PREVIEW TO SESSION 16

The Priestly Code (1): Sacred God, Space, and People

A. DESCRIPTION

This session gives attention to the presentation of the tabernacle and the LORD's priests and practices as presented in the Priestly Code (Exodus 35-Leviticus 16). Also noted are crises that nearly sever the relationship between God and Israel. Only through the mediation of Moses and the mercy of God is the situation salvaged.

B. TARGETS

Learners who successfully complete this session will ...

1. Define: "incarnation," "Levite," "tabernacle," "clean/unclean," "*kosher*."
2. Sketch a "footprint" of the Israelite tabernacle, including its furniture.
3. Critique three possibilities that explain purity (clean/unclean) rules.
4. Describe the general features of the Priestly Code.

C. ASSIGNMENTS

Before the beginning of this session, all learners must ...

1. Read Exodus 25:1-34:35 in a contemporary version of the Bible.
2. Read *SOT* 120.
3. Note the sketch-plan "footprint" of the Israelite tabernacle in this session's handout. Identify the furniture and its placement. Memorize the graphic.
4. Complete the worksheet for Session 16 and bring a paper copy of this work to class. It will be collected in the first few minutes of the meeting.

D. FOR FURTHER STUDY

Cassuto, U. *A Commentary on the Book of Exodus*. Magness, 1967.

Deffinbaugh, Bob. "The Clean and the Unclean--Part 1 (Leviticus 11). Published on Bible.org. Find this article here.

Longman III, T.L. "The Tabernacle of Moses: Sacred Space for the Long Haul." Pp. 25-37 in *Immanuel in Our Place: Seeing Christ in Israel's Worship*. P&R, 2001.