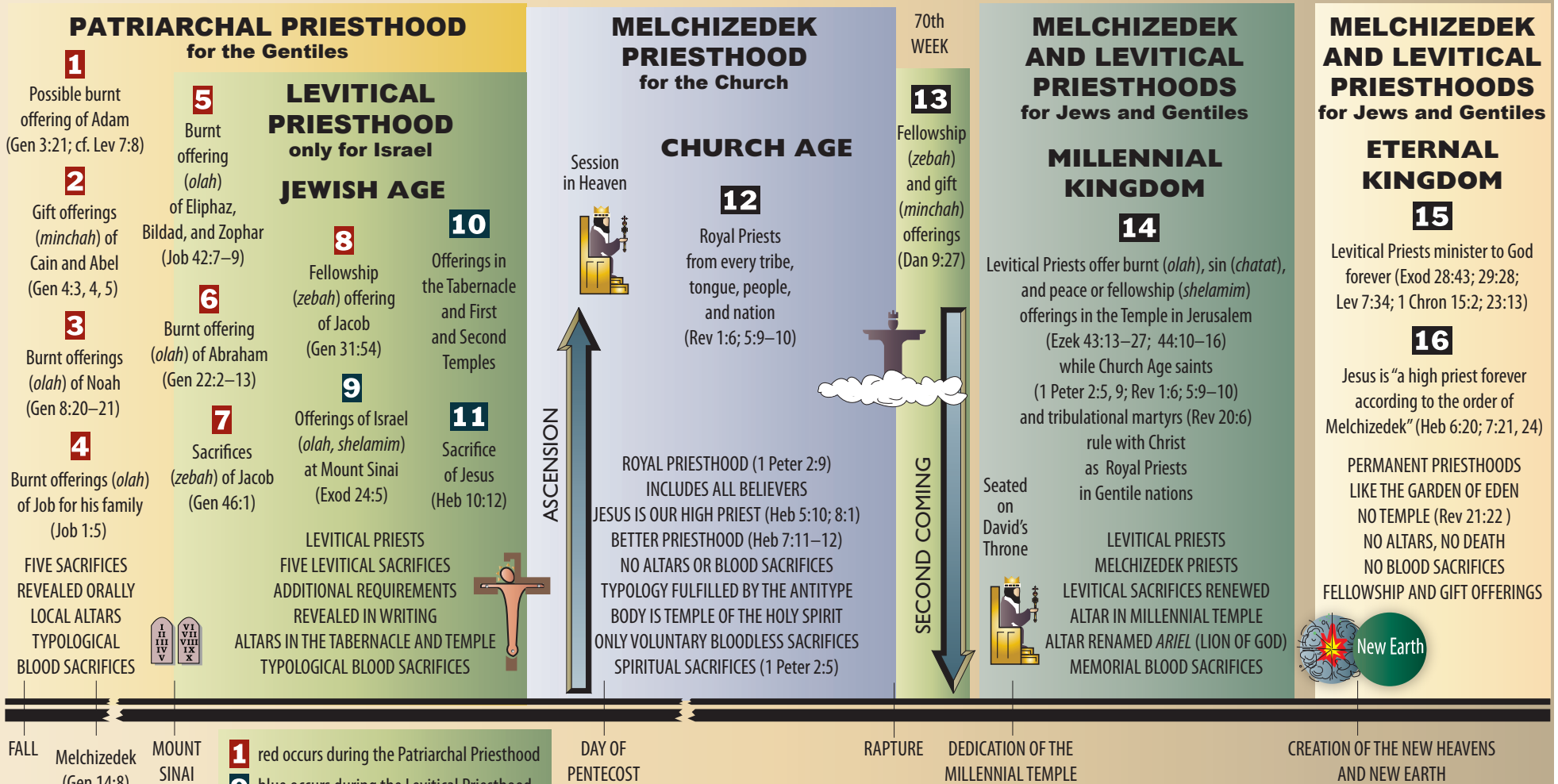


THREE PRIESTHOODS OF EARTH HISTORY

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Types of Sacrifices:

Expiatory sacrifices (sin and guilt offerings) were brought to *restore* fellowship with God; voluntary sacrifices were brought to show dedication (burnt offering), gratitude (gift offering), and to *have* fellowship with God (fellowship offering).

- Sin Offering (*korban chatat*):** for purification of sin and ritual defilement (leper, contact with a corpse) (Lev 4:1–5:13; 6:24–30)—a mandatory offering *for* (to restore) fellowship with God.
- Guilt Offering (*korban asham*):** for sin when it's possible to make restitution for damages (Lev 5:14–6:7; 7:1–10; cf. Num 5:7)—a mandatory offering *for* (to restore) fellowship with God.
- Whole Burnt Offering (*korban olah*):** the entire animal is consumed on the altar (no meat is eaten by offerer or priests) and stands in the place of its owner as a symbol of his complete dedication to God (Lev 1:1–17; 6:8–13)—as in the sacrifice of Isaac (Gen 22:2, 13) and in the twice daily burnt offering for the people of Israel (Num 28:1–8). Burnt offerings may be mandatory or voluntary.
- Fellowship Offering (*korban shalamim*):** celebrates a renewal of the covenant with a covenant feast (Lev 3:1–17; 7:11–21; 28–34) in which men, literally, and God, figuratively, partake of the feast (treaties and covenants were usually celebrated with feasts) (Gen 26:28–31; 31:44–54; the Covenant at Sinai, Exod 24:5, 9)—so the addition of bread and wine offerings (Num 15:1–14). Fellowship and gift offerings were voluntary and given while *in* fellowship with God.
- Gift Offering (*korban minchah*):** a voluntary gift of grain, oil, and wine (possessions) brought to show homage and submission to the Great King (Lev 2:1–16; 6:14–23; Ezek 46:14; cf. Gen 4:3–5; 32:17–18; 1 Sam 10:27; 1 Kings 4:21).

Spiritual Sacrifices (*pneumatikos thusias*) of the Church Age (1 Peter 2:5):

Ten spiritual sacrifices are mentioned in the New Testament: (1) prayer is a "memorial offering" (Acts 10:4, 31; Rev 5:8; 8:3–4), (2) almsgiving is a "memorial offering" (Acts 10:4), (3) money given to missionaries (Phil 4:18), (4) faith (Phil 2:17), (5) praise (Heb 13:15), (6) doing good (Heb 13:16), (7) sharing (Heb 13:16), (8) our bodies (Rom 12:1), (9) souls saved (evangelism) (Rom 15:15–16), and (10) death by martyrdom (of Paul and Jesus) (Phil 2:17; 2 Tim 4:6; Eph 5:2; cf. Heb 7:27; 9:14, 25, 26, 28; 10:10, 12, 14). Any act of self-denial can be offered as a spiritual sacrifice to God. These are all voluntary sacrifices. The equivalent of the burnt offering is the living sacrifice of our bodies (Rom 12:1).