High Priests in Israel - Part 1

High Priests were in charge of worship in Israel. Although Eli is not specifically called a "high priest," he was in charge of the Shiloh sanctuary.

Responsibilities of the High Priest

1. He was a spokesperson for the people to God and from God to the People.
2. He was anointed for the position.
3. He possessed authority over other priests and workers around the Tabernacle.
4. He wore an ephod (breastplate) containing 12 precious stones that represented the 12 tribes of Israel. The ephod also contained the Urim and Thummin that enabled the priest to receive specific guidance from God on matters not addressed in the Law.

5. He wore a turban on his head.
6. Only the High Priest could enter the Holy of Holies on the Day of Atonement to offer the sacrifice for atonement.