Priesthood in Ancient Israel

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Description
The goal of this work is to recover for Protestant Christians the spirituality of the priestly traditions of ancient Israel. Journeying into the underutilized regions of the Hebrew Bible, Millar shows readers how and what those priestly traditions can teach us about options open to us in our spiritual quest. Each book in this series provides an in-depth look at a major recurring biblical theme and its lasting theological influence. The series is designed to enhance the reader's understanding of our biblical heritage and its relevance to faithful life today.

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Reviews
"Recovering the spirituality of the Priestly tradition of ancient Israel is the stated purpose of this book. To this end the author examines the stories about priests who play important roles in the lives of the people of their times. Three specific periods are examined: the time of Moses, the tribal period, and the time of the monarchy. A fourth chapter treats the forward-looking view of apocalyptic. What makes this book interesting reading is the focus on Priestly spirituality and not merely Priestly practice. . . . The book is both informative and engaging." - The Bible Today

"William R. Millar's Priesthood in Ancient Israel is an intriguing merging of literary, historical, and spiritual perspectives. This merger yields an attractive hypothesis regarding who ancient Israel's priests were and why they told the story the way we find it in the Bible today." - Richard Elliott Friedman, University of California-San Diego

"Imagination and story bring to life the familiar yet often neglected concept of Israelite priesthood as Millar explores not only the role of priests but also their spirituality. Novel in its approach and engaging in its style, this work aims to help contemporary readers understand the unique contributions that various Old Testament priests (e.g., Abiathar, Zadok, Aaron) have made to their respective communities and how such contributions continue to have a positive and influential effect on believing communities today." - Carol J. Dempsey, University of Portland

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The Priesthood was always male and could never involve females. That is because the Priesthood requires Tribal & Clan Purity. Females only have clan and tribal identities through males. Their father and at marriage their husband imparts his clan and tribal identity. If you read Devers work, and his irrefutable evidence of Asherah worship all over ancient Israel you can be sure that whatever the Bible says should not happen is probably the truth. 32 views · View 1 Upvoter. Yaël Abraham. , lived in Israel (1987-2000). Answered September 8, 2018. No. The social, textual, mythic and political concerns of Israel's priestly groups are evident throughout the biblical record, and reveal the depth of influence the priesthood exerted not only on the formation of the Bible but on the growth of Israelite religion into early Judaism. Discover the world's research. Prophets and priests both functioned in the religion of Ancient Israel and Judah as channels for the transmission of Yahweh's word to their people and nation. However, Micah presents a charismatic and cultic Judean leadership that was bereft of ethical standards of responsibility, reliability, constancy and integrity. The priesthood of ancient Israel was the class of male individuals, who, according to the Hebrew Bible, were patrilineral descendants from Aaron (the elder brother of Moses), who served in the Tabernacle, Solomon's Temple and Second Temple until the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 CE. Their temple role included animal sacrifice. The priests (Hebrew kohanim) are viewed as continuing in the Koha families of rabbinical Judaism. ^ William R. Millar Priesthood in ancient Israel 2001. ^ Frank Moore Cross -Canaanite myth and Hebrew epic 1997 Chapter 6 The Priestly Houses of Early Israel p195 "The Classical View of Israel's Early Priesthood - One of the pillars of Julius Wellhausen's great synthesis of the history of Israelite religion was his reconstruction of the history of the". ^ Priesthood and cult in ancient Israel ed. Gary A. Anderson, Saul M. Olyan - 1991 "PREFACE The study of the cult and priesthood of ancient Israel is still very much in its infancy. This is surprising in light of how th