



FROM BONDAGE TO FREEDOM | *The Story of Israel*

the books of EXODUS & LEVITICUS & NUMBERS

Don Hooton | **TUESDAY'S AT 10:30 AM** | InPerson and **LIVESTREAM**

1. 'The Ephod' (28:6-14, 31; 39:2-7)

- **Ex 28:4** Garments not named in the order they are worn
- Made by those who had been given particular ability for the task
- Made of gold, blue, purple, white and scarlet
- Represents Priestly grace:
Ephod resembled the veil of the sanctuary but without the cherubim; and with the gold



The shoulder pieces

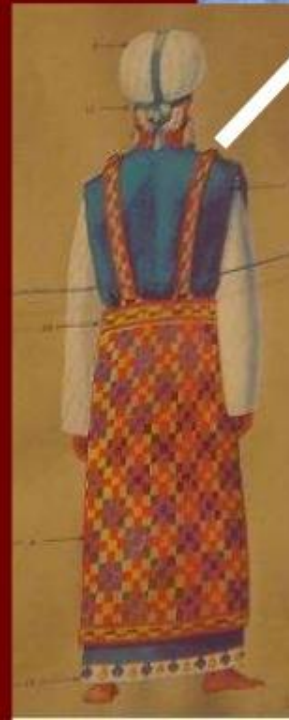
Clasped together at the shoulder by two onyx stones set in gold

Called the "remembrance stones"

Shoulder:

Christ, the High Priest bears His people upon His shoulders, the place of strength and seat of power.

The shoulders also speak of carrying a burden, Christ, the High Priest carries the whole burden alone.



The Sash or Girdle of the Ephod

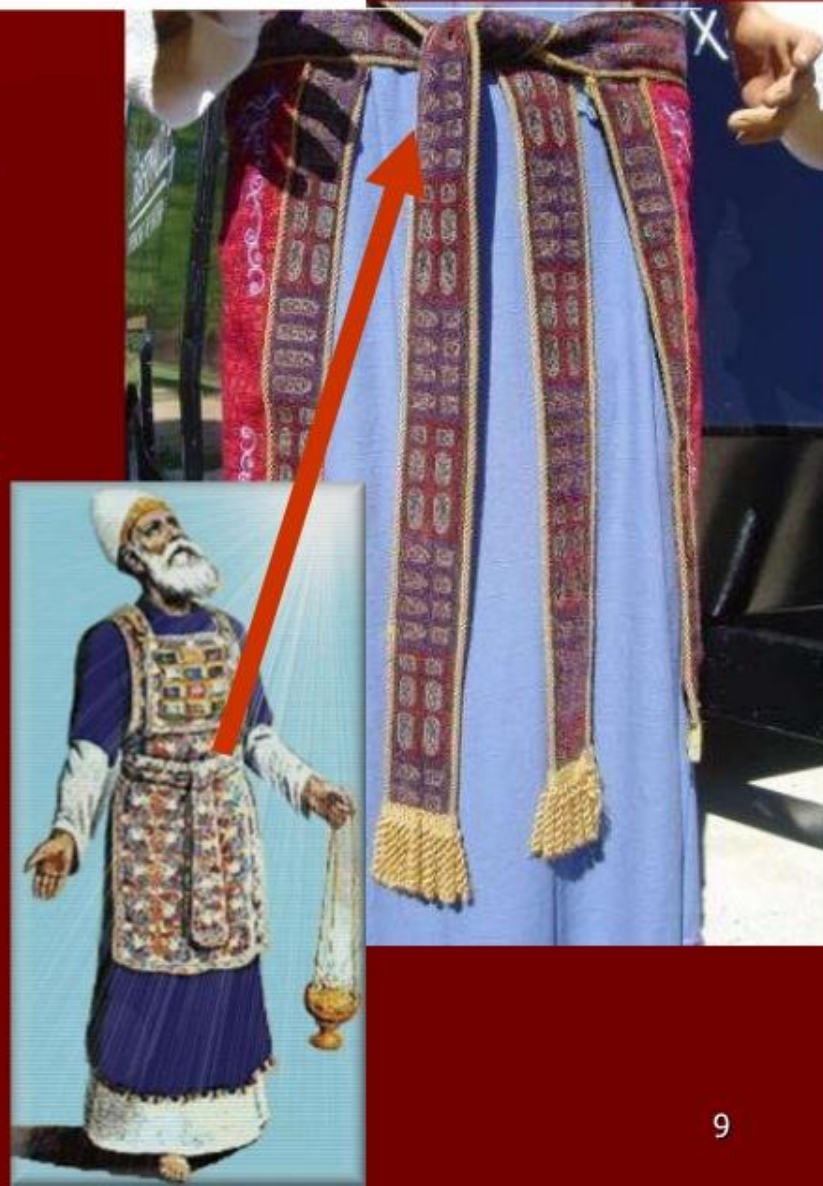
Front and back of the ephod were made to be as one garment by a sash or girdle, which was tied about the priest's waist

Luke 12: 37; 17: 8. Emblem of service

Priest to be girded with his sash was for him to be fully arrayed in his garments and prepared and ready to serve.

