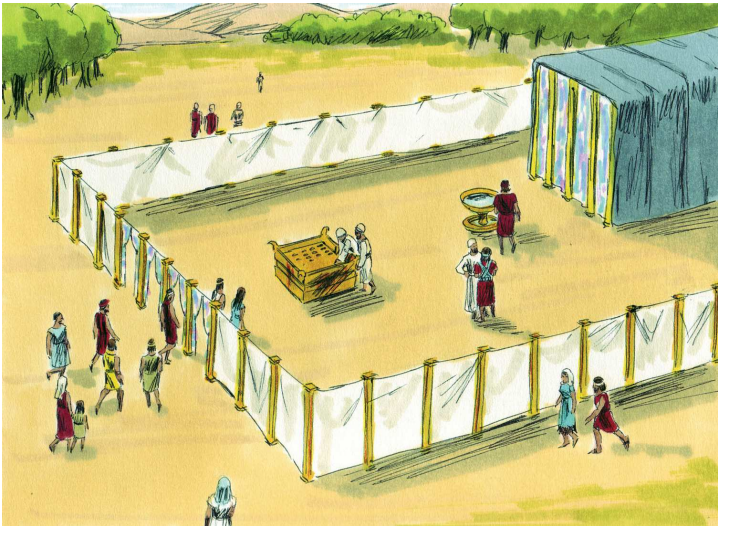
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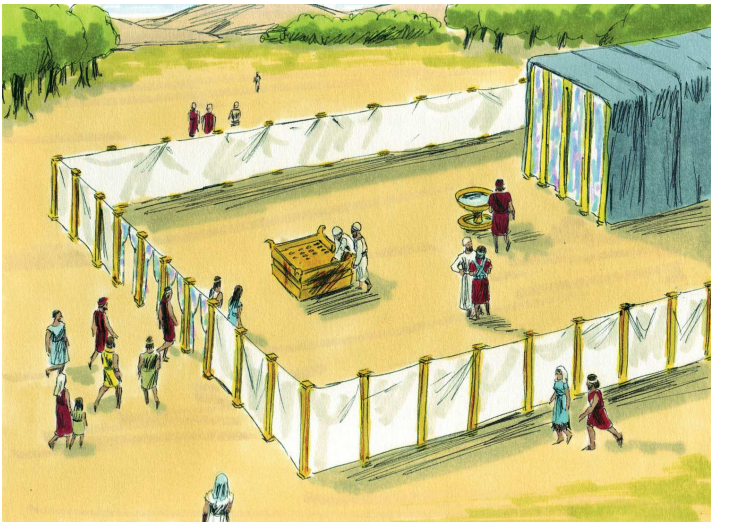
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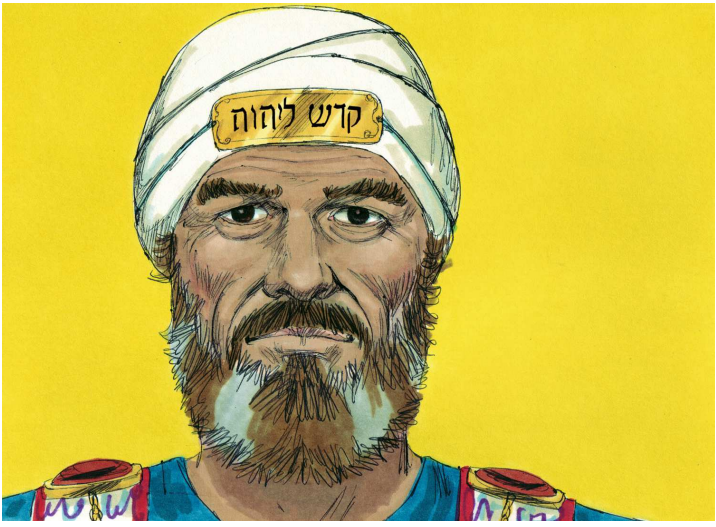
The Lord told the Israelites to make a place of worship called the tabernacle. The tabernacle was made so that it could be moved whenever the people of Israel traveled from place to place through the desert.



