

then we have the blessing, and then vs. 27 after the blessing says, "And they shall put *my name* upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them." So here is the blessing that Aaron and his sons, the high priests, the leaders of the priesthood. the leaders of the religious life in Israel, that they were to use. "The Lord bless thee, and keep thee ; The Lord make his face shine upon thee. and be gracious unto thee; The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee. and give thee peace." It is a beautiful blessing, a wonderful little section here in the midst of all these details in the next ch. and the details of the Naziriteship in this ch., this wonderful little section of this beautiful blessing that was to be used by the high priest. Notice the great stress on the source of all blessing. "The Lord bless thee . . . The Lord make his face shine upon thee . . . The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee . . ." so many people today don't like to read [?]paedowords. They think it is cumbersome; it is awkward to repeat a word. Why not say the Lord bless thee and keep thee; may He make his face to shine upon thee; may he lift up his countenance upon thee." No, we repeat "the Lord" here. because we want to repeat our stress upon the fact that God is to be the very center of our being. That all our blessings are to come from Him. That without Him we can do nothing. and how ready we are to try to do things in our own strength. How ready ~~we~~ we are to think we can accomplish things but we can't. But we can only as He enables us to, only as He uses us for His purposes. The LORD bless thee . . . The Lord make his face shine . . . The LORD lift up his countenance" This is a very embarrassing three words for the higher critics. Because from the viewpoint of the higher critic. the LORD with the L captials represents the name of God translated Jehovah in the ASV of 1901; the critics usually call it Yahweh but it is the name of God which they say was not known at the earliest period. It was this wonderful here ~~which it~~ is a blessing ~~which it~~ which they all agree is part of the P document, and this blessing here in the P document -- the P document is the very advanced one; there's no anthropomorphisms. It's all on a very high etherial level