

## Introduction

The study of the priesthood is a fascinating study indeed. In this study we will limit ourselves to the New Testament.

### *High Priest*

The office of High Priest and Chief Priest are exactly the same. There is no difference or distinction. Both terms are used to describe the exact same office and duties as established under Mosaic Law. This office was established as a foreshadowing of Jesus the Messiah, our High Priest. While in this paper will not delve into the study of the Old Covenant office of High Priest, though it will be a future topical study we will post on our church website, to demonstrate how it points to Jesus as a type and fulfillment of that office. The New Testament book of Hebrews does a magnificent job in establishing the pre-eminence of Jesus as our Great High Priest. Only in the book of Hebrews is the Greek archiereus (*ar-khee-er-yuce'*) used to represent Jesus. The Scriptures that specifically make reference to Jesus as our Great High Priest are bolded.

### *Priest and Priesthood*

The Old Covenant priest and priesthood are also significant in understanding the the role and purpose of a servant or minister in the New Testament and the implication of that office for us at the Second Advent of Jesus the Christ. The remaining exegetical terms refer to this office and role.

Also see study on [Minister](#). Functions of Priest and Minister very similar.

## EXEGESIS

### *High Priest*

#### **749 ἀρχιερεύς archiereus (*ar-khee-er-yuce'*)**

from [757](#) and [2409](#); *high priest*:—

NAS-chief priest (1), chief priests (64), high priest (53), high priest's (1), high priesthood (1), high priests (2).

AV-chief priest 64, high priest 58, chief of the priest 1; 123

1) chief priest, high priest

He above all others was honoured with the title of priest, the chief of priests. It was lawful for him to perform the common duties of the priesthood; but his chief duty was, once a year on the day of atonement, to enter into the Holy of Holies (from which the

## Priest

---

other priests were excluded) and offer sacrifices for his own sins and the sins of the people, and to preside over the Sanhedrin, or Supreme Council, when convened for judicial deliberations. According to Mosaic law, no one could aspire to the high priesthood unless he were of the tribe of Aaron and descended from a high priestly family; and he on whom the office was conferred held it till death. But from the time of Antiochus Epiphanes, when the kings of Seleucideae and afterwards the Herodian princes and the Romans arrogated to themselves the power of appointing the high priests, the office neither remained vested in the pontifical family nor was conferred on any for life; but it became venal, and could be transferred from one to another according to the will of civic or military rulers. Hence it came to pass, that during the one hundred and seven years intervening between Herod the Great and the destruction of the holy city, twenty eight persons held the pontifical dignity. 2) the high priests, these comprise in addition to one holding the high priestly office, both those who had previously discharged it and although disposed, continued to have great power in the State, as well as the members of the families from which high priest were created, provided that they had much influence in public affairs. 3) Used of Christ because by undergoing a bloody death he offered himself as an expiatory sacrifice to God, and has entered into the heavenly sanctuary where he continually intercedes on our behalf.

### **748 ἀρχιερατικός archieratikos (ar-khee-er-at-ee-kos')**

from 746 and a derivative of 2413; *high-priestly*:— of the high-priest.

NAS-high-priestly (1).

AV-of the high priest 1; 1

1) high priestly, pontifical Acts 4:6

### ***Priest and Priesthood***

### **2409 ἱερεύς hiereus (hee-er-yooce')**

from 2413; *a priest*:— a priest (literally or figuratively):—(high) priest.

NAS-priest (16), priests (15).

AV-priest 31, high priest 1; 32

1) a priest, one who offers sacrifices and in general is busied with sacred rites

1a) referring to priests of Gentiles or the Jews,

2) metaph. of Christians, because, purified by the blood of Christ and brought into close intercourse with God, they devote their life to him alone and to Christ

### **2406 ἱεράτευμα hierateuma (hee-er-at'-yoo-mah)**

from 2407; *a priesthood*:— the priestly fraternity, i.e. sacerdotal order (figuratively):— priesthood.

NAS-priesthood (2).

