

Ex 28:15 ¶ "And thou shalt make the breastplate of judgment 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. 16 Foursquare it shall be being doubled; a span shall be the length thereof, and a span shall be the breadth thereof. 17 And thou shalt set in it settings of stones, even four rows of stones: the first row shall be a sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle: this shall be the first row. 18 And the second row shall be an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond. 19 And the third row a ligure, an agate, and an amethyst. 20 And the fourth row a beryl, and an onyx, and a jasper: they shall be set in gold in their inclosing's. 21 And the stones shall be with the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, like the engravings of a signet; every one with his name shall they be according to the twelve tribes. 22 And thou shalt make upon the breastplate chains at the ends of wreathen work of pure gold. 23 And thou shalt make upon the breastplate two rings of gold, and shalt put the two rings on the two ends of the breastplate. 24 And thou shalt put the two wreathen chains of gold in the two rings which are on the ends of the breastplate. 25 And the other two ends of the two wreathen chains thou shalt fasten in the two ouches, and put them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod before it. 26 And thou shalt make two rings of gold, and thou shalt put them upon the two ends of the breastplate in the border thereof, which is in the side of the ephod inward. 27 And two other rings of gold thou shalt make, and shalt put them on the two sides of the ephod underneath, toward the forepart thereof, over against the other coupling thereof, above the curious girdle of the ephod. 28 And they shall bind the breastplate by the rings thereof unto the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that it may be above the curious girdle of the ephod, and that the breastplate be not loosed from the ephod. 29 And Aaron shall bear the names of the children of Israel in the breastplate of judgment upon his heart, when he goeth in unto the holy place, for a memorial before the LORD continually. 30 And thou shalt put in the breastplate of judgment the Urim and the Thummim; 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."

We come now to the breastplate, which was made of the same materials as the inner curtain of the holy place of the tabernacle. The breastplate has twelve different kinds of stones with the name of one tribe of Israel engraved on each stone. The High Priest was to bear the names of the tribes of Israel upon his heart when he went in the most holy place before the Lord. Surely, you see the picture of Jesus, because of the great love he had for all of God's people, bearing their names upon his heart before the Lord.

This breastplate also had the Urim and Thummim in it. The Urim is defined as lights, flame, and the East as the rising of the sun. This speaks to us of the rising of the sun, Son, as Christ ushers in the age of salvation by grace. It also tells us that God sees and knows all things, and Jesus is the light of the world to all of God's people.

The Thummim is defined as perfections, or an emblem of the complete Truth, complete moral innocence, full integrity, and perfection. We notice that the word Truth is capitalized, which indicates to us the one who is Truth itself, our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus was also the only one, with a body of flesh, who was completely and morally innocent, never breaking any law of God. Jesus is the embodiment of integrity. Jesus is perfection itself, in that he alone completed the work of saving all of God's people from their sins eternally. Just as God told Moses to make everything after the pattern, I showed thee in the mount; Jesus set, and Jesus is, the perfect example we are to follow.

The Urim and the Thummim were for judgement, and so is our Saviour, as seen in: **Re 14:7 "Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."** The judgment, in this text, is for God's people. Praise God, through the finished work of Jesus Christ, all of God's people have been judged to be sinless and undefiled before God in eternity, which reminds us: Jesus carried the names of every child of God upon his heart, as individuals, just as the High Priest bore the names of the individual tribes of Israel.

Jesus will be the Judge in the day of the resurrection of the dead. God's people will be judged sinless because of his finished work, and all the rest, of the people of all time, because they failed to believe in Jesus, who is God, will be judged by their works and sent to the eternal lake of fire.

Praise God for sending us a High Priest, who fulfilled his duty to perfection, and freely offered himself as the sacrifice for our sins, thus bringing to fruition the will of God the Father, to have a people in the eternal heaven to worship him throughout eternity. Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!

31 ¶ "And thou shalt make the robe of the ephod all of blue. 32 And there shall be an hole in the top of it, in the midst thereof: it shall have a binding of woven work round about the hole of it, as it were the hole of an habergeon, that it be not rent. 33 And beneath upon the hem of it thou shalt make pomegranates of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, round about the hem thereof; and bells of gold between them round about: 34 A golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the hem of the robe round about. 35 And it shall be upon Aaron to minister: and his sound shall be heard when he goeth in unto the holy place before the LORD, and when he cometh out, that he die not. 36 And thou shalt make a plate of pure gold, and grave upon it, like the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD. 37 And thou shalt put it on a blue lace, that it may be upon the mitre; upon the forefront of the mitre it shall be. 38 And it shall be upon Aaron's forehead, 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. 39 And thou shalt embroider the coat of fine linen, and thou shalt make the mitre of fine linen, and thou shalt make the girdle of needlework."

Next, God commanded a robe of blue to be made to wear. Blue being the color that speaks to us of the heavenly. We see that all the work of eternal salvation was of the one heavenly source, Jesus Christ.

