

## Exodus 28:5-14 **Ephod** - of the Priests Garments

<sup>5</sup> "They shall take the gold , blue , purple, and scarlet thread, and fine linen, <sup>6</sup> and they shall make the ephod of gold , blue , purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen, artistically worked. <sup>7</sup> It shall have two shoulder straps joined at its two edges, and so it shall be joined together. <sup>8</sup> And the intricately woven band of the ephod, which is on it, shall be of the same workmanship, made of gold , blue , purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen.

<sup>9</sup> Then you shall take two onyx stones and engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel: <sup>10</sup> six of their names on one stone, and six names on the other stone, in order of their birth. <sup>11</sup> With the work of an engraver in stone, like the engravings of a signet, you shall engrave the two stones with the names of the sons of Israel. You shall set them in settings of gold.

<sup>12</sup> And you shall put the two stones on the shoulders of the ephod as memorial stones for the sons of Israel. So Aaron shall bear their names before the LORD on his two shoulders as a memorial.

<sup>13</sup> You shall also make settings of gold, <sup>14</sup> and you shall make two chains of pure gold like braided cords, and fasten the braided chains to the settings. NKJV

### Facts Revealed:

✧ The Ephod is made of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine linen.

**Gold** – Represents Divinity.

**Blue** - represents the color of Heaven.

**Purple** - represents Royalty

**Scarlet** – represent Sinful man.

**Fine twisted Linen** – represent Righteousness.

All of these materials speak of Jesus our Messiah:

Messiah the Word Who became flesh was first God with God in the beginning through Whom all creation was made. [John 1:1-18, 29-34] He is represented as God divinity (**gold**) in the Ephod.

Who came down from Heaven (**blue**). [John 3:13, 6:33, 1 Corinthians 15:47, 1 Thessalonians 4:16]

Who is the King of kings and Lord of lords (royalty **purple**). [1 Timothy 6:15, Revelation 17:14, 19:16]

Who took our sins (**scarlet**) upon Himself for our Salvation. [1 Peter 2:24, 2 Corinthians 5:21]

And Who imputes to us His Righteousness (**fine twisted linen**). [Romans 4:1-11, 5:17, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Philippians 3:8-9]

As the Priest is clothed with the holy priestly garments which speak of Jesus our Messiah, it symbolizes that the man called by God doing the service of God Most High and welcomed into the presence of God must be clothed with Christ Jesus as he bears his testimony of Jesus as stated by Paul. [Romans 13:12-14, Galatians 3:27]

✧ The weaving is of cunning (chashab) work.

✧ This is the same as the work done on the veil and speaks of the pattern having the same appearance on both sides of the material which is intricately measured and precise.

✧ It speaks of God's intricate and carefully designed plan for the salvation of man, by the work of God alone, doing what man cannot do for himself. [Matthew 19:26, Mark 10:27]

- ☆ The onyx stones on which the names of the twelve tribes of Israel are engraved, are placed on the shoulders of the Ephod, and represent the remembrance of all the Children of Israel before God continually.
- ✧ They serve as a continual silent prayer for the Children of Israel.
- ✧ God's people plagued by weakness and sin are continually in need of prayer by an intercessor, such as we have in Jesus Christ. [[Romans 8:34](#), [Hebrews 7:25](#)]
- ✧ The names are engraved on the stones which speaks of God's promise to Israel that He has them engraved on the palms of His hands and will never forget them. [[Isaiah 49:16](#)]
- ✧ They are set in settings of gold, which speaks of the fact that the true remembrance of the Children of Israel is of God and not of man. We may not be able to fully depend on any man, but we may always fully depend on God keeping His Word to us.
- ✧ The gold chains also speak of God Who is the only one who is able to hold the priesthood together and will be the final ultimate High Priest for mankind. [[Hebrews 7:11-28](#)]