AV-priesthood 2; 2

1) the office of a priest

2) the order or body of priests

## Priest

---

### **2407 ἱερατεύω hierateuo (hee-er-at-yoo'-o)**

from 2409; *to be a priest*:— i.e. perform his functions:—execute the priest's office. prolongation from 2409; TDNT-3:248,349; v  
NAS-performing...priestly service (1), priestly service (1).  
AV-execute the priest's office 1; 1  
1) to be a priest, discharge the office of a priest, to be busied in sacred duties

### **2405 ἱερατεία hierateia (hee-er-at-i'-ah)**

from 2407; *priesthood*:— priestliness, i.e. the sacerdotal function:--office of the priesthood, priest's office.  
NAS-priest's office (1), priestly office (1).  
AV-priest's office 1, office of the priesthood 1; 2  
1) the priesthood, the office of a priest

### **2418 ἱεπουργέω hierourgeo (hee-er-oorg-eh'-o)**

from a compound of 2411, 2413 and the base of 2041; *to perform sacred rites*:— to be a temple-worker, i.e. officiate as a priest (figuratively):—minister.  
NAS-ministering as a priest (1).  
AV-minister 1; 1  
1) to minister in the manner of a priest, minister in priestly service  
1a) of those who defend the sanctity of the law by undergoing a violent death  
1b) of the preaching of the gospel

### **2420 ἱερωσύνη hierosune (hee-er-o-soo'-nay)**

from 2413 *sacredness*; *priesthood*:— i.e. (by implication) the priestly office:—  
priesthood.  
NAS-priesthood (3).  
AV-priesthood 4; 4  
1) priesthood, the priestly office

## SCRIPTURES

### **High Priest: 749 archiereus (ar-khee-er-yuce')**

Matthew 2:4 Gathering together all the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

Matthew 16:21 From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day.

Matthew 20:18 "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of Man will be delivered to the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and scribes, and they will condemn Him to death,

## Priest

---

Matthew 21:15 But when the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and the scribes saw the wonderful things that He had done, and the children who were shouting in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they became indignant

Matthew 21:23 When He entered the temple, the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and the elders of the people came to Him while He was teaching, and said, "By what authority are You doing these things, and who gave You this authority?"

Matthew 21:45 When the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and the Pharisees heard His parables, they understood that He was speaking about them.

Matthew 26:3 Then the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and the elders of the people were gathered together in the court of the **high priest <749 archiereus>**, named Caiaphas;

Matthew 26:14 Then one of the twelve, named Judas Iscariot, went to the **chief priests <749 archiereus>**

Matthew 26:47 While He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, came up accompanied by a large crowd with swords and clubs, *who came* from the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and elders of the people.

Matthew 26:51 And behold, one of those who were with Jesus reached and drew out his sword, and struck the slave of the **high priest <749 archiereus>** and cut off his ear.

Matthew 26:57 Those who had seized Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas, the **high priest <749 archiereus>**, where the scribes and the elders were gathered together.

Matthew 26:58 But Peter was following Him at a distance as far as the courtyard of the **high priest <749 archiereus>**, and entered in, and sat down with the officers to see the outcome.

Matthew 26:59 Now the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and the whole Council kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus, so that they might put Him to death.

Matthew 26:62 The **high priest <749 archiereus>** stood up and said to Him, "Do You not answer? What is it that these men are testifying against You?"

Matthew 26:63 But Jesus kept silent. And the **high priest <749 archiereus>** said to Him, "I adjure You by the living God, that You tell us whether You are the Christ, the Son of God."

Matthew 26:65 Then the **high priest <749 archiereus>** tore his robes and said, "He has blasphemed! What further need do we have of witnesses? Behold, you have now heard the blasphemy;

Matthew 27:1 Now when morning came, all the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus to put Him to death;

Matthew 27:3 Then when Judas, who had betrayed Him, saw that He had been condemned, he felt remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and elders,

Matthew 27:6 The **chief priests <749 archiereus>** took the pieces of silver and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the temple treasury, since it is the price of blood."

Matthew 27:12 And while He was being accused by the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and elders, He did not answer.

Matthew 27:20 But the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to put Jesus to death.

