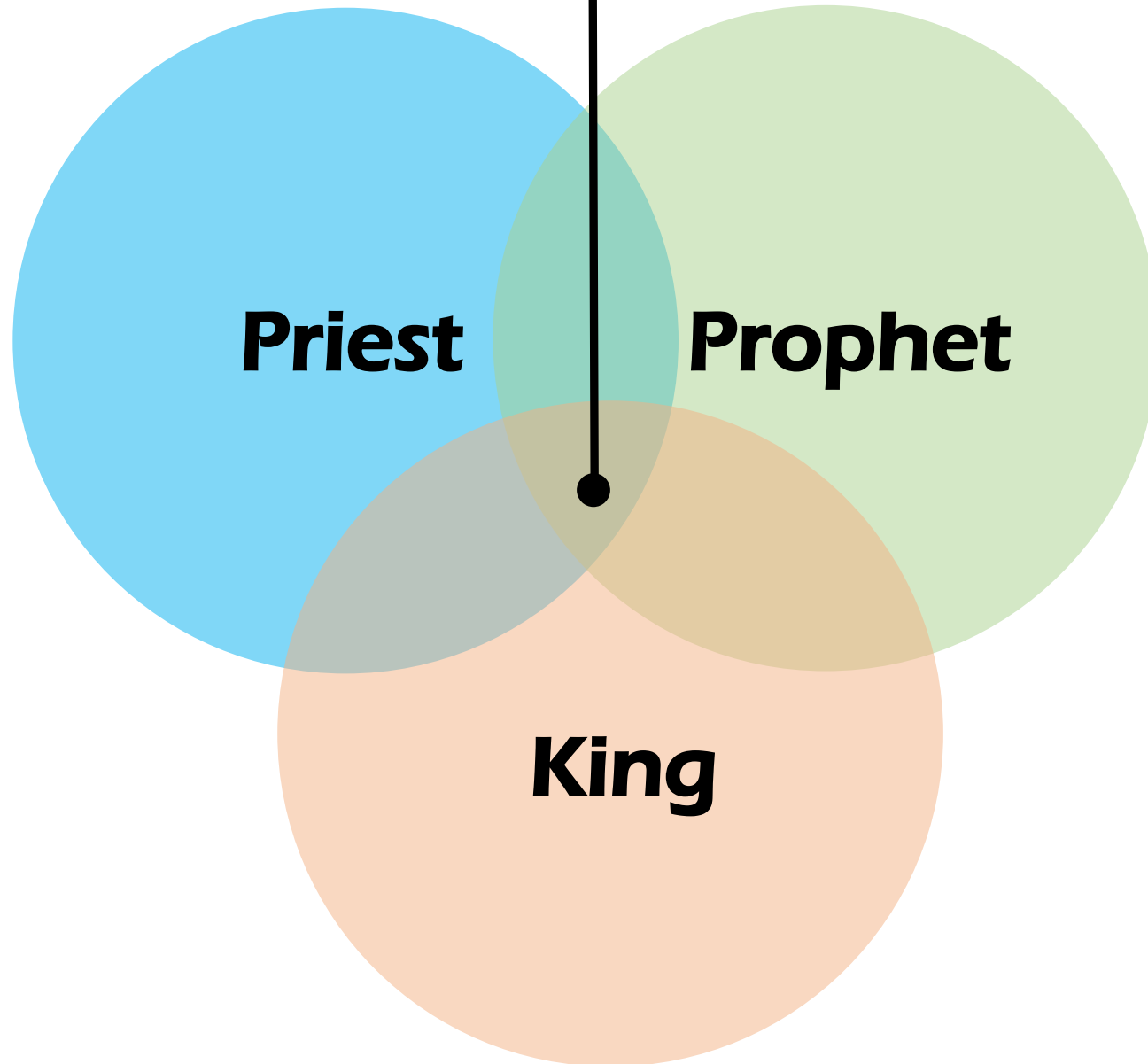




Our Role - Royal Priesthood

Life in the Kingdom

The Image of God



Dominion - Kingship

"²⁶And God said,

Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:

and let them have DOMINION

over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

²⁷ So God created man in his own image,

in the image of God created he him;

male and female created he them.

