

Exodus 39:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he made the robe of the ephod of woven work, all of blue.

Analysis

The robe of the ephod, woven entirely of blue (מַעֲשֵׂה אֵרֶג כָּלִיל תְּכֵלֶת, ma'aseh oreg kelil techelet, woven work, wholly blue), represents heavenly priesthood. Unlike the ephod's multicolored glory, this robe's uniform blue symbolizes Christ's heavenly origin and character. The 'woven work' (not embroidered afterward) teaches that Christ's divine nature was intrinsic, not added—He is eternally God, not a man who became divine. This robe, worn under the ephod, was foundational; similarly, Christ's deity underlies His mediatorial work.

Historical Context

The robe's seamless woven construction (one piece, not sewn together) made it exceptionally strong and valuable. Such garments, requiring continuous weaving on a loom, were prized in the ancient world. Christ's seamless robe (John 19:23-24) may echo this high priestly garment.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does the robe's completely blue color illustrate Christ's divine nature and heavenly origin?
2. What does woven (not sewn) construction teach about Christ's eternal deity, not acquired divinity?

Interlinear Text

וַיַּעַשׂ	אֶת	חֵטֶם יֵל	הָאֶפֶד	חֵטֶם הַ	אֲרֵג	כָּל יֵל
And he made	H853	the robe	of the ephod	work	of woven	all
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