

The High Priest

**BUILDING
BLOCKS**

SEARCHING FOR THE KING

“Then bring near to you Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from among the people of Israel, to serve me as **priests**... (Exodus 28:1)

A **priest** was “someone who officiates.” Priests in the Old Testament were called by God to “officiate” or watch over, serve in, and guard the tabernacle.

The leader of all the priests was known as the “**high priest**” and we can learn a whole lot about his work from the New Testament book of Hebrews:

For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on **behalf** of men in relation to God, to **offer** gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his **own** sins just as he does for those of the people. And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

(Hebrews 5:1-4)

Hebrews 7:23 teaches us that there had to be **many** priests—high priest after high priest—“because they were prevented by death from continuing in office.”

Every time a high priest died, a new high priest had to be appointed.

But what does this have to do with our search for our King?

This makes **Jesus** the guarantor of a better covenant. (Hebrews 7:22)

Why? How? Listen carefully to Hebrews 7:24-28:

- ★ Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever
- ★ Jesus lives to make intercession for all who draw near to God through him
- ★ Jesus is a holy and innocent high priest, unstained by sin and exalted above the heavens

What a blessing that “**through him**” we can “continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God” (Hebrews 13:15).



FOUNDATION STONES



CHARACTER Building Blocks:

- Who was the very **first** high priest in Israel?
- How was he related to Moses?

Let's label all the special clothes of the high priest. Can you find where they all go?

Ephod • Turban • Blue robe • Breastpiece • Coat of fine linen • Sash

