

## Leviticus 8

Verses 1- 5

Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup> “Take Aaron and his sons with him, and the garments and the anointing oil and the bull of the sin offering, and the two rams and the basket of unleavened bread, <sup>3</sup> and assemble all the congregation at the doorway of the tent of meeting.” <sup>4</sup> So Moses did just as the Lord commanded him. When the congregation was assembled at the doorway of the tent of meeting, <sup>5</sup> Moses said to the congregation, “This is the thing which the Lord has commanded to do.”

<sup>2</sup> **“Take Aaron and his sons with him, and the garments and the anointing oil and the bull of the sin offering, and the two rams and the basket of unleavened bread, <sup>3</sup> and assemble all the congregation at the doorway of the tent of meeting.”**

The four sons of Aaron were Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

All of the people, 2.5 million people, were assembled but only a small contingent would have been near the doorway of the Tabernacle. It is likely that the 70 elders who represented all of Israel were at the entrance.

See Exodus 24:8 - 11

<sup>8</sup> **So Moses took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant, which the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.” <sup>9</sup> Then Moses went up with Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, <sup>10</sup> and they saw the God of Israel; and under His feet there appeared to be a pavement of sapphire, as clear as the sky itself. <sup>11</sup> Yet He did not reach out with His hand against the nobles of the sons of Israel; and they saw God, and they ate and drank.**

<sup>4</sup> **So Moses did just as the Lord commanded him. When the congregation was assembled at the doorway of the tent of meeting, <sup>5</sup> Moses said to the congregation, “This is the thing which the Lord has commanded to do.”**

12 times in this chapter it is stated that “the Lord commanded Moses”. This was not a man-made religion like the many false religions of the world. This command was given in Exodus 29 about 6 to 7 months prior to this event.

Verses 6 - 9

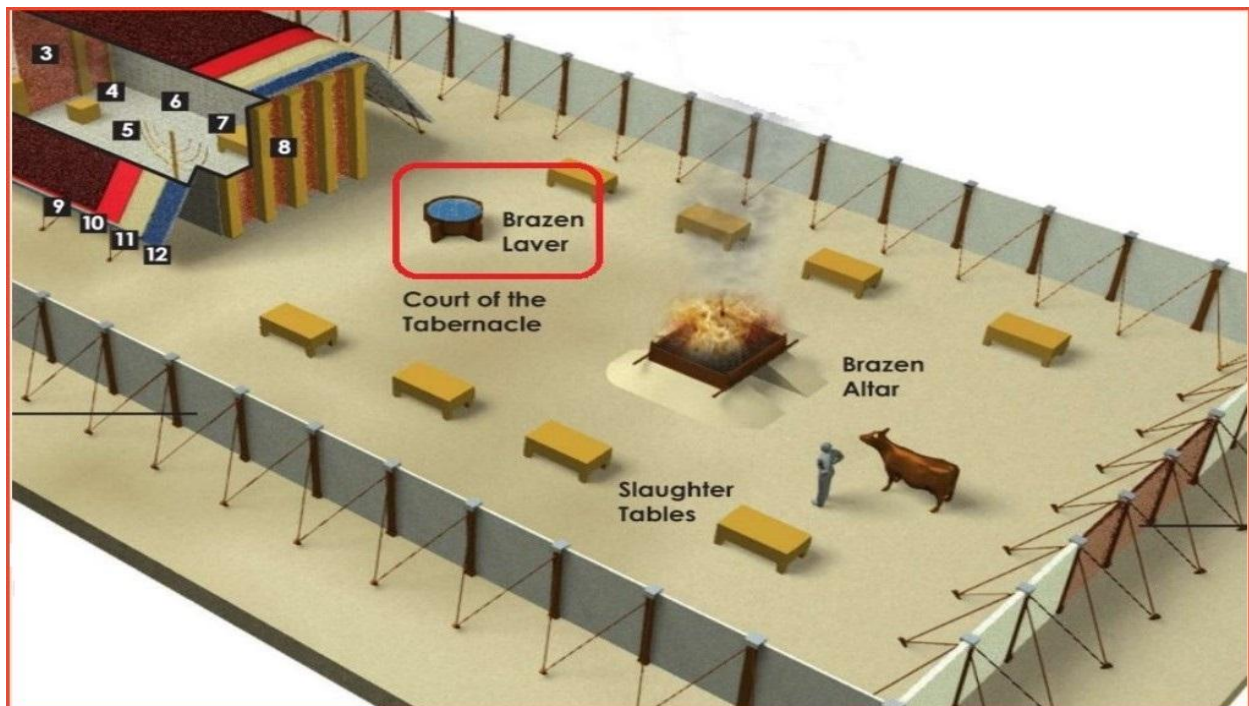
<sup>6</sup> Then Moses had Aaron and his sons come near and washed them with water.

