 28:23 Make two gold rings for k and fasten them to two comers of the breastpiece. **24** Fasten the two gold

chains to the rings at the corners of the breastpiece, **25** and the other ends of the chains to the two settings, attaching them to the shoulder pieces of the ephod at the front. **26** Make two gold rings and allacoh them to the other two corners of the breastpiece on the inside edge next to the ephod. **27** Make two more gold rings and attach them to the bottom of the shoulder pieces on the front of the ephod, close to the seam just above the waistband of the ephod. **28** The rings of the breastpiece are to be tied to the rings of the ephod with blue cord, connecting it to the waistband, so that the breastpiece will not swing out from the ephod.

Why was it worn?

Exo 28:29 “Whenever Aaron enters the Holy Place, he will bear the names of the sons of Israel over his heart on the breastpiece of decision as a continuing memorial before the LORD.

What was kept inside and why?

Exo 28:30 Also put the Urim and the Thummim in the breastpiece, so they may be over Aaron’s heart whenever he enters the presence of the LORD. Thus Aaron will always bear the means of making decisions for the Israelites over his heart before the LORD.

What was the 7th item worn by the high priest and why?

Exo 28:36”Make a plate of pure gold and engrave on it as on a seal: **HOLY TO THE LORD**. **37** Fasten a blue cord to it to attach it to the turban; it is to be on the front of the turban. **38** It will be on Aaron’s forehead, and he will bear the guilt involved in the sacred gifts the Israelites consecrate, whatever their gifts may be It will be on Aaron’s forehead continually so that they will be acceptable to the LORD.

Priestly Consecration

What was the 1st thing done?

Lev 8:6 Then Moses brought Aaron and his sons forward and washed them with water.

What was the 2nd step?

Lev 8:7 He put the tunic on Aaron, tied the sash around him, clothed him with the robe and put the ephod on him. He also tied the ephod to him by its skillfully woven waistband; so it was fastened on him. **8** He placed the breastpiece on him and put the Urim and Thummim in the breastpiece. **9** Then he placed the turban on Aaron’s head and set the gold plate, the sacred diadem, on the front of it, as the LORD commanded Moses.

How was the consecration carried out?

Lev 8:30 Then Moses took some of the anointing oil and some of the blood from the altar and sprinkled them on Aaron and his garments and on his sons and their garments. So he consecrated Aaron and his garments and his sons and their garments.

What was the 3rd step?

Lev 8:10 Then Moses took the anointing oil and anointed the tabernacle and everything in it, and so consecrated them. **11** He sprinkled some of the oil on the altar seven times, anointing the altar and all its utensils and the basin with its stand, to consecrate them. **12** He poured some of the anointing oil on Aaron’s head and anointed him to consecrate him.

What was the three part 4th step?

Lev 8:14 He then presented the bull for the sin offering ... **18** He then presented the ram for the burnt offering ... **22** He then presented the other ram, the ram for the ordination.

Explain the priest’s involvement in this part.

Lev 8:24 Moses also brought Aaron's sons forward and put some of the blood on the lobes of their right ears, on the thumbs of their right hands and on the big toes of their right feet. Then he sprinkled blood against the altar on all sides.

What was the 5th step?

Lev 8:26 Then from the basket of bread made without yeast, which was before the LORD, he took a cake of bread, and one made with oil, and a wafer, he put these on the fat portions and on the right thigh. **27** He put all these in the hands of Aaron and his sons and waved them before the LORD as a wave offering. **28** Then Moses took them from their hands and burned them on the altar on top of the burnt offering as an ordination offering, a pleasing aroma, an offering made to the LORD by fire. **29** He also took the breast—Moses' share of the ordination ram—and waved it before the LORD as a wave offering, as the LORD commanded Moses.

What was the 6th step?

Lev 8:31 Moses then said to Aaron and his sons, "Cook the meat at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting and eat it there with the bread from the basket of ordination offerings, as I commanded, saying, 'Aaron and his sons are to eat it.' **32** Then burn up the rest of the meat and the bread.

What was the 7th and final step?

Lev 8:33 Do not leave the entrance to the Tent of Meeting for seven days, until the days of your ordination are completed, for your ordination will last seven days.

Priestly Duties and Rewards

What three things were the priests to do for the people?

Lev 10:10 You must distinguish between the holy and the common, between the unclean and the clean **11** and you must teach the Israelites all the decrees the LORD has given them through Moses."

Heb 5:1 Every high priest is selected from among men and is appointed to represent them in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.

What did the priests not receive?

Deu 18:1 The priests, who are Levites—indeed the whole tribe of Levi—are to have no allotment or inheritance with Israel ...

What three rewards were the priests to receive from the people nevertheless?

Deu 18:1b. They shall live on the offerings made to the LORD by fire, for that is their inheritance ... **3** This is the share due the priests from the people who sacrifice a bull or a sheep: the shoulder, the jowls and the inner parts. **4** You are to give them the firstfruits of your grain, new wine and oil, and the first wool from the shearing of your sheep,

Deu 26:12 When you have finished setting aside a tenth of all your produce in the third year, the year of the tithe, you shall give it to the Levite, the alien, the fatherless and the widow, so that they may eat in your towns and be satisfied.

How were the Priests Set Apart

Regarding alcohol?

Lev 10:9 "You and your sons are not to drink wine or other fermented drink whenever you go into the Tent of Meeting, or you will die. This is a lasting ordinance for the generations to come.

Regarding death?

Lev 21:1 *The LORD said to Moses, “Speak to the priests, the sons of Aaron, and say to them: ‘A priest must not make himself ceremonially unclean for any of his people who die, 2 except for a close relative, such as his mother or father, his son or daughter, his brother, 3 or an unmarried sister who is dependent on him since she has no husband—for her he may make himself unclean. 4 He must not make himself unclean for people related to him by marriage, and so defile himself ... 11 He must not enter a place where there is a dead body. He must not make himself unclean, even for his father or mother, 12 nor leave the sanctuary of his God or desecrate it, because he has been dedicated by the anointing oil of his God. I am the LORD.*

Regarding body hair?

Lev 21:5 *“Priests must not shave their heads or shave off the edges of their beards or cut their bodies.*

Regarding marriage?

Lev 21:7 *“They must not marry women defiled by prostitution or divorced from their husbands, because priests are holy to their God.. 13 “‘The woman he marries must be a virgin. 14 He must not marry a widow, a divorced woman, or a woman defiled by prostitution, but only a virgin from his own people, 15 so he will not defile his offspring among his people. I am the LORD, who makes him holy.”’*

Regarding grief?

