

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

וְעָשׂ יָתֶּ	עַל	שׁוּלַ יוֹ	רִמְיִי	תֵּכֶּ לָּת
of it thou shalt make	H5921	And beneath upon the hem	pomegranates	of blue
H6213		H7757	H7416	H8504
וְאַרְגָּמָן	וְתוֹלַ עֵת	שָׁנִי י	עַל	שׁוּלַ יוֹ
and of purple	H8438	and of scarlet	H5921	And beneath upon the hem
H713		H8144		H7757
סָבִיב:	וּפְעֻמֵּי י	זָהָב	בֵּתוֹכָם	סָבִיב:
round about	thereof and bells	of gold	between	round about
H5439	H6472	H2091	H8432	H5439