

~**ELEAZAR 1 (519)**

(El-e-a'zar) [God Has Helped]

.. **Becomes High Priest**

.. **Head Of Major Priestly House**

- The third-named son of High Priest Aaron by his wife Elisheba. **Eleazar** was of the family of Kohath the son of Levi.
- And these are the names of the sons of Levi, according to their family descents, Gershon and Kohath and Merari. And the years of Levis life were a hundred and thirty-seven years. (**Exodus 6:16**)
- And the sons of Kohath were Amram and Izhar and Hebron and Uzziel. And the years of Kohath's life were a hundred and thirty-three years. (**Exodus 6:18**)
- Now Amram took Jochebed his father's sister as his wife. Later she bore him Aaron and Moses. And the years of Amram's life were a hundred and thirty-seven years. (**Exodus 6:20**)
- Now Aaron took Elisheba, Amminadab's daughter, the sister of Nahshon, as his wife. Later she bore him Nadab and Abihu, **Eleazar** and Ithamar. (**Exodus 6:23**)
- And these were the names of Aaron's sons, the firstborn Nadab and Abihu, **Eleazar** and Ithamar. (**Numbers 3:2**)
- Aaron and his sons, Nadab, Abihu, **Eleazar**, and Ithamar, constituted the priesthood of Israel at the time of its installation by Moses. (**Leviticus Chapter 8**)
- In the second year after leaving Egypt, when the tabernacle had been set up, **Eleazar** is mentioned as being chief of the Levites.
- And Yehowah proceeded to speak to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tent of meeting, on the first day of the second month in the second year of their coming out of the land of Egypt, and he said. (**Numbers 1:1**)
- And the chieftain of the chieftains of the Levites was **Eleazar** the son of Aaron the priest, who had the oversight of those taking

care of the obligation to the holy place. (**Numbers 3:32**)

- He must have been at least 30 years of age at the time, inasmuch as he was performing priestly duties.
- From thirty years old upward to fifty years old, all those going into the service group to do the work in the tent of meeting. (**Numbers 4:3**)
- **Eleazar** was one of those above 20 years of age who had left Egypt and who also entered the Promised Land. Being of the tribe of Levi, he was not included in God's condemnation expressed against the other 12 tribes, that none of them from 20 years old upward would enter the Promised Land, with the exception of Joshua and Caleb. Levi had no representative among the 12 spies, 10 of whom brought back bad reports, and the Levites apparently were not included in the faithless, rebellious murmuring against Yehowah.
- And these are their names: Of the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son of Zaccur. (**Numbers 13:4**)
- Of the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori. (**Numbers 13:5**)
- Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh. (**Numbers 13:6**)
- Of the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph. (**Numbers 13:7**)
- Of the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Nun. (**Numbers 13:8**)
- Of the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu. (**Numbers 13:9**)
- Of the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the son of Sodi. (**Numbers 13:10**)
- Of the tribe of Joseph, for the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the son of Susi. (**Numbers 13:11**)
- Of the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gemalli. (**Numbers 13:12**)
- Of the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael. (**Numbers 13:13**)
- Of the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsi. (**Numbers 13:14**)

- Of the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Machi. (**Numbers 13:15**)
- These are the names of the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses continued to call Hoshea the son of Nun Jehoshua. (**Numbers 13:16**)
- And Yehowah went on to speak to Moses and Aaron, saying; (**Numbers 14:26**)
- How long will this evil assembly have this murmuring that they are carrying on against me? I have heard the murmurings of the sons of Israel that they are murmuring against me. (**Numbers 14:27**)
- Say to them; As I live, is the utterance of Yehowah, if I shall not do to you just that way as you have spoken in my ears! (**Numbers 14:28**)
- In this wilderness your carcasses will fall, yes, all your registered ones of all your number from twenty years old upward, you who have murmured against me. (**Numbers 14:29**)
- As for you, you will not enter into the land in which I lifted up my hand in oath to reside with you, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun. (**Numbers 14:30**)
- Shortly after the dedication of the tabernacle and the consecration of Aaron and his sons for the priesthood (**Leviticus Chapter 8**), Nadab and Abihu offered up illegitimate fire to Yehowah and were killed by fire proceeding from Yehowah.
- Later on Aaron's sons Nadab and Abihu took up and brought each one his fire holder and put fire in them and placed incense upon it, and they began offering before Yehowah illegitimate fire, which he had not prescribed for them. (**Leviticus 10:1**)
- At this a fire came out from before Yehowah and consumed them, so that they died before Yehowah. (**Leviticus 10:2**)
- And these were the names of Aaron's sons, the firstborn Nadab and Abihu, **Eleazar** and Ithamar. (**Numbers 3:2**)
- These were the names of Aaron's sons, the anointed priests whose hands had been filled with power to act as priests.

