

Exodus 28:39

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thou shalt embroider the coat of fine linen, and thou shalt make the mitre of fine linen, and thou shalt make the girdle of needlework.

Analysis

The embroidered coat of fine linen—the foundational garment worn next to the skin. Fine linen represents righteousness (Revelation 19:8), and this coat's checkered/embroidered pattern suggests beautifully worked righteousness, not plain or simple. Christ's righteousness is intricate, detailed, beautiful—every aspect woven with perfect obedience. This innermost garment prefigures the imputed righteousness believers wear—Christ's perfect life applied to us, closest to our true selves (next to skin).

Historical Context

The coat (קְטֻןָה, ketonet) was a long tunic with embroidered checkerwork, requiring skilled needlework. Common priests wore plain linen coats, but the high priest's embroidered version reflected his special status and the beauty of his consecration.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does Christ's 'embroidered' (detailed, intricate) righteousness differ from simplistic moralism?
2. What does righteousness as an 'innermost garment' teach about its intimacy with your identity?

Interlinear Text

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And thou shalt embroider	the coat	of fine linen	and thou shalt make	the mitre		
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שׁ שׁ	תְּמַלֵּךְ	הַמִּצְבָּה	רְקָמָה			
of fine linen	the girdle	and thou shalt make	of needlework			
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