

Exodus 39:1-43 The Tabernacle, Priestly Garments & Blessing

The Most Holy Place, the Holy Place, and the Tabernacle Courtyard had all been completed along with the items that would be placed in them for the work of the service that would be commanded and performed by the High Priest, the Priests, and the Levites.

YeHoVaH had given Moses the pattern of the Tabernacle and specific instructions for the garments the High Priest and the Priests were required to wear while performing their duties in the Most Holy Place, the Holy Place, and the Tabernacle Courtyard.

After the construction was completed, it became obvious that everything in the Tabernacle was instructed to be made portable, not stationary. The Tabernacle was a moveable structure that would be set up, taken down, and moved as the Israelites would wander in the wilderness until entering into the Land of Promise.

In this portion of Exodus, the focus turns to the making of the garments for the High Priest and the Priests, as well as the final inspection of everything Moses was instructed to have made.

The attention to the Priests' garments was as intricate as the work of the Tabernacle and its furniture.

Ex 39:1 And of the blue, and purple, and scarlet, they made cloths of service, to do service in the holy place, and made the holy garments for Aaron; as the LORD commanded Moses.

The Ephod

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0646 אֶפֹד 'ephodw {ay-fode'} rarely אֶפֹד 'ephod {ay-fode'}

Meaning: 1) ephod 1a) priestly garment, shoulder-cape or mantle, outer garment 1a1) worn by an ordinary priest and made of white stuff

1a2) worn by the high priest - more costly, woven of gold, blue, purple, scarlet, and linen threads provided with shoulder-pieces and a breast piece of like material, ornamented with gems and gold

Usage: AV - ephod 49; 49

Ex 39:2 And he made the ephod of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen.

Ex 39:3 And they did beat the gold into thin plates, and cut it into wires, to work it in the blue, and in the purple, and in the scarlet, and in the fine linen, with cunning work.

Wires – 06616 פְּתִיל pathiyl {paw-theel'}

Meaning: 1) cord, thread (twisted)

Origin: from 06617; TWOT - 1857a; n m

Usage: AV - lace 4, bracelet 2, wire 1, ribband 1, bound 1, thread 1, line 1; 11

The Thread was made of pure gold.

Ex 39:4 They made shoulderpieces for it, to couple it together: by the two edges was it coupled together.

Ex 39:5 And the curious girdle of his ephod, that was upon it, was of the same, according to the work thereof; of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen; as the LORD commanded Moses.

Ex 39:6 And they wrought onyx stones enclosed in ouches of gold, graven, as signets are graven, with the names of the children of Israel.

Ex 28:9 And thou shalt take two onyx stones, and grave on them the names of the children of Israel:

Ex 28:10 Six of their names on one stone, and the other six names of the rest on the other stone, according to their birth.

Ex 39:7 And he put them on the shoulders of the ephod, that they should be stones for a memorial to the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses.

The Breastplate

Ex 39:8 And he made the breastplate of cunning work, like the work of the ephod; of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen.

Ex 39:9 It was foursquare; they made the breastplate double: a span was the length thereof, and a span the breadth thereof, being doubled.

Ex 39:10 And they set in it four rows of stones: the first row was a sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle: this was the first row.

Ex 39:11 And the second row, an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond.

Ex 39:12 And the third row, a ligure, an agate, and an amethyst.

Ex 39:13 And the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper: they were enclosed in ouches of gold in their enclosings.

Ex 39:14 And the stones were according to the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, like the engravings of a signet, every one with his name, according to the twelve tribes.

Scripture does not tell us if it was according to their birth order, but it could very possibly have been.

Ex 39:15 And they made upon the breastplate chains at the ends, of wreathen work of pure gold.

Ex 39:16 And they made two ouches of gold, and two gold rings; and put the two rings in the two ends of the breastplate.

Ex 39:17 And they put the two wreathen chains of gold in the two rings on the ends of the breastplate.

Ex 39:18 And the two ends of the two wreathen chains they fastened in the two ouches, and put them on the shoulderpieces of the ephod, before it.

Ex 39:19 And they made two rings of gold, and put them on the two ends of the breastplate, upon the border of it, which was on the side of the ephod inward.

Ex 39:20 And they made two other golden rings, and put them on the two sides of the ephod underneath, toward the forepart of it, over against the other coupling

Ex 39:21 And they did bind the breastplate by his rings unto the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that it might be above the curious girdle of the ephod, and that the breastplate might not be loosed from the ephod; as the LORD commanded Moses.