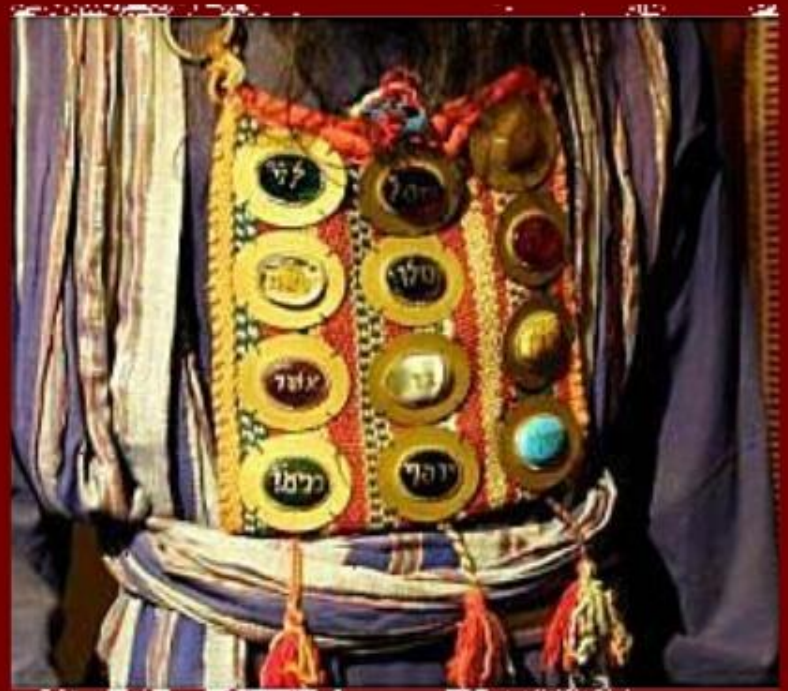
Christ was not only the unwearied servant while on earth but, like the Hebrew servant of Ex. 21, He is the priest for ever.

Accordingly He ministers on our behalf in heaven.



2. The Breastplate (28:15-29, 39:8-21)

- A pouch of beautifully woven material
- 12 precious stones in four rows of three
- Also called the "breastplate of judgment" . Ex 28:15.
- A continual memorial before the Lord. (Josh. 4: 7; Lord's supper)
- Held in place by golden chains attached to the onyx shoulder clasps and also by blue lace ribbons
- Speaks of oneness and of God's affection



'Urim and Thummim'

(28:30, cf. Num. 27:21, 1 Sam.28:6)

- **Urim:** Light
- **Thummim:** Perfections
- **Num 27:21**

"He shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall inquire before the LORD for him by the judgment of the Urim; at his word they shall go out, and at his word they shall come in, he and all the children of Israel with him-- all the congregation."

- **1 Sam 28:6**

"And when Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD did not answer him, either by dreams or by Urim or by the prophets."



The Robe of the Ephod (28:31-35, 39:22-26)

- Wholly Blue: Such a High Priest became us, who is holy harmless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and made higher than the heavens" (Heb. 7: 26).
- Golden bells and pomegranates were attached to the hem
- Bells a picture of listening to God while in His service
- Pomegranates a picture of fruitfulness
- The sound of the bell were the assurance that the High Priest is serving before the Lord (Ex 28: 35)

And you shall make the robe of the ephod entirely out of blue wool. Its head shall be folded over within it, and its opening shall have a border of weaver's work - it shall be like the a coat of mail, that it should not be torn. And you shall make on its hem of blue, scarlet hem all around, and gold bells all around; and a pomegranate and a gold bell shall be on Aaron in order to minister. Its sound shall be heard when he enters the Sanctuary before Hashem and when he leaves, so that he not die.



3. The Mitre and Crown

(28:36-38, 39:30, 31)

- Mitre of fine linen
- On the forehead attached by a blue lace ribbon, a golden plate engraved

HOLINESS TO THE LORD

- A constant reminder of holiness to both the people and to the priest
- The crowned priest- the Holy crown (EX 39: 30; Lev 8:9)



The Ordinary Garments of the Priest

(28:39-43, 39:27-29)

The officiating priests wore four pieces of garments:

- Ex 28:42 White breeches
 - Ex 28:40 White linen garment
 - Ex 28:40 White linen sash
 - Ex 28:40 White turban
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- Only by birth can one be a priest

