

“The Eternal Priesthood”
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TORAH

Numbers 8:9-11

⁹ And you shall bring the Levites before the tabernacle of meeting, and you shall gather together the whole congregation of the children of Israel.

¹⁰ So you shall bring the Levites before the L-RD, and the children of Israel shall lay their hands on the Levites;

¹¹ and Aaron shall offer the Levites before the L-RD *like* a wave offering from the children of Israel, that they may perform the work of the L-RD.

Numbers 8:14

¹⁴ Thus you shall separate the Levites from among the children of Israel, and the Levites shall be Mine.

SERVICE

1. There was an earthly priesthood

Hebrews 7:5

⁵ And indeed those who are of the sons of Levi, who receive the priesthood, have a commandment to receive tithes from the people according to the law, that is, from their brethren, though they have come from the loins of Abraham;

2. There is a heavenly priesthood

Hebrews 7:11-17

¹¹ Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need *was there* that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron?

¹² For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law.

¹³ 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 L-rd arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood.

¹⁵ And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest

¹⁶ who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life.

¹⁷ For He testifies:

“You are a priest forever

According to the order of Melchizedek.”

3. We belong to the heavenly priesthood

1 Peter 2:5

⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to G-d through Yeshua the Messiah.

Luke 24:50 – 53

⁵⁰ And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them.

⁵¹ Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven.

⁵² And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy,

⁵³ and were continually in the temple praising and blessing G-d. Amen.

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