Ex 39:22 And he made the robe of the ephod of woven work, all of blue.

Ex 39:23 And there was an hole in the midst of the robe, as the hole of an habergeon, with a band round about the hole, that it should not rend.

Ex 39:24 And they made upon the hems of the robe pomegranates of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and twined linen.

Ex 39:25 And they made bells of pure gold, and put the bells between the pomegranates upon the hem of the robe, round about between the pomegranates;

Ex 39:26 A bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate, round about the hem of the robe to minister in; as the LORD commanded Moses.

Ex 39:27 And they made coats of fine linen of woven work for Aaron, and for his sons,

Ex 39:28 And a mitre of fine linen, and goodly bonnets of fine linen, and linen breeches of fine twined linen,

Ex 39:29 And a girdle of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, of needlework; as the LORD commanded Moses.

The Crown

Ex 39:30 And they made the plate of the holy crown of pure gold, and wrote upon it a writing, like to the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD.

05145 נֶזֶר nezer {neh'-zer} or נָזַר nezer {nay'-zer}

Meaning: 1) consecration, crown, separation, Nazariteship 1a) crown (as sign of consecration), earring 1a1) stones of a crown, diadem, stones of charming 1b) woman's hair 1c) consecration 1c1) of high priest 1c2) of Nazarite

Usage: AV - crown 11, separation 11, consecration 2, hair 1; 25

Nu 6:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

Nu 6:2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When either man or woman shall separate themselves to vow a vow of a Nazarite, to separate themselves unto the LORD:

Nu 6:3 He shall separate himself from wine and strong drink, and shall drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of strong drink, neither shall he drink any liquor of grapes, nor eat moist grapes, or dried.

Nu 6:4 All the days of his separation shall he eat nothing that is made of the vine tree, from the kernels even to the husk.

Nu 6:5 All the days of the vow of his separation there shall no razor come upon his head: until the days be fulfilled, in the which he separateth himself unto the LORD, he shall be holy, and shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow.

Nu 6:6 All the days that he separateth himself unto the LORD he shall come at no dead body.

Nu 6:7 He shall not make himself unclean for his father, or for his mother, for his brother, or for his sister, when they die: because the consecration of his God is upon his head.

Nu 6:8 All the days of his separation he is holy unto the LORD.

Nu 6:9 And if any man die very suddenly by him, and he hath defiled the head of his consecration; then he shall shave his head in the day of his cleansing, on the seventh day shall he shave it.

Ex 39:31 And they tied unto it a lace of blue, to fasten it on high upon the mitre; as the LORD commanded Moses.

Ex 39:32 Thus was all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation finished: and the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so did they.

The work was finished and brought to Moses for Inspection.

Ex 39:33 And they brought the tabernacle unto Moses, the tent, and all his furniture, his taches, his boards, his bars, and his pillars, and his sockets,

Ex 39:34 And the covering of rams' skins dyed red, and the covering of badgers' skins, and the veil of the covering,

Ex 39:35 The ark of the testimony, and the staves thereof, and the mercy seat,

Ex 39:36 The table, and all the vessels thereof, and the showbread,

Ex 39:37 The pure candlestick, with the lamps thereof, even with the lamps to be set in order, and all the vessels thereof, and the oil for light,

Ex 39:38 And the golden altar, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the hanging for the tabernacle door,

Ex 39:39 The brasen altar, and his grate of brass, his staves, and all his vessels, the laver and his foot,

Ex 39:40 The hangings of the court, his pillars, and his sockets, and the hanging for the court gate, his cords, and his pins, and all the vessels of the service of the tabernacle, for the tent of the congregation,

Ex 39:41 The cloths of service to do service in the holy place, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and his sons' garments, to minister in the priest's office.

Ex 39:42 According to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so the children of Israel made all the work.

Ex 39:43 And Moses did look upon all the work, and, behold, they had done it as the LORD had commanded, even so had they done it: and Moses blessed them.

Look upon – 07200 רָאָה ra'ah {raw-aw'}

Meaning: 1) to see, look at, inspect, perceive, consider

Usage: AV - see 879, look 104, behold 83, shew 68, appear 66, consider 22, seer 12, spy 6, respect 5, perceive 5, provide 4, regard 4, enjoy 4, lo 3, foresee 2, heed 2, misc 74; 1313