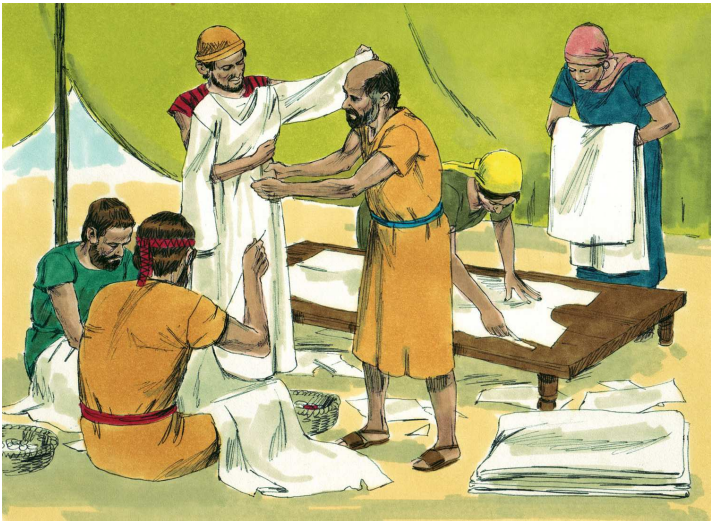
God said to Moses, “Appoint the Levites over the tabernacle, to set it up and take it down; to carry it and all its furnishings; and to camp around it and keep guard over it.”



God also told Moses, “Bring near to you Aaron your brother, and his sons to serve me as priests in the tabernacle.”



God commanded Moses saying, “You shall make holy garments for Aaron and his sons, for glory and for beauty, and to consecrate them for my priesthood.”



God commanded that skilled craftsmen and tailors make the priestly clothes for Aaron and his sons. They made linen undergarments for Aaron and his sons, to cover their naked flesh.



They made holy garments for Aaron and his sons- coats, sashes and caps of fine linen for glory and beauty. They made a blue robe for Aaron. On its hem, they made pomegranates of blue, purple and scarlet and bells of gold so that the sound could be heard whenever Aaron entered the Holy Place in the tabernacle.



On top of the blue robe, Aaron was to wear another special robe of yellow, blue, purple and red threads.



An onyx stone was sewn on each shoulder strap. Six names of the 12 tribes of Israel were engraved on each stone.



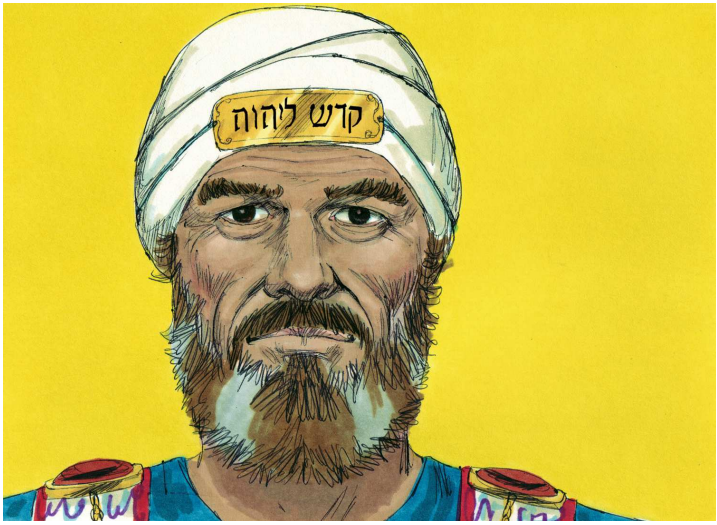
The waistband of the special robe was made of the same yellow, blue, purple and red linen as the robe.



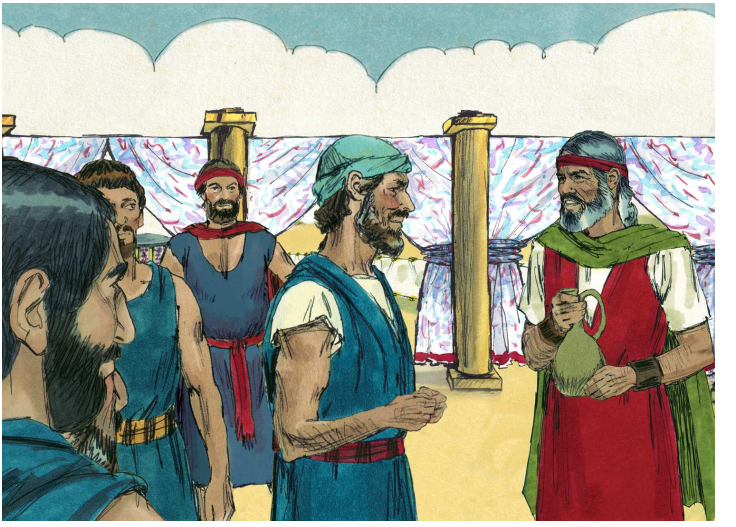
A breast piece of judgment went over the chest of the robe. Twelve stones covered the breast piece, each engraved with one of the names of the 12 tribes of Israel. This was to bring the sons of Israel to the Lord's mind whenever Aaron entered the Holy Place.



