



T'tzaveh— You Are To Order- Exodus 27:20-30:10

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The Priestly Garments and The Believers Armor

Parshah Overview: ¹

G-d tells **Moses** to receive from the children of Israel pure **olive oil** to feed the “**everlasting flame**” of the menorah, which **Aaron** is to kindle each day, “from **evening till morning.**”

The priestly **garments**, to be worn by the *kohanim* (priests) while serving in the **Sanctuary**, are described. All *kohanim* wore: 1) the *ketonet*—a **full-length** linen tunic; 2) *michnasayim*—linen breeches; 3) *mitznetef* or *migba'at*—a linen turban; 4) *avnet*—a long sash wound above the waist.

In addition, the **kohen gadol** (high priest) wore: 5) the *efod*—an apron-like garment made of blue-, purple- and red-dyed wool, linen and gold thread; 6) the *choshen*—a breastplate containing twelve precious stones inscribed with the names of the **twelve tribes** of Israel; 7) the *me'il*—a cloak of blue wool, with gold bells and decorative pomegranates on its **hem**; 8) the *tzitz*—a golden plate **worn on the forehead**, bearing the inscription “Holy to G-d.”

Tetzaveh also includes G-d’s detailed instructions for the seven-day initiation of Aaron and his four sons—**Nadav, Avihu, Elazar and Itamar**—into the priesthood, and for the making of the **golden altar**, on which the *ketoret* (**incense**) was burned.

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Exodus 28 – The Garments of the Priests

- 1** “Then bring near to yourself Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from among the sons of Israel, to minister as priest to Me—Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron’s sons.
- 2 “You shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty.
- 3 “You shall speak to all the skillful persons whom I have endowed with the spirit of wisdom, that they make Aaron’s garments to consecrate him, that he may minister as priest to Me.
- 4 “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.
- 5 “They shall take the gold and the blue and the purple and the scarlet *material* and the fine linen.
- 6** “They shall also make the ephod of gold, of blue and purple *and* scarlet *material* and fine twisted linen, the work of the skillful workman.
- 7 “It shall have two shoulder pieces joined to its two ends, that it may be joined.
- 8 “The skillfully woven band, which is on it, shall be like its workmanship, of the same material: of gold, of blue and purple and scarlet *material* and fine twisted linen.
- 9 “You shall take two onyx stones and engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel,
- 10 six of their names on the one stone and the names of the remaining six on the other stone, according to their birth.
- 11 “As a jeweler engraves a signet, you shall engrave the two stones according to the names of the sons of Israel; you shall set them in filigree *settings* of gold.
- 12 “You shall put the two stones on the shoulder pieces of the ephod, *as* stones of memorial for the sons of Israel, and Aaron shall bear their names before the LORD on his two shoulders for a memorial.
- 13 “You shall make filigree *settings* of gold,
- 14 and two chains of pure gold; you shall make them of twisted cordage work, and you shall put the corded chains on the filigree *settings*.
- 15** “You shall make a breastpiece of judgment, the work of a skillful workman; like the work of the ephod you shall make it: of gold, of blue and purple and scarlet *material* and fine twisted linen you shall make it.
- 16 “It shall be square *and* folded double, a span in length and a span in width.
- 17 “You shall mount on it four rows of stones; the first row *shall be* a row of ruby, topaz and emerald;
- 18 and the second row a turquoise, a sapphire and a diamond;
- 19 and the third row a jacinth, an agate and an amethyst;

20 and the fourth row a beryl and an onyx and a jasper; they shall be set in gold filigree.

21 “The stones shall be according to the names of the sons of Israel: twelve, according to their names; they shall be *like* the engravings of a seal, each according to his name for the twelve tribes.

22 “You shall make on the breastpiece chains of twisted cordage work in pure gold.

23 “You shall make on the breastpiece two rings of gold, and shall put the two rings on the two ends of the breastpiece.

24 “You shall put the two cords of gold on the two rings at the ends of the breastpiece.

25 “You shall put the *other* two ends of the two cords on the two filigree *settings*, and put them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod, at the front of it.

26 “You shall make two rings of gold and shall place them on the two ends of the breastpiece, on the edge of it, which is toward the inner side of the ephod.

