



# Entering His Presence

A Kingdom of Priests



# What Comes to mind?

Adam and eve in the garden

Abraham and the covenant

The pillar of cloud/fire

Moses on Mount Sinai

The tabernacle

The temple

# Who lived in YHWHS presence

## His People

- Israel
  - Priests
  - We are priests (Exodus 19:5&6,1 Peter 2:9)
    - We are to live in his presence fully
    - Acting as his emissaries to the nations

# A Place we are called to be

**Now if you will pay careful attention to what I say and keep my covenant, then you will be my own treasure from among all the peoples, for all the [earth](#) is mine; <sup>6</sup> and you will be a kingdom of *cohanim* for me, a nation set apart.’ These are the words you are to speak to the people of Isra’el.” (Exodus 19:5&6)**

**<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people,<sup>[a]</sup> the King’s *cohanim*,<sup>[b]</sup> a holy nation,<sup>[c]</sup> a people for God to possess!<sup>[d]</sup> Why? In order for you to declare the praises of the One who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Peter 2:9 )**

# A Place we are called to be

4 From: Yochanan

To: The seven Messianic communities in the province of Asia:

Grace and *shalom* to you from the One who is, who was and who is coming; from the sevenfold Spirit before his throne; **5** and from Yeshua the Messiah, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead and the ruler of the earth's kings.

To him, the one who loves us, who has freed us from our sins at the cost of his blood, **6** who has caused us to be a kingdom, that is, *cohanim* for God, his Father — to him be the glory and the rulership forever and ever. *Amen.* (Revelation 1:4-6)

# What does that mean

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## Brown-Driver-Briggs' Definition

- 1) priest, principal officer or chief ruler
  - 1a) priest-king (*Melchizedek, Messiah*)
  - 1b) pagan priests
  - 1c) priests of Jehovah
  - 1d) Levitical priests
  - 1e) Zadokite priests
  - 1f) Aaronic priests
  - 1g) the high priest

# John Wesley

(EX.5) *hen ye shall be a peculiar treasure to me* — He doth not instance in any one particular favour, but expresseth it in that which was inclusive of all happiness, that he would be to them a God in covenant, and they should be to him a people. Nay you shall be a peculiar treasure: not that God was enriched by them, as a man is by his treasure, but he was pleased to value and esteem them as a man doth his treasure; they were precious in his sight. He took them under his special care and protection, as a treasure that is kept under lock and key. He distinguished them from, and dignified them above all people, as a people devoted to him, and to his service.

6. A kingdom of priests, a holy nation - All the Israelites, if compared with other people, were priests unto God, so near were they to him, so much employed in his immediate service, and such intimate communion they had with him. The tendency of the laws given them was to distinguish them from others, and engage them for God as a holy nation. Thus all believers are, through Christ, made to our God kings and priests, [Revelation 1:6](#), a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, [1 Peter 2:9](#).

(1 Pet.9) As princes, ye have power with God, and victory over sin, the world, and the devil: as priests, ye are consecrated to God, for offering spiritual sacrifices. Ye Christians are as one holy nation, under Christ your King.

## John Gill

they were kings when they got the victory, as in the times of Joshua, over the several kings of Canaan, and had their kingdoms divided among them; and before the priesthood was settled in the family of Aaron, every head of a family in Israel was a priest; and they were all priests at the passover,



# James Nisbet

**II. A royal priesthood**—‘a kingdom of priests’ (v. 6). A priest is one who stands midway as a medium between God and man, being one with both. He is appointed of God to be the channel of His blessing to others. A glorious calling! It is yours, as well as mine, for *every* believer is in one sense a priest. To him has the Lord said:—‘I will bless you, and make you a blessing.’

## Rashi

i. e. princes, just as you say, (**II Samuel 8:18**) “And the sons of David were princes (כהנים)”, which cannot denote priests since his sons were of the tribe of Judah and not of Levi, the priestly tribe.

## What can we see here

- Adonai has a set order
- He has a desire for his people
- We need to approach him reverently

# A Reaverant approach

- Obedience
  - 10 commandments (20:1-14)
- Respectful fear
  - When they people saw the power of YHWH they knew their unworthiness (20:15-18)
- A willing heart
  - And everyone whose heart was willing (Exodus 35:20-29)

When we surrender and do his will YHWH shows up Exodus 40:34-38

Which is the most important

- Obedience
- Respectful fear
- A willing heart

# The great commandment

Matthew 22:36-40

<sup>36</sup> "Rabbi, which of the *mitzvot* in the *Torah* is the most important?" <sup>37</sup> He told him, "**You are to love *Adonai* your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.**"<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>38</sup> This is the greatest and most important *mitzvah*. <sup>39</sup> And a second is similar to it, '**You are to love your neighbor as yourself.**'<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>40</sup> All of the *Torah* and the Prophets are dependent on these two *mitzvot*."

## Deuteronomy 6:5

5 and you are to love *Adonai* your God with all your heart, all your being and all your resources.

## Leviticus 19:18

18 Don't take vengeance on or bear a grudge against any of your people; rather, love your neighbor as yourself; I am *Adonai*.

# As Believers (Christians/Messianics)

For we are of God's making, created in union with the Messiah Yeshua for a life of good actions already prepared by God for us to do. (Ephesians 2:10)

Therefore I, the prisoner united with the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called.(Ephesians 4:1)

Only conduct your lives in a way worthy of the Good News of the Messiah; so that whether I come and see you or I hear about you from a distance, you stand firm, united in spirit, fighting with one accord for the faith of the Good News, (Philippians 1:27)

so that you may live lives worthy of the Lord and entirely pleasing to him, **being fruitful** in every good work **and multiplying** in the full knowledge of God. (Colossians 1:27)

we encouraged you and comforted you and appealed to you to lead lives worthy of God, who calls you into his Kingdom and glory. (1 Thessalonians 2:12)