<sup>7</sup> He put the tunic on him and girded him with the sash, and clothed him with the robe and put the ephod on him; and he girded him with the artistic band of the ephod, with which he tied *it* to him. <sup>8</sup> He then placed the breastpiece on him, and in the breastpiece he put the Urim and the Thummim. <sup>9</sup> He also placed the turban on his head, and on the turban, at its front, he placed the golden plate, the holy crown, just as the Lord had commanded Moses.

<sup>6</sup> Then Moses had Aaron and his sons come near and washed them with water.

The first thing was the washing of Aaron and his sons. We can assume they used the water from the basin.

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<sup>7</sup> He put the tunic, the sash, the robe, the ephod the artistic band of the ephod,  
<sup>8</sup> the breastpiece, the Urim and the Thummim, <sup>9</sup> the turban, the golden plate, on him.

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Make a plate of pure gold and engrave on it as on a seal: **HOLY TO THE LORD**. Fasten a blue cord to it to attach it to the turban; it is to be on the front of the turban. 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. - Exodus 28:36-38



**Turban**  
**Plate (Diadem)**

Take two onyx stones and engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel in the order of their birth—six names on one stone and the remaining six on the other. 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 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. - Exodus 28:2-5



**Tunic**  
**Breastpiece**

**Ephod**

**Robe**

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. It is to be square - a span long and a span wide - and folded double. Then mount four rows of precious stones on it. In the first row there shall be a ruby, a topaz and a beryl; in the second row a turquoise, a sapphire and an emerald; in the third row a jacinth, an agate and an amethyst; in the fourth row a chrysolite, an onyx and a jasper. Mount them in gold filigree settings. There are to be twelve stones, one for each of the names of the sons of Israel, each engraved like a seal with the name of one of the twelve tribes. ... 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.

This describes the clothing worn by the High Priest.

