



## Lesson 12 – Garments of the Priests

- 1) What did the Priests wear when they ministered at the Tabernacle?  
**Exodus 28:40** And for Aaron's sons thou shalt make \_\_\_\_\_, and thou shalt make for them girdles, and bonnets shalt thou make for them, for glory and for beauty.
- 2) **Exodus 28:41** And thou shalt put them upon Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him; and shalt anoint them, and consecrate them, and sanctify them, that they may \_\_\_\_\_ unto me in the priest's office.
- 3) **Exodus 28:42** And thou shalt make them linen \_\_\_\_\_ to cover their nakedness; from the loins even unto the thighs they shall reach:
- 4) **Exodus 28:43** And they shall be upon Aaron, and upon his sons, when they come in unto the \_\_\_\_\_ of the congregation, or when they come near unto the altar to minister in the holy place; that they bear not iniquity, and die: it shall be a statute for ever unto him and his seed after him.



The garments worn by the ordinary priests were of white linen, a fit emblem of the Spotless One of whom their ministry was a type. The outer robe was white, woven in one piece, and extended nearly to the feet. It was confined at the waist with a white linen girdle, embroidered in blue, purple, and scarlet. A white linen miter, or turban, covered the head. These articles, with the linen breeches which were worn by all officiating priests, completed the costume of the common priest. These garments of white linen were made for **“glory and for beauty.”**

Note: the breeches spoken of here would be best described as underwear.

- 5) What is given to the one who overcomes the trials of life?  
**Revelation 19:7,8** Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the \_\_\_\_\_ of saints.
- 6) **Isaiah 61:10** I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the \_\_\_\_\_ of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.

Only the family of Aaron could wear the rich garments of the priest; but there are robes of **“fine linen, clean and white,”** in store for every overcomer. Even in this life, Christ clothes His faithful ones with **“the garments of salvation”** and the **“robe of righteousness”**.

The pure white garments were worn by the high priest on ordinary occasions, but when he entered the most holy place to make atonement for the people, he was clad in gorgeous robes,



which fitly represented our High Priest as He confesses the names of His people before the judgment-seat of the Judge of the whole earth.

Read **Exodus 28:2-39** for the description of the High Priest garment

The high priest always wore the long white linen robe of the common priest, but over this was a robe of blue woven in one piece, and beautifully ornamented around the skirt with golden bells and pomegranates of blue, purple, and gold. The ephod, a sleeveless garment of white linen,



beautifully embroidered in gold, blue, purple, and scarlet, was worn over the blue robe. This was shorter than the other garments and was confined at the waist by a richly embroidered girdle of the same color. On the gold embroidered shoulders of the ephod were two onyx stones, on which were engraved the names of the twelve tribes of Israel, six names on each shoulder, thus typifying the Mighty One who bears the perplexities and burdens of His people upon His shoulders.

While the robe of blue with its golden bells and the handsomely embroidered ephod were beautiful, yet the crowning feature in all the gorgeous dress of the high priest was the breastplate worn over his heart as he officiated in the holy of holies before the Lord. The breastplate was of the same material as the ephod. It was in the form of a square and measured a span. In it were set in gold twelve precious stones, arranged three in a row. On each stone was engraved the name of one of the tribes of Israel. Around these was a border of a variety of stones. The stones in the breastplate were the same as those that form the foundation of the New Jerusalem. The breastplate hung from the shoulders of the ephod and was fastened at the waist by a blue cord through gold rings.

7) What special stones were on the breastplate of the High Priest?

**Exodus 28:30** And thou shalt put in the breastplate of judgment the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_; and they shall be upon Aaron's heart, when he goeth in before the LORD: and Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel upon his heart before the LORD continually.

Set in the breastplate, one on either side, were two brilliant stones, called the Urim and Thummim. By means of these stones, the mind of the Lord could be ascertained by the high priest. When questions were asked, if light encircled the precious stone at the right, the answer was in the affirmative; but if a shadow rested on the stone at the left, the answer was negative.

8) What else did God tell Moses to have made for the High Priest?

**Exodus 28:36** And thou shalt make a \_\_\_\_\_ of pure gold, and grave upon it, like the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD.



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**Exodus 28:37** And thou shalt put it on a \_\_\_\_\_ lace, that it may be upon the mitre; upon the forefront of the mitre it shall be.

**Exodus 28:38** And it shall be upon Aaron's \_\_\_\_\_, that Aaron may bear the iniquity of the holy things, which the children of Israel shall hallow in all their holy gifts; and it shall be always upon his forehead, that they may be accepted before the LORD.

9) What was the breastplate called that the High Priest wore?

**Exodus 28:15** And thou shalt make the breastplate of \_\_\_\_\_ with cunning work; after the work of the ephod thou shalt make it; of gold, of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine twined linen, shalt thou make it.

There is a touching significance in the High Priest's wearing the names of all Israel on his shoulders and over his heart as he performed the work which typified the judgment when the case of everyone will come up in review before God. The breastplate was called "**the breastplate of judgment.**" Those names engraved on the stones were a type of the names of the overcomers, which Christ will confess before His father and the angels. Stone is an enduring substance, but far more enduring is the book of life, where the names which Christ has confessed, are written to remain forever.

Jesus our High Priest is in heaven now ministering on your behalf and He has written your name upon His heart. Make no mistake, you are beloved far more than you know.

**Revelation 3:5** *He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.*

**Can you see how God cares for His people?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you interested in having your name on the breastplate of judgment?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Will you now ask Him now to help you overcome this world and all its temptations?** \_\_\_\_\_