## Priest

---

- Matthew 27:41 In the same way the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking *Him* and saying,
- Matthew 27:62 Now on the next day, the day after the preparation, the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and the Pharisees gathered together with Pilate,
- Matthew 28:11 Now while they were on their way, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** all that had happened.
- Mark 2:26 how he entered the house of God in the time of Abiathar *the high priest <749 archiereus>*, and ate the consecrated bread, which is not lawful for *anyone* to eat except the priests, and he also gave it to those who were with him?"
- Mark 8:31 And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.
- Mark 10:33 *saying*, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered to the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and will hand Him over to the Gentiles.
- Mark 11:18 The **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and the scribes heard *this*, and *began* seeking how to destroy Him; for they were afraid of Him, for the whole crowd was astonished at His teaching.
- Mark 11:27 They *\*came* again to Jerusalem. And as He was walking in the temple, the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and the scribes and the elders *\*came* to Him,
- Mark 14:1 Now the Passover and Unleavened Bread were two days away; and the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and the scribes were seeking how to seize Him by stealth and kill *Him*;
- Mark 14:10 Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went off to the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** in order to betray Him to them.
- Mark 14:43 Immediately while He was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, *\*came* up accompanied by a crowd with swords and clubs, *who were* from the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and the scribes and the elders.
- Mark 14:47 But one of those who stood by drew his sword, and struck the slave of the **high priest <749 archiereus>** and cut off his ear.
- Mark 14:53 They led Jesus away to the **high priest <749 archiereus>**; and all the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and the elders and the scribes *\*gathered* together.
- Mark 14:54 Peter had followed Him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the **high priest <749 archiereus>**; and he was sitting with the officers and warming himself at the fire.
- Mark 14:55 Now the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and the whole Council kept trying to obtain testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, and they were not finding any.
- Mark 14:60 The **high priest <749 archiereus>** stood up *and came* forward and questioned Jesus, saying, "Do You not answer? What is it that these men are testifying against You?"
- Mark 14:61 But He kept silent and did not answer. Again the **high priest <749 archiereus>** was questioning Him, and saying to Him, "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed *One*?"
- Mark 14:63 Tearing his clothes, the **high priest <749 archiereus>** *\*said*, "What further need do we have of witnesses?"

## Priest

---

- Mark 14:66 As Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the **high priest <749 archiereus>** \*came,
- Mark 15:1 Early in the morning the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** with the elders and scribes and the whole Council, immediately held a consultation; and binding Jesus, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pilate.
- Mark 15:3 The **chief priests <749 archiereus>** *began* to accuse Him harshly.
- Mark 15:10 For he was aware that the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** had handed Him over because of envy.
- Mark 15:11 But the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** stirred up the crowd *to ask* him to release Barabbas for them instead.
- Mark 15:31 In the same way the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** also, along with the scribes, were mocking *Him* among themselves and saying, "He saved others; He cannot save Himself.
- Luke 3:2 in the **high priest <749 archiereus>** of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, the son of Zacharias, in the wilderness.
- Luke 9:22 saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and scribes, and be killed and be raised up on the third day."
- Luke 19:47 And He was teaching daily in the temple; but the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and the scribes and the leading men among the people were trying to destroy Him,
- Luke 20:1 On one of the days while He was teaching the people in the temple and preaching the gospel, the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and the scribes with the elders confronted *Him*,
- Luke 20:19 The scribes and the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** tried to lay hands on Him that very hour, and they feared the people; for they understood that He spoke this parable against them.
- Luke 22:2 The **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and the scribes were seeking how they might put Him to death; for they were afraid of the people.
- Luke 22:4 And he went away and discussed with the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and officers how he might betray Him to them.
- Luke 22:50 And one of them struck the slave of the **high priest <749 archiereus>** and cut off his right ear.
- Luke 22:52 Then Jesus said to the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and officers of the temple and elders who had come against Him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as you would against a robber?"
- Luke 22:54 Having arrested Him, they led Him *away* and brought Him to the house of the **high priest <749 archiereus>**; but Peter was following at a distance.
- Luke 22:66 When it was day, the Council of elders of the people assembled, both **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and scribes, and they led Him away to their council *chamber*, saying,
- Luke 23:4 Then Pilate said to the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man."
- Luke 23:10 And the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and the scribes were standing there, accusing Him vehemently.