27 “You shall make two rings of gold and put them on the bottom of the two shoulder pieces of the ephod, on the front of it close to the place where it is joined, above the skillfully woven band of the ephod.

28 “They shall bind the breastpiece by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a blue cord, so that it will be on the skillfully woven band of the ephod, and that the breastpiece will not come loose from the ephod.

29 “Aaron shall carry the names of the sons of Israel in the breastpiece of judgment over his heart when he enters the holy place, for a memorial before the LORD continually.

30 “You shall put in the breastpiece of judgment the Urim and the Thummim, and they shall be over Aaron’s heart when he goes in before the LORD; and Aaron shall carry the judgment of the sons of Israel over his heart before the LORD continually.

31 “You shall make the robe of the ephod all of blue.

32 “There shall be an opening at its top in the middle of it; around its opening there shall be a binding of woven work, as like the opening of a coat of mail, so that it will not be torn.

33 “You shall make on its hem pomegranates of blue and purple and scarlet *material*, all around on its hem, and bells of gold between them all around:

34 a golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, all around on the hem of the robe.

35 “It shall be on Aaron when he ministers; and its tinkling shall be heard when he enters and leaves the holy place before the LORD, so that he will not die.

36 “You shall also make a plate of pure gold and shall engrave on it, like the engravings of a seal, ‘Holy to the LORD.’

37 “You shall fasten it on a blue cord, and it shall be on the turban; it shall be at the front of the turban.

38 “It shall be on Aaron’s forehead, and Aaron shall take away the iniquity of the holy things which the sons of Israel consecrate, with regard to all their holy gifts; and it shall always be on his forehead, that they may be accepted before the LORD.

39 “You shall weave the tunic of checkered work of fine linen, and [shall make a turban of fine linen, and you shall make a sash, the work of a weaver.](#)

40 “For Aaron’s sons you shall make tunics; you shall also make sashes for them, and you shall make caps for them, for glory and for beauty.

41 “You shall put them on Aaron your brother and on his sons with him; and you shall anoint them and ordain them and consecrate them, that they may serve Me as priests.

42 “You shall make for them linen breeches to cover *their* bare flesh; they shall reach from the loins even to the thighs.

43 “They shall be on Aaron and on his sons when they enter the tent of meeting, or when they approach the altar to minister in the holy place, so that they do not incur guilt and die. It *shall be* a statute forever to him and to his descendants after him.[2]

Also jumping ahead to Exodus 39

Exo 39:1 And of the blue, and purple, and scarlet, they made cloths of service, to do service in the holy *place*, and made **the holy garments** for Aaron; as the LORD commanded Moses.

Exo 39:2 And he made the ephod *of* gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen.

Exo 39:3 And they did beat the gold into thin plates, and cut *it into* wires, to work *it* in the blue, and in the purple, and in the scarlet, and in the fine linen, *with* cunning work.

Exo 39:4 They made shoulderpieces for it, to couple *it* together: by the two edges was it coupled together.

Exo 39:5 And the curious girdle of his ephod, that *was* upon it, *was* of the same, according to the work thereof; *of* gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen; as the LORD commanded Moses.

Exo 39:6 And they wrought onyx stones inclosed in ouches of gold, graven, as signets are graven, with the names of the children of Israel.

Exo 39:7 And he put them on the shoulders of the ephod, *that they should be* stones for a memorial to the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses.

Exo 39:8 And he made **the breastplate** *of* cunning work, like the work of the ephod; *of* gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen.

Exo 39:9 It was foursquare; they made **the breastplate** double: a span *was* the length thereof, and a span the breadth thereof, *being* doubled.

Exo 39:10 And they set in it four rows of stones: *the first row was* a sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle: this *was* the first row.

Exo 39:11 And the second row, an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond.

Exo 39:12 And the third row, a ligure, an agate, and an amethyst.

Exo 39:13 And the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper: *they were* inclosed in ouches of gold in their inclosings.

Exo 39:14 And the stones *were* according to the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, *like* the engravings of a signet, every one with his name, according to the twelve tribes.

Exo 39:15 And they made upon the breastplate chains at the ends, *of* wreathen work *of* pure gold.

Exo 39:16 And they made two ouches *of* gold, and two gold rings; and put the two rings in the two ends of the breastplate.