Lev 21:10 *The high priest, the one among his brothers who has had the anointing oil poured on his head and who has been ordained to wear the priestly garments, must not let his hair become unkempt or tear his clothes.*

Regarding deformity?

Lev 21:21 *No descendant of Aaron the priest who has any defect is to come near to present the offerings made to the LORD by fire. He has a defect, he must not come near to offer the food of his God. 22 He may eat the most holy food of his God, as well as the holy food; 23 yet because of his defect, he must not go near the curtain or approach the altar, and so desecrate my sanctuary.*

Regarding uncleanness?

Lev 22:3 *“Say to them: ‘For the generations to come, if any of your descendants is ceremonially unclean and yet comes near the sacred offerings that the Israelites consecrate to the LORD, that person must be cut off from my presence.*

Regarding inheritance?

Deu 10:9 *... the Levites have no share or inheritance among their brothers; the LORD is their inheritance, as the LORD your God told them.*

THE “MELCHIZEDEK” PRIESTHOOD OF CHRIST

Superior in lineage

Heb 7:1 *This Melchizedek was king of Salem and priest of God Most High. He met Abraham returning from the defeat of Me kings and blessed him, 2 and Abraham gave him a tenth of everything. First, his name means “king of righteousness”; then also, “king of Salem” means “king of peace.” 3 Without father or mother, without genealogy, without beginning of days or end of life, like the Son of God he remains a priest forever.*

Superior in rank

Heb 10:4 *Just think how great he was: Even the patriarch Abraham gave him a tenth of the plunder! 5 Now the law requires the descendants of Levi who become priests to collect a tenth from the people—that is, their brothers even though their brothers are descended from Abraham. 6 This man, however, did not trace his descent from Levi, yet he collected a tenth from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. 7 And without*

doubt the lesser person is blessed by the greater. **8** In the one case, the tenth is collected by men who die; but in the other case, by him who A declared to be living. **9** One might even say that Levi, who collects the tenth, paid the tenth through Abraham, **10** because when Melchizedek met Abraham, Levi was still in the body of his ancestor.

Superior in reality

Heb 10:11 If perfection could have been attained through the Levitical priesthood (for on the basis of it the law was given to the people), why was there still need for another priest to come—one in the order of Melchizedek, not in the order of Aaron? **12** For when there is a change of the priesthood, there must also be a change of the law. **13** He of whom these things are said belonged to a different tribe, and no one from that tribe has ever served at the altar. **14** For it is clear that our Lord descended from Judah, and in regard to that tribe Moses said nothing about priests.

Psa 110:4 The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind—“You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.”

Superior in power

Heb 10:15 The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says: **16** “This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.” **17** Then he adds: “Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more.” **18** And where these have been forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin. **19** Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus ...

Superior in authority

Heb 10:20 ... by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, **21** and since we have a great priest over the house of God, **22** let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our heads sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

Superior in permanence

Heb 10:23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. **24** And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deed; **25** Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Superior in essence

Heb 10:26 If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, **27** but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God. **28** Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

PART 5 the SANCTUARY is God With Us (Immanuel)

The Old Testament shadow “Immanuel”

Exo 20:24b Wherever I cause my name to be honored, I will come to you and bless you.

The New Testament reality “Immanuel”

Mat 18:20 For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.”

The Lord’s Dwelling Place: from Shadow to Reality

What describes the Lord's dwelling place in Genesis 9:2627

Gen 9:26 He also said, "Blessed be the LORD, the God of Shem! May Canaan be the slave of Shem. 27 May God extend the territory of Japheth; may Japheth live in the tents of Shem, and may Canaan be his slave."

How is the Lord's dwelling place described in Exodus 40:3438?

Exo 40:34 Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. 35 Moses could not enter the Tent of Meeting because the cloud had settled upon it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. 36 In all the travels of the Israelites, whenever the cloud lifted from above the tabernacle, they would set out, 37 but if the cloud did not lift, they did not set out—until the day it lifted. 38 So the cloud of the LORD was over the tabernacle by day, and fire was in the cloud by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel during all their travels.

What is said about God's dwelling in 2 Chronicles 6:1821?

2 Ch 6:18 "But will God really dwell on earth with men? The heavens, even the highest heavens, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built! 19 Yet give attention to your servant's prayer and his plea for mercy, O LORD my God. Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence. 20 May your eyes be open toward this temple day and night, this place of which you said you would put your Name there. May you hear the prayer your servant prays toward this place. 21 Hear the supplications of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place. Hear from heaven, your dwelling place; and when you hear, forgive.

What is said about the restored Temple in Haggai 2:3,5,9?

Hag 2:3 'Who of you is left who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Does it not seem to you like nothing? ... 5 'This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear.' ... 9 'The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,' says the LORD Almighty. 'And in this place I will grant peace,' declares the LORD Almighty."

What does the inspired apostle say in John 1:14?

Joh 1:14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

What important connection does Jesus make in John 2:2022?

Joh 2:20 The Jews replied, "It has taken fortysix years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" 21 But the temple he had spoken of was his body. 22 After he was toted from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

How did this connection figure in Jesus passion?

Mat 26:61 (Mar 14:58) ... "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.'"

Mat 27:39 (Mar 15:29) Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads 40 and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!"

Mat 27:50 (Mar 15:38, Luk 23:45) And when Jesus had cried out again in aloud voice, he gave up his spirit. 51 At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split.

Where is God's dwelling according to Ephesians 2:19-22?

Eph 2:19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, **20** built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. **21** In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord, **22** And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

What is the eternal fulfillment according to Revelation 21:22?

Rev 21:22 I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

The Lord's Desert Dwelling

Describe the sanctuary proper (item #1).

Exo 26:1 "Make the tabernacle with ten curtains of finely twisted linen and blue, purple and scarlet yarn, with cherubim worked into them by a skilled craftsman ... **7** "Make curtains of goat hair for the tent over the tabernacle—eleven altogether ..**14** Make for the tent a covering of ram skins dyed red, and over that a covering of hides of sea cows. **15** Make upright frames of acacia wood for the tabernacle **36** "For the entrance to the tent make a curtain of blue, purple and scarlet yam and finely twisted linen ...

Over what was the tent pitched?

Exo 26:15 "Make upright frames of acacia wood for the tabernacle. **16** Each frame is to be ten cubits long and a cubit and a half wide, **17** with two projections set parallel to each other. Make all the frames of the tabernacle in this way ... and make ... silver bases to go under them—two bases for each frame, one under each projection.

What surrounded the tent?

