

Seed Delivery: Peace II

BIOGRAPHICAL STUDY: Aaron

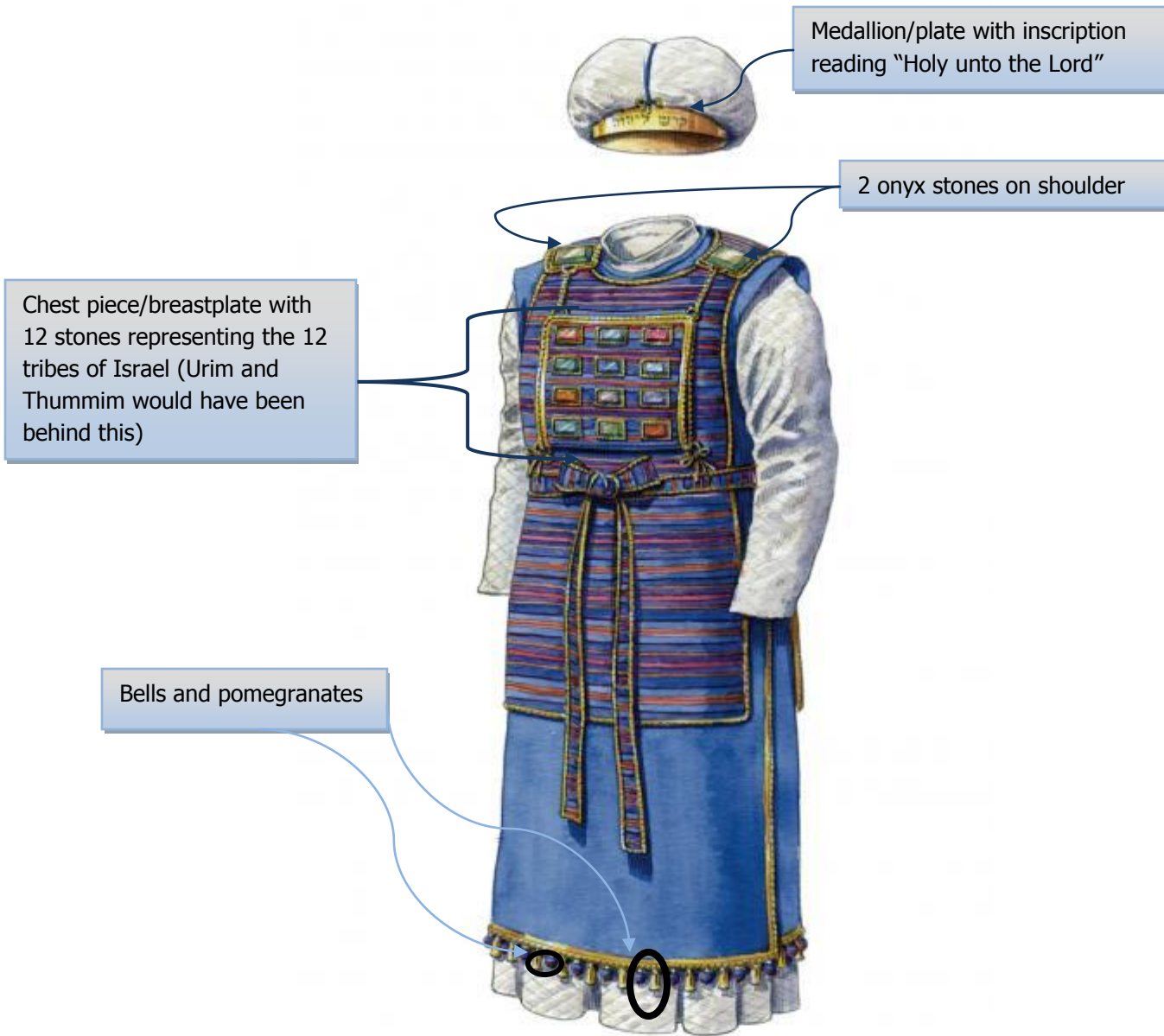
1. Who was he?