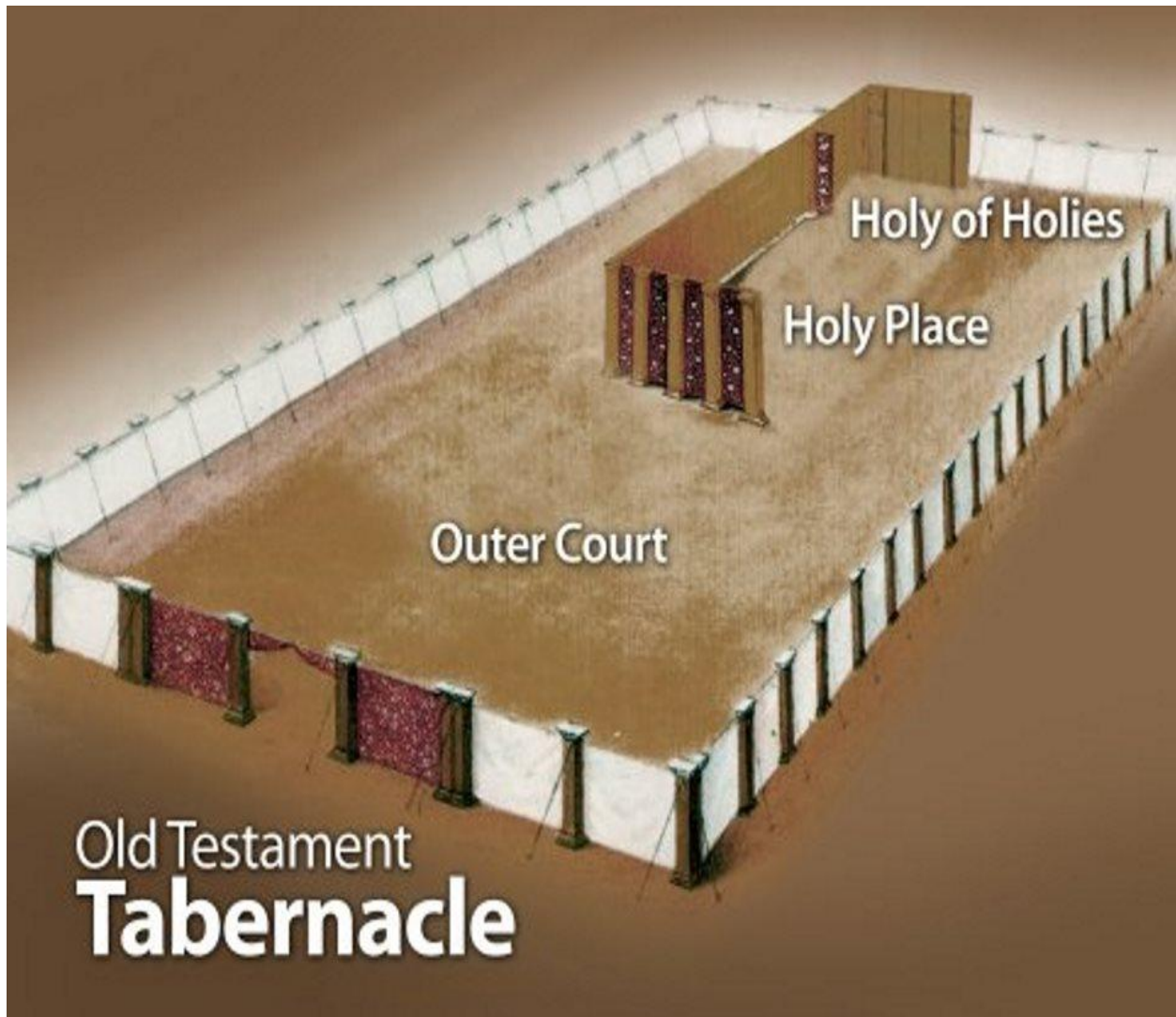


Verses 10 - 13

<sup>10</sup> Moses then took the anointing oil and anointed the tabernacle and all that was in it, and consecrated them. <sup>11</sup> He sprinkled some of it on the altar seven times and anointed the altar and all its utensils, and the basin and its stand, to consecrate them. <sup>12</sup> Then he poured some of the anointing oil on Aaron's head and anointed him, to consecrate him. <sup>13</sup> Next Moses had Aaron's sons come near and clothed them with tunics, and girded them with sashes and bound caps on them, just as the Lord had commanded Moses.

