

Exodus 28:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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:

Analysis

Pomegranates of blue, purple, and scarlet on the robe's hem, alternating with golden bells. Pomegranates symbolize fruitfulness, abundance, life—the fruit of Christ's ministry. The three colors (heaven, royalty, sacrifice) show that fruitful ministry flows from His divine origin, His regal authority, and His atoning death. The hem represents the lowest, most humble part, yet bears the most fruit—Christ's humility produces abundant life for His people.

Historical Context

Pomegranates in ancient Israel represented fertility and abundance, with hundreds of seeds in each fruit. The embroidered or woven pomegranates on the hem created a beautiful, fruit-laden border visible with every step the high priest took.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does fruit appearing on the 'hem' (humblest part) illustrate that Christ's humility produces abundant life?
2. What does the pomegranate's many seeds teach about the multiplication of fruit from Christ's work?

Interlinear Text

וְעַשْ يְתָ	עַל	שׂוֹל וְ	רְמַנִּי	תְּכַלְתִּ
of it thou shalt make	H6213	And beneath upon the hem	H7757	pomegranates
	H5921		H7416	of blue
				H8504
וְתַזְלִעַת אֶת רְגַמְתָן	עַל	שְׁנִי	שׂוֹל וְ	
and of purple	H713	and of scarlet	H8144	And beneath upon the hem
	H8438		H5921	
				H7757
סְבִיבָה	בְּתוּךְ מִ	בְּנֵבֶן	סְבִיבָה	
round about	thereof and bells	of gold	between	round about
H5439	H6472	H2091	H8432	H5439