

Exodus 39:31

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they tied unto it a lace of blue, to fasten it on high upon the mitre; as the LORD commanded Moses.

Analysis

The blue lace (פֶּתִיל תְּכֵלֶת, petil techelet) fastening the golden plate 'on high upon the mitre' positioned the holiness inscription prominently on Aaron's forehead. The blue cord (heavenly authority) securing the gold plate (divine glory) teaches that holiness rests on divine enablement, not human effort. The 12th 'as the LORD commanded Moses' maintains the chapter's emphasis on exact obedience. This crowned holiness prefigures Christ as King-Priest (Zechariah 6:13; Hebrews 7:1-3), whose perfect consecration entitles Him to both throne and altar.

Historical Context

The high positioning 'on high upon the mitre' ensured the golden plate's visibility. The blue cord matched the blue threading throughout the priestly garments, creating visual unity. The turban itself, wound around the head, provided secure attachment for the plate.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does the blue cord securing the golden holiness plate illustrate grace undergirding sanctification?
2. What does Christ wearing the crown of holiness teach about His qualification as both King and Priest?

Interlinear Text

לָּתַת	עָלָיו	פֶּתִיל	תְּכֵלֶת	לָּתַת	עַל	הַמִּצְנֶפֶת
And they tied	H5921	unto it a lace	of blue	And they tied	H5921	upon the mitre
H5414		H6616	H8504	H5414		H4701
מֶלֶךְ עֹלָה	כְּאִשׁ רֹ	צִוָּה	יְהוָה	אֶת	מֹשֶׁה:	
it on high	H834	commanded	as the LORD	H853	Moses	
H4605		H6680	H3068		H4872	

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