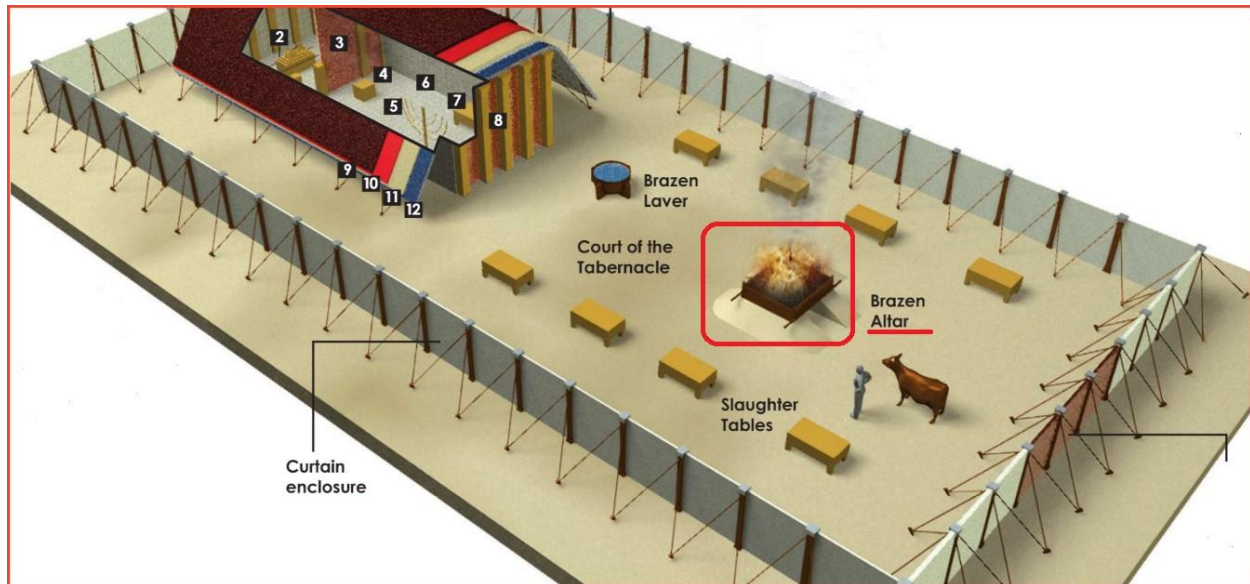
<sup>10</sup> Moses then took the anointing oil and anointed the tabernacle and all that was in it, and consecrated them.

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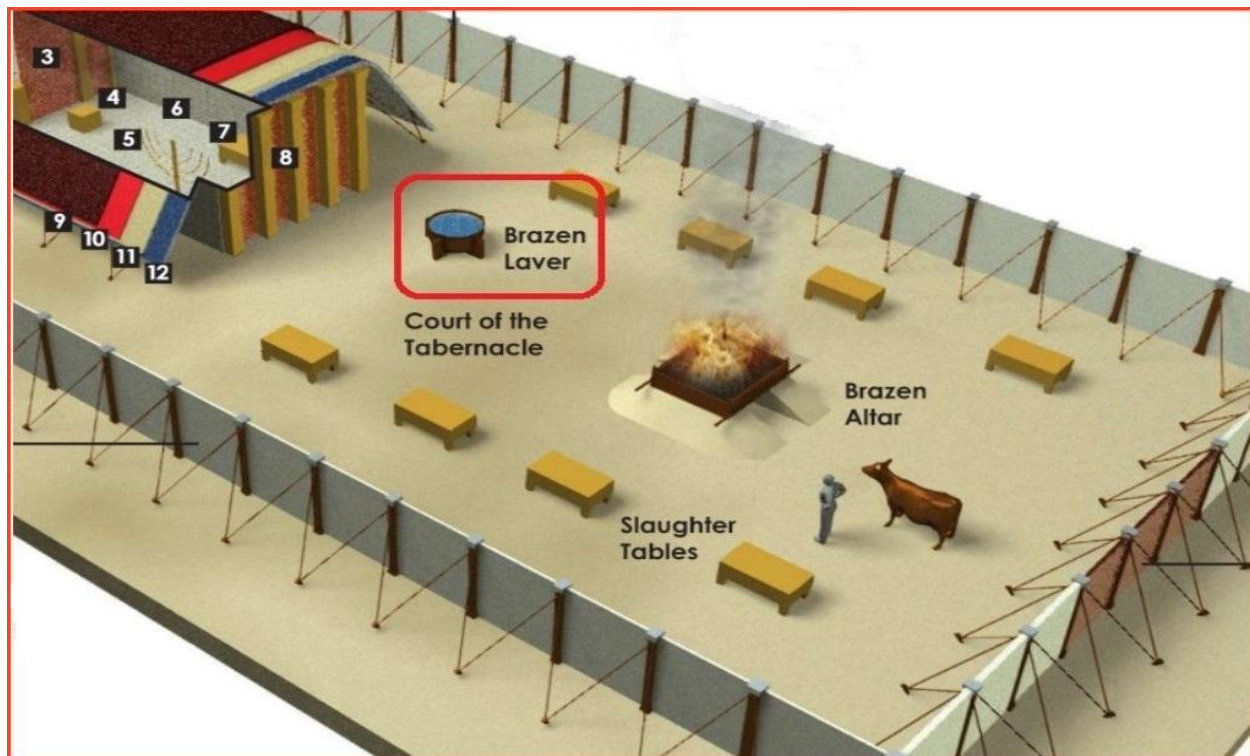


<sup>11</sup> He sprinkled some of it on the altar seven times and anointed the altar and all its utensils, and the basin and its stand, to consecrate them.

