

28 - The High Priest's Garments



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Mitre (Turban)

Exodus (28:36-39)

Made of fine linen with a plate of pure gold fastened on a blue cord at the front of the turban. The plate is engraved with the phrase "Holy to the Lord". This symbolizes the priest bearing the guilt of the people on their minds.



Exodus 28

"These are the garments which they shall make: a breastpiece and an ephod and a robe and a tunic of checkered work, a turban and a sash, and they shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother and his sons, that he may minister as priest to Me."

Shoulder Pieces

Exodus (28:7-12)

Two Onyx stones set into gold filigree settings and engraved with the names of the sons (12 tribes) of Israel for "a memorial". Six names on left and six on right.



Breastplate of Judgement

Exodus (28:15-29)

A square (span) of fabric made of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet material and fine twisted linen. On it is mounted four rows of stones:

Row 1: Ruby, Topaz, Emerald.

Row 2: Turquoise, Sapphire, Diamond.

Row 3: Jacinth, Agate, Amethyst.

Row 4: Beryl, Onyx, Jasper.

Each stone is engraved according to the names of the sons (12 tribes) of Israel. It is attached to the shoulder pieces with pure gold twisted cordage and rings.



Urim & Thummim

Exodus (28:30)

Carried in a pocket behind the breast piece of judgement over the high priest's heart. Used to determine the will of God.



Sash

Exodus (28:39)

Made of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet material and fine twisted linen by the work of a weaver.

Ephod

Exodus (28:6-9)

A square of fabric made of linen in gold, blue, purple, and scarlet yarns with a woven band.

Robe

Exodus (28:31-35)

Made of blue fabric with an opening in the top middle that is finished with woven work.

Hem of Robe

Exodus (28:33-35)

Pomegranates made of blue, purple, and scarlet material with alternating golden bells. When ministering in the holy place, tinkling of the bells was heard to show the high priest was alive.



Tunic (Undergarments)

Exodus (28:39-43)

Tunic weaved of checkered work of fine linen. Also, linen breeches to be worn under the robe from the loins to the thighs.

Regular Priest's Garments

Exodus (28:40-43)

The regular priests had woven linen tunics, sashes, and caps. They also wore linen breeches from their loins to their thighs as under garments.

