

# 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

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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

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These shoulder pieces (קְטֵף, 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

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

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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

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וְיָהִי	וְיָחֶבֶר	וְיָרַבְנָה	וְיָרַבְנָה
It shall have the two	shoulderpieces	thereof and so it shall be joined together	It shall have the two
H8147	H3802	H2266	H1961

  

וְיָרַבְנָה	וְיָחֶבֶר	וְיָרַבְנָה	וְיָחֶבֶר
edges	thereof and so it shall be joined together	edges	thereof and so it shall be joined together
H7098	H2266	H7098	H2266

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