

Exodus Chapter 39 Verses 22-43 God's Approval Of The Finished Work

Ex 39:22 "And he made the robe of the ephod of woven work, all of blue. 23 And there was an hole in the midst of the robe, as the hole of an habergeon, with a band round about the hole, that it should not rend. 24 And they made upon the hems of the robe pomegranates of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and twined linen. 25 And they made bells of pure gold, and put the bells between the pomegranates upon the hem of the robe, round about between the pomegranates; 26 A bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate, round about the hem of the robe to minister in; as the LORD commanded Moses."

The robe of the ephod was of one piece with a hole in the center for the head to pass through, which was banded so that it could not be rent, or torn. We remember that Jesus wore a robe that was of one piece, which was not rent, but they cast lots for it at his crucifixion. Since this robe could not be rent, it declares to us that the finished work of Jesus Christ can not be rent, as the vail of the temple was rent in twain.

If I understand how all this vesture was put upon the high priest, the robe of the ephod would be put on first, then the curious girdle, then the shoulder pieces, and then the breastplate. Then the ephod with the shoulder pieces would be put on so the breastplate could be attached to it.

We are told that the robe was hemmed around the bottom with bells and pomegranates all the way around. These bells would ring as the high priest moved about. This gives us the prophetic picture of the work of Jesus in his public ministry. Each miracle that Jesus performed, each lesson he taught, each sermon he preached, all rang out the glory of God the Father. Even today, every time a child of God is born-again, the bells are ringing.

This vesture of the high priest was to be worn when the high priest went into the most holy place to present the blood of the sacrifice for their sins. This was done once a year. However, when Jesus died on the cross, the vail between the holy and most holy place was rent from the top to the bottom. Christ only entered the most holy place once with blood that was pure and holy, and acceptable to God the Father for the eternal remission of sins. Jesus entered the most holy place just once, as High Priest, and this rent the vail that reveals to us the mercy seat, which is Jesus Christ. We know it is true that Christ served as High Priest in offering himself on the cross, because we are told in **Heb 9:11-12; 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."** Again, all was done in accordance with the command of God.

27 "And they made coats of fine linen of woven work for Aaron, and for his sons, 28 And a mitre of fine linen, and goodly bonnets of fine linen, and linen breeches of fine twined linen, 29 And a girdle of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, of needlework; as the LORD commanded Moses."

They made coats, mitres, bonnets, and breeches, of fine linen of woven work for Aaron and his sons to wear as they served in the holy place. Here, we see the picture of the New Testament church being robed in the righteousness of Christ in robes of white. Remember, these are clothes of service, and when we are born again, we are to be about the Father's business, not our own. We have this eternal prophesy 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."** If that is our job in eternity, then we ought to be practicing giving glory to God while here on earth. Also, Jesus told us in **Lu 9:23 "And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."** As God has commanded us to take up our cross every day and follow him, so we are each day to put on the white robe of the righteousness of Christ. These robes separate us from the world of the unsaved. Again, all was done in accordance with the command of God.

30 "And they made the plate of the holy crown of pure gold, and wrote upon it a writing, like to the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD. 31 And they tied unto it a lace of blue, to fasten it on high upon the mitre; as the LORD commanded Moses."

Lastly, for the high priest's garments, there was a crown made to put upon the head of the high priest, which was tied to the mitre so it could not fall off, as the high priest ministered in the most holy place. This gives

us the prophetic picture of King Jesus, who was born into this world, in a prepared sinless body, as King over God's people. When Jesus was crucified, Pilate had a superscription written over his head "**THE KING OF THE JEWS.**" Jesus was born a King, He lived a King, He died a King, He rose from the grave a King, and today He sits on the throne of God in heaven King, and when He returns to judge the world and take God's people home He will be King, and when He returns to take God's people home forever, to the place He has prepared for us, He will be King forever. The crown of Jesus can not fall off because it is bound in place by the love of God, and the love for God's people. Again, we point out that it was all done in accordance with the command of God.

32 ¶ "Thus was all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation finished: and the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so did they. 33 And they brought the tabernacle unto Moses, the tent, and all his furniture, his taches, his boards, his bars, and his pillars, and his sockets, 34 And the covering of rams' skins dyed red, and the covering of badgers' skins, and the vail of the covering, 35 The ark of the testimony, and the staves thereof, and the mercy seat, 36 The table, and all the vessels thereof, and the shewbread, 37 The pure candlestick, with the lamps thereof, even with the lamps to be set in order, and all the vessels thereof, and the oil for light, 38 And the golden altar, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the hanging for the tabernacle door, 39 The brasen altar, and his grate of brass, his staves, and all his vessels, the laver and his foot, 40 The hangings of the court, his pillars, and his sockets, and the hanging for the court gate, his cords, and his pins, and all the vessels of the service of the tabernacle, for the tent of the congregation, 41 The cloths of service to do service in the holy place, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and his sons' garments, to minister in the priest's office. 42 According to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so the children of Israel made all the work. 43 And Moses did look upon all the work, and, behold, they had done it as the LORD had commanded, even so had they done it: and Moses blessed them."

Upon completion of all the work God commanded, it was all brought to Moses who inspected it to verify that it was as God had commanded, and it was not found lacking in any detail. Just as God looked upon the work of creation, which was done by Jesus, and said it was good, Moses looked upon the creation of the tabernacle and all the things pertaining to it and said it was good.

This gives us the picture of the finished work of Jesus Christ being inspected by God the Father, the establishment of the age of salvation by the grace of God, the eternal remission of the sins of all of God's people, the establishment of the New Testament Church, and all that appertained thereto, and God said it was good.

God the Father sent God the Son to earth as King, and he fulfilled the office of High Priest through the sacrifice of himself upon the cross. Jesus is now arrayed in royal robes of the High Priest office, the glory of God in the eternal heaven. The joy of the gospel of Jesus Christ, is we have knowledge of the promise that we shall be with Jesus in eternity, and we shall see him arrayed in his royal vesture. Hallelujah! Praise, ye the Lord!