

Exodus 28:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they shall make the ephod of gold, of blue, and of purple, of scarlet, and fine twined linen, with cunning work.

Analysis

The ephod (ἑφὺδ, efod)—a vest-like garment of gold, blue, purple, scarlet, and fine linen with cunning work (skilled design). The ephod was the high priest's most distinctive outer garment, bearing the onyx stones with tribal names (v.9-12). This garment literally displayed the priest's representative role—he carried God's people. Christ's representative priesthood means our names are eternally displayed before the Father, never forgotten, always remembered.

Historical Context

The ephod's exact design is debated, but it included front and back pieces joined at the shoulders, possibly extending from chest to mid-thigh. It was worn over the robe but under the breastplate, forming the foundational priestly garment.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. What does it mean that Christ 'wears' your name before God continually?

2. How does knowing you're 'carried' in Christ's priestly service affect your security?

Interlinear Text

וַעֲשׂוּ	אֶת	הָאֵפֹד	זָהָב	לָתֵת	וְאַרְגָּמָן	תּוֹלַעַ עֵת
And they shall make	H853	the ephod	of gold	of blue	and of purple	H8438
H6213		H646	H2091	H8504	H713	
שָׁנִי	וְשֵׁשׁ	מְשֻׁזָּר	מַעֲשֵׂה	חֵשֶׁב:		
of scarlet	linen	and fine twined	work	with cunning		
H8144	H8336	H7806	H4639	H2803		

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