

Exodus 28:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they shall take gold, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen.

Analysis

Gold, blue, purple, scarlet, and fine linen—the same materials as the tabernacle itself. The priest must match the dwelling he serves. These colors and materials unite the priest visually with the sanctuary, showing that the mediator participates in both divine reality (gold, blue) and sacrificial work (scarlet). Christ shares both God's nature (deity) and man's nature (humanity), uniquely qualified to mediate.

Historical Context

The gold thread woven through the fabric created shimmering garments that caught light, making the high priest visually striking. The colorful, golden garments contrasted dramatically with the plain white linen of common priests.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does Christ's sharing both divine and human nature uniquely qualify Him as mediator?

2. What does the priest 'matching' the tabernacle teach about spiritual leaders reflecting God's character?

Interlinear Text

וְהֵם	וְקָח וְ	אֶת	הַזָּהָב	וְאֶת	הַתְּכֵלֶת	וְאֶת	הָאַרְגָּמָן וְ
H1992	And they shall take	H853	gold	H853	and blue	H853	and purple
	H3947		H2091		H8504		H713
וְאֶת	תּוֹלַע עֵת	הַשָּׁנִי וְ	וְאֶת	הַשֵּׁשׁ:			
H853	H8438	and scarlet	H853	and fine linen			
		H8144		H8336			

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