(Numbers 3:3)

- However, Nadab and Abihu died before Yehowah when they offered illegitimate fire before Yehowah in the wilderness of Sinai, and they did not come to have any sons. But **Eleazar** and Ithamar continued to act as priests along with Aaron their father. **(Numbers 3:4)**

- Aaron, with his two faithful sons **Eleazar** and Ithamar, continued to carry on the priesthood. With the division of duties in the care of the sanctuary, **Eleazar** had oversight of the tabernacle with its utensils, constant grain offering, oil, and incense.

- And the oversight of **Eleazar** the son of Aaron the priest is over the oil of the luminary and the perfumed incense and the constant grain offering and the anointing oil, the oversight of all the tabernacle and all that is in it, namely, the holy place and its utensils. **(Numbers 4:16)**

- At Yehowah's command **Eleazar** took up the copper fire holders that Korah and the others associated with him, none of whom were priests, had used to offer up incense to Yehowah in a desire to take over priestly duties. These were made into thin metal plates with which the altar was overlaid.

- Say to **Eleazar** the son of Aaron the priest that he should take up the fire holders from within the conflagration, And you scatter the fire over there, for they are holy. **(Numbers 16:37)**

- Even the fire holders of these men who sinned against their own souls. And they must make them into thin metal plates as an overlaying for the altar, because they presented them before Yehowah, so that they became holy, and they should serve as a sign to the sons of Israel. **(Numbers 16:38)**

- Accordingly **Eleazar** the priest took the copper fire holders, which those who had been burned up had presented, and they proceeded to beat them out into an overlaying for the altar. **(Numbers 16:39)**

- As a memorial for the sons of Israel, to the end that no strange man who is not of the offspring of Aaron should come near to make incense smoke before Yehowah, and no one might become like Korah and his assembly, just as Yehowah had spoken to him

by means of Moses. (**Numbers 16:40**)

- **Eleazar** officiated at the sin offering of the red heifer that provided the ashes for cleansing from certain uncleannesses.
- This is a statute of the Law that Yehowah has commanded, saying; Speak to the sons of Israel that they should take for you a sound red cow in which there is no defect and upon which no yoke has come. (**Numbers 19:2**)
- And you must give it to **Eleazar** the priest, and he must lead it forth outside the camp, and it must be slaughtered before him. (**Numbers 19:3**)
- For if the blood of goats and of bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who have been defiled sanctifies to the extent of cleanness of the flesh. (**Hebrews 9:13**)
- After the Israelites went to war to punish the Midianites for the affair of Peor, **Eleazar** was on hand to aid in dividing the spoils taken from the Midianites and to declare God's statute regarding the things taken.
- Then Moses sent them out, a thousand of each tribe, to the army, them and Phinehas the son of **Eleazar** the priest to the army, and the holy utensils and the trumpets for blowing calls were in his hand. (**Numbers 31:6**)
- **Eleazar** the priest then said to the men of the army who had gone into the battle. This is the statute of the Law that Yehowah commanded Moses. (**Numbers 31:21**)
- Only the gold and the silver, the copper, the iron, the tin and the lead. (**Numbers 31:22**)
- Everything that is processed with fire, you should pass through the fire, and it must be clean. Only it should be purified by the water for cleansing. And everything that is not processed with fire you should pass through the water. (**Numbers 31:23**)
- And you must wash your garments on the seventh day and be clean, and afterward you may come into the camp. (**Numbers 31:24**)

- And Yehowah proceeded to say this to Moses. (**Numbers 31:25**)
- Take the sum of the booty, the captives both of humankind and of domestic animals, you and **Eleazar** the priest and the heads of the fathers of the assembly. (**Numbers 31:26**)
- And you must divide the booty in two between those taking part in the battle who went out on the expedition and all the rest of the assembly. (**Numbers 31:27**)
- And as a tax for Yehowah you must take away from the men of war who went out on the expedition one soul out of five hundred, of humankind and of the herd and of the asses and of the flock. (**Numbers 31:28**)
- From their half you should take it and you must give it to **Eleazar** the priest as Yehowah's contribution. (**Numbers 31:29**)
- And from the half of the sons of Israel you should take one out of fifty, of humankind, of the herd, of the asses and of the flock, of every sort of domestic animal, and you must give them to the Levites, the keepers of the obligation of Yehowah's tabernacle. (**Numbers 31:30**)
- And Moses and **Eleazar** the priest went doing just as Yehowah had commanded Moses. (**Numbers 31:31**)
- And the booty, the rest of the plunder that the people of the expedition had taken as plunder, amounted to six hundred and seventy-five thousand of the flock. (**Numbers 31:32**)
- And seventy-two thousand of the herd. (**Numbers 31:33**)
- And sixty-one thousand asses. (**Numbers 31:34**)
- As for human souls from the women who had not known the act of lying with a male, all the souls were thirty-two thousand. (**Numbers 31:35**)
- And the half that was the share of those who went out on the expedition amounted in number to three hundred and thirty-seven thousand five hundred of the flock. (**Numbers 31:36**)
- And the tax for Yehowah from the flock amounted to six hundred

and seventy-five. (**Numbers 31:37**)