- Older brother of Moses
- Served as Moses' spokesman in his appeals before the pharaoh of the Israelite Exodus (Exodus 4:14-16)
- The first high priest for the children of Israel.
- Lived to the age of 123 (Numbers 33:39)

2. Why was he important?

- Central to the function of the High Priest after the building of the Tabernacle was the annual burnt offering before God on the Day of Atonement, which was meant to cover the sins of the nation. (Leviticus 16)
- His garments reflected his role as one who carried the people before God.
 - 2 stones on his shoulders, each with the names of 6 tribes on them: carried a burden of the people on his shoulders. (Exodus 28:12)
 - He wore a chest piece inset with 12 precious stones, representing each of the tribes: he carried the concern for the people over his heart whenever he went before God. (Exodus 28:29)
 - He carried the **Urim and Thummim**, used to discern the will of God, in a pouch over his heart, so he would be constantly mindful of the need to seek the Lord's will for the people. (Exodus 28:30)
 - Urim and Thummim
 - ("Lights" and "Perfections")
 - We really don't know what these looked like or how exactly they were used.
 - On the hem of his priestly robe were alternating bells and pomegranates.

- When he went into the Holy of Holies, if the bells stopped ringing, then he was dead and had to be pulled out. (Exodus 28:33-35)
- He wore around his head a medallion that said: HOLY UNTO THE LORD. (Exodus 28:36-38)
 - This was symbolic of Aaron's taking on himself all the guilt of the people when they made their offerings.
 - Even when the people were making sacrifices, they were still corrupted by sin and were still not worthy to come before a holy God.



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¹ Porter, David A. May 5, 2009 < <http://www.boomerinthepew.com/2009/03/contemplating-aarons-priestly-garments.html>>

3. What were his circumstances?

- Call to _____ (Exodus 24:14)
- Call to _____ (Numbers 20) (compare to Exodus 17)

4. Did he live out this characteristic? Why does he matter?

- Failure to Bring _____
 - Instead of bringing the people to God, Aaron _____.
(Exodus 32:1-6)
 - CONSEQUENCE: His lack of _____ led to lives being
_____. (Exodus 32:28)
 - Instead of walking in my calling, do I give to keep people happy?
 - What lives are impacted irreparably because I fail to do what is right? What is the cost of sacrificing people's brokenness for acceptance?
- Failure to Bring _____ (Numbers 20:10-11)
 - CONSEQUENCE: His lack of _____ closed the door of
his own _____. (Numbers 20:12, 23-28)

BIOGRAPHICAL STUDY: Jesus

1. Who was he?

- High Priest (Hebrews 4:14-15)
- High Priest of Melchizedek's—NOT Aaron's—order (Hebrews 5:1-10; Genesis 14:18-20; Psalm 110:4)
 - "Melchizedek" = "My lord is righteous"
 - King of Salem (H8002 שָׁלֵם *shalem* (*shä·lām'*))

2. Why was he important?

- **Like Aaron:** He carried the _____ of man's _____.
- **Unlike Aaron:** _____ was the _____.

3. What were his circumstances?

- Call to _____ (Matthew 26:36-52; Luke 22:39-51)
 - He was facing his trial, torture and crucifixion.
 - He was betrayed by one of his closest followers.
 - He was arrested by His own people, who would take Him to trial before the unholy Romans.

4. Did he live out this characteristic? Why does he matter?

- _____ Executed (John 18:10) (Matthew 26:52-54; John 18:11) (Luke 22:51).
 - How many lives are we called to carry before God?
 - What is our responsibility to them in terms of bringing:

- _____ to their _____?
- _____ to their _____?
- _____ to their _____?

LIFE APPLICATION

1. Pick one relationship that needs an infusion of peace: _____

2. Find one small thing you can do this week to bring peace into that relationship:

