

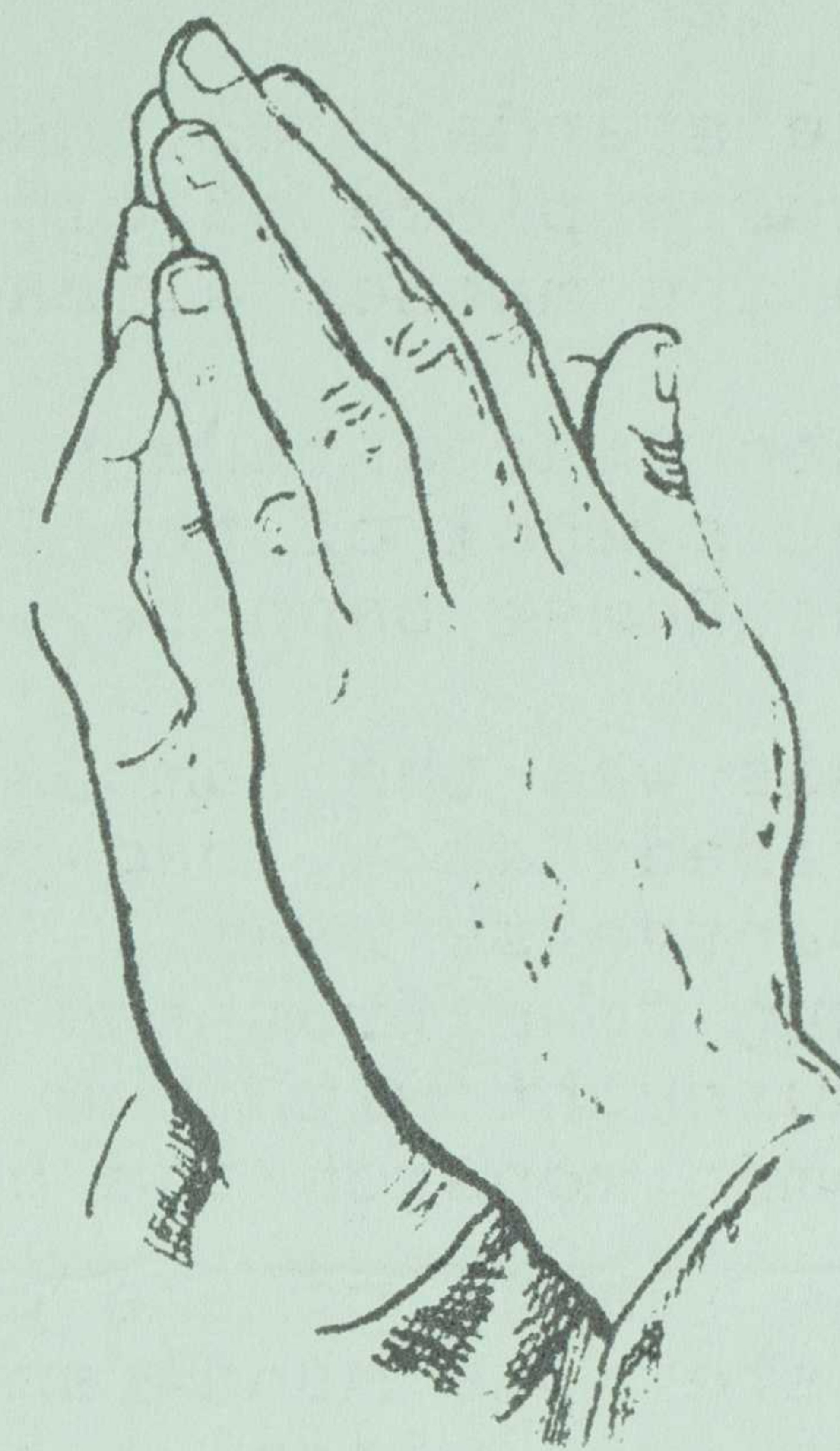
CHRIST'S PRIESTHOOD

We maintain that the priesthood of Christ was a real and literal priesthood, because the whole history proves that the elaborate system of Levitical types, being images or shadows of His work, were preparatory to Him, and found their fulfilment in Him.

Thus, for example, the apostle John declared that the fact that the soldiers did not break the limbs of Jesus, as they had done those of the two thieves, was in fulfilment of the law with regard to the paschal lamb....

"...neither shall ye break a bone thereof." Exodus 12:46

"They shall leave none of it until the morning, nor break any bone of it: according to all the ordinances of the passover they shall keep it." Numbers 9:12



The instant of Christ's death, the veil of the temple, which had from the beginning marked the line between the priest's bringing near the offerings, and the unapproachable Jehovah dwelling between the cherubim, "was rent in twain from top to bottom." Matthew 27:5-51.

This was true not only of each type or prophetic symbol in detail, but also of the entire system as a whole.

It is a grand historical fact that the ancient temple, its ritual services, and its ministers and their functions, pre-figured and prepared the way for the advent and work of the Christ for nearly two thousand years.

It is also a grand historical fact that the priestly work of the Christ immediately and definitely superseded the work of the Levitical priesthood. The sacrifice of the Christ made the Levitical priest *IPSO FACTO FUNCTUM OFFICIO*.

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UNDERSTANDING JEREMIAH 30:21

"And their nobles shall be of themselves, and their governor shall proceed from the midst of them; and I will cause him to draw near, and approach unto me: for who is this that engaged (Heb: pledged) his heart to approach unto me? saith the LORD."

That the Lord Jesus, in His priestly character and work, is the grand object of this prophecy, is manifest to any one acquainted with the truth. Yet its exclusive application to HIM is obscured by a strange mistake in the translation.....

At the beginning the the verse: *"Their NOBLES shall be of themselves..."* The word rendered NOBLES is singular in the original Hebrew: ---THEIR NOBLE ONE, their magnificent one shall be of themselves; raised up, as Moses was, OF HIS BRETHREN...with whom he TOOK PART in flesh and blood! See Acts 7:37 and Hebrews 2:11-14