- And of the herd there were thirty-six thousand, and the tax on them for Yehowah was seventy-two. (**Numbers 31:38**)
- And the asses were thirty thousand five hundred, and the tax on them for Yehowah was sixty-one. (**Numbers 31:39**)
- And the human souls were sixteen thousand, and the tax on them for Yehowah was thirty-two souls. (**Numbers 31:40**)
- Then Moses gave the tax as Yehowah's contribution to **Eleazar** the priest, just as Yehowah had commanded Moses. (**Numbers 31:41**)
- Phinehas, **Eleazar's** son by one of the daughters of Putiel, was rewarded by Yehowah with a covenant of peace for his zealous action in behalf of pure worship at the time Israel sinned in connection with the Baal of Peor. This may be considered as added to the covenant for the priesthood Yehowah had made with the tribe of Levi.
- Now Israel was dwelling in Shittim. Then the people started to have immoral relations with the daughters of Moab. (**Numbers 25:1**)
- And the women came calling the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people began to eat and to bow down to their gods. (**Numbers 25:2**)
- So Israel attached itself to the Baal of Peor, and the anger of Yehowah began to blaze against Israel. (**Numbers 25:3**)
- Hence Yehowah said to Moses; Take all the head ones of the people and expose them to Yehowah toward the sun, that the burning anger of Yehowah may turn back from Israel. (**Numbers 25:4**)
- Then Moses said to the judges of Israel; Each one of you kill his men who have an attachment with the Baal of Peor. (**Numbers 25:5**)
- But, look! a man of the sons of Israel came, and he was bringing near to his brothers a Midianite woman before Moses eyes and before the eyes of all the assembly of the sons of Israel, while

they were weeping at the entrance of the tent of meeting.
(Numbers 25:6)

- When Phinehas the son of **Eleazar** the son of Aaron the priest caught sight of it, he at once got up from the midst of the assembly and took a lance in his hand. (Numbers 25:7)
- Then he went after the man of Israel into the vaulted tent and pierced both of them through, the man of Israel and the woman through her genital parts. At that the scourge was halted from upon the sons of Israel. (Numbers 25:8)
- And those who died from the scourge amounted to twenty-four thousand. (Numbers 25:9)
- Then Yehowah spoke to Moses, saying; (Numbers 25:10)
- Phinehas the son of **Eleazar** the son of Aaron the priest has turned back my wrath from upon the sons of Israel by his tolerating no rivalry at all toward me in the midst of them, so that I have not exterminated the sons of Israel in my insistence on exclusive devotion. (Numbers 25:11)
- For that reason say; Here I am giving him my covenant of peace. (Numbers 25:12)
- And it must serve as the covenant of a priesthood to time indefinite for him and his offspring after him, due to the fact that he tolerated no rivalry toward his God and proceeded to make atonement for the sons of Israel. (Numbers 25:13)
- And **Eleazar**, Aaron's son, took for himself one of the daughters of Putiel as his wife. Later she bore him Phinehas. These are the heads of the fathers of the Levites, according to their families. (Exodus 6:25)

.. Becomes High Priest

- In the 40th year of the wilderness journey, upon Aaron's death at the age of 123 years, **Eleazar**, then about 70 years of age, became High Priest.
- Later they pulled away from Kadesh and went camping in Mount Hor, on the frontier of the land of Edom. (Numbers 33:37)

- And Aaron the priest proceeded to go up into Mount Hor at the order of Yehowah and to die there in the fortieth year of the going out of the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt, in the fifth month, on the first of the month. (**Numbers 33:38**)
- And Aaron was a hundred and twenty-three years old at his death on Mount Hor. (**Numbers 33:39**)
- **Eleazar**, therefore, was the first High Priest of Israel to officiate in the Promised Land when they entered about eight months later.
- Take Aaron and **Eleazar** his son and bring them up into Mount Hor. (**Numbers 20:25**)
- And strip Aaron of his garments, and you must clothe with them **Eleazar** his son, and Aaron will be gathered and must die there. (**Numbers 20:26**)
- So Moses did just as Yehowah had commanded, and before the eyes of all the assembly they went climbing Mount Hor. (**Numbers 20:27**)
- Then Moses stripped Aaron of his garments and clothed **Eleazar** his son with them, after which Aaron died there on the top of the mountain. And Moses and Eleazar came on down from the mountain. (**Numbers 20:28**)
- And the sons of Israel pulled away from Beeroth Bene-jaakan for Moserah. There Aaron died, and he got to be buried there, and **Eleazar** his son began to act as priest instead of him. (**Deuteronomy 10:6**)
- And the people came up out of the Jordan on the tenth of the first month and took up camping at Gilgal on the eastern border of Jericho. (**Joshua 4:19**)
- It was before **Eleazar** that Joshua was to stand to be appointed as Moses successor, and Eleazar was to continue to give support to Joshua in the appointment and to transmit to him Yehowah's decisions on questions of importance according to the judgment of the Urim and the Thummim.
- So Yehowah said to Moses; Take for yourself Joshua the son of

