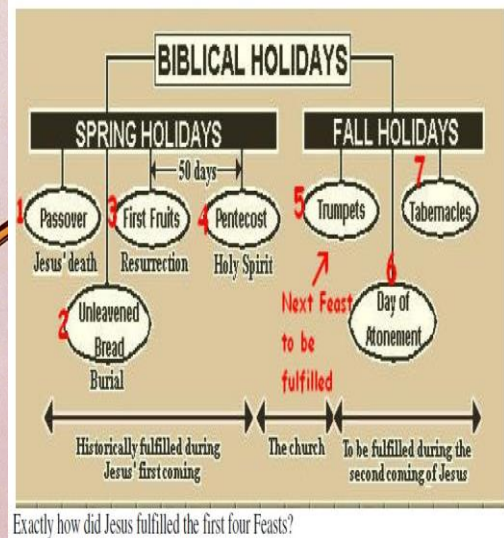


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Priest, Festivals and Sacrifices

Scripture Reading: Exodus 28th chapter

When the Israelites made the Calf, and sinned against the Lord, Moses asked ‘Whoever is on the Lord’s side – come to me!’. The tribe of Levi came forward and slew those who sinned against the Lord. Since they obeyed all that Moses commanded them, God chose them to be in His service. Aaron was a Levite. God said Moses to appoint and anoint him as the high priest and his children to assist him in all the priesthood works. God said that special attire for the priest be made and all the details were given to Moses. All the works in the tabernacle should be done by the priest. A priest had to live a separated life, he also should partake in many rituals to fulfill his duties. Only once in a year will the high priest go into the most holy place with the blood and make atonement for the sins of people. If there’s any sin found in the person who makes the atonement, he will die in the most holy place. We read in the bible that the Israelites observed seven festivals. 1. Pesach or Passover 2. Unleavened Bread 3. First-fruits 4. The Festival of Weeks or Pentecost 5. Feast of Trumpets 6. The Day of Atonement 7. The Feast of Tabernacles

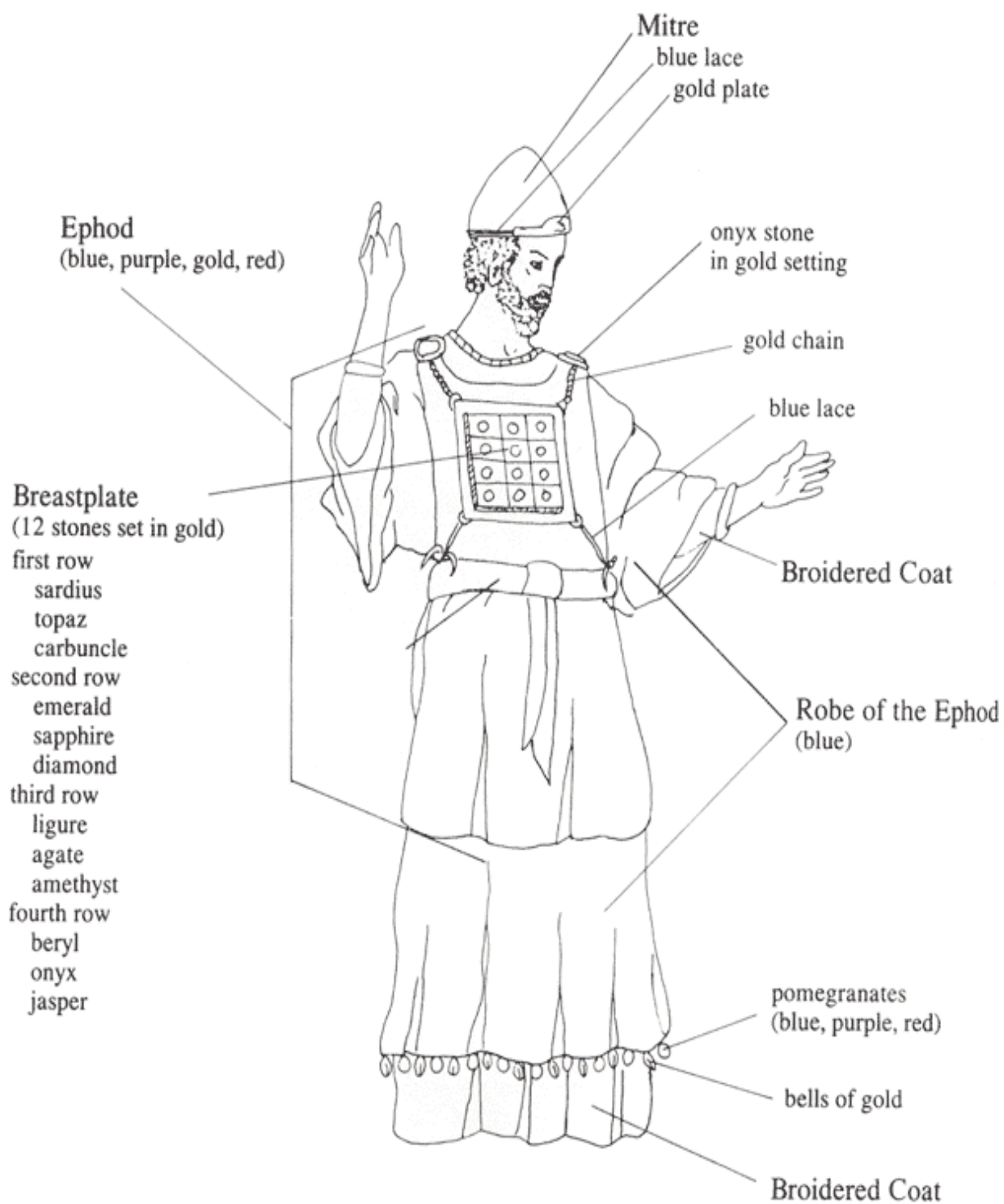


All the festivals were observed with a thankful heart thinking upon all the goodness of God. Sin offering, trespass offering, burnt offering, thanksgiving offering, grain offering and peace offering were the offerings the God commanded the Israelites to give. That which is sacrificed should be without blemish. Only by shedding of blood there is remission of sins. Since Christ was sacrificed for our sins, there is no need today for us to make sacrifices. Dear children, what are we going to do for Christ for the great love he has shown towards us? Just like the Levites, let's stand on the Lord's side and do that which pleases Him.

"Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is." Ephesians 5:17

Prayer

Almighty God, we are waiting to know and do Your will. We will do the will of God as His dear children. Amen



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