Exo 27:9 "Make a courtyard for the tabernacle ... [the courtyard] is to have curtains of finely twisted linen, **10** with ... posts and ... bronze bases and with silver hooks and bands on the posts ... **16** "For the entrance to the courtyard, provide a curtain twenty cubits long, of blue, purple and scarlet yam and finely twisted linen ...

What was the overall sanctuary's size?

Exo 27:18 The courtyard shall be a hundred cubits long and fifty cubits wide, with curtains of finely twisted linen five cubits high, and with bronze bases.

How was the interior of the tent divided (Item A)?

Exo 26:33 Hang the curtain from the clasps and place the ark of the Testimony behind the curtain. The curtain will separate the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place.

With what seven major items of furniture was the sanctuary adorned ...

... outside the tent (items #2 & #3)?

Exo 40:6 "Place the altar of burnt offering in front of the entrance to the tabernacle, the Tent of Meeting; **7** place the basin between the Tent of Meeting and the altar and put water in it. **8** Set up the courtyard around it and put the curtain at the entrance to the courtyard .

... inside the Holy Place (items #4, #5, and #6)?

Exo 40:4 Bring in the table and set out what belongs on it. Then bring in the lampstand and set up its lamps. **5** Place the gold altar of incense in front of the ark of the Testimony and put the curtain at the entrance to the tabernacle .

... and inside the Most Holy Place (item #7)?

Exo 40:3 Place the ark of the Testimony in it and shield the ark with the curtain.

Further describe the piece of furniture (item #7) in the Most Holy Place further.

Exo 25:10 ... make a chest of acacia wood—two and a half cubits long, a cubit and a half wide, and a cubit and a half high. **11** Overlay it with pure gold, both inside and out, and make a gold molding around it. **12** Cast four gold rings for it and fasten them to its four feet, with two rings on one side and two rings on the other **13** Then make poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold. **14** Insert the poles into the rings on the sides of the chest to carry it. **15** The poles are to remain in the rings of this ark; they are not to be removed. **16** Then put in the ark the Testimony, which I will give you. **17** “Make an atonement cover of pure gold—two and a half cubits long and a cubit and a half wide. **18** And make two cherubim out of hammered gold at the ends of the cover. **19** Make one cherub on one end and the second cherub on the other; make the cherubim of one piece with the cover, at the two ends. **20** The cherubim are to have their wings spread upward, overshadowing the cover with them. The cherubim are to face each other, looking toward the cover. **21** Place the cover on top of the ark and put in the ark the Testimony, which I will give you.

What was “the Testimony” placed in the ark (items #7a, b, and c)?

Heb 9:4 This ark contained the gold jar of manna, Aaron’s staff that had budded, and the stone tablets of the covenant.

What Old Testament significance is given to this special piece of furniture with its contents?

Exo 25:22 There, above the cover between the two cherubim that are over the ark of the Testimony, I will meet with you and give you all my commands for the Israelites.

Of what materials was the Tabernacle to be made (Items B)?

Exo 25: 2 “Tell the Israelites to bring me an offering. You are to receive the offering for me from each man whose heart prompts him to give. **3** These are the offerings you are to receive from them: gold, silver and bronze; **4** blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen; goat hair; **5** ram skins dyed red and hides of sea cows; acacia wood; **6** olive oil for the light; spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense; **7** and onyx stones and other gems to be mounted on the ephod and breastpiece. **8** “Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them.

How was the Tabernacle to be made?

Exo 25:1 The LORD said to Moses, ... **9** Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you.

Tabernacle Shadows Anticipate Realities (refer to the Item #'s above)

What are the realities behind the shadows?

... **Item #1?**

Joh 4:23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. **24** God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.”

Eph 3:16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, **17** so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, **18** may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ ...

... **Item #2?**

Mat 2&27 Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. **28** This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins .

... Item #3?

Tit 3:5 ... He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

What do we call these first three?

What realities lie behind the rest of the items?

... Item #4?

Joh 6:51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever.

... Item #5?

Joh 8:12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

... Item #6?

Psa 141:2 May my prayer be set before you like incense ...

Mat 7:7 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened .

... Item #7?

Joh 3:11 I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony ... 14 ... the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life .

... Item #7a?

Rom 10:4 Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. 5 Moses describes in this way the righteousness that is by the law. "The man who does these things will live by them." 6 But the righteousness that is by faith says: ... 8 ... "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming.

... Item 7b?

Heb 10:12 But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God ... 14 because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy .

... Item 7c

John 6:31 Our forefathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat ... 32 Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

... Item A?

Heb 10:19 ... we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body ...

... Items B?

1 Co 3:11 For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. **12** If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, **13** his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. **14** If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. **15** If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames. **16** Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? **17** If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple .

... the Tabernacle as a whole?

Heb 8:5 They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven.

Heb 9:24 For Christ did not enter a manmade sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence.

PART 6 SACRIFICE anticipates confession and absolution

What form did Old Testament confession & absolution take?

Num 15:28 The priest is to make atonement before the LORD for the one who erred by sinning unintentionally, and when atonement has been made for him, he will be forgiven. **29** One and the same law applies to everyone who sins unintentionally, whether he is a native-born Israelite or an alien.

What form does New Testament confession & absolution take?

1 Jo 1: 7 ... the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. **8** If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. **9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. **10** If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.

What role does sacrifice play in God's plan?

What were the first recorded sacrifices?

Gen 3:21 The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.

Gen 4:3 In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. **4** But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering ...

What motivated the first sacrifices by sinners?

Heb 11:4 By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings.

What were the Bible's second recorded sacrifice by sinners called?

Gen 8:20 Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. **21** The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma ...

What kind of sacrifices did Abraham make?

Gen 15:9 So the LORD said to him, "Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon." **10** Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half.

Gen 22:13 Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took

the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son.

What sacrifice did Jacob and Laban make?

Gen 31:54 *He offered a sacrifice there in the hill country and invited his relatives to a meal.*

What role did sacrifice play in Israel's desire to leave Egypt?

Exo 3:18 *"The elders of Israel will listen to you. Then you and the elders are to go to the king of Egypt and say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us. Let us take a threeday journey into the desert to offer sacrifices to the LORD our God.'*

How did the LORD look upon Israel's sacrifices in Isaiah's day?

Isa 1:11 *"The multitude of your sacrifices—what are they to me?" says the LORD. "I have more than enough of burnt offerings, of rams and the fat of fattened animals, I have no pleasure in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats.*

What does the Bible describe as the ultimate and final sacrifice?

