

Exodus 28:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

An opening for the head with a woven binding 'as it were the hole of an habergeon' (coat of mail), ensuring it won't tear. The reinforced opening shows that even the point of entry/exit receives special attention—no weak points in God's provision. The comparison to armor suggests strength, protection, durability. Christ's priestly garments (righteousness, salvation) are battle-tested and tear-proof—they cannot fail under pressure or be destroyed by opposition (Isaiah 59:17).

Historical Context

The woven binding (שֹׁפָה, saphah, lip/edge) around the opening created a finished, reinforced edge that prevented tearing during the putting on and taking off of the garment, as well as during active service.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does the reinforced opening represent Christ's righteousness that cannot tear or fail?
2. What does the comparison to armor teach about the durability of Christ's priestly work?

Interlinear Text

וְהָיָה הַ	כָּפֹי	רֹאשׁוֹ	בְּתוֹכוֹ	
H1961	And there shall be an hole	in the top	of it in the midst	
	H6310	H7218	H8432	
	שָׁפָה הַ	וְהָיָה	כָּפֹי	סָבִיב
thereof it shall have a binding	H1961	And there shall be an hole	round about	
H8193		H6310	H5439	
מְעֵשֶׂה הַ	אֲרֵג	כָּפֹי	תַּחֲבֵא	לֹוְהָיָה
work	of woven	And there shall be an hole	of an habergeon	H1961 H0
H4639	H707	H6310	H8473	
לֹא	יִקְרַע:			
H3808	that it be not rent			
	H7167			