**Notes**

****December 15th 2019**



**It’s beginning to look like Christmas – Part 2**

***“Priests”***

Welcome

2019

**It’s beginning to look like**

**Christmas – Part 2: Priests**

**Connecting some Christmas dots**

High Priest, ‘regular’ priests, a tabernacle – place of meeting and blood sacrifices:

You could only get up close to God because of the blood.

 **Jesus presented to the Lord**

After 40 days

**Luke 2:22,24** … *and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, “A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”*

* The priests who officiated were of the Order of Aaron the High Priest under Moses.
* Jesus was born @ Christmas !? ☺ and grew up to be a priest, (…but not any ‘ol priest)

**Hebrews 7:17** *And the psalmist pointed this out when he prophesied, “You are a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek.”*

* Under Aaron, the High Priest had to be replaced over and over.

***The High Priest***

* Back then, the whole nation’s standing with God depended on the High Priest’s sacrifice once a year @ atonement.
* Today, we (all believer's worldwide) depend on Jesus ‘standing with God for our security.
* Jesus sacrifice of blood on the cross (as High Priest) was unique.
* His blood needed to be shed only once for all, and then He sat down, indicating the sacrifices were finished.

**Hebrews 7:27 / Hebrews 9:24-28 / Hebrews 10:12,14**

**Communion**

(Back to Christmas)

*So, what’s left for us to do?*

As ‘priests’ to draw near and offer a sacrifice of praise (incense)

to Jesus…for His love, forgiveness and healing