Teaching Role of Priests and Levites in the OT
Malachi 2:6-7

Malachi	
2:3-4	[3] Behold, I will rebuke your offspring, and spread dung on your faces, the dung of your offerings, and you shall be taken away with it. [4] So shall you know that I have sent this command to you, that my covenant with Levi may stand, says the LORD of hosts.
2:5-7	[5] My covenant with him was one of life and peace, and I gave them to him. It was a covenant of fear, and he feared me. He stood in awe of my name. [6] True **instruction** was in his mouth, and no wrong was found on his lips. He walked with me in peace and uprightness, and he turned many from iniquity. [7] For the lips of a priest should guard knowledge, and people should seek **instruction** from his mouth, for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.
2:8-9	[8] But you have turned aside from the way. You have caused many to stumble by your instruction. You have corrupted the covenant of Levi, says the LORD of hosts, [9] and so I make you despised and abased before all the people, inasmuch as you do not keep my ways but show partiality in your instruction.

Priests as Teachers	
Deut. 33:8, 10	[8] And of Levi he said, "Give to Levi your Thummim, and your Urim to your godly one… [10] They shall **teach** Jacob your rules and Israel your law; they shall put incense before you and whole burnt offerings on your altar."
2 Chron. 15:3	[3] "For a long time Israel was without the true God, and without a **teaching** priest and without law, [4] but when in their distress they turned to the LORD, the God of Israel, and sought him, he was found by them."
2 Chron. 17:7-9	[7] In the third year of his reign he [Jehoshaphat] sent his officials, Ben-hail, Obadiah, Zechariah, Nethanel, and Micaiah, to **teach** in the cities of Judah; [8] and with them the Levites, Shemaiah, Nethaniah, Zebadiah, Asahel, Shemiramoth, Jehonathan, Adonijah, Tobijah, and Tobadonijah; and with these Levites, the priests Elishama and Jehoram. [9] And they **taught** in Judah, having the Book of the Law of the LORD with them. They went about through all the cities of Judah and **taught** among the people.
2 Chron. 35:3	[1] Josiah kept a Passover to the LORD in Jerusalem … [2] He appointed the priests to their offices and encouraged them in the service of the house of the LORD. [3] And he said to the Levites who **taught** all Israel and who were holy to the LORD, "Put the holy ark in the house that Solomon the son of David, king of Israel, built."
Mic. 3:11	[9] Hear this, you heads of the house of Jacob… [11] Its heads give judgment for a bribe; its priests **teach** for a price; its prophets practice divination for money; yet they lean on the LORD and say, "Is not the LORD in the midst of us? No disaster shall come upon us."

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Public Reading of Torah	
Deut. 31:9-13	[9] Then Moses wrote this law and gave it to the priests, the sons of Levi, who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and to all the elders of Israel. [10] And Moses commanded them, "At the end of every seven years, at the set time in the year of release, at the Feast of Booths, [11] when all Israel comes to appear before the LORD your God at the place that he will choose, you shall read this law before all Israel in their hearing. [12] Assemble the people, men, women, and little ones, and the sojourner within your towns, that they may hear and learn to fear the LORD your God, and be careful to do all the words of this law, [13] and that their children, who have not known it, may hear and learn to fear the LORD your God, as long as you live in the land that you are going over the Jordan to possess."
Neh. 8:2-8, 18	[2] So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. [3] And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday … And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. [4] And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that they had made for the purpose. And beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand, and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand … [7] Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, helped the people to understand the Law, while the people remained in their places. [8] They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they **gave the sense**, so that the people understood the reading … [18] And day by day, from the first day to the last day, he read from the Book of the Law of God. They kept the feast seven days, and on the eighth day there was a solemn assembly, according to the rule.

Distinguishing between Clean and Unclean	
Lev. 10:10-11	[8] And the LORD spoke to Aaron, saying … [10] "You are to distinguish between the holy and the common, and between the unclean and the clean, [11] and you are to **teach** the people of Israel all the statutes that the LORD has spoken to them by Moses."
Ezek. 44:23	[15] "But the Levitical priests, the sons of Zadok … [23] They shall **teach** my people the difference between the holy and the common, and show them how to distinguish between the unclean and the clean. [24] In a dispute, they shall act as judges, and they shall judge it according to my judgments."