²⁸And God blessed them,

and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth,

and subdue it:

and have DOMINION

over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth." **Genesis 1:26–28**

“Abad”: To work	Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your ‘ <u>abad</u> , but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any ‘ <u>abad</u> , neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. Exodus 20:8-10 (NIV)
Abad: To serve	May peoples ‘ <u>abad</u> you, and nations bow down to you. Be master of your brothers, and may your mother’s sons bow down to you. Cursed be those who curse you, And blessed be those who bless you. Genesis 27:29
Abad: To Worship	And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will ‘ <u>abad</u> God on this mountain.” Exodus 3:12 (NIV)
Abodah: Priestly service	But you and your sons with you shall attend to your priesthood for everything concerning the altar and inside the veil, and you are to do your ‘ <u>abodah</u> . Numbers 18:7 With the help of Zadok a descendant of Eleazar and Ahimelek a descendant of Ithamar, David separated them into divisions for their appointed order of ‘ <u>abodah</u> . 1 Chronicles 24:3

“RULE” – “KEEP” Seen in Priesthood

- “Bring the tribe of Levi near and set them before Aaron the priest, that they may serve him. They shall **shamar** the charge for him and the charge of the whole congregation before the tent of meeting, to ‘abad the ‘abodah of the tabernacle. They shall also **shamar** all the furnishings of the tent of meeting, along with the duties of the sons of Israel, to ‘abad the ‘abodah of the tabernacle. You shall thus give the Levites to Aaron and to his sons; they are wholly given to him from among the sons of Israel. **Numbers 3:5-9**
- They may, however, assist their brothers in the tent of meeting, to **shamar** the charge, but they themselves shall ‘abad no ‘abodah. Thus you shall deal with the Levites concerning their obligations. **Numbers 8:26**
- But you and your sons with you shall **shamar** to your priesthood for everything concerning the altar and inside the veil, and you are to ‘abad the ‘abodah. I am giving you the priesthood as a bestowed service **Numbers 18:7**

Dry Land / Wilderness (Gen 1:9-13)

The Land of Eden (Gen 2:6)

Garden In Eden (Gen 2:8)

**Tree of Life in the
Midst of the Garden
(Gen 1:9-13)**

The Land of Israel / Jerusalem

The Courtyard

The Holy Place

Holy of Holies

Role of “Work” & “Keep” Removed

- "And the LORD God took the man, and PUT HIM INTO the garden of Eden to dress it (abadah - work) and to keep it (Shamar – to guard)." Genesis 2:15
- "So he DROVE OUT the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep (Shamar – to guard) the way of the tree of life." Genesis 3:24



Before Sin

God created Adam and placed him in the garden

God caused the tree of life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil to grow

Before the garden, there was no human to work the ground

Man was made very good, so that by obeying God they could remain in the garden and receive the gift of life

Man was directed to guard/keep the garden

After Sin

The Man is banished from the garden

Man is cut off from the two trees

Outside Eden, Man works the ground

Outside Eden, Man dies

Man is now guarded/kept from the garden

Summary – Eden

- Image of God in God's presence – Seen in – Prophet, Priest & King
- Garden – Pattern for the Tabernacle and Temple
- Man was given dominion over creation – Role of King
- Man was to Work and Keep the Garden – Role of Priest
- Man could walk and talk with God – Role of Prophet
- Sin caused man to be stripped of these roles – The roles are split
- God demonstrates here in Genesis mankind's need for a Royal Priest
- One who would be immortal having conquered sin
- One who will restore the blessings of that relationship that was hinted at in Eden.
- Man (Adam) could not and cannot do it himself.
- God would provide the sacrifice
- God would provide the covering for sin
- God would provide the Place of sacrifice

Next Clue

- Melchizedek is not just the first priest but he is a royal priest.
- Melchizedek is called a priest king.
- Melchizedek rules over Salem or Jerusalem "In Judah is God known: His name is great in Israel. In Salem also is his tabernacle, And his dwelling place in Zion." Psa 76:1–2
- Melchizedek is introduced here to show that Abraham encountered Yahweh through a royal priest in Jerusalem.
- This fixes the place that God has chosen for His royal priesthood to the city of Jerusalem



