

All the High Priests of Israel

Note: The Levitical or Aaronic high priesthood served as a type of the antitypical, heavenly high priesthood fulfilled by Christ after the order of Melchizedek, priest of the Most High God (Gen. 14:18; Ps. 110:4; Heb. 5:6). Much of the extra-biblical documentation that follows relies heavily on two works by Jewish historian Flavius Josephus, *Antiquities of the Jews* and *The Jewish War*. These very helpful Web sites contain both works in full. For *Antiquities* (herein abbreviated *Ant.*):

<http://penelope.uchicago.edu/josephus/ant-pref.html>; for *The Jewish War* (herein abbreviated *War*): <http://penelope.uchicago.edu/josephus/war-pref.html>.

1. Aaron (Ex. 28:1, 3, 4; Ezra 7:5; Ps. 133:2; Heb. 5:1, 4; MH 285)
2. Eleazar (Num. 20:26; Deut. 10:6; PP 455)
3. Phinehas (Judg. 22:13, 14; ST 5/12/1881)
4. Abishua (1 Chron. 6:4, 5; Ezra 7:5)
5. Bukki (1 Chron. 6:5)
6. Uzzi (1 Chron. 6:5, 6)
7. Eli (1 Sam. 1:9; PP 570)
8. Ahitub (1 Sam. 22:9, 11)
9. Ahiah (1 Sam. 14:3, 18)
10. Ahimelech (1 Sam. 21:1; PP 655)
11. Abiathar (Mk. 2:26)
12. Zadok (2 Sam. 8:17)
13. Ahimaaz (2 Sam. 15:27)
14. Azariah (1 Ki. 4:2)
15. Johanan (1 Chron. 6:10; SDADic 603, nominee 3)
16. Jehoiada (2 Ki. 11:9; PK 215)
17. Azariah (1 Chron. 6:10)
18. Amariah (1 Chron. 6:7; SDADic 35, nominee 1)
19. Ahitub II (1 Chron. 6:11)
20. Zadok II (1 Chron. 9:11)
21. Shallum (1 Chron. 6:12; Ezra 7:2–5; SDADic 1011, nominee 7)
22. Hilkiah (2 Ki. 22:4)
23. Azariah IV (2 Chron. 26:20; PK 304; SDADic 101, nominee 18)
24. Seraiah (2 Ki. 25:18; Jer. 52:24; Strong's main entry, nominee 2)
25. Joshua/Jeshua (Zech. 3:1; Ezra 2:2)
26. Joiakim (Neh. 12:10, 12; SDADic 611)
27. Eliashib (Neh. 3:1)
28. Joiada (Neh. 12:10, 11, 22; SDADic 611, nominee 2)
29. Johanan (Neh. 12:22, 23; SDADic 603, nominee 10)
30. Jaddua (Neh. 12:11, 22; SDADic 546, nominee 2)
31. Onias I (1 Macc. 12:7, 20; *Ant.* xi. 8. 7)
32. Simon I (*Ant.* xii. 2. 5)
33. Eleazar (1 Macc. 2:15; *Ant.* xii. 4. 1)
34. Manasseh (*Ant.* xi. 8. 2–4)
35. Onias II (*Ant.* xii. 4. 1)
36. Simon II (Ecclus. 50:1; 3 Macc. 2:1; *Ant.* xii. 4. 10)
37. Onias III (2 Macc. 3:1; *Ant.* xii. 5. 1)
38. Onias IV (*Ant.* xii. 9. 7)
39. Jason (2 Macc. 4:7; *Ant.* xii. 5. 1)
40. Menelaus (2 Macc. 4:23, 24; *Ant.* xii. 9. 7)