Rom 3:23 *... all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. 25 God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—26 he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.*

What were the five "SHADOW" sacrifices?

Lev 1:3 *"If the offering is a burnt offering ... 9 ... the priest is to burn all of it on the altar. It is a burnt offering, an offering made by fire, an aroma pleasing to the LORD.*

Lev 2:1 *"When someone brings a grain offering to the LORD, his offering is to be of fine flour. He is to pour oil on it, put incense on it 2 and take it to Aaron's sons the priests. The priest shall ... burn this as a memorial portion on the altar, an offering made by fire, an aroma pleasing to the LORD. 3 The rest of the grain offering belongs to Aaron and his sons; it is a most holy part of the offerings made to the LORD by fire.*

Lev 7:29 *Anyone who brings a fellowship offering to the LORD is to bring part of it as his sacrifice to the LORD. 30 With his own hands he is ... wave the breast before the LORD as a wave offering. 16 ... the sacrifice shall be eaten on the day he offers it, but anything left over may be eaten on the next day. 31 The priest shall burn the fat on the altar, but the breast belongs to Aaron and his sons. 32 You are to give the right thigh of your fellowship offerings to the priest as a contribution. 33 The son of Aaron who offers the blood and the fat of the fellowship offering shall have the right thigh as his share.*

Lev 4:2 *Say to the Israelites: 'When anyone sins unintentionally ... he must bring to the LORD a young bull without defect as a sin offering for the sin he has committed ... 5 ... the anointed priest shall take some of the bull's blood and ... 6 ... dip his finger into the blood and sprinkle some of it seven times before the LORD, in front of the curtain of the sanctuary ... [and] 7 ... put some of the blood on the horns of the altar of fragrant incense that is before the LORD in the Tent of Meeting. The rest of the bull's blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.*

Lev 5:15 *"When a person commits a violation and sins unintentionally ... he is to bring to the LORD as a penalty a ram from the flock, one without defect and of the proper value in silver, according to the sanctuary shekel. It is a guilt offering. 16 He must make restitution for what he has failed to do ...*

What kind of sacrifices did/does God want?

What kinds (species) of animals?

Lev 1:2 When any of you brings an offering to the LORD, bring as your offering an animal from either the herd or the flock . . . **5** . . . the young bull . . . **10** . . . from either the sheep or the goats, . . . **14** . . . a dove or a young pigeon

... in what condition?

Lev 22:21 When anyone brings from the herd or flock a fellowship offering to the LORD to fulfill a special vow or as a freewill offering, it must be without defect or blemish to be acceptable. **22** Do not offer to the LORD the blind, the injured or the maimed, or anything with warts or festering or running sores. Do not place any of these on the altar as an offering made to the LORD by fire.

What is most pointedly forbidden when the meat is eaten?

Lev 17:10 “Any Israelite or any alien living among them who eats any blood—I will set my face against that person who eats blood and will cut him off from his people.

What was sometimes offered with animals and grain?

Num 15:5 With each lamb for the burnt offering or the sacrifice, prepare a quarter of a hin of wine as a drink offering.

For what sins were Old Testament sacrifices were acceptable/not acceptable?

Num 15:25 The priest is to make atonement for the whole Israelite community, and they will be forgiven, for it was not intentional and they have brought to the LORD for their wrong an offering made by fire and a sin offering. . . . **30** “But anyone who sins defiantly, whether native-born or alien, blasphemes the LORD, and that person must be cut off from his people. **31** Because he has despised the LORD’s word and broken his commands, that person must surely be cut off; his guilt remains on him.”

Psa 40:6 Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but my ears you have pierced; burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require. **51:6** Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

What is THE sacrifice?

1 Jo 4:10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

What in “reality” does God always want as a redeemed sinner’s offering?

Rom 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.

With what six steps were bloody sacrifices performed?

Lev 1:2 (3:1, 4:3f, 5:15) . . . bring . . . your offering . . . **3** . . . [and] present it at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting so that it will be acceptable to the LORD.

Lev 1:4 (3:2, 4:4) He is to lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it will be accepted on his behalf to make atonement for him.

Lev 1:5 (3:2, 4:4) He is to slaughter the young bull before the LORD,

Lev 1:5 (3:2) ... and then Aaron's sons the priests shall bring the blood and sprinkle it ... (4:7) ... put some of the blood on the horns of the altar ... pour out at the base of the altar ...

Lev 1:7 (3:3ff, 4:8ff) The sons of Aaron the priest are to put fire on the altar and arrange wood on the fire. **8** Then Aaron's sons the priests shall arrange the pieces, including the head and the fat, on the burning wood that is on the altar.

Lev 6:10 The priest shall then ... remove the ashes of the burnt offering that the fire has consumed on the altar and place them beside the altar ... **7:8** The priest who offers a burnt offering for anyone may keep its hide for himself ... **32** You are to give [part of the offering] ... to the priest as a contribution.
Who takes over from the Israelite after the third step?

Lev 1:5 ... then Aaron's sons the priests shall ...

What spiritual realities stand behind the six steps?

... for step #1?

Psa 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you wilt not despise.
Matt 11:28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. **29** Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

... for step #2?

Isa 53:4 Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. **5** But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.
2 Co 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

... for step #3?

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death ...

... for step #4?

Heb 9:22 ... and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.
1 Jo 1:7 ... the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

... for step #5?

1 Co 3:11 For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. **12** If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, **13** his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work.
2 Co 2:15 For we are to God the aroma of Christ ..

... for step #6?

Rom 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. **2** Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Overall, how did the reality replace the shadow?

Heb 10:9 ... He sets aside the first to establish the second. 10 And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

PART 7 – two SEASONS that foreshadow Christ’s two advents

What likely was an Israelite’s occupation?

What gift of God was the key to his survival?

With this gift what bounty did Israel reap?

Deu 11:10 The land you are entering to take over is not like the land of Egypt, from which you have come, where you planted your seed and irrigated it by foot as in a vegetable garden. 11 But the land you are crossing the Jordan to take possession of is gland of mountains and valleys that drinks rain from heaven. 12 It is a land the LORD your God cares for; the eyes of the LORD your God are continually on it from the beginning of the year to its end. 13 So if you faithfully obey the commands lam giving you today—to love the LORD your God and to serve him with all your head and with all your soul—14 then I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains, so that you may gather in your grain, new wine and oil. 15 I will provide grass in the fields for your cattle, and you will eat and be satisfied.

What three-time annual obligation did men have?

When in the year did these obligations fall?

