

iii. Priestly warnings (10)

- a. Aaron had two older sons, Nadab and Abihu.
- b. What took place here took place sometime during that 7 day period when Aaron and his sons were being set apart for this priestly ministry.
- c. Nadab and Abihu decide that they are going to take their censers and put fire in them and go into the Holy Place and offer incense to the Lord.
- d. We are told that they used unauthorized fire.
 - 1) That may mean that they used fire that was different than fire that was taken off the altar.
 - a) ~~2)~~ Anytime incense was to be used, that fire had to come from the altar of burnt offering.
 - b) ~~3)~~ And if it didn't it was unauthorized fire.
- e) ~~4)~~ It may be that not only did they not take the fire from off the altar to offer the incense, but they offered at it a time different than the Lord commanded it to be offered.
- f. The Lord struck them down dead immediately when they offered the strange fire.
- g. Aaron's cousins come and take them out.
 - 1) They still have their priestly garments on.
 - 2) They were buried outside the camp.
- h. The Lord commands Aaron, "Don't you mourn in any external way over the loss of your two sons. Don't tear your clothes because those things are not to be done near the sanctuary. ~~They~~^{They} would show dissatisfaction with what the Lord has done. And not only that but because the anointing of the Lord is upon you and you are in the midst of this 7 day period, you can't go to their funeral. Other people can go and mourn over them, but you dare not go outside or you'll die."
- i. The Lord judges disobedience against him so that the people will fear him and understand that when the Lord says something, he is holy and he is going to show himself holy, so do what he says.

3. Ceremonial purity (11-15)

- i. Regarding animals (11)
 - a. The Lord is going to show that when people come to Him in the tabernacle to worship him that they must be clean.
 - b. There must not be any uncleanness about him because he is a holy God.
 - c. The first thing he touches on is that they have to be clean in what they eat.