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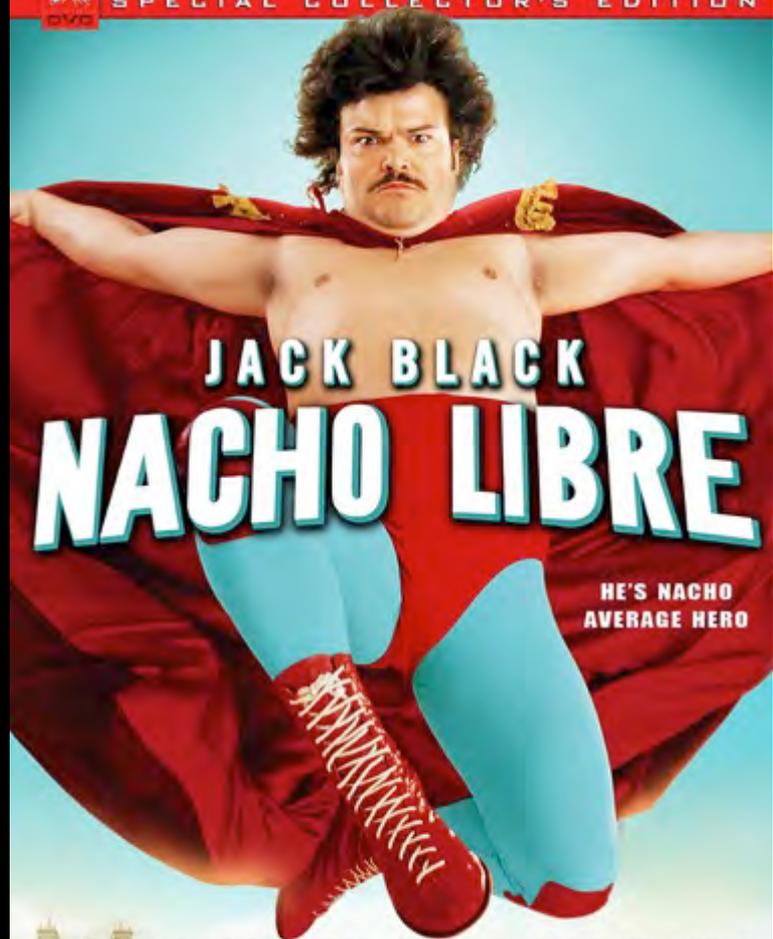
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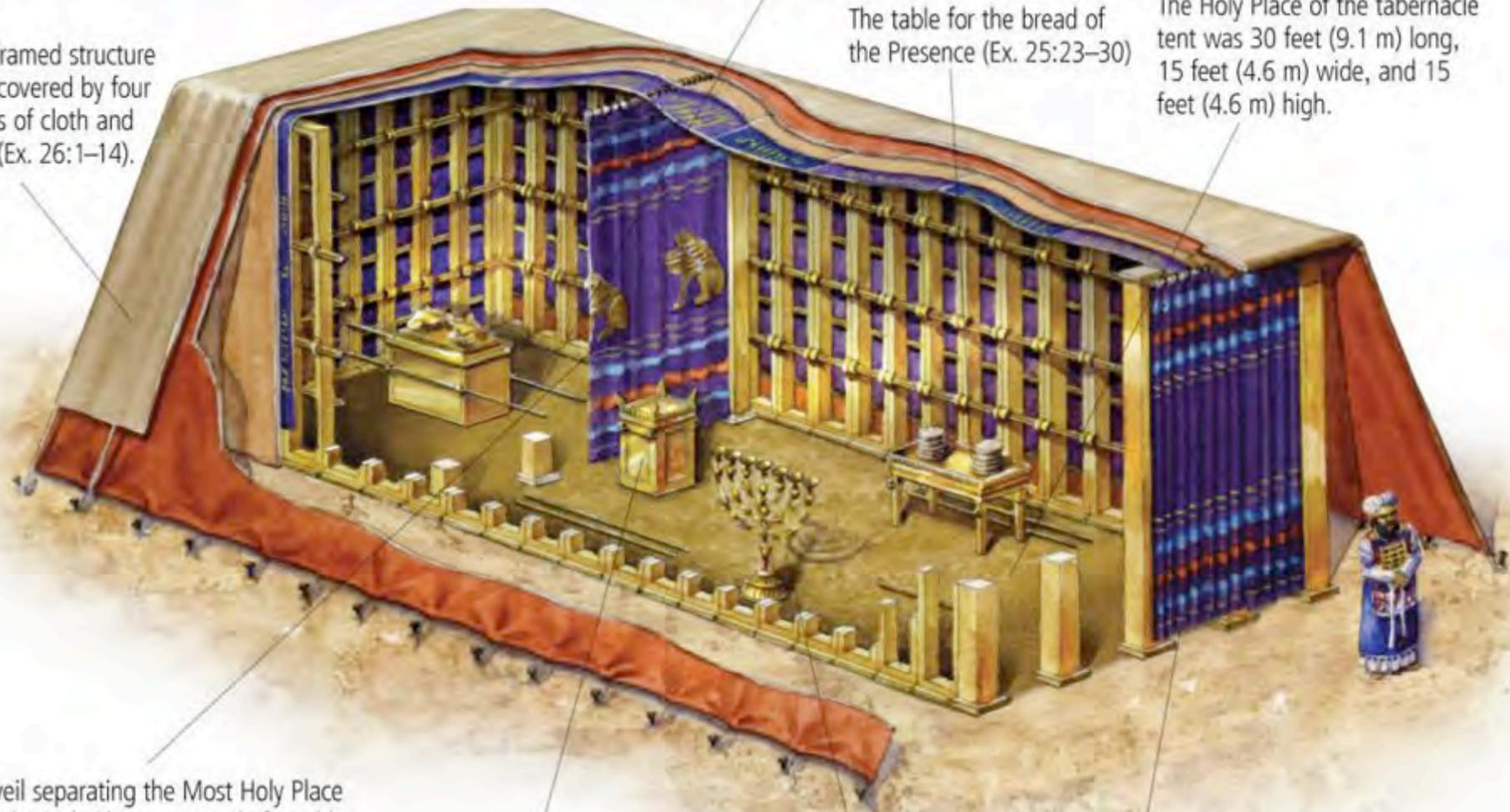
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The framed structure was covered by four layers of cloth and skin (Ex. 26:1–14).