Exo 23:14 “Three times a year you are to celebrate a festival to me. 15 “Celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread for seven days eat bread made without yeast, as I commanded you. Do this at the appointed time in the month of Abib for in that month you came out of Egypt. “No one is to appear before me empty-handed. 16 “Celebrate the Feast of Harvest with the firstfruits of the crops you sow in your field. “Celebrate the Feast of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in your crops from the field. 17 “Three times a year all the men are to appear before the Sovereign LORD.

Feast #1

By what name was it called? When was it held?

Lev 23:5 The LORD’s Passover begins at twilight on the fourteenth day of the first month.

What does the name recall?

Exo 12:12 “On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn—both men and animals—and I will bring judgment all the gods of Egypt lam the LORD. 13 The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

Where was the feast to be celebrated? What did this feast recall?

Deu 16:5 You must not sacrifice the Passover in any town the LORD your God gives you 6 except in the place he will choose as a dwelling for his Name. There you must sacrifice the Passover in the evening, when the sun goes down, on the anniversary of your departure from Egypt.

With what three foods was it observed?

Exo 12:3 Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household ... 6 Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. ... 8 ... eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast.

Num 9:11 They are to celebrate it on the fourteenth day of the second month at twilight. They are to eat the lamb, together with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

What realities did these foods point to?

Joh 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

Lam 3:1 I am the man who has seen affliction by the rod of his wrath ... 15 He has filled me with bitter herbs and sated me with gall

1 Co 5:7 Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. 8 Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth.

What followed for seven days?

Lev 23:6 On the fifteenth day of that month the LORD’s Feast of Unleavened Bread begins; for seven days you must eat bread made without yeast.

What did this observance recall?

Deu 16:3 Do not eat it with bread made with yeast, but for seven days eat unleavened bread, the bread of affliction, because you left Egypt in haste—so that all the days of your life you may remember the time of your departure from Egypt.

What was done the day after its sabbath?

Lev 23:6 On the fifteenth day of that month the LORD’s Feast of Unleavened Bread begins ... 10 ... When you enter the land I am going to give you and you reap its harvest, bring to the priests sheaf of the first grain you harvest 11 He is to wave the sheaf before the LORD soft will be accepted on your behalf; the priest is to wave it on the day after the Sabbath.

What reality fulfilled this shadow?

1 Co 15:20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. 22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. 23 But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.

How did Israel honor the feast?

Exo 12:24 “Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and your descendants. 25 When you enter the land that the LORD will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony. 26 And when your children ask you, ‘What does this ceremony mean to you?’ 27 Men tell them, ‘It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.’

How did Jesus honor the feast?

Luk 2:41 Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. 42 When he was twelve years old, they went up to the Feast, according to the custom.

Luk 22:7 Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. 8 Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover.”

How was the feast fulfilled? How do we observe it?

1 Co 5:7 Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. 8 Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth.

Feast #2

What was it called?

Exo 34:22 Celebrate the Feast of Weeks with the firstfruits of the wheat harvest ...

What happened in the third month after Israel's departure from Egypt?

Exodus 19:1 In the third month after Me Israelites left Egypt—on the very day—They came to the Desert of Sinai ... 10 And the LORD said to Moses, “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow. Have them wash their clothes 11 and be ready by the third day, because on that day the LORD will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people ... 20 The LORD descended to the top of Mount Sinai 20:1 And God spoke all these words: [the 10 Commandments]

When was this feast held?

Lev 23:15 “From the day after the Sabbath, the day you brought the sheaf of the wave offering, count off seven full weeks. 16 Count off fifty days up to the day after the seventh Sabbath, and then present an offering of new grain to the LORD.

On what way was it observed?

Lev 23:97 From wherever you live, bring two loaves made of twotenths of an ephah of fine flour, baked with yeast as a wave offering of firstfruits to the LORD. 18 Present with this bread seven male lambs, each a year old and without defect, one young bull and two rams. They will be a burnt offering to the LORD, together with their grain offerings and drink offerings—an offering made by fire, an aroma pleasing to the LORD. 19 Then sacrifice one male goat for a sin offering and two lambs, each a year old, for a fellowship offering. 20 The priest is to wave the two lambs before the LORD as a wave offering, together with the bread of the firstfruits. They are a sacred offering to the LORD for the priest 29 On that same day you are to proclaim a sacred assembly and do no regular work.

When was the feast fulfilled?

Act 2:1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place ... 41 ... and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

The two cakes may foreshadow the New Testament fulfillment. How?

Rom 3:29 Is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles too? Yes, of Gentiles too ... 15:27 For if the Gentiles have shared in the Jews' spiritual blessings, they owe it to the Jews to share with them their material blessings.

How is this feast honored by us?

Act 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Gal 3:8 The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: “All nations will be blessed through you.”

Feast #3

When did the year begin?

Ex 34:22 “Celebrate the Feast of Weeks with the firstfruits of the wheat harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering at the turn of the year.

How was the 7th month begun?

Lev 23:34 “Say to the Israelites: ‘On the fifteenth day of the seventh month the LORD’s Feast of Tabernacles begins, and it lasts for seven days.’

How did Ezra honor it?

Neh 8:9 ... all the people assembled as one man in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the scribe to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses ... **2** So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand.

What followed 10 days later?

Lev 23:27 “The tenth day of this seventh month is the Day of Atonement. Hold a sacred assembly and deny yourselves, and present an offering made to the LORD by fire.

What solemn duty was observed?

Lev 23:28 Do no work on that day, because it is the Day of Atonement, when atonement is made for you before the LORD your God. **29** Anyone who does not deny himself on that day must be cut off from his people.

How was the 10th day fulfilled by Jesus?

Rom 3:25 God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood.

What followed on the 15th day? How long was it?

Lev 23:33 The LORD said to Moses, **34** “Say to the Israelites: ‘On the fifteenth day of the seventh month the LORD’s Feast of Tabernacles begins, and it lasts for seven days. **35** The first day is a sacred assembly; do no regular work.

How long was this feast?

Lev 23:35 The first day is a sacred assembly; do no regular work. **36** For seven days present offerings made to the LORD by fire, and on the eighth day hold a sacred assembly and present an offering made to the LORD by fire. It is the closing assembly; do no regular work

With what was it honored?

Lev 23:42 Live in booths for seven days: All nativeborn Israelites are to live in booths

What was remembered?

Lev 23:43 so your descendants will know that I had the Israelites live in booths when I brought them out of Egypt. I am the LORD your God.’”

With what harvested products was it honored?

Lev 23:40 On the first day you are to take choice fruit from the trees, and palm fronds, leafy branches and poplars, and rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days.

