

Exodus 28:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

It shall have the two shoulderpieces thereof joined at the two edges thereof; and so it shall be joined together.

Analysis

Two shoulder pieces join the ephod's front and back together—connection at the point of strength. Shoulders bear burdens; the tribal names placed here (v.12) show the priest bearing Israel's weight. Christ bears not only our sins but our very persons—He carries us in His priestly ministry. The joining at the shoulders creates structural integrity; Christ's burden-bearing holds God's people together.

Historical Context

These shoulder pieces (קַטֵּף, katef) created permanent attachment points for the onyx stones bearing tribal names. The ephod's two pieces (front/back) joined here, making the shoulders both decorative and structural.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does Christ 'bear' you on His shoulders rather than merely extending help?
2. What burdens has Christ carried for you that you couldn't bear yourself?

Interlinear Text

וְשֵׁנַי	כְּתִפֹּת	וְחִבְרָה:	וְהָיָה
It shall have the two	shoulderpieces	thereof and so it shall be joined together	
H8147	H3802	H2266	H1961
וְלֹא	וְשֵׁנַי	קְצוֹתַי	וְחִבְרָה:
H0	H413	It shall have the two	edges
	H8147		H7098
		thereof and so it shall be joined together	
		H2266	

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