

HEB. 5: 14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT CHRIST'S WORK AS OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST

(1) AFTER THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK

GEN. 14:18 ¶ And the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley), after his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him.

18 Then **Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High.**

19 And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth;

PS. 110: 1 The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool." (speaking of Christ)

4 The LORD has sworn And will not relent, **"YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER, According to the order of Melchizedek."**

THESE ARE THE ONLY TWO TIMES MEL. IS MENTIONED UNTIL HEBREWS 5

HEB 5: 5 So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him: **"You are My Son, Today I have begotten You."**

6 As He also says in another place: **"You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek"**

7 who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear,

8 though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.

9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

10 ¶ **called by God as High Priest "according to the order of Melchizedek,"**

WHAT DOES IT MEAN 'THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK'

(Heb. 5:5-10) meaning;

---- He was a Priest before Abraham (or any Jew)

---- He had no father or mother (OR EXISTED ETERNALLY)

HEB. 7: 3 (referring to Melchizedek, but ALSO CHRIST) ...without father, without

mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually.

---- NOT DESCENDED FROM LEVI, BUT FROM JUDAH

HEB. 7:13-14 For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar.

14 For it is evident that our **Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood.**

HEB. 7:23 Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing

24 But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood.

25 Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

26 For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens;

27 who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself..

(2) ANOINTED with WATER AND OIL as all priests were required, by John the Baptist

EX. 29: 4 "And Aaron and his sons you shall bring to the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and you shall **wash them with WATER.**

7 "And you shall take the **ANOINTING OIL, pour it on his head, and anoint him.**

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.

MATT. 3:13 ¶ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him

14 And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?"

15 But Jesus answered and said to him, "**Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.**" Then he allowed Him.

16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the **Spirit of God descending like a dove** and alighting upon Him.

17 **And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."**

(HOLY SPIRIT DESCENDING ON CHRIST AS A DOVE) (MATT. 3:16)

(GOD THE FATHER SAYING THIS IS MY BELOVED SON IN WHOM I AM WELL--PLEASED)

**PRIEST HAD TO BE 30 IN ORDER TO SERVE ----NUMBERS 4:3
CHRIST WAS 30 WHEN BAPTIZED BY JOHN**

(3) HIGH PRIEST WORE AN EPHOD of gold, blue, purple scarlet and fine twisted linen

EX.28: 4 "And these are the garments which they shall make: a breastplate, an ephod, a robe, a skillfully **woven tunic**, a turban, and a sash. So they shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother and his sons, that he may minister to Me as priest.

6 ¶ "and they shall make the **ephod of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen**, artistically worked.

NOTICE THE VEIL WAS OF THE SAME MATERIAL MINUS THE GOLD

EX. 36:35 ¶ And he made a VEIL of blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen; it was worked with an artistic design of cherubim.

THE "VEIL" WAS CHRIST

HEB.10:20 "...by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the **veil**, that is, **His flesh**,..."

SO CHRIST AS HIGH PRIEST WORE THE SAME EPHOD AS HIGH PRIEST, BUT AS THE INCARNATION, GAVE UP THE GLORY OF HEAVEN FOR A TIME.

(4) NOT ONLY WAS CHRIST GREAT HIGH PRIEST HE WAS EVERYTHING IN THE HOLY PLACE OF THE TABERNACLE

LAMPSTAND --- Ex. 25:31 made of pure gold and the **ONLY** light in the holy place

UNLIKE ALL THE OTHER ITEMS IN THE HOLY PLACE, ALTAR OF INCENSE, TABLE OF SHEWBREAD, AND EVEN THE ARK, ALL OF WHICH WERE MADE OF ACACIA WOOD OVERLAID WITH GOLD, ONLY THE LAMPSTAND WAS OF PURE GOLD.

JOHN 8 :12 and 12:46 I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, PURE AND UNDEFILED

ALTAR OF INCENSE ---- Acacia wood overlaid with gold

EX. 30:7 6 "And you shall put it before the veil that is before the ark of the

Testimony, before the mercy seat that is over the Testimony, where I will meet with you

7 "Aaron shall burn on it **sweet incense every morning**; when he tends the lamps, he shall burn incense on it.

