

## Exodus Chapter 39 Verses 1-5 Clothes Of Service

**Ex 39:1 ¶ "And of the blue, and purple, and scarlet, they made cloths of service, to do service in the holy place, and made the holy garments for Aaron; as the LORD commanded Moses. 2 And he made the ephod of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen. 3 And they did beat the gold into thin plates, and cut it into wires, to work it in the blue, and in the purple, and in the scarlet, and in the fine linen, with cunning work. 4 They made shoulder pieces for it, to couple it together: by the two edges was it coupled together. 5 And the curious girdle of his ephod, that was upon it, was of the same, according to the work thereof; of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen; as the LORD commanded Moses."**

We have in this chapter the description of how they made the garments for Aaron the high priest, and the priest that would serve in the holy place. We notice that there was no gold in the clothes of the regular priests, only in the vesture of the high priest. We notice that these clothes were clothes of service, to do service in the holy place. Therefore, the clothes of service do not give honor to the wearer. They denote that the wearer is chosen by God, to be in service to God, and to bring glory to God's name.

They demonstrated that they were serving God in accordance with his commandments, by doing things the way God commanded, and by wearing the clothes of service which were made according to God's commandments. In the new birth, we become priests to God. We are robed in clothes of service, which are the robes of the righteousness of Christ bestowed upon us. It is not for our glory to be a part of the new Testament Church, but God's. We are in the New Testament Church, to be in service to God according to his commandments. Being robed in the clothes of service to God, our walks, talks, and countenances, should reflect the beauty of the holiness of God. We are told of the beauty of the holiness of these clothes of service in ***Ga 5:22-26; 22 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. 26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another."***

The description of these garments for the high priest is a picture of the excellency of Christ Jesus. These clothes of service were made of gold, blue, purple, scarlet, and fine twined linen. The intricacies with which these clothes of service were made, give us the picture of the public ministry of Jesus on earth. Think of all the things that Jesus did: changed water into wine, fed thousands from just a little food, caused the lame to walk, healed innumerable sick folks, including lepers, caused the blind to see, caused the deaf to hear, brought the dead to life: and He always preaching and teaching his own glorious gospel to glorify and honor God the Father. Jesus demonstrated the beauty of the high priest garments by displaying all the attributes of the fruits of the Spirit, and Jesus did it all, for the love He had for those that God the Father had given him to save eternally.

The clothes of the high priest, the ephod in particular, were made of ***"gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen."*** Gold is the most precious metal, which tells us there is nothing more precious than Jesus, the Christ. Gold signifies earthly riches, which remind us that Jesus was the most precious one to ever inhabit a body of flesh, of which we are partakers in the new birth. The gold threads that were woven into the fabric give us the picture that everything that Christ did was pure and sinless. The gold woven into the vesture of Christ, the High Priest, is a picture of each child of God that has been saved by His grace. Pure gold also speaks of the eternal city where even the streets are paved with pure gold, giving us the prophetic picture of our eternal life that will be sinless perfection.

Blue is the color of the heavens, which point us to heavenly things, and demonstrate that everything Jesus did was to direct our attention upon God the Father, and to the glory of God the Father. We must look up to see the heavens, which direct our attention to God and our eternal rest in heaven.

We are told in ***Pr 20:30 ¶ "The blueness of a wound cleanseth away evil: so do stripes the inward parts of the belly."*** We can thus apply this to Jesus and the wounds and stripes, which He bore on our behalf, which took away the evil of our sins before God the Father, as we see in ***Isa 53:5 "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."*** It also reminds us that this world is not our home, for our eternal home is in heaven.

Purple is the color of royal apparel. Jesus came into the world a king, left this world as King; and will return as King of kings. When Jesus was on trial before Pilate, they put on him a purple robe as the robe of a king, seen

in *Joh 19:2-5*; **2 "And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe, 3 And said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands. 4 Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him. 5 Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man!"** Jesus, the Son of God, is our sinless, holy, pure, and undefiled, King of Glory.

Scarlet points us to the pure sinless blood that Jesus shed to redeem all of God's people from their sins eternally. We see this in *Isa 1:18* **"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."** The shed blood of Christ Jesus was that which was required to wash away the blackness of our sins and make us white through the righteous work of Christ. Wherefore, we have the prophetic picture of our High Priest, Jesus Christ, and his finished work of redemption of God's people.

Fine twined linen was the very best of linen. It was used by those who had an abundance of earthly means. Poor people could not afford the cost thereof. Jesus did the very best of all mankind while here on earth in his prepared body, and without regard to our monetary means, Jesus took the poorest of mankind robed them in fine twined linen. This linen is white in color, and it was as fine as silk. This gives us the prophetic picture of the finished work of Christ in redemption, which clothed all of God's people, in eternity, in robes of white, as seen in *Re 7:9-10*; **9 "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; 10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb."** This will be the end result of the finished work of Christ.

It took the mingling of all these colors for the garments of the high priest, to set the high priest apart from the regular priests. Why? Because under the law ordinances, the high priest, alone, went once a year into the most holy place, with the blood of the sin sacrifice, to make atonement for all of God's people. This is the prophetic picture of what the death of Christ on the cross accomplished for God's people, seen in *Heb 9:6-12*; **6 "Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God. 7 But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people: 8 ¶ The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: 9 Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; 10 Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation. 11 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; 12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us."** Wherefore, we see that the prepared body of Jesus, and His clothes of service as High Priest, were required to bring about the eternal remission of sins for God's people. These clothes of service of the high priest demonstrate that Jesus came to earth, in a prepared sinless body, to do the work and will of God the Father. Jesus always attributed all glory to God the Father. He did all in accordance with the command of God, thereby setting the example for us to follow. May God bless us to walk, as disciples to Christ and as priests to God, robed in clothes of service, the righteousness of Christ, to bring glory, and honor, to the name of the God of our salvation. Amen!