Israel's Destiny as Priests

You Are Called To Be Royal Priests



Exodus 19:5-6

[5] Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: [6] And ye shall be unto me a **kingdom of priests**, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

Revelation 1

[6] And hath made us kings and <u>priests</u> unto Elohim and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 5

[10] And hast made us unto our Elohim kings and <u>priests</u>: and we shall reign on the earth.

Revelation 20

[6] Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be **priests** of Elohim and of Messiah, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

<u>I Peter 2:9-10</u>

[9] But you are a chosen people, a royal **priesthood**, a holy nation, a people for Elohim's own possession, to proclaim the virtues of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. [10] Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of Elohim; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy....(KJV)

I Peter 2:9-10 [9] But you are a elect race, officiating as Priests for The Kingdom, a Set-Apart people, a redeemed congregation; that you should proclaim the praises of him who called you out from darkness into his precious light. [10] who formally were not counted as a people, but now are the people of Elohim, and also, there were (once) no mercies on you, but now mercies are poured out upon you. (Aramaic)

Aaron and Sons Consecrated As Priests

Leviticus 8:

[6] And Moses brought Aaron and his sons, and washed them with water

[12] And he poured of the anointing oil upon Aaron's head, and anointed him, to sanctify him.

[22] And he brought the other ram, the ram of **consecration**: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram.

[23] And he slew it; and Moses took of the blood of it, and put it upon the tip of Aaron's right ear, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot.

Right side is the side of power and strength

Exodus 15:6 Your right hand, O YAH, glorious in power, your right hand, O YAH, shatters the enemy.

Isaiah 62:8 YHWH has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm:

<u>Philo</u> (1st Century Egypt), perceived that, "The fully consecrated must be pure in words and actions and in life; for words are judged by hearing, the hand is the symbol of action, and the foot of the pilgrimage of life."

Why blood on right side ear, thumb, big toe?

Ear, hand and foot-an abbreviated code for his entire body-emphasizes that our service as priest must be total.

Why the Ear?

The ear is associated with listening – to hear YHWH's word. The ear touched by the blood is to be devoted only to listening to YAH's Voice, YAH's Word.

Faith also comes via our spiritual ears: Romans 10:17 "faith comes by hearing."

The Bondservant had his right ear pierced by his master, signifying a lifetime of service.

Why the Thumb?

Thumb is part of the hand – it's for the priest's work & service.

Work / service is to be pure, clean, holy. We are not only to obey the command of Col 4:17 "Take heed to the ministry which you have received in YHWH, that you may fulfill it." But we are to also fulfill our ministry with clean hands & pure heart.

Why the Big Toe?

The Foot speaks of walking, and have you ever tried to walk without a big toe? You are greatly crippled. It affects your balance.

We are to walk in the paths of YHWH.

Pictures sanctifying our walk with YHWH and bring balance to our life and ministry.

You Are Called To Be Royal Priests The Thumb & Big Toe

In the Old Testament, one of the ways armies would render their defeated foes, powerless, and of no threat is: They would cut off the thumbs and big toes of captured kings, so they could not longer hold a sword or fight in battle. Judges 1:6 Then Adoni-Bezek fled, and they(Judah) pursued him and caught him and cut off his thumbs and big toes. And Adoni-Bezek said, "Seventy kings with their thumbs and big toes cut off used to gather scraps under my table; as I have done, so YHWH has repaid me." Then they brought him to Jerusalem, and there he died.

As Kings & Priests of Elohim – are our spiritual thumbs and big toes anointed so that we are able to wield sword of the Spirit of YHWH and fight the spiritual battles!

Yahshua Consecrated As Priest

Psalm 110:4 "YHWH has sworn, And will not relent, 'You are a priest forever of the order of Melchizedek'".

<u>Hebrews 5:9-10</u> And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; Called of Elohim an high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Yahshua Consecrated As Priest

Was Yahshua consecrated as a Melchizedek Priest?

Yahshua Consecrated As Priest

Yahshua made an Melchizedek Priest by an oath from YHWH!