Failure of the Levitical Priesthood

- **Ex 34:** Golden calf established by Aaron while Moses was receiving the Law from God
- **Leviticus 10:** The failures of Aaron's sons Nadab and Abihu
- **1 Samuel 1-4:** Eli and his corrupt priestly sons
- **1 Sam 1:11:** God raises up Samuel the Nararite - "a faithful Prophet and Priest"

Speech of the Man of God

- *"²⁷And there came a man of God unto Eli, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Did I plainly appear unto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house? ²⁸And did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest,²⁹Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and at mine offering, and honourest thy sons above me...? ³⁰Wherefore the LORD God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the LORD saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, (**Nazarite**) and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed. ³¹Behold, the days come, that I will cut off thine arm, and the arm of thy father's house, that there shall not be an old man in thine house.... ³⁵And I will raise me up a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in mine heart and in my mind: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine anointed for ever. 1 Sam 2:27–36*



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and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine anointed for ever.” **1 Sam 2:27–36**

Summer School

David – Type of a Royal Priest



- David like a priest officiating over the ceremony and offering sacrifices (2 Sam. 6:13, 17) and setting up the tabernacle (2 Sam. 6:17)
- David performs sacrifices (1 Sam. 6:13, 17), an activity ordinarily relegated to priests (Num. 3:6-8, 14-38)
- David wears an ephod, a privilege normally restricted to the priest (Exod. 28:4)
- David erects the tabernacle (2 Sam. 6:18), a duty of the Levites (Num. 1:51; 4:1-33)
- David blesses the people (2 Sam. 6:18), a priestly task (Num. 6:22-27; Deut. 10:8)
- David is being portrayed as taking on the attributes of the head priest of the temple ... he becomes indicatively a high priest - a Royal Priest.

Next Clue

- David's high priestly role springs from in his desire to build a temple (House) for God, of his OWN FREE WILL
- This is the Characteristic of a Nazarite
- David wants God "to dwell" in Jerusalem
- David wants to build a temple FOR Yah
- BUT Yah chooses David to Build a temple FROM - A house of living stones

That's the temple Yah longs for
That is the Royal Priesthood Yah desires

Jesus as a Temple

- “...What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things?”
- Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy **THIS TEMPLE**, and in three days I will raise it up.”
- Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days?
- But he spake of the **TEMPLE OF HIS BODY.**” John 2:18–21



Next Clue: Qualifications of a Royal Priest as seen in our LJC

1. "For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness."

Heb 5: 1-2

2. "And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God..." **Heb 5:4**

Next Clue: Qualifications of a Royal Priest as seen in our LJC

3. "Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec." **Heb 5:7-10**

Next Clue: Qualifications of a Royal Priest as seen in our LJC

4. Jesus' qualification as a priest is based on the power of an endless - indestructible life!

"And being made perfect, he became the author of **ETERNAL SALVATION** unto all them that obey him; Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec." **Heb 5:10**

"And it is yet far more evident : for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest, Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life. For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec." **Heb 7:15-17**

Next Clue: Qualifications of a Royal Priest as seen in our LJC AND Ourselves

- Resurrected to Glory. He was the first fruits...
- “And being made perfect, he became the author of **ETERNAL SALVATION UNTO ALL THEM THAT OBEY HIM**; Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.” **Heb 5:10**
- “But every man in his own order: **CHRIST THE FIRST FRUITS; AFTERWARD THEY THAT ARE CHRIST'S AT HIS COMING.**” **1 Cor 15:23**

These will be our Qualification too - through Christ Jesus our Lord

Immortal Sons and Daughters of God, King Priests.

Summary

- Melchizedek – King of Righteousness and King of Peace, Priest of Most High God
- Melchizedek Priesthood Established in Jerusalem
- Importance of Willing service – Nazarite
- People are living stones, bearing Gods image - that is the temple of God
- God would raise up a High priest from among men, who had conquered sin
- Christ's Priesthood is based on the power of his endless and indestructible life
- This priesthood is shared with those who are Christ's at his coming (Royal Priests)

Living Stones – A Royal Priesthood

- "To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ

1 Pet 2:4–5

Summer School

A Royal Priesthood - A Holy Nation

1 Peter 2:9-10

- “But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.”