The table for the bread of the Presence (Ex. 25:23–30)

The Holy Place of the tabernacle tent was 30 feet (9.1 m) long, 15 feet (4.6 m) wide, and 15 feet (4.6 m) high.

The veil separating the Most Holy Place from the Holy Place was made from blue



Today's Message:  
The priests  
Exodus 27:20-30:10

# The Priestly Garments

## Exodus 28:1-5

<sup>1</sup> “Have Aaron your brother brought to you from among the Israelites, along with his sons Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, so they may serve me as priests. <sup>2</sup> Make sacred garments for your brother Aaron to give him dignity and honor. <sup>3</sup> Tell all the skilled workers to whom I have given wisdom in such matters that they are to make garments for Aaron, for his consecration, so he may serve me as priest. <sup>4</sup> These are the garments they are to make: a breastpiece, an ephod, a robe, a woven tunic, a turban and a sash. They are to make these sacred garments for your brother Aaron and his sons, so they may serve me as priests. <sup>5</sup> Have them use gold, and blue, purple and scarlet yarn, and fine linen.



“Essentially a uniform draws attention to the office or function of a person, as opposed to his individual personality. It emphasizes his job rather than his name ... Furthermore, we can see that, in general, the more prestigious the office, the more splendid the uniform ... In putting on these clothes [Aaron] took to himself all the honor and glory of the high-priesthood. In a religion the principal doctrine of which was the holiness of God, the high priest, who mediated atonement between God and man, was an extremely important person. His glorious clothing symbolized the significance of his office”

(G. Wenham, *Leviticus, NICOT* [Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1979], 138–39).

# The Ephod

**Exodus 28:6-14**

<sup>6</sup>“Make the ephod of gold, and of blue, purple and scarlet yarn, and of finely twisted linen—the work of skilled hands. <sup>7</sup>It is to have two shoulder pieces attached to two of its corners, so it can be fastened. <sup>8</sup>Its skillfully woven waistband is to be like it—of one piece with the ephod and made with gold, and with blue, purple and scarlet yarn, and with finely twisted linen.

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## Exodus 28:6-14

<sup>9</sup> “Take two onyx stones and engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel <sup>10</sup> in the order of their birth – six names on one stone and the remaining six on the other. <sup>11</sup> Engrave the names of the sons of Israel on the two stones the way a gem cutter engraves a seal. Then mount the stones in gold filigree settings <sup>12</sup> and fasten them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod as memorial stones for the sons of Israel. Aaron is to bear the names on his shoulders as a memorial before the LORD. <sup>13</sup> Make gold filigree settings <sup>14</sup> and two braided chains of pure gold, like a rope, and attach the chains to the settings.

# The Breastplate

Exodus 28:15-30

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# The Breastplate

## Exodus 28:15-30

<sup>22</sup> “For the breastpiece make braided chains of pure gold, like a rope.

<sup>23</sup> Make two gold rings for it and fasten them to two corners of the breastpiece. <sup>24</sup> Fasten the two gold chains to the rings at the corners of the breastpiece, <sup>25</sup> and the other ends of the chains to the two settings, attaching them to the shoulder pieces of the ephod at the front. <sup>26</sup> Make two gold rings and attach them to the other two corners of the breastpiece on the inside edge next to the ephod. <sup>27</sup> Make two more gold rings and attach them to the bottom of the shoulder pieces on the front of the ephod, close to the seam just above the waistband of the ephod. <sup>28</sup> The rings of the breastpiece are to be tied to the rings of the ephod with blue cord, connecting it to the waistband, so that the breastpiece will not swing out from the ephod.