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Hebrews 6:1-2

[1] Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Messiah, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward Elohim, [2] Of the doctrine of **<u>baptisms</u>**, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

Yahshua Consecrated As Priest

Matthew 3:13-17

[13] Then cometh Yahshua from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. [14] But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? [15] And Yahshua answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him. [16] And Yahshua, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of Elohim descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: [17] And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

What of the blood on the ear, thumb and toe?

Who presided over the Passover Sacrifice the year Messiah was killed?

Matthew 26:61-66

[61] And said, This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of Elohim, and to build it in three days. [62] And the high priest arose, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee? [63] But Yahshua held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living Elohim, that thou tell us whether thou be the Messiah, the Son of Elohim. [64] Yahshua saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. [65] Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy. [66] What think ye? They answered and said, He is guilty of death.

Who presided over the Passover Sacrifice the year Messiah was killed?

Leviticus 5:1

[1] And if a soul sin, and hear the voice of swearing, and is a witness, whether he hath seen or known of it; if he do not utter it, then he shall bear his iniquity.

Leviticus 10:6

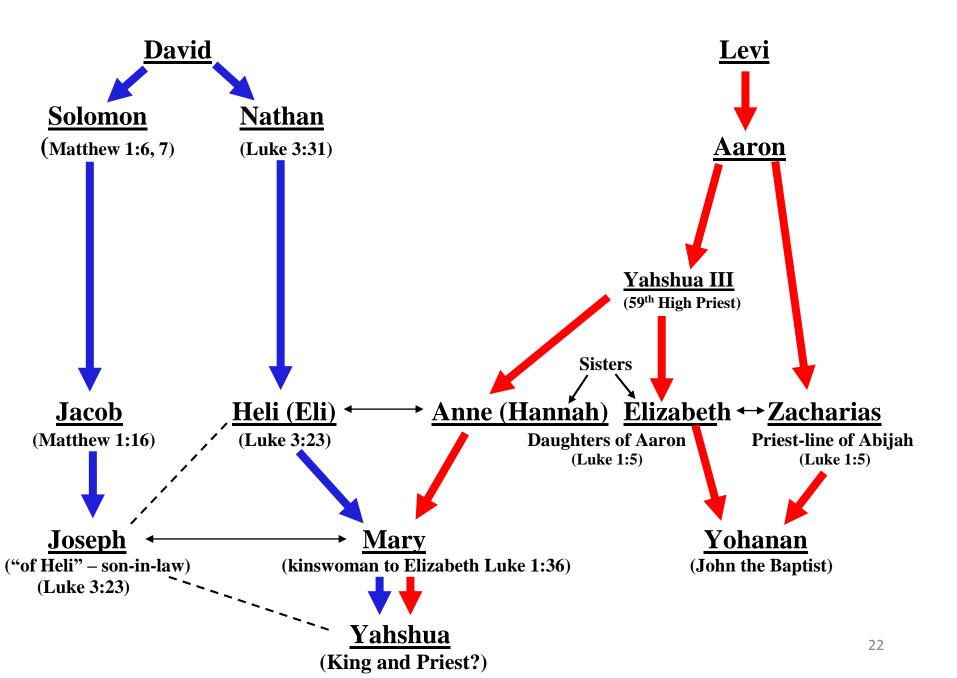
[6] And Moses said unto Aaron, and unto Eleazar and unto Ithamar, his sons, Uncover not your heads, neither rend your clothes; lest ye die, and lest wrath come upon all the people: . . .