41. Judas Maccabæus (1 Macc. 2:4; *Ant.* xii. 11. 2)
42. Alcimus (1 Macc. 7:8, 9, 21; *Ant.* xii. 9. 7; 5BC 31; SDADic 691, s.v. Maccabees)
43. Teacher of Righteousness (Heb. *Moreh Tsedeq*) (Dead Sea Scrolls scholarly inference)
44. Jonathan Apphus (1 Macc. 2:5; 11:27, 57; 12:3, 6; *Ant.* xii. 6. 1; xiii. 1. 1; 5BC 32, 40; SDADic 691, s.v. Maccabees)
45. Simon Thassi (1 Macc. 2:3; 12:36, 42; 14:17, 20, 27, 30, 35, 38, 41, 47; 15:2, 17, 21, 24; *Ant.* xiii. 6. 4; 5BC 32, 33, 40; SDADic 691, s.v. Maccabees)
46. John Hyrcanus I (1 Macc. 16:24; *Ant.* xiii. 11. 1; *War* i. 3. 1; 5BC 33, 40; SDADic 691, s.v. Maccabees)
47. Aristobulus I (*Ant.* xiii. 11; 5BC 34, 40; SDADic 691, s.v. Maccabees)
48. Alexander Jannæus (*Ant.* xiii. 12. 1; *War* i. 4. 1; 5BC 34, 40; SDADic 691, s.v. Maccabees)
49. John Hyrcanus II (*Ant.* xiii. 11. 1; *War* i. 3. 1; 5BC 35, 40; SDADic 692, s.v. Maccabees)
50. Aristobulus II (*Ant.* iv. 6. 28; 5BC 40)
51. John Hyrcanus II (reinstated) (*Ant.* xiii. 11. 1; 5BC 40; SDADic 692, s.v. Maccabees)
52. Antigonus (*Ant.* xiv. 14. 3; 5BC 40; SDADic 692, s.v. Maccabees)
53. Ananelus/Hanameel (obscure Babylonian [*Ant.* xv. 2. 4, 7] or Egyptian Jew [Mishnah Parah iii. 5]; 5BC 41)
54. Aristobulus III (*Ant.* xv. 3. 1; 5BC 40)
55. Ananelus/Hanameel (reinstated; *Ant.* xv. 3. 3)
56. Joshua ben Fabus (*Ant.* xv. 9. 3)
57. Simon ben Fabus (*Ant.* xv. 9. 3)
58. Matthias ben Theophilus (*Ant.* xvii. 4. 2)
59. Joazar ben Bœthus (*Ant.* xviii. 1. 1)
60. Eleazar ben Bœthus (*Ant.* xvii. 13. 1)
61. Joshua ben Sie (*Ant. T.* xvii. 13. 1)
62. Joazar ben Bœthus (reinstated) (*Ant.* xviii. 1. 1)
63. Annas ben Seth (Lk. 3:2)
64. Ishmael ben Fabus (*Ant.* xviii. 2. 2)
65. Eleazar ben Ananus (*Ant.* xviii. 2. 2)
66. Simon ben Camithus (*Ant.* xviii. 2. 2)
67. Joseph ben Caiaphas (Mt. 26:3)
68. Jonathan ben Ananus (*Ant.* xx. 8. 5)
69. Theophilus ben Ananus (*Ant.* xix. 6. 2)
70. Simon Cantatheras ben Bœthus (*Ant.* xix. 6. 2)
71. Matthias ben Ananus (*Ant.* xx. 9. 1)
72. Elioneus ben Simon Cantatheras (*Ant.* xix. 8. 1)
73. Jonathan ben Ananus (reinstated) (*Ant.* xx. 8. 5)
74. Josephus ben Camydus (*Ant.* xx. 5. 2)
75. Ananias son of Nedebeus (Acts 23:2)
76. Jonathan (*Ant.* xx. 8. 5)
77. Ishmael II ben Fabus (#64 reinstated) (*Ant.* xviii. 2. 2)
78. Joseph Cabi ben Simon (*Ant.* xx. 8. 11)
79. Ananus ben Ananus (*Ant.* xx. 9. 1; *War* iv. 5. 2)
80. Jesus son of Damneus (*Ant.* xx. 9. 1)
81. Joshua ben Gamla (*Ant.* xx. 9. 4)
82. Mattathias ben Theophilus (*Ant.* xx. 9. 7)
83. Phannias ben Samuel (*Ant.* xx. 10. 1; *War* iv. 3. 8)