The robe had a hole in the top so that it would fit over the head of the High Priest and hang down. The hole was woven so that it would not tear. The hem of the robe was to have pomegranates and bells all around it. The bells served two purposes: one was to announce to God that the High Priest was coming into the most holy place, that God would not strike him dead for entering unannounced. The second was that as he performed the High Priest duties in the most holy place, the other priest in the holy place could hear that he was alive and moving, signifying that God had accepted the High Priest and forgiven the sins of Israel.

God commanded that there be made signet of gold engraved with "**HOLINESS TO THE LORD**" and it was installed upon the mitre on the outside to be seen. The mitre is a crown, a diadem, or a turban, which was worn upon the head. When worn, the signet was to be over the forehead of the High Priest. Wearing this mitre put upon the High Priest "**the iniquity of the holy things**," which would hallow the holy gifts, and bring acceptance of the sacrifices, of God's people, in the eyes of God the Father. Surely, you can see that Jesus bore "**the iniquity of the holy things**," when he gave his life on the cross. This is why; when we offer our sacrifices of prayer and praise to God, through the name of Jesus, all the flaws are removed and purged from them, and they come to God the Father as pure desires. Jesus Christ, our High Priest, has performed the work of "**HOLINESS TO THE LORD!**"

Surely, we can see that in our lives as Christians, we should put on Christ and manifest his presence in us, just as the signet upon the forehead of the High Priest. This accomplishes two things: One is that we understand that God the Father overlooks our failures to get things exactly right, because we have been accepted in the beloved, Jesus Christ. Secondly, it demonstrates that our works, done in accordance with God's will, are made acceptable to God the Father, through Jesus Christ.

40 ¶ "And for Aaron's sons thou shalt make coats, and thou shalt make for them girdles, and bonnets shalt thou make for them, for glory and for beauty. 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 minister unto me in the priest's office. 42 And thou shalt make them linen breeches to cover their nakedness; from the loins even unto the thighs they shall reach: 43 And they shall be upon Aaron, and upon his sons, when they come in unto the tabernacle 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 forever unto him and his seed after him."

God further requires that special clothing be made for Aaron and his sons, which were to be worn anytime they were doing their priestly duties in the holy place. These special garments would keep them from bearing iniquity personally and thereby dying, because they were not following God's commandments. These garments were for glory and beauty. When God's people live accordance with thus saith the Lord, letting the light of Christ

shine brightly in their walks upon the earth, robed in the righteousness of Christ, they bring glory and beauty to the name of God, seen in: **Mt 5:16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."** This is the manifestation of the gifts, fruits, of the Holy Spirit, seen in: **Ga 5:22 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."**

We are told that these garments were to cover their nakedness. We certainly do not want to come before God the Father in the nakedness of ourselves, which is in our own works, which Adam and Eve demonstrated in the Garden of Eden when they hid from the voice of the LORD, for that would be an abomination to God. However, this gives us the picture of the child of God, born again a new creature, being robed in the righteousness of Christ, that we are not found guilty of sin before God the Father and put to death.

Did you notice that only the garments of the High Priest were different, and the high priest wore those special garments when he was going into the most holy place? Aaron and all the other priests were dressed the same as they performed their duties in the holy place. This demonstrates that our High Priest was different than us in that he alone could enter the most holy place and perform the work of eternal forgiveness of sins for all of God's people. The high priest and his sons wore the same clothes to perform their duties in the holy place. This gives us the picture of a child of God, who is also a priest according to scripture, **(Re 1:6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father;)** living the Christian life to the full in accordance to thus saith the Lord. Jesus, our High Priest, performed all the duties we are to do while here in mortal flesh, setting the example for us to follow. It reminds us also, that when born again, we are all the same in the sight of God, for we all are robed in the righteousness of Jesus Christ.

Praise the Lord, that God, in the Old Testament, has demonstrated the great need of the Saviour to come, and to fulfill all the prophecies of his finished work of eternal remission of sins and the eternal salvation of all of God's people. We thank you, King Jesus, that when you finished that work, you rent the vail of the temple in twain, and allowed us sight of the hidden mysteries of the Old and New Testaments, which all tell us of you and your perfected work of salvation.

If a man, or angel, comes before you proclaiming their own glory, you know to reject that person, or being, for they are preaching for the antichrist, seen in: **Ga 1:8 "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. 9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed."**

As we consider all these things collectively, we certainly understand that all our acceptance by God the Father, is through the finished work of Jesus Christ, our High Priest and Saviour, who was the perfect sacrifice for the eternal remission of the sins of all of God's people. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for loving us enough to die on our behalf. Thank you for resurrecting yourself from the dead, through your godhead power, and ascending into the eternal heaven, to be seated on the throne of God. Thank you for that blessed hope, and belief, that through your finished work, and by the divine power of your voice, we too will one day be resurrected, in bodies like unto yours, and be with you, our King, forever. Hallelujah! Amen!