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Yahshua's Physical Ancestry



YAHSHUA'S LEVITICAL ANCESTRY

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Aaron (Son of Levi, Brother of Moses and Miriam
   Eleazar ben Aaron
      Phineas ben Eleazar
      Zadok ben Ahitub (12<sup>th</sup> High Priest – during David's and Solomon's rule – 1<sup>st</sup> Temple)
      Joshua ben Jehozadiak (32<sup>nd</sup> High Priest – return from Babylon-restoration of Temple – Zechariah, Ezra, Zerubbabel)
      Boethus (56<sup>th</sup> High Priest) →
              Phabet (Fabi) →
                                       Joshua III, the High Priest, ben Phabet (Fabi)
                                       (59th High Priest) also known as Yeshua III.
                                        Yahshua III, or Yehoshua III, Jesus III \rightarrow
                                       who had Three Daughters: ~
Elizabeth →married Zacharias
                                       Anne or (H)annah who married Heli (Eli)
                                                                                           Jane or (Jo)Anna \rightarrow married Joachim,
the Levite priest, and had a son,
                                       the Davidic prince, also as Alexander III Helios,
                                                                                           the Nasi and Davidic prince, and had
                                       the Hasmonean prince, had a daughter,
                                                                                           three daughters;
Yohannes (John) the Baptiser
                                                                                            Salome who married Zebedee \rightarrow
                                       Miriam (Mary), who became the Mother of
                                                                                                  James and John, sons of
                                                                                                  Zebedee, Apostles of Messiah
                                       Yahshua, the Messiah
                                                                                            Mary who married Clopas \rightarrow
                                       James, the first Nasi or President
                                                                                                  Simeon ben Clopas,
                                       of the Nazarene Ecclesia
                                                                                                  the second Nasi or President
                                       Joses (Joseph), Judas, Simon,
                                                                                                  of the Nazarene Ecclesia
                                                                                            Escha who married (?) Ptolas
                                       at least 2 sisters
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Are we Consecrated As Priests Baptism

Romans 6:3-4

Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Messiah Yahshua were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Messiah was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

You Are Called To Be Royal Priests Are we Consecrated As Priests

Receiving Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit)

Acts.19:1-6

[1] And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, [2] He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Spirit since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Spirit. [3] And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. [4] Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Messiah Yahshua. [5] When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Master Yahshua. [6] And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them;

Are we Consecrated As Priests

What of the blood on the ear, thumb and toe?

Galatians 2:20

I am crucified with Messiah: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Messiah lives in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of Elohim, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Wine we take representing His blood.



Exodus 28:36-38 [36.]"You shall also make a plate of pure gold and shall engrave on it, like the engravings of a seal, **'Holy to**

YHWH.' [37] Fasten a blue cord to it to attach it to the turban; it is to be on the front of the turban. [38.] 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 YHWH. 27



<u>His People – His Priests Are To Be Holy</u>

Leviticus 19:2 "Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: 'Be holy because I, YHWH your Elohim, am holy.

<u>Matthew 5:48</u> Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.



<u>His People – His Priests Are To Be Holy</u>

The original term "holy" or "perfect" is the Hebrew word "Kadosh."

The term means to be **"sacred, holy, set-apart."**

<u>His People – His Priests Are To Be Holy</u>

Kadosh does not mean <u>WEIRD</u>.

It doesn't even mean set apart from the world. We are not to become reclusive believers who stay away from others in an effort to remain "holy."

We are to be set apart <u>**IN**</u> the world.

You Are Called To Be Royal Priests His People – His Priests Are To Be Holy

We have been called to be "in the world but not of the world."

John 17:14-18

[14] I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.
[15] I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.
[16] They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.
[17] Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.
[18] As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

<u>His People – His Priests Are To Instruct In Holiness</u>

Leviticus 10:10-11 [10] And that ye may put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean; [11] And that ye may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which YHWH hath spoken unto them by the hand of Moses.

Ezekiel 22:23-26

[26] Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.



Intersession Messiah our High Priest

Romans 8:34

[**34**] Who is he that condemneth? It is Messiah that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of Elohim, who also maketh **intercession** for us.



Intersession

Messiah our High Priest

Hebrews 7:25

[**25**] Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto Elohim by him, seeing he ever liveth to make **intercession** for them.



Intersession

intercession

1: the act of <u>interceding</u>

2: prayer, petition, or entreaty in favor of another

to <u>intervene</u> between parties with a view to reconciling differences : <u>mediate</u>

Merriam-Webster's Dictionary

Intersession

Moses Intercedes for Israel

Exodus 32:9-14

[9] And YHWH said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people: [10] Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation. [11] And Moses besought YHWH his Elohim, and said, Master, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand? [12] Wherefore should the Egyptians speak, and say, For mischief did he bring them out, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people. [13] Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it for ever. [14] And YHWH repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people. 36



Intersession

I Timothy 2:1

[1] I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, <u>intercessions</u>, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;



Intersession

Ezekiel 9:4-6

[4] And YHWH said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. [5] And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: [6] Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house. 38



Ministry of Reconciliation

II Corinthians 5:18-19

[18] And all things are of Elohim, who hath reconciled us to himself by Yahshua Messiah, and hath given to us the <u>ministry of reconciliation</u>;
[19] To wit, that Elohim was in Messiah, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.



