

As kings we are meant to rule or reign with authority in His Kingdom; as priests we are meant to offer sacrifices.

Romans 5:17-Passion

Death once held us in its grip, and by the blunder of one man, death reigned as king over humanity. But now, how much more are we held in the grip of grace and continue reigning as kings in life, enjoying our regal freedom through the gift of perfect righteousness in the one and only Jesus, the Messiah!

Wuest - ...much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness, in life will reign as kings through the One, Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 13:15-AMP

...Through Him, therefore, let us constantly and at all times offer up to God a sacrifice of praise, which is the fruit of lips that thankfully acknowledge and confess and glorify His name.

A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS.

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Revelation 1:6-NLT

[Jesus] has made us a Kingdom of priests for God his Father. Passion - ... and to the one who has made us to rule as a kingly priesthood to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and dominion throughout the eternity of eternities! Amen!

Isaiah 53:12-KJV

Therefore, I will divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His soul unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Four acts of Jesus are recorded here.

He poured out His soul unto death. The scriptures says that “the life [or soul] of the flesh is in the blood.” Leviticus 17:11 He was numbered with the transgressors. He took on Himself the sin of the world. He made intercession for the transgressors.

Hebrews 7:24–25

He [Jesus Christ], because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood [one that never passes from Him to other people]. Therefore [in the light of this priesthood] He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

Hebrews 6:19–7:1

Behind the [second] veil, . . . the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, [was] priest of the Most High God.

Exodus 26:33

...and the veil hath made a separation for you between the holy and the holy of holies.

Going beyond the first veil: the table of shewbread -and the Lampstand - having fellowship with Jesus at the Communion Table and with one another.

Going behind the second veil into the area known as “the Holy of Holies” – going into His Presence and having fellowship and receiving from Him.

Ephesians 2:6-Passion

He raised us up with Christ the exalted One, and we ascended with him into the glorious perfection and authority of the heavenly realm, for we are now co-seated as one with Christ!

...the function of a king: It is to rule.

...unique ministry of a priest: sacrifice.

Hebrews 5:1

“Every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins.”

1 Peter 2:5

“You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God”

Passion - ...Come and be his “living stones” who are continually being assembled into a sanctuary for God. For now you serve as holy priests, offering up spiritual sacrifices that he readily accepts through Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 8:4

“If He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law”.

Hebrews 5:6–7

“As He also says in another place: ‘You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek’; who, in the days of His flesh . . . offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears”.

We have, then, the three successive sacrifices of Jesus in His priestly role:

First, on earth, He offered prayers and supplications—crying out to God;
second, on the cross, He offered Himself; and,
third, in heaven, He offers the continuing priestly ministry of intercession.

Revelation 1:5–6-NIV

“...To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen”.