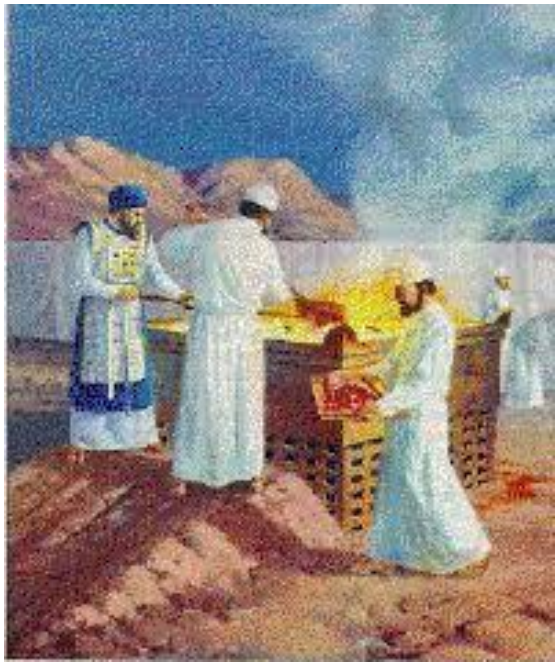
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The Ordination Ceremony of the Priesthood
8:1 to 10:20



Isra'el was now ready to "come near" to **ADONAI** in **His Tabernacle** through the medium of the sacrifices. Only one thing was lacking – **a confirmed priesthood** to facilitate the sacrificial offerings. One of the most sacred events in connection with **Tabernacle** service was **the ordination** of **the priests**. **The rituals of the priestly ordination had already been explained to Moshe at Mount Sinai in Exodus 29:1-37, now he was to carry them out. Moshe** would do exactly what **the Holy One** had taught **him**. **He** would **confirm** both **the priests** for service and **the Tabernacle** as that place for that service.[91] **The ordination of the high priest** consisted of nine acts **(Leviticus 8:7-9)**, whereas that of **the** common **priests** involved but three. The actual ceremony in the case of **Aaron and his sons** was performed by **Moses (Leviticus 8:1-36).** The candidate for **ordination** was taken to **the bronze basin,** and **his** body was washed with water. Following the washing, **he** was dressed with the sacred garments and **ordained** with **holy oil**.

One cannot help but be impressed with the splendor and significance of both **the high priest's** garments and **his** responsibility as mediator between **God** and man. **Aaron** serves well as a type of **Messiah. His** duties and dress all point to **the Person** and work of **Messiah** as our **High Priest.** What **the priesthood** of **Aaron** could not do, our **Lord** is able to do, because **He** is our perfect **High Priest**. **He is a priest after the order of Melchizedek (Psalm 110:4; Hebrews 5:6, 6:20** and **7:21). Melchizedek** beautifully pictures **Messiah** as a type of **high priest** (see my commentary on **Hebrews, to see link click Bk – The New Priesthood Lasts Forever**)**. Aaron's priesthood** was only the shadow, whereas **the Messiah's priesthood** is the reality.[92]