With what emotion was it honored?

Deu 16:13 Celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days after you have gathered the produce of your threshing floor and your winepress. **14** Be joyful at your Feast—you, your sons and daughters, your menservants and maidservants, and the Levites, the aliens, the fatherless and the widows who live in your towns.

How did Jesus honor the feast?

Joh 7:2 But when the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles was near ... **37** On the last and greatest day of the Feast,

Jesus stood and said in aloud voice, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. **38** Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.” **8:2** At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them.

What did the prophets look for?

Zec 14:16 Then the survivors from all the nations that have attacked Jerusalem will go up year after year to worship the King, the LORD Almighty, and to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles **17** If any of the peoples of the earth do not go up to Jerusalem.... **18** If the Egyptian people do not go up and take part, they will have no rain. The LORD will bring on them the plague he inflicts on the nations that do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles ... **20** On that day **HOLY TO THE LORD** will be inscribed on the bells of the horses, and the cooking pots in the LORD’s house will be like the sacred bowls in front of the altar. **21** ... And on that day there will no longer be a Canaanite in the house of the LORD Almighty.

What do we look forward to?

1 Th 4:16 For the Lord himself will come from heaven, with aloud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

17 After that, we who are still alive an are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

2 Co 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

Mat 16:24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

Heb 9:11 When Christ came ... **12** He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.

Joh 15:16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last.

Rev 14:13 Then I heard a voice from heaven say, “Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.”

Rev 7:9 After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands ... **16** Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst.

Summarize the reality beyond the celebration of the seasons.

Heb 9:28 Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

PART 8 – SABBATH Sevens proclaim eternal rest

What does the word “Sabbath” mean?

Heb 4:9 There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God, **10** for anyone who enters God’s rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his. **11** Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall by following their example of disobedience.

The DAY of rest

In what context was the day of rest required?

Exo 20:8 “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. **9** Six days you shall labor and do all your work, **10** but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates.

Of whom was the Sabbath required?

Exo 31:16 The Israelites are to observe the Sabbath, celebrating it for the generations to come as a lasting covenant

What two historical events does the Sabbath honor? Why?

Exo 20:11 For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. **12** “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long.

Deu 5:15 Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day.

Is the weekly Sabbath a requirement for us today?

Col 2:16 Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. **17** These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.

List things that not be done on the weekly Sabbath.

Exo 35:2 ... Whoever does any work on it must be put to death. **8** Do not light a fire in any of your dwellings on the Sabbath day.

Isa 58:13 ... you honor it by not going your own way and not doing as you please or speaking idle words,

Jer 17:21 ... Be careful not to carry a load on the Sabbath day or bang it through the gates of Jerusalem. **22** Do not bring a load out of your houses or do any work on the Sabbath ...

Neh 13:15 I saw men in Judah treading winepresses on the Sabbath and bringing in grain and loading it on donkeys, together with wine, grapes, figs and all other kinds of loads. And they were bringing all this into Jerusalem on the Sabbath. Therefore I warned them against selling food on that day. **16** Men from Tyre who lived in Jerusalem were bringing in fish and all kinds of merchandise and selling them in Jerusalem on the Sabbath to the people of Judah.

What was the penalty for disobedience?

Exo 31:15 ... Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day must be put to death.

What could be done?

Lev 24:8 This bread [in the Tabernacle] is to be set out before the LORD regularly, Sabbath after Sabbath, on behalf of the Israelites, as a lasting covenant.

Num 28:9 “On the Sabbath day, make an offering of two lambs a year old without defect, together with its drink offering and a grain offering of twotenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil. **10** This is the burnt offering for every Sabbath, in addition to the regular burnt offering and its drink offering.

Psa 92:1 A psalm. A song. For the Sabbath day. It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name ...

Joh 7:23 ... a child can be circumcised on the Sabbath ...

Acts 13:27 ... the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath.

Acts 17:2 As his custom was, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, **3** explaining and proving that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead. “This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Christ,” he said.

What Sabbath “sins” were added by human custom?

Luk 6:1 One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and his disciples began to pick some heads of grain, rub them in their hands and eat the kernels. **2** Some of the Pharisees asked, “Why are you doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?”

Joh 5:9 ... the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath ... **16** So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jews persecuted him.

Joh 9:13 ... the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man’s eyes was a Sabbath.... **16** Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others asked, “How can a sinner do such miraculous signs?” So they were divided.

Luk 13:15 The Lord answered him, “You hypocrites! Doesn’t each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? **16** Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?”

What did Jesus say and do?

Mar 1:21 ... when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach.

Luk 4:16 He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read.

Mar 2:27 Then he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. **28** So the Son of

Mat 11:29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”

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WEEKLY CYCLE of rest

When was the Sabbath of Weeks? (For Pentecost, please refer back to Part 7)

Lev 12:15 “From the day after the Sabbath, the day you brought the sheaf of the wave offering, count off seven full weeks. **16** Count off fifty days up to the day after the seventh Sabbath, and then present an offering of new grain to the LORD.

SEASON of rest

When was the monthly Sabbath? (For the Feasts of the Fall season which began in the please refer back to Part 7)

Lev 23:23 The LORD said to Moses, **24** “Say to the Israelites: ‘On the first day of the seventh month you are to have a day of rest a sacred assembly commemorated with trumpet blasts. **25** Do no regular work, but present an offering made to the LORD by fire.’”

YEAR of rest

When would it happen?

Lev 25:4 But in the seventh year the land is to have a sabbath of rest, a sabbath to the LORD.

What could not be done?

Lev 25:4 ... Do not sow your fields or prune your vineyards. 5 Do not reap what grows of itself or harvest the grapes of your untended vines. The land is to have a year of rest 6 Whatever the land yields during the sabbath year will be food for you ...

What was supposed to be done instead?

Deu 15:1 At the end of every seven years you must cancel debts.

Deu 15:12 If a fellow Hebrew, a man or a woman, sells himself to you and serves you six years, in the seventh year you must let him go free. 13 And when you release him, do not send him away empty-handed. 14 Supply him liberally from your flock, your threshing floor and your winepress. Give to him as the LORD your God has blessed you. 15 Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and the LORD your God redeemed you. That is why I give you this command today.

Deu 31:10 "At the end of every seven years, in the year for canceling debts, during the Feast of Tabernacles, 11 when all Israel comes to appear before the LORD your God at the place he will choose, you shall read this law before them in their hearing. 12 Assemble the people—men, women and children, and the aliens living in your towns—so they can listen and learn to fear the LORD your God and follow carefully all the words of this law.