Exo 39:17 And they put the two wreathen chains of gold in the two rings on the ends of the breastplate.

Exo 39:18 And the two ends of the two wreathen chains they fastened in the two ouches, and put them on the shoulderpieces of the ephod, before it.

Exo 39:19 And they made two rings of gold, and put *them* on the two ends of **the breastplate**, upon the border of it, which *was* on the side of the ephod inward.

Exo 39:20 And they made two *other* golden rings, and put them on the two sides of the ephod underneath, toward the forepart of it, over against the *other* coupling thereof, above the curious girdle of the ephod.

Exo 39:21 And they did bind the breastplate by his rings unto the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that it might be above the curious girdle of the ephod, and that the breastplate might not be loosed from the ephod; as the LORD commanded Moses.

Exo 39:22 And he made **the robe** of the ephod *of* woven work, all *of* blue.

Exo 39:23 And *there was* an hole in the midst of the robe, as the hole of an habergeon, *with* a band round about the hole, that it should not rend.

Exo 39:24 And they made upon the hems of the robe pomegranates *of* blue, and purple, and scarlet, *and* twined *linen*.

Exo 39:25 And they made bells *of* pure gold, and put the bells between the pomegranates upon the hem of the robe, round about between the pomegranates;

Exo 39:26 A bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate, round about the hem of the robe to minister *in*; as the LORD commanded Moses.

Exo 39:27 And they made coats *of* fine linen *of* woven work for Aaron, and for his sons,

Exo 39:28 **And a mitre of fine linen, and goodly bonnets of fine linen, and linen breeches of fine twined linen,**

Exo 39:29 **And a girdle of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, of needlework;** as the LORD commanded Moses.

Exo 39:30 **And they made the plate of the holy crown of pure gold, and wrote upon it a writing, like to the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD.**

Exo 39:31 **And they tied unto it a lace of blue, to fasten it on high upon the mitre;** as the LORD commanded Moses.



The dress of the priests in the Old Testament is a spiritual picture of the Bride's clothing. *Exodus* 28 describes the priest clothing. In this section, we see the following characteristics: ^[3]

1. The Holy garments of the priests were for glory and beauty (*Exodus* 28:2)
2. They had the spirit of wisdom (*Exodus* 28:3)
3. They are sanctified/consecrated before God so that they can minister to Him (*Exodus* 28:3)
4. A breastplate and a robe (*Exodus* 28:4, *Isaiah* 61:10)
5. The priests' garments were made of fine twined linen (*Exodus* 28:6, 8)
6. They had the stones of the twelve tribes of Israel engraved upon the breastplate of the high priest (*Exodus* 28:15-21)
7. They wore the Urim and Thummim to know God's Will (*Exodus* 28:30)
8. He wore a crown of holiness on his head (*Exodus* 28:35-36)

9. The priests were anointed, consecrated and sanctified for the Lord's service (*Exodus 28:41*)

For years the Church has taught that this is a picture of a Roman Soldiers armor because of the Greco/Roman teaching that crept into the Church. When you study these scriptures based on the Torah and with a Hebrew mind set, you come up with a totally different picture, which I believe this is what Rav Shaul was speaking about.

The Armor of the Priesthood who stands in the gap by intercessory prayer and against the accuser of the brethren.

The Robe (*Exodus 28:31-35*)

The Robe was made entirely of blue. It had a hem, attached to which were pommegranate motifs (in blue, purple and scarlet), with golden bells alternating in between the pommegranates. The golden bells were an audible announcement of the high priest's service, a beautiful sound, backed up by beautiful fruits, the pommegranates. This same balance of words and deeds we find in the Lord Yeshua (Luke 24:19).

The Robe represents that we are clothed in Righteousness

Exo 39:1 And of the blue, and purple, and scarlet, they made cloths of service, to do service in the holy *place*, and made the holy garments for Aaron; as the LORD commanded Moses.

1Pe 2:9 But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal **priesthood**, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

1Pe 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy **priesthood**, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Yeshua HaMashiach.



The Shoulder Stones (*Exodus 28:9-12*)

On each shoulder-piece of the Ephod was a precious stone. Six names were written on each of the stones, altogether naming the twelve tribes of Israel Every time the high priest went before God at the Golden Incense Alter , the names of all the people of God were upon His shoulders.