Exodus 19:4-6

- “You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings, and brought you to myself. Now then, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, then you shall be my own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is mine. And you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.” These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel.

Our Royal Role with Christ

- “High Priest and Teacher of Yahweh's ways is, “The Priest upon the throne” [Zech. 6:12,13], the one who “shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off”, [Mic. 4:3] this is our Lord Christ Jesus; who is now the **High Priest of our confession**, “made a High Priest after the order of Melchizedec for the Age”, but even now **“a High Priest over the house of God”**, **“whose house are we**, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end”.
- **“He is making reconciliation for his household** – is but the earnest of what he will do for the subjects of his dominion, when, **with his reconciled ones**, he shall occupy “the thrones of the house of David” **Psa 122:5”**
- **Quote - John Thomas – Faith in the Last Days**

A Royal Priesthood

Micah 4:2

- "God will teach many nations His ways, for out of Zion the law (Role of King) shall go forth and the word of the Lord (Role of Priest) from Jerusalem."
- **He will do it through His Royal (King) Priests**

Isaiah 2:3

- Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law (Role of King), And the word of the Lord (Role of Priest) from Jerusalem.

Isaiah 61 - Fulfilled

Our Lord Jesus - First Advent

- **Is 61:1** "¹The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; Because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to them that are bound...

Our Lord Jesus - Second Advent

- **Is 61:2–6** "...To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all that mourn; ³To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, To give unto them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they might be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified. ⁴And they shall build the old wastes, They shall raise up the former desolations, And they shall repair the waste cities, The desolations of many generations.... ⁶But ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD: Men shall call you the Ministers of our God..."

Zion's mourners will be comforted

- "Then Zion's mourners will be comforted; then when "this corruptible" shall be exchanged for the glory of the divine nature, such will be given "beauty for ashes."
- Abraham in that day will no longer say, "I am but dust and ashes" (**Gen. 18:27**), for he will be "equal to the angels."
- "The oil of joy for mourning," another beautiful related contrast, finds illustration in the reference to Jesus in **Heb. 1:9**,"
....**Quote C.C Walker**



Zion's mourners will be comforted ..Cont

- "... God hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows."
- The change to spirit nature after the resurrection, and the first rank in the kingdom of God, are the literal elements involved in the beautiful figure.
- So the "garments of praise, for the spirit of heaviness" find illustration in the apocalyptic references to the "clothing," both of the Lord and of the saints **(Rev. 1:13; 3:4; 19:8, 13, 14)**