Ministry of Reconciliation <u>II Corinthians 5:20-21</u>

The message we are to share with the world is this: "Be reconciled to Elohim" (verse 20). We are to tell people of the wonderful opportunity they have to be made right with Elohim through Yahshua. We implore them to believe in Messiah. Sins do not count against those who are reconciled to Elohim through Messiah, because "Elohim made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of Elohim" (verse 21).



Ministry of Reconciliation

Elohim is "making his appeal through us" (2 Corinthians 5:20). The ministry we've been given to turn hearts toward Elohim. Yahshua paid the price for our reconciliation because Elohim loves us (John 3:16), so we must share this message of reconciliation in love, and our lives need to reflect our message (Ephesians 4:1). Yahshua is the One who saves, and the Holy Spirit is the One who convicts the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment (John 16:8), yet we have been given the privilege of being ambassadors for Yahshua. Every believer plays a part in this ministry of reconciliation. One plants; one waters, and Elohim brings growth (1 Corinthians 3:7). As we proclaim the gospel, we act as peacemakers, and Elohim blesses such (Matthew 5:9). We tell and live out His message of reconciliation, lives are changed, and Elohim gets the glory.





<u>I Peter 2:5</u> Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an **holy priesthood**, to offer up **spiritual sacrifices**, acceptable to Elohim by Yahshua Messiah.





Romans 12:1

[1] I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of Elohim, that **ye present your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable unto Elohim, which is your reasonable service.





Hebrews 13:15

[15] By him therefore let us offer the **sacrifice of praise** to Elohim continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.





Hebrews 13:16

[16] But **to do good and to communicate** forget not: **for with such sacrifices Elohim is well pleased.**

[16] And do not forget charity and sharing with the poor, for with these sacrifices a man pleases Elohim.(Aramaic)





Philippians 4:18

[18] I have all I need and more, now that I have received your **gifts** from Epaphroditus. They are a sweet smelling aroma, an **acceptable sacrifice**, well-pleasing to Elohim.



Offer Sacrifices & Offerings

Acts 10:4

Cornelius stared at him in fear and asked, "What is it, Master?" The angel answered, "Your **prayers and gifts to the poor** have ascended as a **memorial offering** before Elohim.



Care For the Altar and the Fire

Exodus 29:36-37

And thou shalt offer every day a bullock for a sin offering for atonement: and thou shalt cleanse the altar, when thou hast made an atonement for it, and thou shalt anoint it, to sanctify it. Seven days thou shalt make an atonement for the altar, and sanctify it; and it shall be an altar most holy: **whatsoever toucheth the altar shall be holy.**



Care For the Altar and the Fire

YHWH's altar is His table where he conducts business

Malachi 1:7

[7] Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, **The table of YHWH** is contemptible.



Care For the Altar and the Fire

YHWH's altar is where He interacted with mankind.

- Altars were places where YHWH and His People interacted.
- Altars were places of exchange, communication, and influence.
- YHWH responded actively to altar activity.
- Sacrifices and offerings were the primary medium of exchange in altar interactions.



Care For the Altar and the Fire

YHWH's altar is where He interacted with mankind.

• The contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal involving an altar demonstrated interaction between Yahweh and His people Israel.

• Noah built an altar and offered a sacrifice to YHWH. Elohim smelled the aroma and found it pleasing. He responded to Noah's action by declaring that he would never again destroy all living things through a flood.

• In the patriarchal period, altars were markers of place, commemorating an encounter with Elohim (Gen 12:7), or physical signs of habitation. Abraham built an altar where he pitched his tent between Bethel and Ai and he "called on the name of YHWH". 51





Care For the Altar and the Fire

YHWH's altar is His ownership symbol!

