

# The Consecration of the Priests

Exodus 29:1-37

Levitus 8

## Preparation for the Consecration

1 “And this is what you shall do to them to hallow them for ministering to Me as priests: Take one young bull and two rams without blemish,  
2 and unleavened bread, unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil (you shall make them of wheat flour).  
3 You shall put them in one basket and bring them in the basket, with the bull and the two rams.

1 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:  
2 “Take Aaron and his sons with him, and the garments, the anointing oil, a bull as the sin offering, two rams, and a basket of unleavened bread;  
3 and gather all the congregation together at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.”  
4 So Moses did as the LORD commanded him. And the congregation was gathered together at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.  
5 And Moses said to the congregation, “This is what the LORD commanded to be done.”

## Bring Aaron and His Sons to the Tabernacle of Meeting; Wash Them and Clothe Them

4 “And Aaron and his sons you shall bring to the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and you shall wash them with water.  
5 Then you shall take the garments, put the tunic on Aaron, and the robe of the ephod, the ephod, and the breastplate, and gird him with the intricately woven band of the ephod.  
6 You shall put the turban on his head, and put the holy crown on the turban.  
7 And you shall take the anointing oil, pour *it* on his head, and anoint him.  
8 Then you shall bring his sons and put tunics on them.  
9 And you shall gird them with sashes, Aaron and his sons, and put the hats on them. The priesthood shall be theirs for a perpetual statute. So you shall consecrate Aaron and his sons.

6 Then Moses brought Aaron and his sons and washed them with water.  
7 And he put the tunic on him, girded him with the sash, clothed him with the robe, and put the ephod on him; and he girded him with the intricately woven band of the ephod, and with it tied the ephod on him.  
8 Then he put the breastplate on him, and he put the Urim and the Thummim in the breastplate.  
9 And he put the turban on his head. Also on the turban, on its front, he put the golden plate, the holy crown, as the LORD had commanded Moses.  
10 Also Moses took the anointing oil, and anointed the tabernacle and all that was in it, and consecrated them.  
11 He sprinkled some of it on the altar seven times, anointed the altar and all its utensils, and the laver and its base, to consecrate them.  
12 And he poured some of the anointing oil on Aaron’s head and anointed him, to consecrate him.  
13 Then Moses brought Aaron’s sons and put tunics on them, girded them with sashes, and put hats on them, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

## The Bull of Sin Offering

10 “You shall also have the bull brought before the tabernacle of meeting, and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands on the head of the bull.

11 Then you shall kill the bull before the LORD, *by* the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

12 You shall take *some* of the blood of the bull and put *it* on the horns of the altar with your finger, and pour all the blood beside the base of the altar.

13 And you shall take all the fat that covers the entrails, the fatty lobe *attached* to the liver, and the two kidneys and the fat that *is* on them, and burn *them* on the altar.

14 But the flesh of the bull, with its skin and its offal, you shall burn with fire outside the camp. *It is* a sin offering.

14 And he brought the bull for the sin offering. Then Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the bull for the sin offering,

15 and Moses killed it. Then he took the blood, and put some on the horns of the altar all around with his finger, and purified the altar. And he poured the blood at the base of the altar, and consecrated it, to make atonement for it.

16 Then he took all the fat that was on the entrails, the fatty lobe attached to the liver, and the two kidneys with their fat, and Moses burned them on the altar.

17 But the bull, its hide, its flesh, and its offal, he burned with fire outside the camp, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

## The Ram of Burnt Offering

15 “You shall also take one ram, and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands on the head of the ram;

16 and you shall kill the ram, and you shall take its blood and sprinkle *it* all around on the altar.

17 Then you shall cut the ram in pieces, wash its entrails and its legs, and put *them* with its pieces and with its head.

18 And you shall burn the whole ram on the altar. *It is* a burnt offering to the LORD; *it is* a sweet aroma, an offering made by fire to the LORD.

18 Then he brought the ram as the burnt offering. And Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram,

19 and Moses killed it. Then he sprinkled the blood all around on the altar.

20 And he cut the ram into pieces; and Moses burned the head, the pieces, and the fat.

21 Then he washed the entrails and the legs in water. And Moses burned the whole ram on the altar. *It was* a burnt sacrifice for a sweet aroma, an offering made by fire to the LORD, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

## The Ram of Consecration

19 “You shall also take the other ram, and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands on the head of the ram.

20 Then you shall kill the ram, and take some of its blood and put *it* on the tip of the right ear of Aaron and on the tip of the right ear of his sons, on the thumb of their right hand and on the big toe of their right foot, and sprinkle the blood all around on the altar.