Stones – Represent the 12 Tribes of Israel

Exo 39:10 And they set in it four rows of stones: *the first row was* a sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle: *this was* the first row.

Exo 39:11 And the second row, an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond.

Exo 39:12 And the third row, a ligure, an agate, and an amethyst.

Exo 39:13 And the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper: *they were* inclosed in ouches of gold in their inclosings.

Exo 39:14 And the stones *were* according to the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, *like* the engravings of a signet, every one with his name, according to the twelve tribes.

Exo 39:15 And they made upon the breastplate chains at the ends, *of* wreathen work *of* pure gold.

Exo 39:16 And they made two ouches *of* gold, and two gold rings; and put the two rings in the two ends of the breastplate.

Exo 39:17 And they put the two wreathen chains of gold in the two rings on the ends of the breastplate.

Spiritual House – His Temple

We are His Spiritual House and Temple -

Holy Priesthood – Body of Messiah



Eph 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.

Eph 6:13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Exo 39:2 And he made the ephod *of* gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen.

Exo 39:3 And they did beat the gold into thin plates, and cut *it into* wires, to work *it* in the blue, and in the purple, and in the scarlet, and in the fine linen, *with* cunning work.

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Colors Used in the Tabernacle and Priestly Garments

White- WHITE: purity, righteousness acquired through the blood, Messiah, angels, saints, color of creator
from: Revelation 6:2, 19:8, 7:9, 4:4, 3:18,
Ecclesiastes 9:8, Matthew 17:2, 28:3,
Acts 1:10, Daniel 7:9, Isaiah 1:18

Gold—GOLD: glory of God, might of His people, divine nature
from: Ezra 1:4, 8:2 and Revelation 3:18
GOLD: holiness, royalty
from: Revelation 4:4, 14:14, Malachi 3:3, Haggai 2:8,
Song of Songs 5:11

Blue- BLUE: symbol of heaven and authority, spiritual or heavenly realm
from: Exodus 24:10, Ezekiel 1:26, 10:1

Purple-PURPLE (DARK): royalty, wealth
from: Judges 8:26, Song of Songs 3:10,
John 19:2

Scarlet-RED (DEEP)

CRIMSON or SCARLET: blood atonement, sacrifice of
Messiah's blood from sin and death
from: Leviticus 14:52, Isaiah 1:18,
Hebrews 9:14

RED (DEEP)

CRIMSON or SCARLET: color of the Holy Spirit
from: Acts 1:3-4

RED: war, bloodshed, and death (also war in the heavens)
from: 2 Kings 3:21-23, Revelation 6:4, 12:3-8,
Nahum 2:3, Numbers 19:2



Eph 6:14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, The Loins girt about speak of the garments of the High Priest

The Ephod (Exodus 28:5-14; 39:2-7)

The Ephod is the apron-like garment worn by the high priest. It was made in four colours: blue, purple, scarlet and the white of the fine linen. Also embroidered into the Ephod is the gold thread, a beautiful 'type' of Messiah's heavenly ministry as great High Priest for His own.

Eph 6:14b and having on the breastplate of righteousness;



The Breastplate (Exodus 28:15-30)

The breastplate was square in its proportions, and also embroidered with gold. Set into the Breastplate in gold were twelve precious stones, one for each of the twelve tribes of Israel. Each stone had the name of the respective tribe engraved upon it.

Exo 39:8 And he made the breastplate *of* cunning work, like the work of the ephod; *of* gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen.

Exo 39:9 It was foursquare; they made the breastplate double: a span *was* the length thereof, and a span the breadth thereof, *being* doubled.



Eph 6:15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

As His Priesthood we walk on holy ground, when we are in His presence on Holy Ground we receive the anointing to take the Gospel of Shalom/Peace to the world.

Eph 6:16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

All prayers and intercession must be backed by faith in His Holy Torah/Word. As we stand in His Presence and pray His Holy Word the ha Satan must flee! As we stand in the gap for others and plead the blood of Yeshua and pray His Word in faith His Shield protects us.

Psa 3:3 But thou, O LORD, *art* a **shield** for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.