How would the LORD provide?

Lev 25:6 Whatever the land yields during the sabbath year will be food for you ... 7 ... Whatever the land produces may be eaten.

What threat was laid down for skipping the Sabbath year?

Lev 26:27 "If in spite of this you still do not listen to me but continue to be hostile toward me, 28 then in my anger I will be hostile toward you, and I myself will punish you for your sins seven times over. 29 You will eat the flesh of your sons and the flesh of your daughters. 30 I will destroy your high places, cut down your incense altars and pile your dead bodies on the lifeless forms of your idols, and I will abhor you. 31 I will turn your cities into ruins and lay waste your sanctuaries, and I will take no delight in the pleasing aroma of your offerings. 32 I will lay waste the land, so that your enemies who live there will be appalled 33 I will scatter you among the nations and will draw out my sword and pursue you. Your land will be laid waste, and your cities will lie in ruins. 34 Then the land will enjoy its sabbath years all the time that it lies desolate and you are in the country of your enemies; then the land will rest and enjoy its sabbaths.

What actually happened?

2 Ch 36:20 He carried into exile to Babylon the remnant, who escaped from the sword, and they became servants to him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. 21 The land enjoyed its sabbath rests; all the time of its desolation it rested, until the seventy years were completed in fulfillment of the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah.

The JUBILEE of rest

When would it happen?

Lev 25:8 "Count off seven sabbaths of years—seven times seven years—so that the seven sabbaths of years amount to a period of forty-nine years. 9 Then have the trumpet sounded everywhere on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the Day of Atonement sound the trumpet throughout your land ... 12 For it is a jubilee and is to be holy for you; eat only what is taken directly from the fields. 13 In this Year of Jubilee ...

What could not be done?

Lev 25:11 The fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you; do not sow and do not reap what grows of itself or harvest the untended vines.

What benefit was the Jubilee year to bring? To whom?

Lev 25:10 Consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you; each one of you is to return to his family property and each to his own clan.... **23** The land must not be sold permanently, because the land is mine and you are but aliens and my tenants. **24** Throughout the country that you hold as a possession, you must provide for the redemption of the land.

How would the LORD provide?

Lev 25:20 You may ask; “What will we eat in the seventh year if we do not plant or harvest our crops?” **21** I will send you such a blessing in the sixth year that the land will yield enough for three years. **22** While you plant during the eighth year, you will eat from the old crop and will continue to eat from it until the harvest of the ninth year comes in.

What was required to be done?

Lev 25:13 In this Year of Jubilee everyone is to return to his own property.

Lev 27:24 In the Year of Jubilee the field will revert to the person from whom he bought it, the one whose land it was.

Num 36:4 [regarding female heirs with no brothers] When the Year of Jubilee for the Israelites comes, their inheritance will be added to that of the tribe into which they marry, and their property will be taken from the tribal inheritance of our forefathers.

How did Jesus honor the Jubilee?

Luk 4:16 He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. **17** The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: **18** “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, **19** to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

PART 9 – Israel’s SONSHIP fails, the Israel of God Son does not

God’s plan channeled through sonship

Whose seed (“son” #1) was Adam & Eve’s hope?

Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

Gen 4:1 Adam lay with his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, “With the help the LORD I have brought forth a man.”

Whose tent was God’s shelter (“son” #2) for hope?

Gen 9:26 He also said, “Blessed be the LORD, the God of Shem! May Canaan be the slave of Shem. **27** May God extend the territory of Japheth; may Japheth live in the tents of Shem, and may Canaan be his slave.”

In whom (“son” #3) was God’s promise reestablished?

Gen 17:5 No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. **6** I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. **7** I will

establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you....**15** God also said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. **16** I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her”

Who became the Lord’s covenant, but wayward “son” (#4)?

Exo 4:22 Then say to Pharaoh, ‘This is what the LORD says: Israel is my firstborn son, **23** and I told you, “Let my son go, so he may worship me.” But you refused to let him go, so I will kill your firstborn son.’”

Hos 11:1 “When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. **2** But the more I called Israel, the further they went from me. They sacrificed to the Baals and they burned incense to images.

What “son” (#5) would proclaim atonement within the covenant relationship?

Num 25:11 “Phinehas son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, the priest, has turned my anger away from the Israelites; for he was as zealous as lam for my honor among them, so that in my zeal I did not put an end to them. **12** Therefore tell him lam making my covenant of peace with him. **13** He and his descendants will have a covenant of a lasting priesthood, because he was zealous for the honor of his God and made atonement for the Israelites.

What “son” (#6) would provide a “house” for salvation?

2 Sa 7:8 “Now then, tell my servant David, ‘This is what the LORD Almighty says: ... **12** When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom. **13** He is the one who will build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

What better “son” (#7) was prophesied?

Isa 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Isa 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **7** Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

What became the fulfilled reality?

... recalling #1

Gal 4:4 But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, **5** to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full lights of sons. **6** Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” **7** So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir .

... recalling #2

Joh 1:14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth .

... recalling #3

Gal 3:6 Consider Abraham: “He believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.” **7** Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham. **8** The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: “All nations will be blessed through you.” **9** So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith .

... recalling #4

Mat 2:15 And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

... recalling #5

Heb 7:22 Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant **23** Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office, **24** but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. **25** Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

... recalling #6

Mat 1:1 A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David ...

Mat 22:42 “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” “The son of David,” they replied.

Act 13:34 The fact that God raised him from the dead, never to decay, is stated in these words: “‘I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David.’”

... recalling #7

Luk 2:6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, **7** and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son....**10** But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. **11** Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

The firstborn as shadow and reality

Who was included?

Exo 1 3:2 “Consecrate to me every firstborn male. The first offspring of every womb among the Israelites belongs to me, whether man or animal.... **12** you are to give over to the LORD the first offspring of every womb...”

What was to be done for the firstborn?

Exo 13:13 ... Redeem every firstborn among your sons.

What was to be remembered thereby?

Exo 13:14 “In days to come, when your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ say to him, ‘With a mighty hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. **15** When Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed every firstborn in Egypt, both man and animal. This is why I sacrifice to the LORD the first male offspring of every womb and redeem each of my firstborn sons.’ **16** And it will be like a sign on your hand and a symbol on your forehead that the LORD brought us out of Egypt with his mighty hand.”

When did the Lord claim his own?

Exo 22:29 “Do not hold back offerings from your granaries or your vats. “You must give me the firstborn of your sons. **30** Do the same with your cattle and your sheep. Let them stay with their mothers for seven days, but give them to me on the eighth day.

