

Exodus 28:40

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And for Aaron's sons thou shalt make coats, and thou shalt make for them girdles, and bonnets shalt thou make for them, for glory and for beauty.

Analysis

Coats, bonnets (turbans), and girdles (sashes) for Aaron's sons—the common priests. Unlike Aaron's elaborate garments, theirs are simpler but share essential elements: linen coats (righteousness), bonnets (consecrated minds), girdles (service readiness). All priests, whether high priest (Christ) or common priests (believers), must be clothed in righteousness, mentally consecrated, and ready for service. The shared garments show both distinction (different roles) and unity (same essential clothing).

Historical Context

The common priests' garments were substantial and dignified but less ornate than the high priest's. This reflected their real but subordinate role—they assisted the high priest rather than entering the Most Holy Place alone.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How do believers as 'common priests' share essential spiritual clothing with Christ the High Priest?
2. What does wearing 'garments for glory and beauty' teach about the dignity of believer-priesthood?

Interlinear Text

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H0	for them girdles	and bonnets	and thou shalt make	H0
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לָכֵב וְ	וּלְתִפְאֶרֶת:			
for them for glory	and for beauty			
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Additional Cross-References

Exodus 39:41 (Parallel theme): The cloths of service to do service in the holy place, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and his sons' garments, to minister in the priest's office.

Exodus 28:4 (Parallel theme): And these are the garments which they shall make; a breastplate, and an ephod, and a robe, and a brodered coat, a mitre, and a girdle: and they shall make holy garments for Aaron thy brother, and his sons, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.

Exodus 28:2 (Glory): And thou shalt make holy garments for Aaron thy brother for glory and for beauty.

Exodus 29:9 (Parallel theme): And thou shalt gird them with girdles, Aaron and his sons, and put the bonnets on them: and the priest's office shall be their's for a perpetual statute: and thou shalt consecrate Aaron and his sons.

Leviticus 8:13 (Parallel theme): And Moses brought Aaron's sons, and put coats upon them, and girded them with girdles, and put bonnets upon them; as the LORD commanded Moses.

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