## Priest

---

- Luke 23:13 Pilate summoned the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and the rulers and the people,
- Luke 24:20 and how the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and our rulers delivered Him to the sentence of death, and crucified Him.
- John 7:32 The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about Him, and the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and the Pharisees sent officers to seize Him.
- John 7:45 The officers then came to the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and Pharisees, and they said to them, "Why did you not bring Him?"
- John 11:47 Therefore the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and the Pharisees convened a council, and were saying, "What are we doing? For this man is performing many signs.
- John 11:49 But one of them, Caiaphas, who was **high priest <749 archiereus>** that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all,
- John 11:51 Now he did not say this on his own initiative, but being **high priest <749 archiereus>** that year, he prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation,
- John 11:57 Now the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and the Pharisees had given orders that if anyone knew where He was, he was to report it, so that they might seize Him.
- John 12:10 But the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** planned to put Lazarus to death also;
- John 18:3 Judas then, having received the *Roman* cohort and officers from the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and the Pharisees, \*came there with lanterns and torches and weapons.
- John 18:10 Simon Peter then, having a sword, drew it and struck the **high priest <749 archiereus>** slave, and cut off his right ear; and the slave's name was Malchus.
- John 18:13 and led Him to Annas first; for he was father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was **high priest <749 archiereus>** that year.
- John 18:15 Simon Peter was following Jesus, and so was another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the **high priest <749 archiereus>**, and entered with Jesus into the court of the **high priest <749 archiereus>**,
- John 18:16 but Peter was standing at the door outside. So the other disciple, who was known to the **high priest <749 archiereus>**, went out and spoke to the doorkeeper, and brought Peter in.
- John 18:19 The **high priest <749 archiereus>** then questioned Jesus about His disciples, and about His teaching.
- John 18:22 When He had said this, one of the officers standing nearby struck Jesus, saying, "Is that the way You answer the **high priest <749 archiereus>**?"
- John 18:24 So Annas sent Him bound to Caiaphas the **high priest <749 archiereus>**.
- John 18:26 One of the slaves of the **high priest <749 archiereus>**, being a relative of the one whose ear Peter cut off, \*said, "Did I not see you in the garden with Him?"
- John 18:35 Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** delivered You to me; what have You done?"
- John 19:6 So when the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and the officers saw Him, they cried out saying, "Crucify, crucify!" Pilate \*said to them, "Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no guilt in Him."

## Priest

---

John 19:15 So they cried out, "Away with *Him*, away with *Him*, crucify Him!" Pilate \*said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The **chief priests <749 archiereus>** answered, "We have no king but Caesar."

John 19:21 So the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** of the Jews were saying to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews'; but that He said, 'I am King of the Jews.'"

Acts 4:6 and Annas the **high priest <748 archieratikos>**;[was there,] and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of high-priestly descent.

Acts 4:23 When they had been released, they went to their own *companions* and reported all that the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and the elders had said to them.

Acts 5:17 But the **high priest <749 archiereus>** rose up, along with all his associates (that is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with jealousy.

Acts 5:21 Upon hearing *this*, they entered into the temple about daybreak and *began* to teach. Now when the **high priest <749 archiereus>** and his associates came, they called the Council together, even all the Senate of the sons of Israel, and sent *orders* to the prison house for them to be brought.

Acts 5:24 Now when the captain of the temple *guard* and the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them as to what would come of this.

Acts 5:27 When they had brought them, they stood them before the Council. The **high priest <749 archiereus>** questioned them,

Acts 7:1 The **high priest <749 archiereus>** said, "Are these things so?"

Acts 9:1 Now Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the **high priest <749 archiereus>**,

Acts 9:14 and here he has authority from the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** to bind all who call on Your name."

Acts 9:21 All those hearing him continued to be amazed, and were saying, "Is this not he who in Jerusalem destroyed those who called on this name, and *who* had come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the **chief priests <749 archiereus>**?"

Acts 19:14 Seven sons of one Sceva, a Jewish **chief priest <749 archiereus>**, were doing this.

Acts 22:5 as also the **high priest <749 archiereus>** and all the Council of the elders can testify. From them I also received letters to the brethren, and started off for Damascus in order to bring even those who were there to Jerusalem as prisoners to be punished.

Acts 22:30 But on the next day, wishing to know for certain why he had been accused by the Jews, he released him and ordered the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and all the Council to assemble, and brought Paul down and set him before them.

Acts 23:2 The **high priest <749 archiereus>** Ananias commanded those standing beside him to strike him on the mouth.