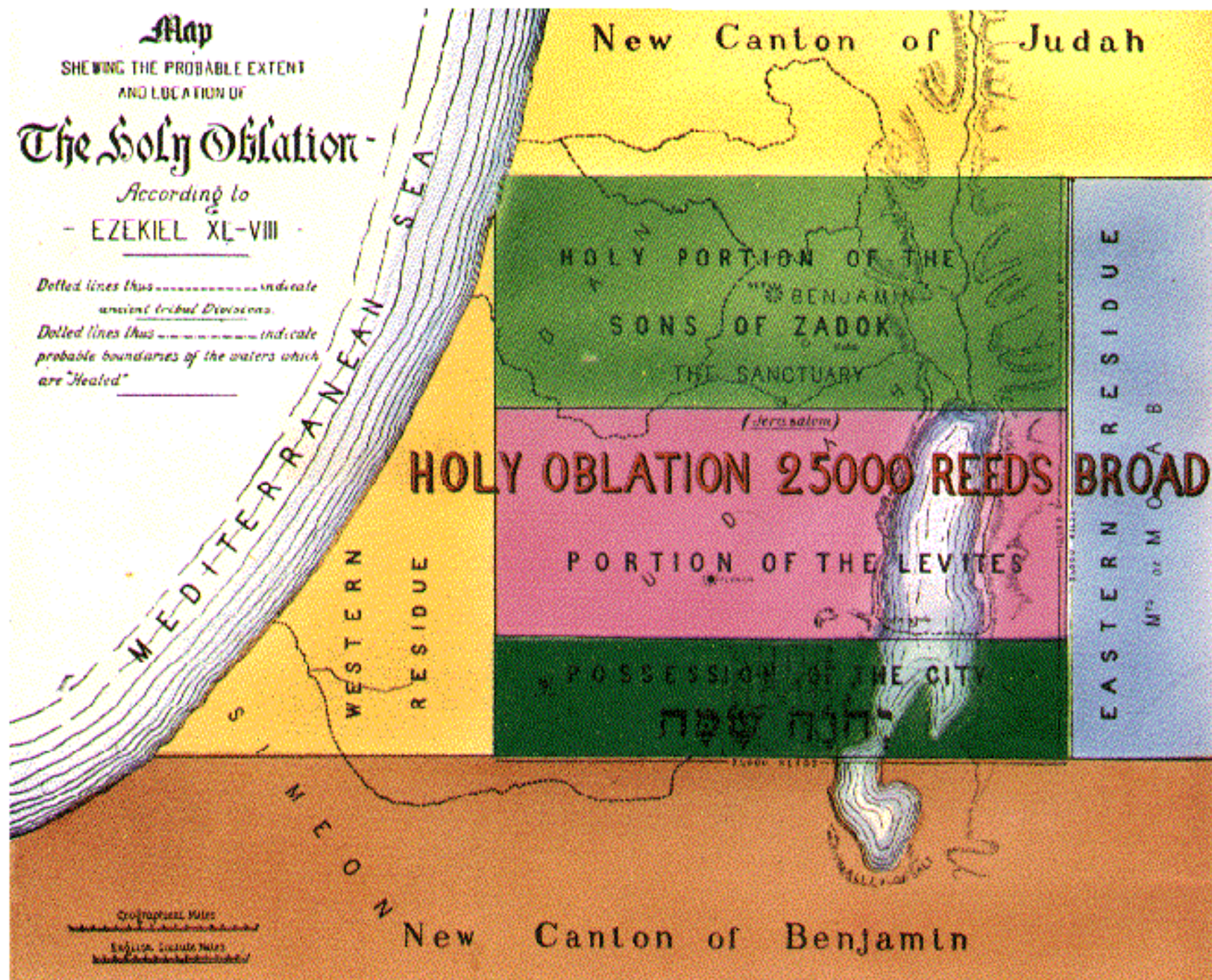
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 AND LOCATION OF
The Holy Oblation -
 According to
 - EZEKIEL XL-VIII -

*Dotted lines thus indicate
 ancient tribal Divisions.*

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 probable boundaries of the waters which
 are "Healed"*



Royal Priests to offer "Gifts and sacrifices"

- "Gifts and sacrifices", (**Heb 5:1; 8:3; 9:9**) therefore, will all that time be necessary because of sin, and being necessary, there must be a high priest to offer them for men to God in the place appointed. **Now, the nature of the kingdom being Melchizedecan, or royal and priestly, its covenant, or constitution, provides that its king shall unite the two offices in his own person.**
- **This applies also to all the joint inheritors with him in the same kingdom. Hence, they are all styled "kings and priests to God".**
(Rev 1:6; 5:10) Quote from: John Thomas - Faith in the last Days