Nun, a man in whom there is spirit, and you must lay your hand upon him. (**Numbers 27:18**)

- And you must stand him before **Eleazar** the priest and before all the assembly, and you must commission him before their eyes. (**Numbers 27:19**)
- And you must put some of your dignity upon him, in order, that all the assembly of the sons of Israel may listen to him. (**Numbers 27:20**)
- And it is before **Eleazar** the priest that he will stand, and he must inquire in his behalf by the judgment of the Urim before Yehowah. At his order they will go out and at his order they will come in, he and all the sons of Israel with him and all the assembly. (**Numbers 27:21**)
- And Moses proceeded to do just as Yehowah had commanded him. Accordingly he took Joshua and stood him before **Eleazar** the priest and before all the assembly (**Numbers 27:22**)
- And laid his hands upon him and commissioned him, just as Yehowah had spoken by means of Moses. (**Numbers 27:23**)
- **Eleazar** also worked together with Joshua in the distribution of the Promised Land after the conquest of Canaan.
- Now this is what the sons of Israel took as a hereditary possession in the land of Canaan, which **Eleazar** the priest and Joshua the son of Nun and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the sons of Israel caused them to inherit. (**Joshua 14:1**)
- The heads of the fathers of the Levites now approached **Eleazar** the priest and Joshua the son of Nun and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the sons of Israel. (**Joshua 21:1**)
- And they proceeded to speak to them in Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, Yehowah by means of Moses commanded cities to be given us in which to dwell, together with their pasture grounds for our domestic animals. (**Joshua 21:2**)
- So the sons of Israel gave the Levites, at the order of Yehowah, these cities and their pasture grounds out of their inheritance. (**Joshua 21:3**)

· Head Of Major Priestly House

- The time of **Eleazar's** death is not stated in the Scriptures with exactness, but it seems to have been near the time of the death of Joshua. **Eleazar** was succeeded by his son Phinehas.
- And it came about that after these things Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Yehowah, gradually died at the age of a hundred and ten years. (**Joshua 24:29**)
- So they buried him in the territory of his inheritance in Timnath-serah, which is in the mountainous region of Ephraim, north of Mount Gaash. (**Joshua 24:30**)
- Also, **Eleazar** the son of Aaron died. So they buried him in the Hill of Phinehas his son, which he had given him in the mountainous region of Ephraim. (**Joshua 24:33**)
- After that the sons of Israel inquired of Yehowah, as it was there that the ark of the covenant of the true God was in those days. (**Judges 20:27**)
- Now Phinehas the son of **Eleazar**, the son of Aaron, was standing before it in those days, saying; Shall I go out yet again to battle against the sons of Benjamin my brother or shall I cease to? To this Yehowah said; Go up, because tomorrow I shall give him into your hand. (**Judges 20:28**)
- **Eleazar** manifested the trait of zeal for Yehowah's true worship and conducted the priesthood with honor all his days. Jewish tradition holds that during the time the tabernacle was in Shiloh, there were 16 courses of priests, 8 in the family of **Eleazar** and 8 in that of his brother Ithamar.
- However, in David's time there were more chief men in the family of **Eleazar** than of Ithamar. Therefore David made 16 priestly divisions of the house of **Eleazar** and of the house of Ithamar, making a total of 24 divisions that served in turn later at the temple.
- Now the sons of Aaron had their divisions. The sons of Aaron were Nadab and Abihu, **Eleazar** and Ithamar. (**1 Chronicles 24:1**)
- However, Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and they did

not happen to have any sons, but **Eleazar** and Ithamar continued to act as priests. (**1 Chronicles 24:2**)

- And David, and Zadok from the sons of **Eleazar**, and Ahimelech from the sons of Ithamar proceeded to make divisions of them for their office in their service. (**1 Chronicles 24:3**)
- But the sons of **Eleazar** were found to be more numerous in headmen than the sons of Ithamar. So they distributed them to the sons of **Eleazar**, as heads for their paternal houses, sixteen, and to the sons of Ithamar, as heads for their paternal houses, eight. (**1 Chronicles 24:4**)