LEVITICUS CHAPTER 8



 Chapters 8, 9, 10 are a unit
Installation of the Priesthood

Earlier chapters laid out the rules of the Priesthood, but they had not yet been established

Exodus 20 through Lev. 7 has given us a PRECISE societal structure

An EXACT carrying out of God's instructions were required

WHY THE INORDINATE ATTENTION TO DETAIL IN THE TORAH?

> GOD'S WAYS ARE NOT MAN'S WAYS!

Calvin: "Since God prefers obedience to sacrifice.....might learn to observe PRECISELY.....whatever the Law commanded...."

In modern terms: Man doesn't know how to properly worship God, or live life, without detailed instructions from Yahweh

MATT.5:17 "Do not think I have come to destroy the Law...."

- Fulfill in Greek <u>"pleroo"</u> means to fill with meaning, make abundant, bring to fullest intent
- Jesus tells us to 1) bury the idea that the Torah is obsolete, and 2) be careful in our worship and lives to obey God
- The principles and commands of God are found in the Torah
- Jesus is "the Word". The WHOLE Bible is "the Word". Yeshua gave us the Torah.



WHY SHOULD WE STUDY THE TORAH?

- > Of the 613 laws, more than half regard Temple practices; so, they can't be done as prescribed
- Forah teaches what SIN is....AND what RIGHTEOUSNESS is
- Nothing magical about the Torah rituals and procedures
- The issue is OBEDIENCE
- Yeshua saves. The Torah defines obedience. These are separate issues.
- > Purpose of Sacrifice is.....ATONEMENT!

EARLIEST BELIEVERS FOLLOWED THE TORAH

- NIV Acts 21:20 When they heard this, they praised God. Then they said to Paul: "You see, brother, how many thousands of Jews have believed, and all of them are zealous for the law.
- NIV Acts 24:14 However, I admit that I worship the God of our fathers as a follower of the Way, which they call a sect. <u>I believe everything that agrees with the Law</u> and that is written in the Prophets.....

NIV Acts 25:8 Then Paul made his defense: "I have <u>done nothing wrong against the law of</u> <u>the Jews or against the temple</u> or against Caesar."

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CHAPTER 8 EXPLAINS HOLINESS

- Holiness is at the core of Salvation
- Israel has been learning what Holiness is, does, and looks like
- Pure worship is a necessity
- Gratitude to God is shown by obedience



THE ISRAELITE PRIESTHOOD



Their job was to instruct the people in Holiness

> Also to guard and administer the Word of God

They served Yehoveh AND the people

Israel's priests were not to enrich themselves

TIME PASSED BETWEEN LEVITICUS CHAPTERS 7 AND 8

Between the end of Chapter 7 and beginning of 8, Golden Calf incident occurred and Tabernacle was built





MOSES THE PRIEST-MAKER



Moses will officiate the consecration of the priesthood ➤ "….all the congregation" meant the **ELDERS** "....at the door of the tent" meant the **Tabernacle courtyard**

MOSES WASHES AARON AND HIS SONS WITH WATER

- Moses washes Aaron, then dresses him in High Priest garments
 Washing was to purify
 Washing an outward symbolic expression of being cleansed of sin
- Same idea as baptism



PRIESTS, TABERNACLE, FURNISHINGS ARE ANOINTED

ALTAR OF INCENSE

AFTER ANNOINTING THE TABERNACLE, THE HATTA'AT WAS PERFORMED



MOSES PERFORMS THE ORDINATION RITUALS

 Aaron cannot perform rituals until consecration is complete
GOD-PRINCIPLE: Unclean-ness is contagious



BRAZEN ALTAR IS READY FOR USE





AFTER THE BULL, A RAM IS SACRIFICED



 Purpose for burning-up on the Altar: to create smoke
TORAH means

"instruction"

MOSES DABS BLOOD ON AARON'S RIGHT EAR, THUMB, BIG TOE

- This ritual is connected with the laws of <u>Tzara'at</u> (skin diseases)
- Skin diseases were greatly feared because they were so <u>contagious</u>
- Skin diseases were outward symbol of internal condition (sin and uncleanness)



INSEPARABLE LINK BETWEEN SACRAFICE AND THE PRIESTHOOD





MINCHAH IS OFFERED IN 3 FORMS



THE PURIFICATION PROCEDURE TOOK 7 DAYS



> **GOD-PRINCIPLE:** defilement happens in an instant..... Regaining purity takes time > Sin pollutes all it touches Forah has NO "once and for all" remedy > Torah was not designed to remove our sin nature