

## KINGS AND PRIESTS UNTO GOD By Terri Hill

“And (He) HATH MADE US KINGS AND PRIESTS unto God”; 1 Pet. 2:9; Rev. 1:6. O.T. types/shadows reveal New Testament realities; Colossians 2:17; Hebrews 8:5; 10:1.

1. Jesus Is Our Great High Priest; Psalm 110:4; Hebrews 3:1; 5:1-10; 8:1-5

a. The Tribe of LEVI (means “union; joined”) produced the Priesthood, specifically through Aaron and his sons; Exodus 28:1; Deut.10:8; Lev. 21:6-24; 1 Peter 2:5.

b. Every priest (in both Old and New Covenants) is sanctified, purified, dressed and consecrated for office; Exodus 40:12; Leviticus 16:32; Ephesians 5:26; Rev. 19:8.

2. Jesus is the King of kings; Daniel 4:17, 24-26; Revelation 1:5; 17:14; 19:16

a. The Tribe of JUDAH (means “praise”) produced the kings; Genesis 49:10; Psalm 45:6; John 4:23-24; Hebrews 1:8; Revelation 5:5

b. The “overcomer”, who yields to, and diligently seeks God’s invisible Kingdom, will rule and reign with Jesus Christ; Matthew 24:45-47; 25:21-23; Revelation 2 & 3.

3. Melchizedek (type of Jesus) Reveals A King-Priest Ministry; Gen. 14:18-20; Heb. 7-8

a. The Royal Priesthood combines mercy and truth, righteousness and peace; Ps. 85:10

1. The priestly aspect – compassion, salvation, atonement, healing, deliverance

2. The kingly aspect - divine law of the scepter: authority, power and justice

b. These shall walk in a PRIESTLY function, and shall exercise KINGLY dominion.

THE PRIESTLY FUNCTION. Duties of the priests included the following:

1. They Offer The Bread Of Their God – Lev. 21:6; 24:5-9. They have fellowship and communion with the Lord at His table; they are responsible to prepare the “showbread” (bread of thy face), and consume it in the Holy Place; Mark 2:25-26.

2. They Burn Incense; Exodus 30:1-8; Rev. 5:8. This perpetual incense is praying without ceasing; 1 Thess. 5:17. A Royal Priesthood has both hands full of incense; left hand: praise and worship unto God; right hand: prayer and ministry for humanity; Lev. 16:12.

3. They Offer Sacrifices And The First Fruits; Leviticus 1:1-17; 1 Peter 2:5. We bring a sacrifice of praise; we present our bodies as a living sacrifice; Rom. 12:1. The first fruits belong to the Lord and are presented before Him; Deut. 26:1-4; James 1:18.

4. They Blow The Trumpets; Num.10:1-10; Luke 3:4-5. They declare God’s message; Hosea 8:1. They announce the feasts, the movements of the camp. God’s voice is a clear word, like a trumpet. John was “caught up” into heaven at the sound of it; Rev. 1:10.

5. They Carry The Ark; Josh. 3:6-17. Priests carry the Ark through the Jordan and into battle. The Ark is God’s presence, His throne, His government, His glory, the complete victory of Jesus, the Kingdom in manifestation and power; 1 Cor. 4:20; 2 Cor. 4:7.

6. They Teach The Law; Leviticus 10:11; Romans 13:10. This law is written upon the heart; Heb. 8:10. They teach and live the royal law of love; James 2:8. They teach the law of the spirit of life, freedom from condemnation and the law of sin and death; Rom. 8:1-2

7. They Light The Lamps; Exodus 27:20-21; Jer. 20:9. Priests carry the light of the glorious Gospel: the understanding and revelation of Christ and His word. They pass this light on to others 2 Cor. 4:4-6. The “candlestick” portrays the church; Rev. 1:13, 20.

8. They Continue The Sacred Fire On The Altar; Lev. 7:12-13; Matt. 3:11. The “fire” of devotion and evangelism must always burn. He is a Consuming Fire, the Word in the mouth of His servants; Jer. 23:29. The fire will prove all of our works; 1 Cor. 3:13.

9. They Purify The Unclean; Leviticus 15:15-31; Titus 2:14. They have a revelation of cleansing through the blood of Jesus, therefore they bring the “unclean” to salvation; Acts 10:14-15. They discern sin and bring cleansing to “leprous ones”; 2 Kings 5:1-14.

10. They Bless The People; Numbers 6:23-27; 1 Cor. 4:12. Others are blessed through their compassion, labors of love and deeds of kindness. They cause others to inherit a blessing; 1 Peter 3:9. They cause the nations of the earth to be blessed; Gal. 3:8.

THE KINGLY FUNCTION. These are attributes and descriptions of a king / ruler:

1. They Are Seated (principles of rest, “overcomers” and the Mercy Seat). He made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus; Eph. 1:20-23; 2:6-7; Exodus 25:17-22

2. They Utilize A Scepter Or Rod – Exodus 4:2; Psalm 23:4; 110:2; Esther 5:2; Rev. 2:27

3. Their Birth And Obedience Qualifies Them – Genesis 49:10; Deuteronomy 17:14-20

4. They Must Be Trained For Their Office – Galatians 4:1-7; Hebrews 5:8-10

5. They Are Chosen And Removed By God – 1 Samuel 15:10-26; 16:1; Romans 13:1

6. They Govern And Rule From A Throne – a throne is a seat of authority, from which their influence is known; Luke 13:29; 19:17-19; Revelation 20:4

7. They Are Judges Upon The Earth – Psalm 2:10; 1 Samuel 8:19-22; 1 Corinthians 6:2-3

8. They Are Associated With Honor and Wisdom – 1 Kings 3:9-13; Proverbs 25:2

9. Their Heart Is In The Hand Of The Lord – Exodus 9:12; 2 Chron. 6:7-10; Prov. 21:1

10. They Administer Divine Justice – 2 Kings 23:4-25; 2 Chronicles 9:8; Psalm 89:14

a. To the extent that I yield to God’s Kingdom authority now (obedience to His written and spoken Word), this will determine the level of authority entrusted by God to flow through me. It’s TRAINING TIME for REIGNING TIME!

b. The Church does not “set up” the Kingdom; it is already prepared; Matt. 25:34.

c. There is an order, an arrangement in His Kingdom; 1 Cor. 15:22-23, with different roles and assignments; Song of Sol. 2:7; 6:9-10; Ezek. 44:10-28; Matt. 13:8; Mark 4:28.

d. His Kingdom is both present and future; it is stable and cannot be moved; Heb. 12:28.