See Pics 820 The altar and all its utensils



See Pics 825 The basin and its stand.





**<sup>12</sup> Then he poured some of the anointing oil on Aaron's head and anointed him, to consecrate him.**

All of the priests (including the High Priest) were anointed by having blood and oil sprinkled on them (see verse 30 of this chapter). But the High Priest also had oil poured on his head.

**<sup>13</sup> Next Moses had Aaron's sons come near and clothed them with tunics, and girded them with sashes and bound caps on them, just as the Lord had commanded Moses.**

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It is not mentioned here, but they also wore underwear.

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Verses 14 - 17

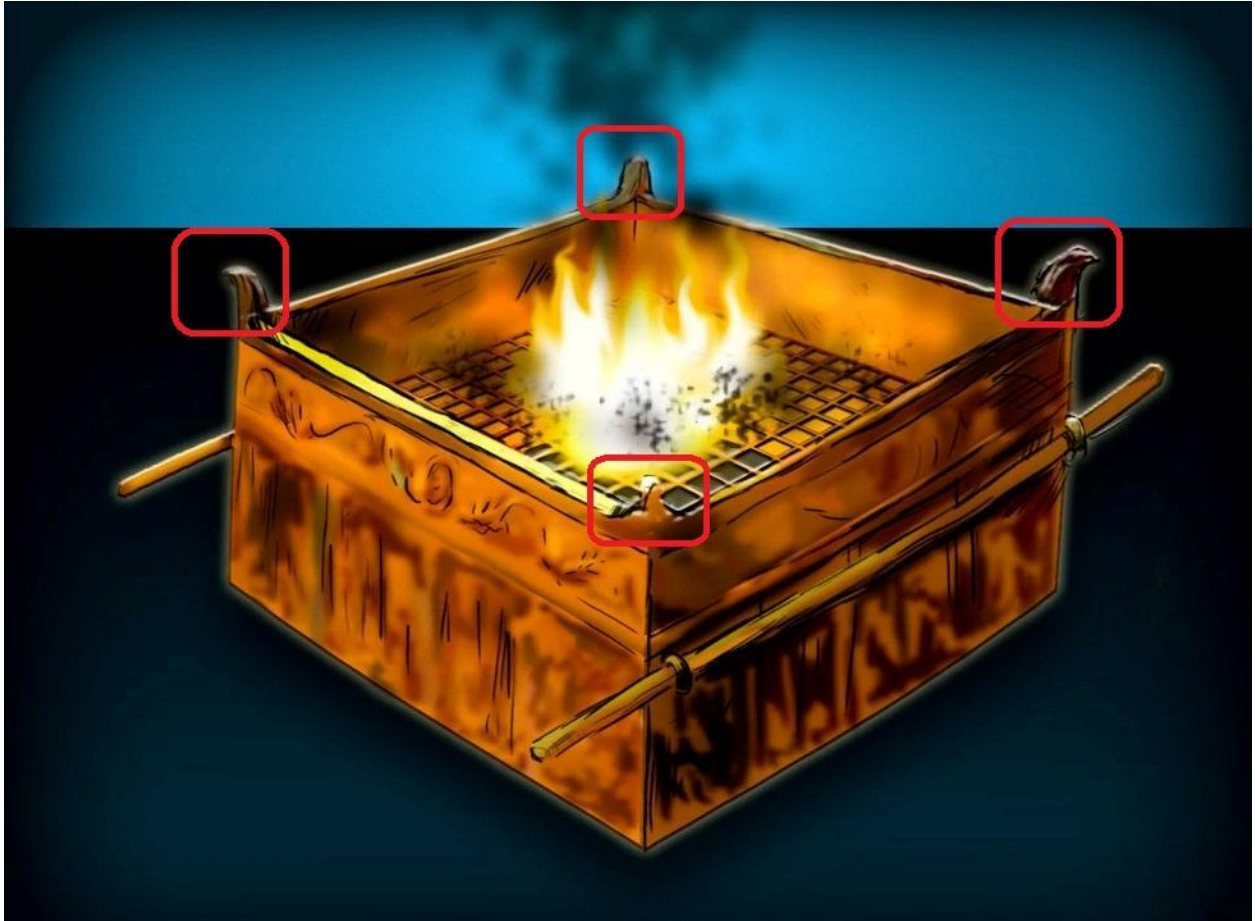
<sup>14</sup> Then he brought the bull of the sin offering, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the bull of the sin offering. <sup>15</sup> Next Moses slaughtered *it* and took the blood and with his finger put *some of it* around on the horns of the altar, and purified the altar. Then he poured out *the rest of* the blood at the base of the altar and consecrated it, to make atonement for it. <sup>16</sup> He also took all the fat that was on the entrails and the lobe of the liver, and the two kidneys and their fat; and Moses offered it up in smoke on the altar. <sup>17</sup> But the bull and its hide and its flesh and its refuse he burned in the fire outside the camp, just as the Lord had commanded Moses.