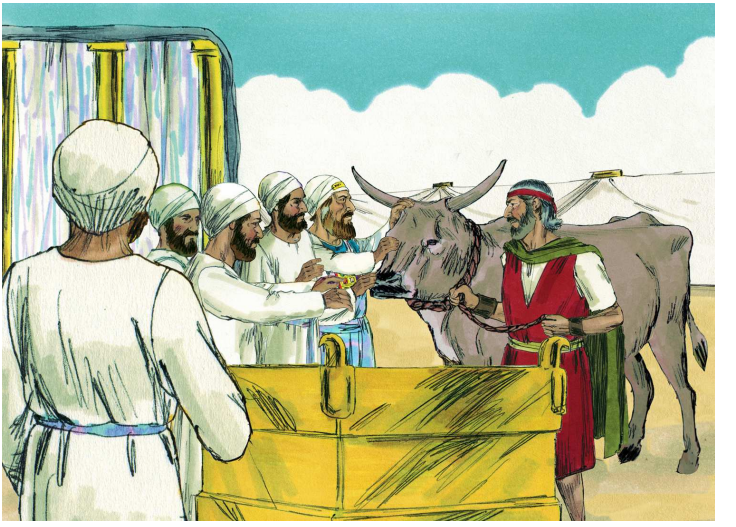
Underneath the breast piece was the Urim and Thummim. These two stones helped Aaron make decisions for the people of Israel.



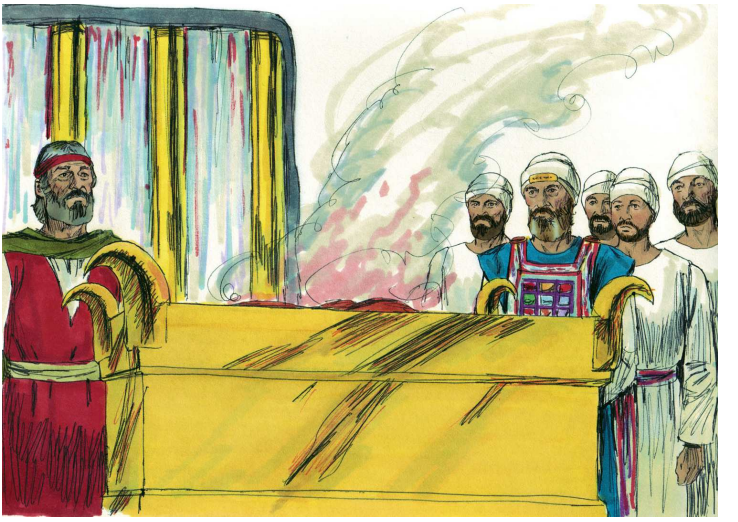
The skilled laborers made a turban for Aaron's head. They made a plate of pure gold and tied it to the front of the turban with the words "Holy to the Lord" carved on the golden plate.



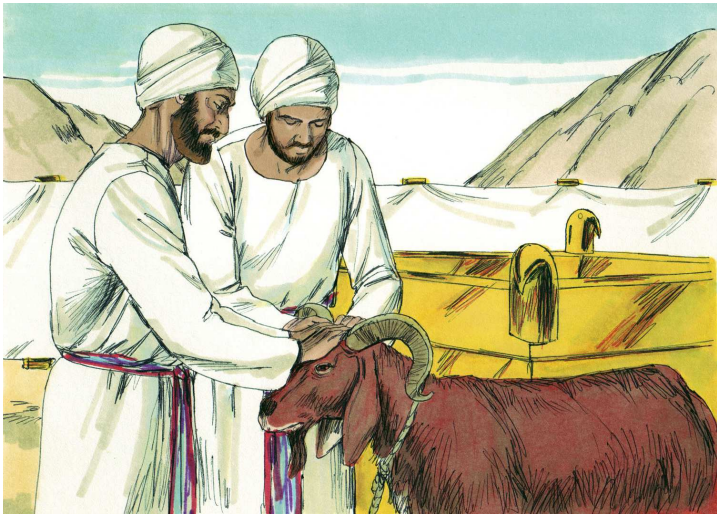
God told Moses to go to the entrance of the tabernacle and have a ceremony to set apart Aaron and his sons as priests before they could serve in the tabernacle.



Moses washed them with water. Then he clothed them with the priestly clothes and sprinkled oil on the heads of Aaron and his sons. Then Moses told Aaron and his sons to lay their hands on the head of the bull of the sin offering.