Acts 23:4 But the bystanders said, "Do you revile God's **high priest <749 archiereus>**?"

Acts 23:5 And Paul said, "I was not aware, brethren, that he was **high priest <749 archiereus>**; for it is written, 'YOU SHALL NOT SPEAK EVIL OF A RULER OF YOUR PEOPLE.'"



## Priest

---

Acts 23:14 They came to the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and the elders and said, "We have bound ourselves under a solemn oath to taste nothing until we have killed Paul.

Acts 24:1 After five days the **high priest <749 archiereus>** Ananias came down with some elders, with an attorney *named* Tertullus, and they brought charges to the governor against Paul.

Acts 25:2 And the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and the leading men of the Jews brought charges against Paul, and they were urging him,

Acts 25:15 and when I was at Jerusalem, the **chief priests <749 archiereus>** and the elders of the Jews brought charges against him, asking for a sentence of condemnation against him.

Acts 26:10 "And this is just what I did in Jerusalem; not only did I lock up many of the saints in prisons, having received authority from the **chief priests <749 archiereus>**, but also when they were being put to death I cast my vote against them.

Acts 26:12 "While so engaged as I was journeying to Damascus with the authority and commission of the **chief priests <749 archiereus>**,

**Hebrews 2:17** Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful **high priest <749 archiereus>** in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

**Hebrews 3:1** Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and **high priest <749 archiereus>** of our confession;

**Hebrews 4:14** Therefore, since we have a great **high priest <749 archiereus>** who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

**Hebrews 4:15** For we do not have a **high <749> priest <749>** who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as *we are*, yet without sin.

Hebrews 5:1 For every **high priest <749 archiereus>** taken from among men is appointed on behalf of men in things pertaining to God, in order to offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins;

**Hebrews 5:5** So also Christ did not glorify Himself so as to become a **high priest <749 archiereus>**, but He who said to Him, "YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU";

**Hebrews 5:10** being designated by God as a **high priest <749 archiereus>** according to the order of Melchizedek.

**Hebrews 6:20** where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a **high priest <749 archiereus>** forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

**Hebrews 7:26** For it was fitting for us to have such a **high priest <749 archiereus>**, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens;

Hebrews 7:27 who does not need daily, like those **high priest <749 archiereus>**, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the *sins* of the people, because this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.

Hebrews 7:28 For the Law appoints men as **high priest <749 archiereus>** who are weak, but the word of the oath, which came after the Law, *appoints* a Son, made perfect forever.

## Priest

---

**Hebrews 8:1** Now the main point in what has been said *is this*: we have such a **high priest <749 archiereus>**, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,

Hebrews 8:3 For every **high priest <749 archiereus>** is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices; so it is necessary that this *high priest* also have something to offer.

Hebrews 9:7 but into the second, only the **high priest <749 archiereus>** *enters* once a year, not without *taking* blood, which he offers for himself and for the sins of the people committed in ignorance.

**Hebrews 9:11** But when Christ appeared as a **high priest <749 archiereus>** of the good things to come, *He entered* through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation;

Hebrews 9:25 nor was it that He would offer Himself often, as the **high priest <749 archiereus>** enters the holy place year by year with blood that is not his own.

Hebrews 13:11 For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy place by the **high priest <749 archiereus>** *as an offering* for sin, are burned outside the camp.

### ***Priest, Priesthood and Priestly Duties***

Matthew 8:4 And Jesus \*said to him, "See that you tell no one; but go, show yourself to the **priest <2409 hiererus>** and present the offering that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

Matthew 12:4 how he entered the house of God, and they ate the consecrated bread, which was not lawful for him to eat nor for those with him, but for the **priests <2409 hiererus>** alone?

Matthew 12:5 "Or have you not read in the Law, that on the Sabbath the **priests <2409 hiererus>** in the temple break the Sabbath and are innocent?"

Mark 1:44 and He \*said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the **priest <2409 hiererus>** and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

Mark 2:26 how he entered the house of God in the time of Abiathar *the* high priest, and ate the consecrated bread, which is not lawful for *anyone* to eat except the **priests <2409 hiererus>**, and he also gave it to those who were with him?"

Luke 1:5 In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a **priest <2409 hiererus>** named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah; and he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.