Who served as “substitute?”

Num 3:11 The LORD also said to Moses, **12** “I have taken the Levites from among the Israelites in place of the first male offspring of every Israelite woman. The Levites are mine, **13** for all the firstborn are mine. When I struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, I set apart for myself every firstborn in Israel, whether man or animal. They are to be mine. I am the LORD.” **45** “Take the Levites in place of all the firstborn of Israel, and the livestock of the Levites in place of their livestock. The Levites are to be mine. I am the LORD. **46** To redeem the 273 firstborn Israelites who exceed the number of the Levites, **47** collect five shekels for each one ...

Num 8:15 “After you have purified the Levites and presented them as a wave offering, they are to come to do their work at the Tent of Meeting. **16** They are the Israelites who are to be given wholly to me. I have taken them as my own in place of the firstborn, the first male offspring from every Israelite woman. **17** Every firstborn male in Israel, whether man or animal, is mine. When I struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, I set them apart

for myself. **18** And I have taken the Levites in place of all the firstborn sons in Israel. **19** Of aft the Israelites, I have given the Levites as gifts to Aaron and his sons to do the work at the Tent of Meeting on behalf of Me Israelites and to make atonement for them so that no plague will strike the Israelites when they go near the sanctuary.”

How was the firstborn shadow fulfilled?

Luk 2:22 When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord **23** (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”), **24** and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.”

Whose firstborn was he?

Heb 1:6 ... when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.”

List the “firsts” of The Firstborn.

Col 1:15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn overall creation. **16** For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. **17** He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. **18** And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. **19** For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, **20** and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood shed on the cross.

What “second” birth is now possible?

Joh 3:3 In reply Jesus declared, “I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.” **4** “How can a man be born when he is old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb to be born!” **5** Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit **6** Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. **7** You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’”

1 Pe 1:23 For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

What kind of sons are a result?

Gal 3:26 You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, **27** for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ **28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. **29** If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Eph 1:5 he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—**6** to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. **7** In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace ...

Who then is the “Israel of God”

Rom 11:25 I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited. Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full Number of the Gentiles has come in. **26** And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: “The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob. **27** And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins.”

The character of the firstborn

For reason did God rule out for choosing Israel?

Deu 9:6 Understand, then, that it is not because of your righteousness that the LORD your God is giving you this good land to possess, for you are a stiffnecked people. 6 Understand, then, that it is not because of your righteousness that the LORD your God is giving you this good land to possess, for you are a stiffnecked people. Deu 7:7 The LORD did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples.

Rather why did God choose Israel?

Deu 7:8 Bunt was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath he swore to your forefathers that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. 9 Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands.

(Consider also Ishmael, Esau, Reuben, Manasseh, Nadab, Eliab, and Amnon)

What did God expect of his “son”?

Exo 19:6 you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.”

What did the LORD expect in return from his “son”?

Lev 11:44 I am the LORD your God, consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am holy. Do not make yourselves unclean by any creature that moves about on the ground. 45 I am the LORD who brought you up out of Egypt to be your God; therefore be holy, because I am holy.

What were some behaviors unbecoming of Old Testament shadow sons:

Lev 18:3 You must not do as they do in Egypt, where you used to live, and you must not do as they do in the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you. Do not follow their practices.

Lev 19:29 “Do not degrade your daughter by making her a prostitute, or the land will turn to prostitution and be filled with wickedness.

Lev 18:6 “No one is to approach any close relative to have sexual relations. I am the LORD ...

Lev 18:21 “Do not give any of your children to be sacrificed to Molech, for you must not profane the name of your God. I am the LORD.

Lev 98:22 “Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable.

Lev 18:23 “Do not have sexual relations with an animal and defile yourself with it. A woman must not present herself to an animal to have sexual relations with it; that is a perversion.

Lev 19:11 “Do not steal. “Do not lie. “Do not deceive one another ... 35 ... “Do not use dishonest standards when measuring length, weight or quantity. 36 “Use honest scales and honest weights, an honest ephah and an honest hin. I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt

Lev 19:12 “Do not swear falsely by my name and so profane the name of your God. I am the LORD.

Lev 19:13 “Do not defraud your neighbor or rob him. “Do not hold back the wages of a hired man overnight

Lev 19:14 “Do not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block in front of the blind, but fear your God. I am the

LORD. 15 “Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge your neighbor fairly. **16** “Do not go about spreading slander among your people. “Do not do anything that endangers your neighbor’s life. I am the LORD. **17** “Do not hate your brother in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in his guilt. **18** “Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.

Lev 19:99 “Keep my decrees. “Do not mate different kinds of animals. “Do not plant your field with two kinds of seed. “Do not wear clothing woven of two kinds of material.

Lev 19:26a “Do not eat any meat with the blood still in it.”

Lev 19:26b “Do not practice divination or sorcery.

Lev 19:27 “Do not cut the hair at the sides of your head or clip off the edges of your beard.

Lev 19:28 “Do not cut your bodies for the dead or put tattoo marks on yourselves. I am the LORD.

Lev 19:31 “Do not turn to mediums or seek out spiritists, for you will be defiled by them. I am the LORD your God.

What were some behaviors God expected of his Old Testament “shadow” sons:

Lev 19:3 “Each of you must respect his mother and father, you must observe my Sabbaths.... **30** “Observe my Sabbaths and have reverence for my sanctuary. I am the LORD.

Lev 19:5 “When you sacrifice a fellowship offering LORD, sacrifice it in such a way that it will be accepted on your behalf.

Lev 19:9 “When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. **10** Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the alien. I am the LORD your God.

Lev 19:23 “When you enter the land and plant any kind of fruit tree, regard its fruit as forbidden. For three years you are to consider it forbidden; it must not be eaten. **24** In the fourth year all its fruit will be holy, an offering of praise to the LORD. **25** But in the fifth year you may eat its fruit. In this way your harvest will be increased. I am the LORD your God.

Lev 19:32 “Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the LORD.

Lev 19:34 The alien living with you must be treated as one of your native-born. Love him as yourself, for you were aliens in Egypt I am the LORD your God.

What are some behaviors befitting New Testament sons:

Mat 22:37 Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ **38** This is the first and greatest commandment. **39** And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ **40** All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

1 Pe 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light **10** Once you were not a

people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. **11** Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul **12** Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

Rom 8:12 Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation—but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. **13** For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, **14** because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. **15** For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” **16** The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. **17** Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

The church of believers are called “firstborn”

Heb 12:18 You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm ... **22** But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly ...