

# Exodus 39:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And a girdle of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, of needlework; as the LORD commanded Moses.

## Analysis

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The girdle of embroidered needlework (מְרֻקֶּבֶת רַקְעֶת, ma'aseh roqem, work of embroiderer) combining fine linen with blue, purple, and scarlet creates a sash for service. The אַבְנֵת (avnet, sash/girdle) symbolizes readiness for active ministry—servants girded their robes for work (Luke 12:35; John 13:4-5). The embroidered colors (heaven, royalty, sacrifice) bound around the waist teach that ministry requires divine enablement secured to the minister. The 11th 'as the LORD commanded Moses' emphasizes sustained obedience through detailed instructions. Christ, girded with faithfulness (Isaiah 11:5), perfectly served.

## Historical Context

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The embroidered girdle, more ornate than a simple cord, demonstrated the dignity of priestly service. Girding long robes at the waist enabled vigorous activity (running, working) that flowing garments would hinder. The priest's girded readiness symbolized prepared service before God.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does 'girding' for ministry illustrate the need for believers to prepare themselves for faithful service?
2. What does Christ being 'girded with faithfulness' teach about His perfect readiness to minister?

## Interlinear Text

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וְתַזְלִיל עַתְּ אַרְגָּמָן | וְתַחַק לְתַהְמָן מְשִׁיר שְׁאַל בְּאַבְנָן סְאַת

H853 **And a girdle** H73 **linen** H8336 **of fine twined** H7806 **and blue** H8504 **and purple** H713 H8438

אַתְּ יְהִי הִנֵּה כְּאֶשֶׁר רְקִים מְעִשֵּׂה הַשְׁנִי

**and scarlet** H8144 **of needlework** H4639 **commanded** H834 **as the LORD** H6680 H3068 H853

**מְשִׁהָה:**

**Moses**

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