Psalm 24:1

The earth is YHWH's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.



Care For the Altar the Fire

Leviticus 6:8-13

And YHWH spake unto Moses, saying, Command Aaron and his sons, saying, This is the law of the burnt offering: It is the burnt offering, because of the burning upon the altar all night unto the

morning, and the fire of the altar shall be burning in it. And the priest shall put on his linen garment, and his linen breeches shall he put upon his flesh, and take up the ashes which the fire hath consumed with the burnt offering on the altar, and he shall put them beside the altar. And he shall put off his garments, and put on other garments, and carry forth the ashes without the camp unto a clean place. And the fire upon the altar shall be burning in it; it shall not be put out: and the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and lay the burnt offering in order upon it; and he shall burn thereon the fat of the peace offerings. **The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar; it shall never go out.**

Who originally lit the fire on the Altar?



Care For the Altar the Fire

Leviticus 9:23-24

And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of the congregation, and came out, and blessed the people: and the glory of YHWH appeared unto all the people. And there came a fire out from before YHWH, and consumed upon the altar the burnt offering and the fat: which when all the people saw, they shouted, and fell on their faces.

II Chronicles 7:1

Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, **the fire came down from heaven**, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of YHWH filled the house.



Care For the Altar and the Fire

The altar is where YHWH answers from heaven by fire.

As Priests our hearts are our altars – where our sacrifices are placed and wholly burnt up as a sweet savior to YHWH!



Care For the Altar and the Fire

Acts 2:3-4

And there appeared unto them **cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them**. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.



Care For the Altar and the Fire

How do we insure our fire don't go out?

- Study
- Prayer
- Fasting
- Exercising the our gifts of the Holy Spirit and stirring up the Spirit.
- Taking seriously are duties as Priests.



Burn Incense

Exodus 30:7-8

[7] And Aaron shall burn thereon sweet incense every morning: when he dresseth the lamps, he shall burn incense upon it. [8] And when Aaron lighteth the lamps at even, he shall burn incense upon it, a perpetual incense before YHWH throughout your generations.

Altar of Incense – in the Holy Place





Burn Incense

Incense Associated with Prayers

Psalm 141:2

May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.





Burn Incense

Incense Associated with Prayers

Revelation 5:8

And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.





Burn Incense

Incense Associated with Prayers

Revelation 8:4

And the smoke of the incense went up with the prayers of the Holy Ones from the hand of the Angel before Elohim.



Keeping Charge of the Tabernacle/Temple

Numbers 3:38

But those that encamp before the tabernacle toward the east, even before the tabernacle of the congregation eastward, shall be Moses, and Aaron and his sons, keeping the charge of the sanctuary for the charge of the children of Israel; . . .

Numbers 4:16

And to the office of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest pertaineth the oil for the light, and the sweet incense, and the daily meat offering, and the anointing oil, and the oversight of all the tabernacle, and of all that therein is, in the sanctuary, and in the vessels thereof.



Keeping Charge of the Tabernacle/Temple

<u>I Peter 2:5</u> [5] Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to Elohim by Yahshua Messiah.



Keeping Charge of the Tabernacle/Temple

<u>I Corinthians 3:16</u> Know ye not that ye are the temple of Elohim, and that the Spirit of Elohim dwelleth in you?



Keeping Charge of the Tabernacle/Temple

Ephesians 2:19-22

[19] Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of Elohim; [20] And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Yahshua Messiah himself being the chief corner stone; [21] In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an **holy temple** in the Him: [22] In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of Elohim through the Spirit. 65



Keeping Charge of the Tabernacle/Temple

Keeping charge, tending to and being mindful of what we put or allow into the body spiritually, emotionally and physically.

Diet, what we watch, what we listen to, what we read, the people we associate with

Not just ourselves personally, but into our fellowship, amongst believers Since we all comprise the temple $_{66}$



- Bless Elohim (Deuteronomy 10:8)
- Bless the people. (Numbers 6:22-27)
- Take care the Menorah, and the Showbread (Leviticus 24:1-9)
- Blow the trumpets & Shofar.(Numbers 10:1-10)
- Serve as judges to resolve controversy. (Deut. 21:5)