

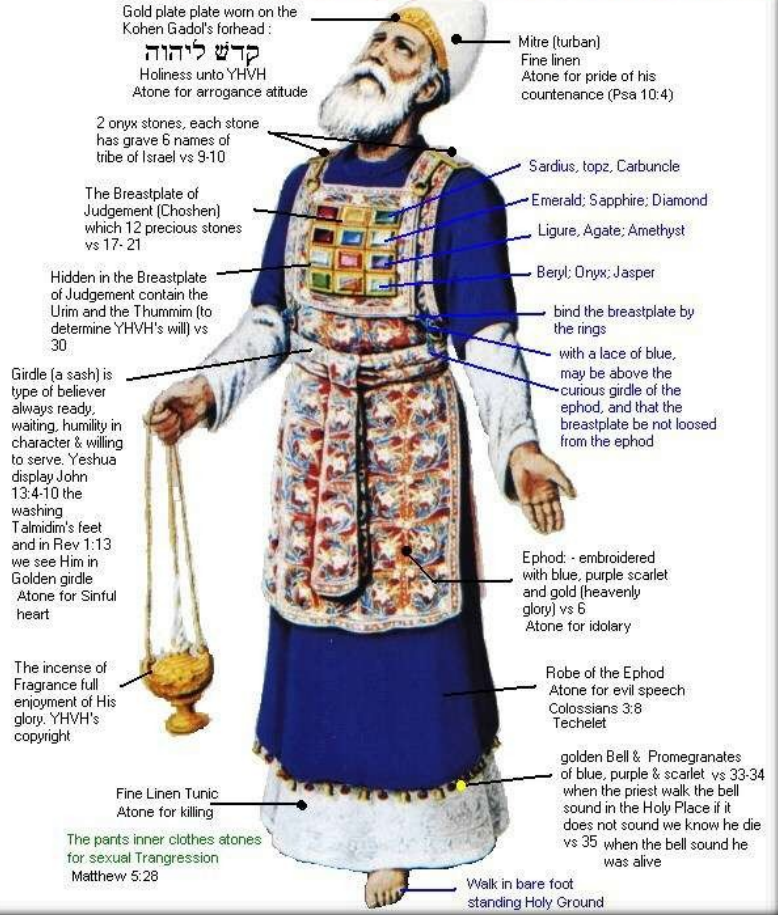


# High Priestly Garments

- The picture of the office of our High Priest Jesus Christ
- Application to the Believers
- Cover in detail only the uniquely different pieces of garment

# Exodus 28:2

The Golden Garments (8th) of the Kohen Gadol Shemot 28:4:42



“And thou shalt make **holy garments** for Aaron thy brother for **glory** and for **beauty**”.

Aaron must wear them to enter the holy place.  
(Ex. 28:29; 30; 35)

**Same Greek words:**  
time kai doxa (glory & honour)

**Mt. of Transfiguration: 2 Peter 1:17** – For he received from God the Father **honour and glory**, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

**Priest who was also the Sacrifice: Heb 2:9** - But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with **glory and honour**; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

# Christ our High Priest

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*The High Priest who offered Himself as  
the sacrifice*

## Hebrew 3:1

Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers  
of the heavenly calling, *consider* the

**Apostle and High Priest**

of our *profession*,

Christ **Jesus**;

...This day have I begotten Thee.

- **Prophet:** Mat 3:17
- **High Priest:** Heb 5:5-10
- **King:** Ps 2:7; Acts 13:33<sub>3</sub>

# Criteria to be an High Priest

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- **Heb 5:5.** (Ex 28:1)  
*Christ as Priest is appointed and chosen by God.*
- **Heb 7:20-22.** (Ex 29:1)  
*He is consecrated with an oath .*
- **Heb 7:24-25.** (Ex 28:9)  
*He intercedes for His people.*

The book of **Hebrews** presents how Christ is a better High Priest than Aaron (Heb 10:11-12):  
*Sinless, unchangeable, continues forever, perfect work, no more sacrifice, seated...*

# Difference in High Priestly and Priestly Garments



Ordinary priests wore:

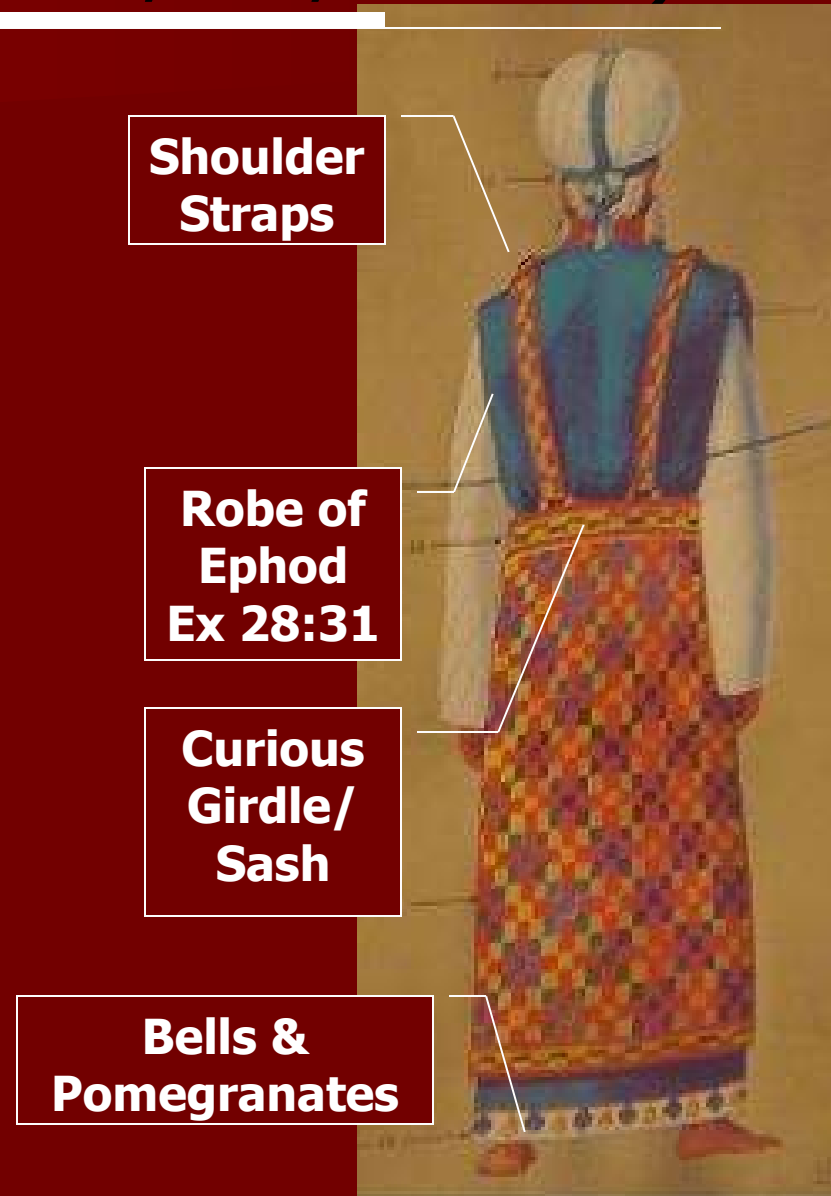
- White birches
- white linen garments
- White linen sash
- White turban.

High priests wore in addition  
(except for the turban)...

- Ephod = "a (special) girdle"
- Breastplate
- Mitre with a golden crown

# 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 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)



# 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



# Sequence of the stones in Exodus 28:17-21 & Revelation 21:19

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## Sardius:

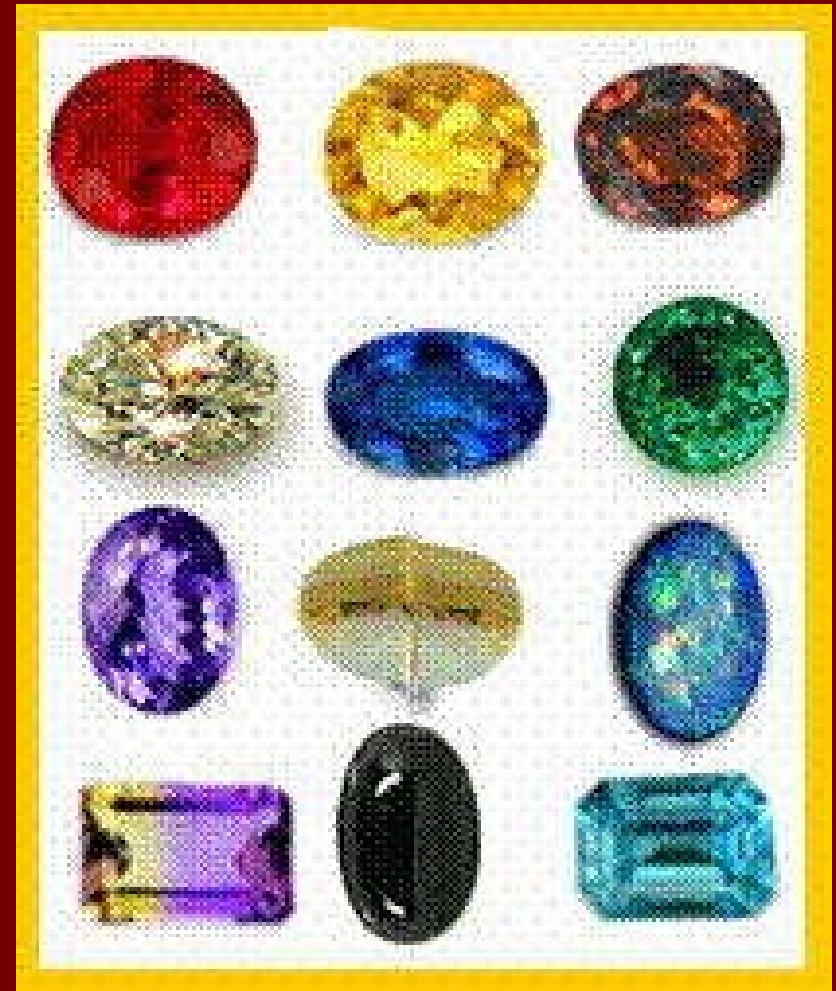
- Divine Judgment
- *Reuben: Behold the son.*

## Jasper:

- Pure
- *Benjamin: Son of my right hand*

Ex 28:30 – “upon his heart” repeated twice.

*His High Priestly ministry over, He is now ready to judge.*



# 'Urim and Thummim'

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

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- **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."



# 3. The Mitre and Crown

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

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- 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)

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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



# Application: Relevance to Believers

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- **Ex 29** – Sin offering, washing, anointing
- **Ps 132:9 / Gal 3:27** – clothed with righteousness (Jesus Christ)
- **Worship:** 1 Peter 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 Jesus Christ.*
- **Witness:** 1 Peter 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 marvelous light:*