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Exodus 28:15-30

<sup>29</sup> “Whenever Aaron enters the Holy Place, he will bear the names of the sons of Israel over his heart on the breastpiece of decision as a continuing memorial before the LORD. <sup>30</sup> Also put the Urim and the Thummim in the breastpiece, so they may be over Aaron’s heart whenever he enters the presence of the LORD. Thus Aaron will always bear the means of making decisions for the Israelites over his heart before the LORD.

# Other Priestly Garments

## Exodus 28:31-43

<sup>31</sup> “Make the robe of the ephod entirely of blue cloth, <sup>32</sup> with an opening for the head in its center. There shall be a woven edge like a collar around this opening, so that it will not tear. <sup>33</sup> Make pomegranates of blue, purple and scarlet yarn around the hem of the robe, with gold bells between them. <sup>34</sup> The gold bells and the pomegranates are to alternate around the hem of the robe.

<sup>35</sup> Aaron must wear it when he ministers. The sound of the bells will be heard when he enters the Holy Place before the LORD and when he comes out, so that he will not die.

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<sup>36</sup> “Make a plate of pure gold and engrave on it as on a seal: HOLY TO THE LORD.

<sup>37</sup> Fasten a blue cord to it to attach it to the turban; it is to be on the front of the turban. <sup>38</sup> It will be on Aaron’s forehead, and he will bear the guilt involved in the sacred gifts the Israelites consecrate, whatever their gifts may be. It will be on Aaron’s forehead continually so that they will be acceptable to the LORD.

<sup>39</sup> “Weave the tunic of fine linen and make the turban of fine linen. The sash is to be the work of an embroiderer. <sup>40</sup> Make tunics, sashes and caps for Aaron’s sons to give them dignity and honor. <sup>41</sup> After you put these clothes on your brother Aaron and his sons, anoint and ordain them. Consecrate them so they may serve me as priests. <sup>42</sup> “Make linen undergarments as a covering for the body, reaching from the waist to the thigh. <sup>43</sup> Aaron and his sons must wear them whenever they enter the tent of meeting or approach the altar to minister in the Holy Place, so that they will not incur guilt and die. “This is to be a lasting ordinance for Aaron and his descendants.

# Consecration of the Priests

## Exodus 29:1-37

<sup>1</sup> “This is what you are to do to consecrate them, so they may serve me as priests: Take a young bull and two rams without defect. <sup>2</sup> And from the finest wheat flour make round loaves without yeast, thick loaves without yeast and with olive oil mixed in, and thin loaves without yeast and brushed with olive oil. <sup>3</sup> Put them in a basket and present them along with the bull and the two rams. <sup>4</sup> Then bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance to the tent of meeting and wash them with water. <sup>5</sup> Take the garments and dress Aaron with the tunic, the robe of the ephod, the ephod itself and the breastpiece. Fasten the ephod on him by its skillfully woven waistband. <sup>6</sup> Put the turban on his head and attach the sacred emblem to the turban. <sup>7</sup> Take the anointing oil and anoint him by pouring it on his head. <sup>8</sup> Bring his sons and dress them in tunics <sup>9</sup> and fasten caps on them. Then tie sashes on Aaron and his sons. The priesthood is theirs by a lasting ordinance. “Then you shall ordain Aaron and his sons.

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<sup>10</sup> “Bring the bull to the front of the tent of meeting, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on its head. <sup>11</sup> Slaughter it in the LORD’s presence at the entrance to the tent of meeting. <sup>12</sup> Take some of the bull’s blood and put it on the horns of the altar with your finger, and pour out the rest of it at the base of the altar. <sup>13</sup> Then take all the fat on the internal organs, the long lobe of the liver, and both kidneys with the fat on them, and burn them on the altar. <sup>14</sup> But burn the bull’s flesh and its hide and its intestines outside the camp. It is a sin offering...

# What is the point of all these “holy things”?

Exodus 29:42b-46

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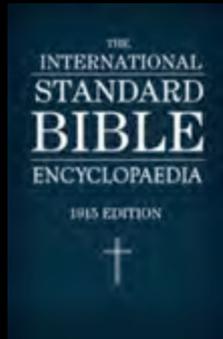
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In ancient times it was held that men and women could not have direct access to God, that any approach to Him must be mediated by some member of the class of priests, who alone could approach God, and who must accordingly be employed by other men to represent them before Him. This whole conception vanishes in the light of Christianity. By virtue of their relation to Christ all believers have direct approach to God, and consequently, as this right of approach was formerly a priestly privilege, priesthood may now be predicated of every Christian. That none needs another to intervene between his soul and God; that none can thus intervene for another; that every soul may and must stand for itself in personal relation with God – such are the simple elements of the NT doctrine of the priesthood of all believers.

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