A VERY SPECIFIC MIXTURE INCLUDING MYRRH AND FRANKINCENSE AND BURNS EVERY MORNING AND EVENING EX. 30:7,8

PS. 141:2 **Let my prayer be set before You as incense**, The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

ROM. 8:34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

HEB 9:24

TABLE OF SHOWBREAD Acacia wood overlaid with gold

LEV. 24:5 And you shall take fine flour, **and bake twelve cakes of it.**

8 Every sabbath day Aaron shall set it in order before the LORD continually on behalf of the people of Israel as a covenant for ever

9 **And it shall be for Aaron and his sons, and they shall eat it in a holy place.**

EX. 25:30 30 "And you shall set the showbread on the table before Me **always.**

JOHN 6:35 I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE.

51 "I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live for ever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh."

NOW THE "BREAD" IS NOT JUST FOR THE PRIESTS BUT SINCE THE VEIL HAS BEEN TORN IN TWO AND WE HAVE ACCESS TO THE FATHER, WE TOO CAN PARTAKE OF CHRIST AS THE BREAD OF LIFE.

VEIL OF THE TEMPLE

Heb. 10:20 quoted earlier says the veil was His flesh

ARK OF THE COVENANT

A TWO (2) PIECE STRUCTURE, THE BOTTOM BEING ACACIA WOOD OVERLAID WITH GOLD (HUMANITY AND DEITY), AND THE TOP BEING PURE GOLD.

---THE TWO PIECES FIT EXACTLY TOGETHER TO FORM THE ARK
("I AND THE FATHER ARE ONE" JN 10:30)
---ONLY SEE THE OUTSIDE OF THE ARK, THE GOLD, BECAUSE OF
RESURRECTION.

CHRIST WAS BOTH GREAT HIGH PRIEST AND SACRIFICE

(5) HIGH PRIEST SLAYS THE GOAT OF THE SIN OFFERING.

ON DAY OF ATONEMENT

LEV. 16:6 "Aaron shall offer the **bull** as a sin offering, which is for himself, and make atonement for himself and for his house. **CHRIST DIDN'T NEED THIS**

7 "He shall take the two goats and present them before the LORD at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

8 "Then Aaron shall cast lots for the **two goats**: one lot for the LORD and the other lot for the scapegoat.

9 "And Aaron shall bring the goat on which the LORD'S lot fell, and offer it as a sin offering. **(FOR THE PEOPLE)**

CHRIST LAYS DOWN HIS OWN LIFE, NO ONE "KILLS" HIM

JOHN 10:17 "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again.

18 "No one takes it from Me, BUT I LAY IT DOWN OF MYSELF. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.

(6) HIGH PRIEST SPRINKLES BLOOD ON THE ALTAR AND MERCY SEAT

LEV. 16:14 "He shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the mercy seat on the east side; **and before the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger SEVEN times.**

SEEN CHRIST SHED BLOOD SEVEN TIMES: (1) GARDEN (2) SCOURGING
(3) L HAND (4) R HAND (5) ONE FOOT (6) OTHER FOOT (7) PIERCED IN SIDE

HEB. 9:12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, **but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.**

(7) PRIEST TO LAY HANDS ON SCAPEGOAT AND CONFESS THE SINS OF ISRAEL OVER IT

LEV. 16:21 "Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, confess over it all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions, concerning all their sins, putting them on the head of the goat, and shall send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a suitable man.

**CROWN OF THORNS JOHN 19:1 "PUT ON HIS HEAD"
THORNS AS SYMBOL OF CURSE GEN 3:17,18**

LAIID ON CHRIST AS TRANSGRESSIONS OF ISRAEL

IS. 53: 12b.... Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, **And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors**

ISA 53:6-7

I SUBMIT THAT BECAUSE CHRIST WAS NOT ONLY THE GOAT "OFFERED TO THE LORD" AND HIS BLOOD WAS SHED, BUT ALSO HE WAS THE SCAPEGOAT, WE HAVE SUCH VERSES AS:

PS. 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

ISA 43:12

Jer. 31:34 34 "No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will **forgive their iniquity (THE BLOOD SACRIFICE), and their sin I will remember no more.**" (THE SCAPEGOAT)

Jer. 50:20 In those days and in that time," says the LORD, "The iniquity of Israel shall be sought, but there shall be none; And **the sins of Judah, but they shall not be found;** For I will pardon those whom I preserve.

