

Exodus 40:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thou shalt bring his sons, and clothe them with coats:

Analysis

Bringing Aaron's sons and clothing them in 'coats' (קְוָתָן, kutanot) consecrates the regular priesthood. While Aaron received elaborate high priestly garments, his sons received simpler tunics—yet both robes were holy. This teaches that all believers, as priests (1 Peter 2:9), share common consecration though offices differ. The sons' consecration alongside their father demonstrates multi-generational faithfulness—spiritual leadership should prepare successors. The shared washing (v. 12) but distinct clothing teaches unity and diversity in ministry.

Historical Context

The regular priests' garments, though simpler than Aaron's, still required fine linen and careful construction (Exodus 28:40-43). This dignified all priestly service, not just the high priest's role. The sons' consecration simultaneously with Aaron's established the complete priesthood at tabernacle inauguration.

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How do simpler yet still holy garments teach that all ministry, regardless of visibility, has dignity?
2. What does multi-generational priestly consecration teach about preparing faithful successors in ministry?

Interlinear Text

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