<sup>14</sup> Then he brought the bull of the sin offering, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the bull of the sin offering.

Moses officiated at this consecration because there was no High Priest yet.

<sup>15</sup> Next Moses slaughtered *it* and took the blood and with his finger put *some of it* around on the horns of the altar, and purified the altar.....

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<sup>15</sup> ....Then he poured out the rest of the blood at the base of the altar and consecrated it, to make atonement for it.

All of the blood of the bull was used to consecrate the altar.

<sup>16</sup> He also took all the fat that was on the entrails and the lobe of the liver, and the two kidneys and their fat; and Moses offered it up in smoke on the altar.

This part of the sacrifice was a burnt offering to the Lord.

<sup>17</sup> But the bull and its hide and its flesh and its refuse he burned in the fire outside the camp, just as the Lord had commanded Moses.

For this sin offering only the blood and the fat was used.



Verses 18 - 21

<sup>18</sup> Then he presented the ram of the burnt offering, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram. <sup>19</sup> Moses slaughtered *it* and sprinkled the blood around on the altar. <sup>20</sup> When he had cut the ram into its pieces, Moses offered up the head and the pieces and the suet in smoke. <sup>21</sup> After he had washed the entrails and the legs with water, Moses offered up the whole ram in smoke on the altar. It was a burnt offering for a soothing aroma; it was an offering by fire to the Lord, just as the Lord had commanded Moses.

<sup>18</sup> Then he presented the ram of the burnt offering, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram.

Two rams will be offered but this first ram was a burnt offering to the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> .... Moses offered up the whole ram in smoke on the altar. It was a burnt offering for a soothing aroma; it was an offering by fire to the Lord, just as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Since most of the bull was taken outside of the camp to be burned this left enough space on the altar to offer up all of the ram in smoke.

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Verses 22 - 29

<sup>22</sup> Then he presented the second ram, the ram of ordination, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram. <sup>23</sup> Moses slaughtered *it* and took some of its blood and put it on the lobe of Aaron's right ear, and on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot. <sup>24</sup> He also had Aaron's sons come near; and Moses put some of the blood on the lobe of their right ear, and on the thumb of their right hand and on the big toe of their right foot. Moses then sprinkled *the rest of* the blood around on the altar. <sup>25</sup> He took the fat, and the fat tail, and all the fat that was on the entrails, and the lobe of the liver and the two kidneys and their fat and the right thigh. <sup>26</sup> From the basket of unleavened bread that was before the Lord, he took one unleavened cake and one cake of bread *mixed with* oil and one wafer, and placed *them* on the portions of fat and on the right thigh. <sup>27</sup> He then put all *these* on the hands of Aaron and on the hands of his sons and presented them as a wave offering before the Lord. <sup>28</sup> Then Moses took them from their hands and offered them up in smoke on the altar with the burnt offering. They were an ordination offering for a soothing aroma; it was an offering by fire to the Lord. <sup>29</sup> Moses also took the breast and presented it for a wave offering before the Lord; it was Moses' portion of the ram of ordination, just as the Lord had commanded Moses.

