

**Exodus 28****Key Verse:** v.1**Key Word:** "serve" v.1, "remembrance" v.29**X-Ref:** Hebrews 5:4**Paraphrase:** This chapter describes the priestly garments that Aaron and his sons would wear as they served as priests to God.**Examining the Text:**

- 1) List the various pieces of the priestly garments. 1) a breastplate 2) an ephod 3) a robe 4) a coat 5) a turban 6) a sash
- 2) Whose names were on Aaron's shoulders? *The 12 sons of Israel – vs.9-14*
- 3) What was the purpose of having the names of the sons of Israel on the Ephod? *"to bring them to regular remembrance before the Lord." V.29*
- 4) What was the purpose of the bells on Aaron's robe? *"...the sound shall be heard when he goes into the Holy Place before the Lord and when he comes out, so that he does not die." V.35 – "Their function was to signal the High Priest's movements within the Holy of Holies." – IVP Bible Background Commentary.*

**Exodus 29****Key Verse:** v.1**Key Word:** "Consecrate" v.1**X-Ref:** Hebrews 13:12-13**Paraphrase:** God gives Moses instructions on ordaining Aaron and his sons as priests. Numerous offerings are to be made over a 7-day period.**Examining the Text:**

- 1) What four items offered in the sacrifice to consecrate the priests foreshadowed the need for the sinless sacrifice of Christ? 1) *Unblemished animals* 2) *unleavened bread* 3) *unleavened cakes* 4) *unleavened wafers*
- 2) Where was the sin offering to take place? Also, note the location of where Jesus was crucified. *Outside the camp – v.14 (Jesus was crucified outside the city of Jerusalem).*
- 3) Name the three places of Aaron and his sons where blood was to be placed. 1) *Tip of right ear* 2) *right thumb* 3) *right great toe.*
- 4) List the offerings mentioned in this chapter. 1) *Sin offering* 2) *food offering* 3) *wave offering* 4) *peace offering* 5) *grain offering* 6) *drink offering.*

**Exodus 30****Key Verse:** v.16**Key Word:** "holy" v.10**X-Ref:** Leviticus 10**Paraphrase:** Moses is given instructions on two more pieces of the tabernacle furniture. He is also given information on taking up the census offering.**Examining the Text:**

- 1) Did God care what type of incense was burned on the altar? Prove your answer. *Yes – v.9 and Leviticus 10.*
- 2) During the census, what must everyone 20 years old and upward give as a ransom for their life? *Half a shekel – v.13*
- 3) What was a purpose of the tent of meeting? *"That it may bring the people of Israel to remembrance before the Lord, so as to make atonement for your lives." – v.16.*
- 4) What two major items/furniture was Moses commanded to "make" in this chapter? 1) *Altar of incense – v.1.* 2) *Bronze Basin – v.17.*

**Exodus 31****Key Verse:** v.13**Key Word:** "keep" v.13**X-Ref:** Genesis 1-2**Paraphrase:** First, God tells Moses exactly who would be crafting all of the many different things that He had commanded Moses to make. Then, He points out that "above all" they must keep the Sabbath and tells them why.**Examining the Text:**

- 1) List all the things that God has commanded Moses to make. 1) *tent of meeting* 2) *ark of the testimony* 3) *mercy seat* 4) *the table and utensils* 5) *lampstands and utensils* 6) *altar of incense* 7) *altar of burnt offerings and utensils* 8) *basin and stand* 9) *holy garments* 10) *anointing oil* 11) *fragrant incense.*
- 2) Verse 13 seems to indicate that what is the most important thing for them to remember? *Keep the sabbath holy.*

- 3) What can we conclude regarding the days of creation from verses 12-17? *That they were literal 24-hour days. Here God describes them with literal days.*
- 4) How were commandments written on the stone tables? *By the finger of God – v.18.*

**Exodus 32****Key Verse:** v.14, v.7**Key Word:** “delayed” v.1, “corrupted” v.7**X-Ref:** Exodus 24:3

**Paraphrase:** *While Moses was on Mount Sinai getting the tablets of testimony, the people grew tired of waiting. Aaron makes a golden calf and they worship it. Three thousand men are slain when Moses comes down the mountain. Moses pleads for the people with God.*

**Examining the Text:**

- 1) What argument did Aaron give in an attempt to dissuade the people from committing idolatry? *The text does not say that Aaron argued with the people, only that he did what they asked. – v.2.*
- 2) Only a short time before the events in this chapter, Israel told Moses “All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do.” (Exo. 24:3). What conclusions might be drawn regarding their faith in God now? *Even after seeing the plagues and miracles they still doubted God and his servant Moses. For them to change their opinions in such a short time reveals that the roots of faith weren’t very deep.*
- 3) What did God want to do to the people? *Consume them – v.10*

**Exodus 33****Key Verse:** v.17**Key Word:** “presence” v.14**X-Ref:** 1John 4:12; John 1:18; 1Timothy 6:16

**Paraphrase:** *Israel receives the news that God’s presence would not go with them into the promised land. They mourn. Moses pleads with God for Him to come with them. He also asks to see God’s glory.*

**Examining the Text:**

- 1) What disastrous news caused Israel to mourn? *God would not go with them; He would send an angel instead. – v.3*
- 2) Compare and contrast the angel from verses 1-4 with the one described in 23:20-23. *Chapter 23 – One in whom God’s name dwelled and would not forgive transgressions. Chapter 33 – he would drive out the inhabitants.*
- 3) What sign indicated that God was speaking to Moses? *Pillar of cloud at the entrance to the tent of meeting - v.9.*
- 4) Moses requests to see God’s glory. What does God say Moses could see and what he could not see? *He would not see His face and live. He would see His back – vs.20-23.*

**Exodus 34****Key Verse:** vs.6-7**Key Word:** “tablets of testimony” v.29**X-Ref:** Matthew 4; Luke 4

**Paraphrase:** *God commands Moses to make new stone tablets and go back up the mountain. God renews His covenant with Israel and reminds Moses of all He commands. When Moses returns from speaking with God his face is shining and the people are afraid.*

**Examining the Text:**

- 1) List the attributes of God’s nature that He shares with Moses. *Vs.6-7 “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, 7 keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children, to the third and the fourth generation.”*
- 2) How many times per year did the males of Israel have to “appear before the Lord God” to worship? *Three – v.23*
- 3) What is so important about the promise made in verse 24? *One could not neglect worship by saying that someone would steal their land while they were gone.*
- 4) Why did Moses have to put a veil on his face? *His face was shining from being in the presence of God and it scared the people. – v.33.*