

Study Notes and Questions for Exodus 28, 29, 30, and 31

- What was the function of Israel's High Priest and how do those functions help us to understand the role of Jesus today on our behalf?
- How did the fact that the High Priest was a human benefit the people of Israel?
- Read Hebrews 4:14–15. How does it benefit us that our great High Priest (Jesus) became a human being?
- Chapter 29 deals with the ordination of Aaron and his sons. What does it mean that they were “consecrated to the Lord”?
- As children of God, how are we also consecrated to God?
- Why was the ordination of Aaron and his sons important for the people of Israel to witness?
- Chapter 30 begins with a description of the Altar of Incense. What was this altar used for and what does it represent for us today? (See Revelation 8:3–4)
- Exodus 30:11-16 deals with the census tax. What is it and why is it important?
- What was God teaching the people of Israel by telling them they needed to redeem themselves?
- Chapter 31 deals with God empowering people with craftsmanship and artistic ability. Do you believe God gifts all people with some kind of abilities? Why or why not?
- Why is it important for us to use our God-given abilities for the Lord's glory?
- Chapter 31 ends with strong words about the Sabbath regulations. Why do you think God emphasized these commands so strongly with Israel?
- Explain why some Christians end up believing that they are required to “keep the Sabbath” just as Israel was commanded.
- How would you explain your understanding of the Sabbath to someone who was confused about it?