<sup>23</sup> Moses slaughtered *it* and took some of its blood and put it on the lobe of Aaron's right ear, the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot.

This was symbolic of the whole body. This same procedure was utilized in the cleansing of a leper.

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<sup>14</sup> The priest shall then take some of the blood of the guilt offering, and the priest shall put *it* on the lobe of the right ear of the one to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot.

However, with a leper the guilt offering was a male lamb.

<sup>24</sup> He also had Aaron's sons come near; and Moses put some of the blood on the lobe of their right ear, and on the thumb of their right hand and on the big toe of their right foot. Moses then sprinkled *the rest of* the blood around on the altar.

The same procedure was used on Aaron's sons.

**<sup>27</sup> He then put all these on the hands of Aaron and on the hands of his sons and presented them as a wave offering before the Lord.**

This included the fat, the lobe of the liver, the two kidneys, the right thigh, two cakes and one wafer.

**<sup>28</sup> Then Moses took them from their hands and offered them up in smoke on the altar with the burnt offering. They were an ordination offering for a soothing aroma; it was an offering by fire to the Lord.**

All of the items mentioned above were part of the burnt offering.

**<sup>29</sup> Moses also took the breast and presented it for a wave offering before the Lord; it was Moses' portion of the ram of ordination, just as the Lord had commanded Moses.**

This only occurred once for Moses because after the ordination of Aaron and his sons, Moses would no longer function as the "leader" of the priesthood. However, the breast did become the portion given to Aaron and future High Priests during an ordination.

Verses 30 - 36

**<sup>30</sup> So 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, and his sons, and the garments of his sons with him. <sup>31</sup> Then Moses said to Aaron and to his sons, "Boil the flesh at the doorway of the tent of meeting, and eat it there together with the bread which is in the basket of the ordination offering, just as I commanded, saying, 'Aaron and his sons shall eat it.' <sup>32</sup> The remainder of the flesh and of the bread you shall burn in the fire. <sup>33</sup> You shall not go outside the doorway of the tent of meeting for seven days, until the day that the period of your ordination is fulfilled; for he will ordain you through seven days. <sup>34</sup> The Lord has commanded to do as has been done this day, to make atonement on your behalf. <sup>35</sup> At the doorway of the tent of meeting, moreover, you shall remain day and night for seven days and keep the charge of the Lord, so that you will not die, for so I have been commanded." <sup>36</sup> Thus Aaron and his sons did all the things which the Lord had commanded through Moses.**



<sup>30</sup> **So 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, and his sons, and the garments of his sons with him.**

Aaron had already been anointed with oil on his head but now he and his sons were sprinkled with oil and blood.

<sup>31</sup> **Then Moses said to Aaron and to his sons, “Boil the flesh at the doorway of the tent of meeting, and eat it there together with the bread which is in the basket of the ordination offering, just as I commanded, saying, ‘Aaron and his sons shall eat it.’**

Part of the second ram was used as a burnt offering but some of it was eaten by Aaron and his sons. This was also true for the unleavened bread.

<sup>32</sup> **The remainder of the flesh and of the bread you shall burn in the fire.**

Anything that could not be eaten that day had to be burned in the fire. This same sacrifice was offered each day for 7 days.

<sup>33</sup> **You shall not go outside the doorway of the tent of meeting for seven days, until the day that the period of your ordination is fulfilled; for he will ordain you through seven days.**

Their ordination to become priests took 7 days.

<sup>35</sup> **At the doorway of the tent of meeting, moreover, you shall remain day and night for seven days and keep the charge of the Lord, so that you will not die, for so I have been commanded.”**

If they went outside the doorway of the tent of meeting before the 7 days were complete they would die.

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