

Exodus 35:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The cloths of service, to do service in the holy place, the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office.

Analysis

Cloths of service (בְּגִידֵי הַשְׂרָד, bigdei-haseraad) and holy garments for Aaron distinguish between practical vestments for ministry and sacred garments signifying the high priest's mediatorial role. The high priest's attire—including ephod, breastplate, robe, tunic, turban, and sash—communicated holiness, glory, and beauty (28:2). These garments enabled Aaron to 'minister in the priest's office' (לְכָהֵן, le-kahen), literally 'to act as priest,' prefiguring Christ's high priestly ministry clothed in perfect righteousness.

Historical Context

The high priest's garments were extraordinarily elaborate, incorporating gold, blue, purple, scarlet, fine linen, precious stones, and bells. They differed markedly from the simpler garments of ordinary priests, visually representing the high priest's unique mediatorial position between God and people.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How do the high priest's elaborate garments communicate theological truths about mediation and holiness?
2. In what ways does Aaron's priestly clothing prefigure Christ's perfect righteousness and mediatorial work?

Interlinear Text

בְּתַדְלִין אֶת פְּקָדֶשׁ לְשֵׁבֶת בְּשֵׁבֶת בְּתַדְלִין
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Additional Cross-References

Exodus 31:10 (Holy): And the cloths of service, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office,

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