

# Exodus 28:36

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thou shalt make a plate of pure gold, and grave upon it,  
like the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD.

## Analysis

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A golden plate (טִּיֵּץ, *tzitz*, literally 'flower/blossom') with the engraving 'HOLINESS TO THE LORD' (קֹדֶשׁ לַיהוָה, *Qodesh l'YHWH*) worn on Aaron's forehead. The plate represents the priest's consecrated mind/will—his thoughts devoted to God's holiness. Engraved like a signet (official seal), this holiness is authenticated, permanent, official. Christ's mind is perfectly devoted to God's glory—He always does what pleases the Father (John 8:29). His forehead bearing holiness declares His complete consecration.

## Historical Context

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The golden plate was likely attached to the turban/mitre with a blue cord (v.37). The prominent forehead placement ensured this declaration of holiness was always visible when the high priest ministered, proclaiming his consecrated status.

## Related Passages

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**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. What does Christ's 'HOLINESS TO THE LORD' on His forehead teach about His complete devotion to God's glory?
2. How should believers, as a 'kingdom of priests,' bear visible marks of consecration?

## Interlinear Text

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And thou shalt make	a plate	gold	of pure	and grave	H5921
H6213	H6731	H2091	H2889	H6605	
פְּתוּחֵי	חֶתֶם	קִדְשׁ	לְיהוָה:		
upon it like the engravings	of a signet	HOLINESS	TO THE LORD		
H6603	H2368	H6944	H3068		

## Additional Cross-References

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**Zechariah 14:20** (Holy): In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD'S house shall be like the bowls before the altar.

**Leviticus 8:9** (Holy): And he put the mitre upon his head; also upon the mitre, even upon his forefront, did he put the golden plate, the holy crown; as the LORD commanded Moses.

**Exodus 39:30** (Holy): 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.