John 1: 29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who **takes away the sin** of the world! ("takes away" is airo -142- to "carry away, lift up")

Rom. 6:6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

7 For he who has died has been freed from sin.

EPH 1:7

THE CONCEPT I SEE IS THAT FORGIVENESS IS NOT ONLY THE PAYMENT OF A PRICE IN CHRIST'S BLOOD TO SATISFY THE HOLINESS

OF A RIGHTEOUS GOD WHO CANNOT LOOK UPON SIN, BUT ALSO THE SEPARATION OF THE SINNER FROM HIS SIN, EXEMPLIFIED IN THE SCAPEGOAT, SO THAT WE CAN "BECOME THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN HIM." 2 COR. 5:21

WE ARE FREE FROM THE PRESENCE AND POWER OF SIN IN OUR NEW CREATION.

HENCE WE CELEBRATE BOTH THE BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. (HEB. 10: 5 Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me)

(8) CHRIST'S SACRIFICE OF HIMSELF WAS A "SOOTHING AROMA" TO GOD THE FATHER.

GEN. 8:20 ¶ Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

21 And the LORD smelled a soothing aroma. Then the LORD said in His heart, "I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done. **A BURNT OFFERING ---- BURNING FLESH---- IS A SOOTHING AROMA ????**

LEV. 1: 8 'Then the priests, Aaron's sons, shall lay the parts, the head, and the fat in order on the wood that is on the fire upon the altar;
9 'but he shall wash its entrails and its legs with water. And the priest shall burn all on the altar as a burnt sacrifice, an **offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the LORD**

EPH. 5: 2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and **given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.**

2 COR. 2: 15 For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.

WE ARE TO GOD A FRAGRANT AROMA ONLY BECAUSE WE ARE "IN" CHRIST, WE DIED WITH HIM, BURIED AND AROSE WITH HIM. ANOTHER FANTASTIC PART OF BEING "IN CHRIST"

(9) HIGH PRIEST WORE A "TUNIC" (STRONG'S 5509) made of FINE LINEN (1039) and CHRIST'S "GARMENTS" (STRONGS 2440)

EX. 39: 27 They made **tunics, (5509) artistically woven (5307) of fine linen (1039)**

for Aaron and his sons,

EX. 28 39 "You shall skillfully weave the **tunic** (5509) of fine linen thread, you shall make the turban of fine linen, and you shall make the sash of **embroidered work**.

40 ¶ "For Aaron's sons you shall make **tunics**, and you shall make sashes for them.

And you shall make hats for them, for **glory and beauty**.

41 "So you shall put them on Aaron your brother and on his sons with him. You shall anoint them, consecrate them, and sanctify them, **that they may MINISTER TO Me as priests**.

SAME WORD 5509 IS USED IN WHEN GOD MADE GARMENTS FOR ADAM AND EVE, INVOLVING A DEATH, A SACRIFICE FOR SIN

GEN.3:21 Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made **tunics (5509)** of skin, and clothed them.

ON THE CROSS THE GUARDS TOOK OFF CHRIST'S TUNIC (5509) AND CAST LOTS FOR IT, FOR IT WAS SEAMLESS AS WELL AS HIS GARMENTS (2440) SO THAT HE WAS NAKED AS HE LAY DOWN HIS LIFE.

JOHN 19: 23 "Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His **GARMENTS (2440)** and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the **TUNIC**. Now the **tunic (5509)** was **without seam WOVEN (5307)** from the top in one piece."

LIKE THE TUNIC THAT WAS MADE FOR AARON "THAT HE MAY MINISTER TO ME AS PRIEST" ----WHAT CHRIST WAS DOING ON THE CROSS.

BUT MORE

"GARMENT" IS himation in Greek (2440) in Jn. 19:23, also the "purple robe" of Jn 19:2

THAT "GARMENT" IS THE "ROBE" DIPPED IN BLOOD IN **REVELATION**

Rev. 19:11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was **called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges** and makes war.

12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.

13 He was clothed with a **ROBE (2440) DIPPED IN BLOOD**, and His name is called The Word of God.

14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in **FINE LINEN (1039)** white and clean, followed Him on white horses.