Psa 18:35 Thou hast also given me the **shield** of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great.

Psa 28:7 The LORD *is* my strength and my **shield**; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.

Psa 33:20 Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he *is* our help and our **shield**.

Psa 84:9 Behold, O God our **shield**, and look upon the face of thine anointed

Psa 84:11 For the LORD God *is* a sun and **shield**: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good *thing* will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

Psa 115:9 O Israel, trust thou in the LORD: he *is* their help and their **shield**.

Psa 115:10 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD: he *is* their help and their **shield**.

Psa 119:114 Thou *art* my hiding place and my **shield**: I hope in thy word.

Psa 144:2 My goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer; my **shield**, and *he* in whom I trust; who subdueth my people under me.

Pro 30:5 Every word of God *is* pure: he *is* a **shield** unto them that put their trust in him.

Eph 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation,

The Helmet of salvation is the headpiece the High Priest Wore which said “Holy Unto The Lord”



The Turban and the Crown (Exodus 28:36-39)

The Turban was made of white fine linen. Generally, fine white linen signifies righteous deeds (Revelation 19:8). Here the emphasis is on our mind, the covering of our thought processes, "taking every thought captive to the obedience of Messiah" (II Corinthians 10:5) by taking "the helmet of salvation" (Ephesians 6:17). Our mind is the big problem. When Zechariah saw the vision of Joshua (Zechariah 3:1-5), the Lord began to address the problem of the filthy garments (v3) by putting a clean Turban on his head (v5). Since the Hebrew words for Joshua (Yoshuah) and salvation (yeshuah) are so close, we see here the picture of taking up the helmet of salvation, to deal with our filthy thoughts of unrighteousness.

Attached to the Turban and upon the forehead of the high priest was the Crown, a gold plate on which "HOLY TO THE LORD" was engraved. This seal of God is legitimately there on the forehead of our Lord Yeshua HaMashiach, our great High Priest. But for us, whom He has also made priests (Revelation 1:5-6), there is a clear indication that we are not just to be outwardly dressed up in Messiah; He must transform us, by the renewing of our mind that we may prove the will of God: our sanctification (Romans 12:2 & I Thessalonians 4:3). How we need to be renewed in the spirit of our mind, to put on the new man created in righteousness and true holiness (Ephesians 4:23-24)!

Exo 39:30 And they made the plate of the holy crown *of* pure gold, and wrote upon it a writing, *like to* the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD.

Exo 39:31 And they tied unto it a lace of blue, to fasten *it* on high upon the mitre; as the LORD commanded

We have been set apart and called “Holy” because of what Yeshua has done for us.

Eph 6:17 and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:



The Sword of the Spirit is the Torah

Eph 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Joh 17:17 Sanctify them through **thy** truth: **thy word** is truth.

Act 4:29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto **thy** servants, that with all boldness they may speak **thy word**,

Deu 30:14 But **the word** *is* very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.

Psa 147:18 He sendeth out his **word**, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, *and* **the** waters flow.

Isa 40:8 **The** grass withereth, **the** flower fadeth: but **the word** of our God shall stand for ever.

Isa 55:11 So shall my **word** be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.

Jer 1:12 Then said **the** LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my **word** to perform it.

Jer 15:16 Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy **word** was unto me **the** joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.

Jer 23:29 *Is* not my **word** like as a fire? saith **the** LORD; and like a hammer *that* breaketh **the** rock in pieces?

The High Priest stood in the gap for Israel before the presence of the Lord. We are called to stand in the gap in intercessory prayer as His Holy Priesthood and intercede for those who are lost.

The Incense represents the Prayers of the Saints.



The priest had to burn incense at this altar in the morning and at twilight (Exodus 30:7-8), as a perpetual fragrance before the Lord.

The burning incense signifies prayer (Psalm 141:2 Revelation 5:8) and points us to the prayer of the Messiah Yeshua in the garden of Gethsemane (John chapter 17, Mark 14:32-42).

Rev 8:3 And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much **incense**, that he should offer *it* with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

Rev 8:4 And the smoke of the **incense**, *which came* with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.

Yeshua is our High Priest and He has called us as His Holy Priesthood to wear the Holy Garments of the Priesthood as described in Ephesians 6