

Exodus 39:1-7 **Priests Garments - Ephod**

¹ Of the blue, purple, and scarlet thread they made garments of ministry, for ministering in the holy place, and made the holy garments for Aaron, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

² He made the ephod of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and of fine woven linen. ³ And they beat the gold into thin sheets and cut it into threads, to work it in with the blue, purple, and scarlet thread and the fine linen, into artistic designs. ⁴ They made shoulder straps for it to couple it together; it was coupled together at its two edges. ⁵ And the intricately woven band of his ephod that was on it was of the same workmanship, woven of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and of fine woven linen, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

⁶ And they set onyx stones, enclosed in settings of gold; they were engraved, as signets are engraved, with the names of the sons of Israel. ⁷ He put them on the shoulders of the ephod as memorial stones for the sons of Israel, as the LORD had commanded Moses. NKJV [Exodus 28:5-14]

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](#)]