15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

16 And He has on His **ROBE** (2440) and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

THE "FINE LINEN" (1039) THAT THE PRIESTS WERE CLOTHED IN IS THE "RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THE SAINTS" --- REV. 19:8 --

Rev. 19: 7 "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." (this is the remanent of Israel, we are the body of Christ)

8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in **fine linen**, (1039) clean and bright, for the **fine linen** is the righteous acts of the saints.

WE ALSO (Gentiles) ARE CLOTHED IN HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS 2 COR. 5:21.

IS. 63: 1 ¶ Who is this who comes from Edom, With dyed garments from Bozrah, **This One who is glorious in His apparel, Traveling in the greatness of His strength? -"I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save."**

2 Why is Your **APPAREL** (2440) red, And Your garments like one who treads in the winepress?

3 "I have trodden the winepress alone, And from the peoples no one was with Me. For I have trodden them in My anger, And trampled them in My fury; Their blood is sprinkled upon My garments, And I have **STAINED** all My **ROBES** (2440).

CHRIST HAS FINISHED HIS WORK AS HIGH PRIEST, AS WE'LL SEE NEXT, RISEN, AND PUT BACK ON HIS GARMENTS THAT SOLDIERS TOOK OFF, BUT NOW FOREVER STAINED RED TO REMIND US OF THE COST HE ALONE PAID.

(10) THE SOLDIERS DIDN'T KNOW IT BUT WERE REMOVING CHRIST'S HIGH PRIESTLY ROBE AND GARMENTS, SO THAT HE COULD "PUT ON"THE LINEN UNDER-GARMENTS TO TAKE HIS BLOOD INTO HOLY OF HOLIES, IN HEAVEN.

IN LEV. THE HIGH PRIEST FIRST TAKES OFF HIS HIGH PRIESTLY ROBE AND PUTS ON PLAIN LINEN UNDERGARMENTS

LEV 16:4 "He shall put the **holy linen tunic and the linen undergarments shall be next to his body**; he shall be girded with a linen sash, and with the linen turban he shall be attired. These are holy garments. Therefore he shall wash his body in water,

and put them on.

THEN HE IS PREPARED TO GO INTO THE HOLY OF HOLIES. HE DIDN'T WEAR HIS GLORY AND BEAUTY ROBES INTO HOLY OF HOLIES.

ONCE HIGH PRIEST WAS DONE IN THE HOLY OF HOLIES HE TOOK OFF HIS LINEN UNDERGARMENTS AND "LEFT THEM THERE" (IN HOLY OF HOLIES)

LEV. 16:20 "And when he has made an end of atoning for the Holy Place, the tabernacle of meeting, and the altar, he shall bring the live goat.

21 "Aaron shall **lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, confess over it all the iniquities** of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions, concerning all their sins, putting them on the head of the goat, and shall send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a suitable man

23 "Then Aaron shall come into the tabernacle of meeting, **shall take off the linen garments which he put on when he went into the Holy Place, and SHALL LEAVE THEM THERE.**

WHEN CHRIST HAD YIELDED UP HIS SPIRIT

MATT. 27: 59 When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth

60 and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed.

JOHN 20: 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the LINEN CLOTHS LYING THERE.

7 and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself.

THEY WERE LAYING THERE IN THE TOMB BECAUSE CHRIST HAD PRESENTED HIS BLOOD BEFORE THE FATHER

HEB. 9:11 But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation

12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, **but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.**

HIS WORK WAS DONE, THE LINEN GARMENTS WERE LEFT BEHIND AND NOW DONNED THE "ROBE DIPPED IN BLOOD" OF REV. 19:13.

**(11) AND NOW HE SITS AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE MOST HIGH
(AS HE TESTIFIED TO CAIAPHAS IN HIS TRIAL)**

HIGH PRIEST ALWAYS STOOD, NEVER SAT DOWN IN PERFORMING HIS DUTIES, AS THEY WERE NEVER DONE. CHRIST'S WERE DONE.

COL 3:1 ¶ If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, **SITTING at the right hand of God.**

HEB. 8:1 Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: **We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,**

REV. 19:6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!"

13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.**