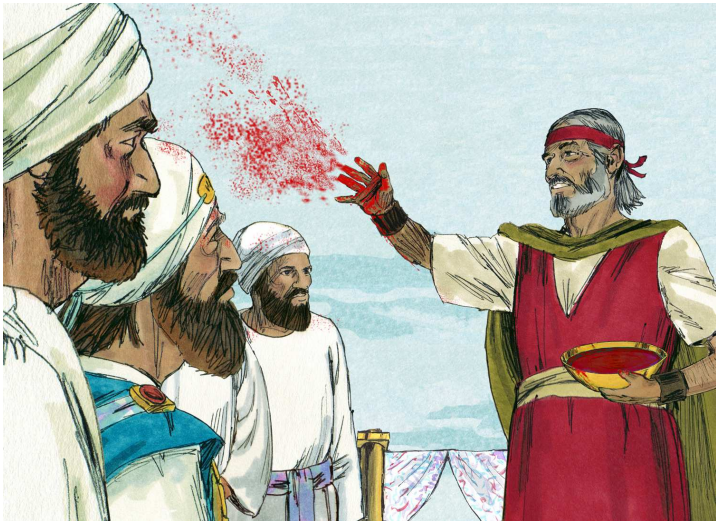
They sacrificed a bull and sprinkled its blood on the altar.



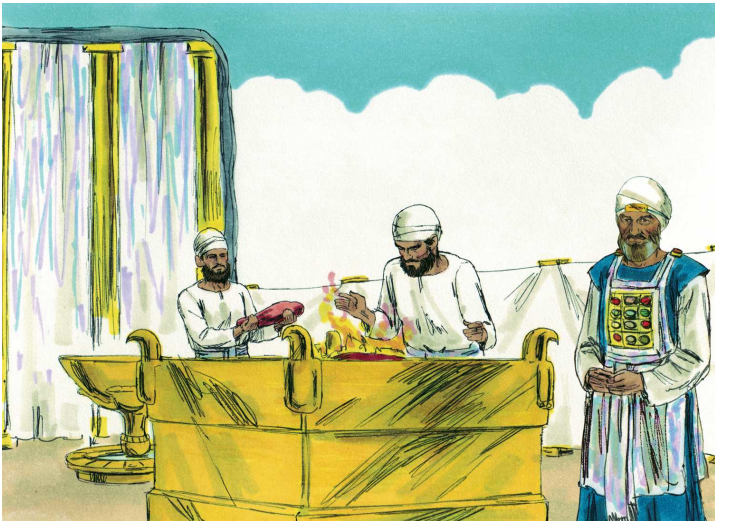
After that, Moses told Aaron and his sons to lay their hands on two rams.



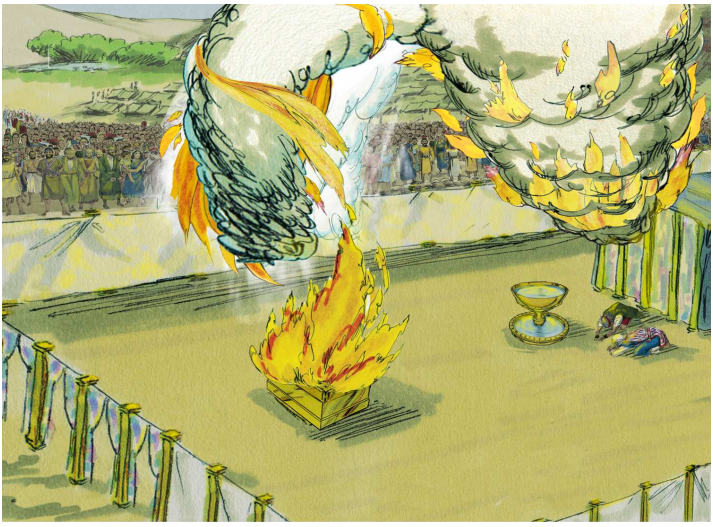
One ram was burned up on the altar. Moses killed and put the blood of the other ram on the right thumb, big toe, and right ear lobe of Aaron and his sons.



They sprinkled some of the ram's blood on the priests' clothes. Then Moses sacrificed the meat but he gave the priests that ram's breast and thigh to cook and eat later for themselves.



The ceremony to make the priests holy continued for seven days.



During the final sacrifice of the ceremony, the dazzling light of the Lord's presence appeared to the people. Fire came from the Lord and burned up the offering on the altar. When the people saw the light, they shouted for joy and bowed facedown to the ground.



After that, the High Priest Aaron and all of Aaron's sons, and all of the Levites began to serve regularly before the Lord at the tabernacle.

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