Luke 1:8 Now it happened *that* while he was **performing his priestly service <2407 hierateuo>** before God in the *appointed* order of his division,

Luke 1:9 according to the custom of the **priestly office <2405 hierateia>**, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense.

Luke 5:14 And He ordered him to tell no one, "But go and show yourself to the **priest <2409 hiererus>** and make an offering for your cleansing, just as Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

## Priest

---

Luke 6:4 how he entered the house of God, and took and ate the consecrated bread which is not lawful for any to eat except the **priests <2409 hiereus>** alone, and gave it to his companions?"

Luke 10:31 "And by chance a **priest <2409 hiereus>** was going down on that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

Luke 17:14 When He saw them, He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the **priests <2409 hiereus>**." And as they were going, they were cleansed.

John 1:19 This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent to him **priests <2409 hiereus>** and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"

Acts 4:1 As they were speaking to the people, the **priests <2409 hiereus>** and the captain of the temple *guard* and the Sadducees came up to them,

Acts 6:7 The word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the **priests <2409 hiereus>** were becoming obedient to the faith.

Acts 14:13 The **priest <2409 hiereus>** of Zeus, whose *temple* was just outside the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds.

Romans 15:16 to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, **ministering as a priest <2418 hierourgeo>** the gospel of God, so that *my* offering of the Gentiles may become acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

**Hebrews 5:6** just as He says also in another *passage*, "YOU ARE A **PRIEST <2409 hiereus>** FOREVER ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK."

**Hebrews 7:1** For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, **priest <2409 hiereus>** of the Most High God, who met Abraham as he was returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him,

**Hebrews 7:3** Without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, he remains a **priest <2409 hiereus>** perpetually.

**Hebrews 7:5** And those indeed of the sons of Levi who receive the **priest's office <2405 hierateia>** have commandment in the Law to collect a tenth from the people, that is, from their brethren, although these are descended from Abraham.

**Hebrews 7:11** Now if perfection was through the Levitical **priesthood <2420 hierosune>** (for on the basis of it the people received the Law), what further need *was there* for another **priest <2409 hiereus>** to arise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be designated according to the order of Aaron?

**Hebrews 7:12** For when the **priesthood <2420 hierosune>** is changed, of necessity there takes place a change of law also.

**Hebrews 7:14** For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, a tribe with reference to which Moses spoke nothing concerning **priests <2409 hiereus>**.

**Hebrews 7:15** And this is clearer still, if another priest **<2409 hiereus>** arises according to the likeness of Melchizedek,

**Hebrews 7:17** For it is attested *of Him*, "YOU ARE A **PRIEST <2409 hiereus>** FOREVER ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK."

**Hebrews 7:21** (for they indeed became **priests <2409 hiereus>** without an oath, but He with an oath through the One who said to Him, "THE LORD HAS SWORN AND

## Priest

---

WILL NOT CHANGE HIS MIND, 'YOU ARE A **PRIEST <2409 hieraus>** FOREVER'");

**Hebrews 7:23** The *former priests <2409 hieraus>*, on the one hand, existed in greater numbers because they were prevented by death from continuing,

**Hebrews 7:24** but Jesus, on the other hand, because He continues forever, holds His **priesthood <2420 hierosune>** permanently.

**Hebrews 8:4** Now if He were on earth, He would not be a **priest <2409 hieraus>** at all, since there are those who offer the gifts according to the Law;

**Hebrews 9:6** Now when these things have been so prepared, the **priests <2409 hieraus>** are continually entering the outer tabernacle performing the divine worship,

**Hebrews 10:11** Every **priest <2409 hieraus>** stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins;

**Hebrews 10:21** and since *we have* a great **priest <2409 hieraus>** over the house of God,

1 Peter 2:5 you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy **priesthood <2406 hierateuma>**, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:9 But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal **PRIESTHOOD <2406 hierateuma>**, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR *God's* OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

Revelation 1:6 and He has made us *to be* a kingdom, **priests <2409 hieraus>** to His God and Father—to Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 5:10 "You have made them *to be* a kingdom and **priests <2409 hieraus>** to our God; and they will reign upon the earth."

Revelation 20:6 Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be **priests <2409 hieraus>** of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.