21 And you shall take some of the blood

22 And he brought the second ram, the ram of consecration. Then Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram,

23 and Moses killed it. Also he took some of its blood and put it on the tip of Aaron’s right ear, on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot.

24 Then he brought Aaron’s sons. And Moses put some of the blood on the tips of their right ears, on the thumbs of their right

that is on the altar, and some of the anointing oil, and sprinkle *it* on Aaron and on his garments, on his sons and on the garments of his sons with him; and he and his garments shall be hallowed, and his sons and his sons' garments with him.

hands, and on the big toes of their right feet. And Moses sprinkled the blood all around on the altar.

## The Wave and the Heave Offering

22 "Also you shall take the fat of the ram, the fat tail, the fat that covers the entrails, the fatty lobe *attached to* the liver, the two kidneys and the fat on them, the right thigh (for it *is* a ram of consecration),  
23 one loaf of bread, one cake *made with* oil, and one wafer from the basket of the unleavened bread that *is* before the LORD;

24 and you shall put all these in the hands of Aaron and in the hands of his sons, and you shall wave them *as* a wave offering before the LORD.

25 You shall receive them back from their hands and burn *them* on the altar as a burnt offering, as a sweet aroma before the LORD. It *is* an offering made by fire to the LORD.

26 "Then you shall take the breast of the ram of Aaron's consecration and wave it *as* a wave offering before the LORD; and it shall be your portion.

27 And from the ram of the consecration you shall consecrate the breast of the wave offering which is waved, and the thigh of the heave offering which is raised, of *that* which *is* for Aaron and of *that* which is for his sons.

28 It shall be from the children of Israel *for* Aaron and his sons by a statute forever. For it is a heave offering; it shall be a heave offering from the children of Israel from the sacrifices of their peace offerings, *that is*, their heave offering to the LORD.

25 Then he took the fat and the fat tail, all the fat that was on the entrails, the fatty lobe attached to the liver, the two kidneys and their fat, and the right thigh;

26 and from the basket of unleavened bread that was before the LORD he took one unleavened cake, a cake of bread anointed with oil, and one wafer, and put them on the fat and on the right thigh;

27 and he put all these in Aaron's hands and in his sons' hands, and waved them as a wave offering before the LORD.

28 Then Moses took them from their hands and burned them on the altar, on the burnt offering. They were consecration offerings for a sweet aroma. That was an offering made by fire to the LORD.

29 And Moses took the breast and waved it as a wave offering before the LORD. It was Moses' part of the ram of consecration, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

## The Holy Garments

29 “And the holy garments of Aaron shall be his sons’ after him, to be anointed in them and to be consecrated in them.

30 That son who becomes priest in his place shall put them on for seven days, when he enters the tabernacle of meeting to minister in the holy *place*.

30 Then Moses took some of the anointing oil and some of the blood which was on the altar, and sprinkled it on Aaron, on his garments, on his sons, and on the garments of his sons with him; and he consecrated Aaron, his garments, his sons, and the garments of his sons with him.

## Eat the Ram of Consecration and the Bread

31 “And you shall take the ram of the consecration and boil its flesh in the holy place.

32 Then Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram, and the bread that *is* in the basket, *by* the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

33 They shall eat those things with which the atonement was made, to consecrate *and* to sanctify them; but an outsider shall not eat *them*, because they *are* holy.

34 And if any of the flesh of the consecration offerings, or of the bread, remains until the morning, then you shall burn the remainder with fire. It shall not be eaten, because it *is* holy.

31 And Moses said to Aaron and his sons, “Boil the flesh at the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and eat it there with the bread that is in the basket of consecration offerings, as I commanded, saying, ‘Aaron and his sons shall eat it.’

32 What remains of the flesh and of the bread you shall burn with fire.

## Seven Days of Consecration: Do Not Go Outside

35 “Thus you shall do to Aaron and his sons, according to all that I have commanded you. Seven days you shall consecrate them.

36 And you shall offer a bull every day as a sin offering for atonement. You shall cleanse the altar when you make atonement for it, and you shall anoint it to sanctify it.

37 Seven days you shall make atonement for the altar and sanctify it. And the altar shall be most holy. Whatever touches the altar must be holy.

33 And you shall not go outside the door of the tabernacle of meeting for seven days, until the days of your consecration are ended. For seven days he shall consecrate you.

34 As he has done this day, so the LORD has commanded to do, to make atonement for you.

35 Therefore you shall stay at the door of the tabernacle of meeting day and night for seven days, and keep the charge of the LORD, so that you may not die; for so I have been commanded.”

36 So Aaron and his sons did all the things that the LORD had commanded by the hand of Moses.