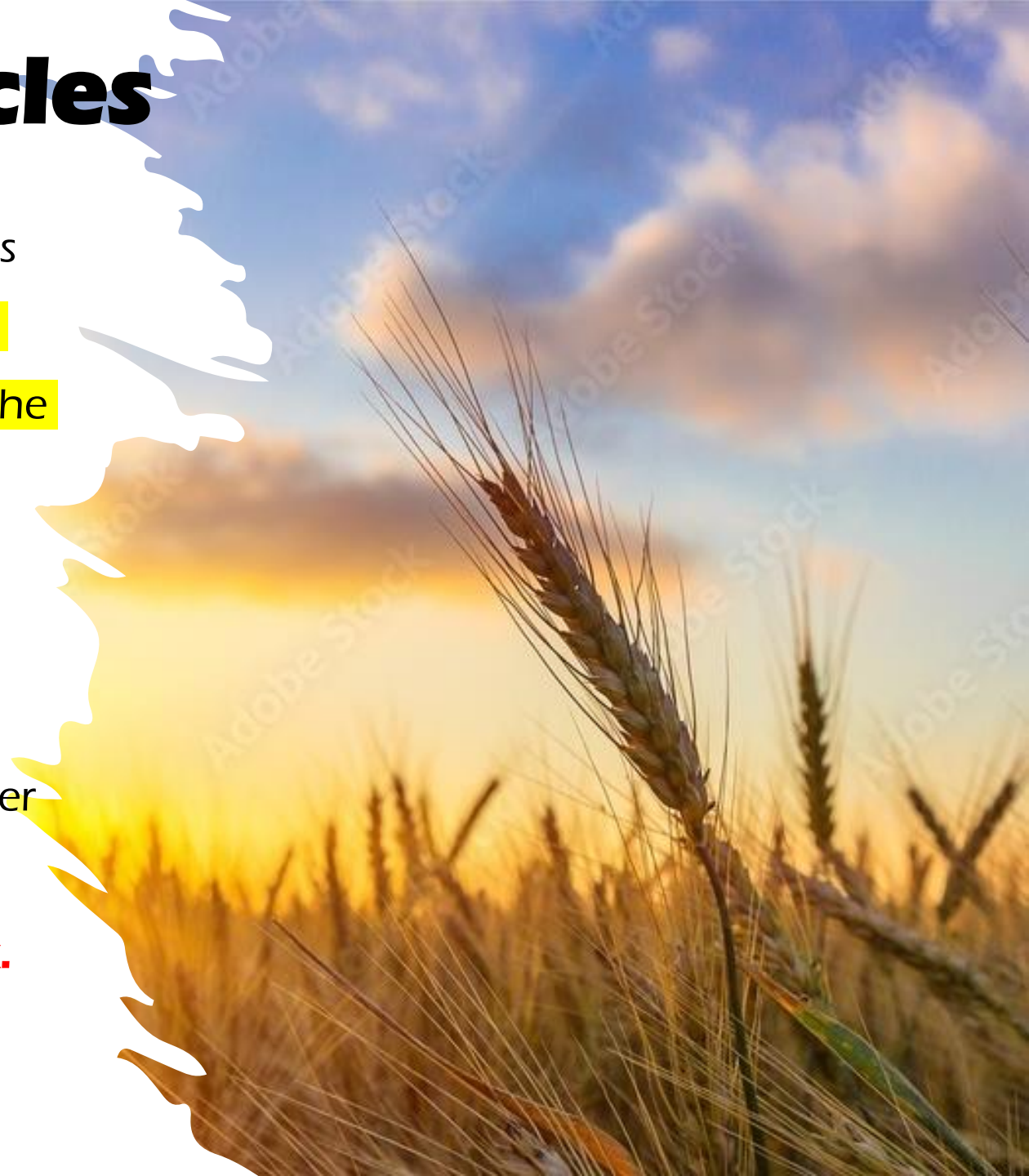
Passover

- "I will not any more eat of the Passover, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God".
- **Luke 22:15-16**



The Feast of Tabernacles

- "...is clear that sacrifice and offering will be elements of divine service in the Millennial Age....**The Levites, refined as gold and silver, will slay the sacrifices of the peoples;** while **the Sons of Zadok, once dead, but then alive for evermore, and "kings and priests for God", (Rev. 1:6)** with the Prince of Israel in their midst, will approach and stand before Yahweh to offer unto Him the fat and the blood: they shall enter into His sanctuary, and come near to His table, to minister unto Him; and shall keep His charge **(Ezek. 44:15)."** **(John Thomas - Faith in the last Days)**



Purpose of Melchizedek Kingdom

- This Kingdom will be established till Christ accomplishes the work of "destroying that having the power of death, the devil", **(Heb 2:14)** and its works, or, in other words, until he shall have "taken sin of the world"; **(John 1:29)** destroyed all its dominions, jurisdictions and powers; extinguished death. **It is clear that sin, sinners, death, and national sacrificial worship, will be in place in the millennial world till "the end" (John Thomas)**

- This will result in the end of that Melchizedek age (millennium)

"Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power."

(1 Cor 15:24)

The Earnest Expectation Of Creation

- “For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.
- For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.” **Romans 8:19-25 (NKJV)**



Habakkuk 2:14

"For the earth **IS filled with the KNOWLEDGE of the
GLORY OF YAHWEH, as the waters cover the sea."**