

# 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

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Cloths of service (בגדי־השרָד, bigdei-haserad) 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' (לְכַהֵן, le-kahen), literally 'to act as priest,' prefiguring Christ's high priestly ministry clothed in perfect righteousness.

## Historical Context

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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

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

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

## Study Questions

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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

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אֶת   בִּגְדֵי   הַשָּׂרָד   לַעֲשׂוֹת   הַקֹּדֶשׁ   אֶת   בִּגְדֵי  
H853   The cloths   of service   to do service   in the holy   H853   The cloths  
H899   H8278   H8334   H6944   H899

בְּנֵי   בִּגְדֵי   וְאֶת   הַכֹּהֵן   לְאַהֲרֹן   הַקֹּדֶשׁ  
in the holy   for Aaron   the priest   H853   The cloths   of his sons  
H6944   H175   H3548   H899   H1121

לְכַהֵן:  
to minister in the priest's office  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**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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