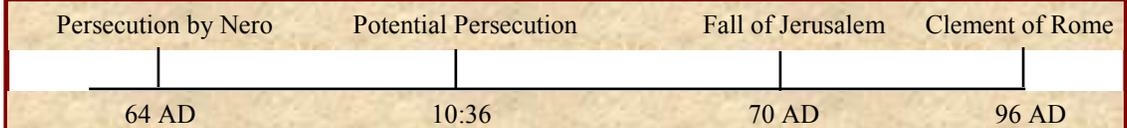
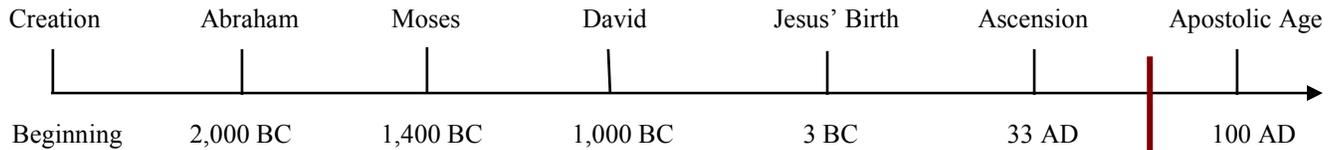


Across the Generations

Learning from God's Word and from Each Other

Sunday, November 19, 2006
 "A Sacrifice - Once and for All"

Context and Time Frame



Overview: [Hebrews 10:11-18](#)

Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says, "This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds." Then he adds: "Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more." And where these have been forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin.

Review

What is the significant message of the letter to the Hebrews?

Who were the Hebrews?

What challenges were these people facing at this time?

Why was it important to point these people to Christ as a "better high priest?"

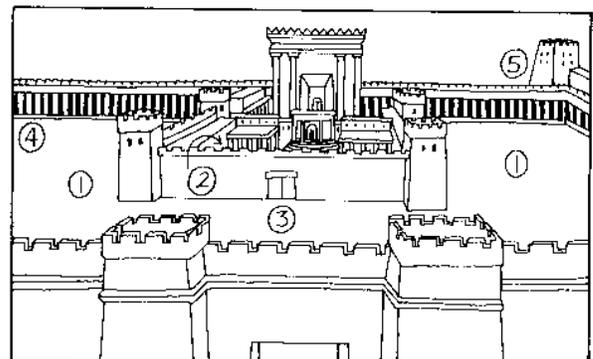
The Priestly Office

What was one of the main duties of the priest?

What was the significance of this office?

Why were they repeated again and again, day after day?

Why were a priest's sacrifices unable to take away any sins?



HEROD'S TEMPLE

- ① Court of Gentiles
- ② Court of Women
- ③ Gate Beautiful
- ④ Solomon's Porch
- ⑤ Fortress of Antonia

What was different about Jesus' sacrifice?

How did God the Father show he accepted Jesus' sacrifice?

Who also testifies to the effectiveness of Jesus' sacrifice?

What act on the day Jesus died signaled that a new covenant was established , and that a new relationship was in effect?

What causes God to put our sinful acts "out of his mind?"

Why do we no longer offer sacrifices for sin?

My View

Jesus is not only our great high priest, but also our prophet and king. How does he fulfill all three offices for me?

Because Jesus is my high priest, of what can I be confident?

Closing View

In the Lord's Supper hymn, "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord," there is a stanza that states: "himself the victim and himself the priest."

Why is this such a precious truth?

Devotional Thoughts - Hebrews 10:11-18
Monday, November 20th through Saturday, November 25th

Monday

Read Christian Worship 309 st. 1-2

Draw near and take the body of the Lord, and drink the holy blood for you outpoured.
Offered was he for greatest and for least, himself the victim and himself the priest.

He that his saints in this world rules and shields to all believers life eternal yields,
With heavenly bread makes them that hunger whole, gives living waters to the thirsty soul.

Why is Jesus perfectly qualified to be the sacrifice (victim)?
Why is Jesus perfectly qualified to be the priest?
What benefits do we receive through Jesus' sacrificial death?
Why is faith a key to receiving these blessings?

Prayer Thoughts:

O gracious Savior, my Lord Jesus Christ, I thank you for coming to this earth to serve me. As my great high priest you entered God's most holy place and offered your perfect fulfillment of the Law on my behalf. Not only did you offer the sacrifice, you also became the sacrifice. Now because of your righteous work, I am free from sin, and free to serve you in love — now and for all eternity. Amen!

Tuesday

Read Leviticus 16—The Day of Atonement

This is to be a lasting ordinance for you: Atonement is to be made once a year for all the sins of the Israelites.

What were some of the visible signs used with the Day of Atonement?
Why did the priests have to sacrifice before they offered a sacrifice for the people?
How did all of these rules and regulations point ahead to Christ?
Why are we released from celebrating the day of atonement?

Prayer Thoughts:

O dearest Lord, I thank you for the precious signs and wonders through which you have blessed me. Help me trust everything you have revealed. Most of all, help me to look not only at the Old Testament pictures of promise, but also to look at the fulfillment of this picture—through Jesus Christ my Savior. Amen!

Wednesday

Read 1 Timothy 2:5-6

For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men—the testimony given in its proper time.

What does a mediator do?
How did Christ mediate with God on my behalf?
What was the ransom given to release all people from their sin?

Prayer Thoughts:

I thank you Jesus because you came to be my priest and to give your life as the perfect payment for my sins. Let me live every day with the joy and peace you have provided for me through your precious work. Amen!

Thursday

Read 1 John 2:1

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours, but also for the sins of the whole world.

How does Jesus speak in our defense?
What did he do to become the atoning sacrifice for our sins?
Why can we be confident Jesus' sacrifice is one that pays for all people and of all time?

Prayer Thoughts

O Father, how great is your love that you poured into our lives. Help us live every day in the peace and forgiveness your Son can alone provide. Help us live quiet and peaceful lives
With the certainty of our forgiveness through Jesus. Amen!

Friday

Read Hebrews 7:26-27

Such a high priest meets our needs—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.

What need did we have before the Lord?
Why did Jesus only have to offer his sacrifice once?
Why does it count for all of the sins of all people for all time?

Prayer Thoughts

O gracious Savior, we thank you for serving us as our high priest. In your sacrifice you gave us freedom and peace. You also gave us the confidence to look forward to life in heaven. Help us live every day with the blessings you provide. When Satan attacks us, or when we feel weak, comfort us and strengthen us through your love, your promise and your presence. Amen!

Saturday

Read Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

Look, he is coming with clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be. Amen!

I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Who is Jesus Christ?
What did he do for us?
What will he do for us on the last day?
Why is it important for us to confess Jesus as the eternal Son of the Father?

Prayer Thoughts

O blessed Savior, I praise you as my God and Lord. I also thank you for the blessings you have secured for me as your dearly redeemed child. Keep me faithful and true to you throughout these last days. Pour out your Spirit to strengthen my faith and increase my desire to serve you in love. Give me, finally, the blessings of heaven. There I shall live with you and praise you, forever and ever. Amen!