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The Priestly Garments Part 2

Before we get started here this evening, I just want to mention once again that this is part two of our priestly garments teaching. And so, if you haven't seen part one of our teaching on the priestly garments, you might want to go back and take a look at that just so that you can be better informed with where we are here this evening. But even if you didn't catch part one of this teaching, it won't hurt you to watch part two first, and then go back and watch part one little bit later, but we do encourage you to watch it.

Once again, before we get started here this evening I want us to understand that it was because of the fall of man in the garden that our Father in heaven needed to bridge the gap between sinful man and himself. We must remember that our Father in heaven cannot be in the presence of sin, and therefore there had to be some way that Yahovah could still reach man in order to show him the way back to the tree of life. And this is exactly what the job of the high priest was to do. The high priest was the mediator between God and man before our Messiah became the mediator between God and man.

And so, it was because of the sinful nature of man in the first place, and because man had decided to bow his knee to the creature rather than to his creator that a mediator was needed.

When Aaron was consecrated with oil Yahovah consecrated him as that mediator between God and man. And Yahovah did several things for Aaron that set him apart so that he could function as that mediator between God and man.

The first thing that our Father in heaven did was that he consecrated Aaron as the high priest. Consecration is the action of making or declaring something. Yahovah made Aaron high priest and declared him to be the mediator between God and man. Yahovah consecrated Aaron apart from all other men. And this is important for us to grasp and to understand so that we can understand who our high priest is today.

Most of us already understand that our Messiah is our high priest in the order of Melkesedeck. Because of the fall of man, a mediator between God and man has always existed. Our new high priest who is our Messiah Yeshua Hamashiach... has torn the veil between mankind and the holy of holies so that man can now petition his Father in heaven in a way that he could not do before. We can now approach our Father in heaven through the name of our high priest Yeshua Hamashiach who now sits at the right hand of his Father.

Another thing that our Father in heaven did for Aaron was that he gave him identification. Our Father gave Aaron a very specific look. He gave him a very specific wardrobe. He gave him a very specific and detailed identification so that no matter where Aaron went, the people of Israel would always know who he was. Yahovah identified Aaron with the priestly garments that he commanded him to wear so that there would be no mistake about who he was. And even on the turban that he wore upon his head, there was a Golden plate made out of pure gold stamped with the words and I quote, “Holy to Yahovah”.

And so, there is no way that anyone could ever mistake this high priest with any other pagan or Satanic high priest. There was no way that you could misidentify the high priest of Yahovah. Right on his four head was stamped that Aaron was indeed holy to Yahovah. Yahovah consecrated him with the authority to be the mediator between God and man. He identified Aaron with all of the markings of an Israelite high priest. He ordained Aaron personally for the job of being that one mediator between God and man.

The office of high priest was a most important job, and without that bridge between Yahovah and mankind... mankind was nothing more than a zombie. Mankind was nothing more than the walking dead. Because there was no way that mankind could ever find his way back to the tree of life without having communication with the Father who had already conceived an unfolding plan that would lead his children back to him. But that unfolding plan would have never been revealed without the office of the high priest being established and consecrated and identified and ordained by our Father in heaven.

And I want us to understand that this office of high priest has in no way been abolished or done away with. The office of high priest still stands to this very day, the problem is that most modern-day professing Christians are completely oblivious to what a high priest is or why it is that they even need one.

Moreover, they are also completely oblivious to the very office that they hold as priests of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. You see the reality of the truth is, that we are all a nation of priests as far as our Father in heaven is concerned. You're either in or you're out. There is no straddling the fence. If you are neither hot nor cold, he will spew you out of his mouth. We as modern-day Christians are in training for the priesthood. Not the high priest mind you... because there is only one high priest. But just as the Levites were priests that served in concert with the high priest... so too are we priests that served in concert with our high priest. We have been elected, divided, and separated for this very purpose, and yet today's modern-day professing Christian knows little if anything of the office that they hold.

During part one of our study into the priestly garments, we spoke about how our Messiah was ordained as the final and last high priest in the order of Melkesedeck. We spoke about how it was that a man from the tribe of Judah, could be given the position of a high priest. Once again there was always a heavenly high priest and an earthly high priest. Everything that was done on

the earth including the creation of the tabernacle was nothing more than a copy of the things that are found in heaven, and just to be clear about what we're talking about here, I want us to turn to the book of Hebrews in the brit Hadasha (also known as the New Testament) and I want us to read Hebrews chapter 8 versus one through 10:

Heb 8:1 Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven,

Heb 8:2 a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man.

Heb 8:3 For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; thus it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer.

Heb 8:4 Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law.

Heb 8:5 They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, "See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain."

Heb 8:6 But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises.

Heb 8:7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second.

Heb 8:8 For he finds fault with them when he says: "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah,

Heb 8:9 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. For they did not continue in my covenant, and so I showed no concern for them, declares the Lord.

Heb 8:10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

And so once again, by creating things on earth that are a copy of the heavenly things, Yahovah was helping man to understand how things needed to be if he was indeed going to be granted salvation which would lead him back to the tree of life that he had originally been banned from in the garden. Man first had to learn how to become a citizen of our Messiah's coming kingdom before he could ever enter his Messiah's coming kingdom.

And once again, I want us to notice what the new covenant is all about. The new covenant has absolutely nothing to do with nailing all of Gods laws to a cross, or being once saved always saved so that do as thou wilt is now the whole of the law... And it has nothing to do with dispensational grace, or a two house theory, or a Gentile church replacing the Jews, or anything else other than the laws of Yahovah being written on the hearts and in the minds of his people.

That's what the new covenant is all about. That's what the blood of our Messiah rang in. And that's what the truth of Scripture tells us in both the old and the new Testaments.

And for more information on this new covenant and what it truly says in both the old, and the New Testaments you go back and read Jeremiah chapter 31, and then read Hebrews chapter 10 and this will get you started on a path to the truth of exactly what our God breathed Scripture does and does not say.

The absolute ignorance of today's modern-day professing Christian never ceases to amaze me, even though I myself used to be counted as one of these lost and ignorant souls. Even the apostle Paul himself was counted as one of these lost and ignorant souls. His Messiah was standing right in front of him and he didn't even recognize him! And it was the same way with each one of us, and it's the same way with our lost brothers and sisters today.

Our Messiah has always been standing right in front of each one of us. The reason we couldn't see him is because we didn't read the instructions that his Father gave us. If we would have sat down and taken the time to read the book from the beginning to the end instead of from the middle to the end, we would've understood what the truth really is.

There's no way that we would've missed him. But... Just like the Jews back in our Messiah's time... we too have missed our Messiah standing right in front of us the whole time because we did not study to show ourselves approved. And this is exactly why we're in the position that we are in now, having to try and catch up to the truth after 2000 years because of our own laziness and slothfulness.

Once you read the book from the beginning and pray and ask for the discernment to understand it, the shackles do indeed begin to fall from your eyes, and the light of truth does indeed lite the way to the path that leads us back to the tree of life. But only the high priest has that light. Only the high priest knows the way back to the tree of life. Only the high priest has the ability to allow each one of us to pass through the veil. Only the high priest can turn a wretch into a priest.

And this is why the high priest and the priestly garments that he wears are so important. These very garments that the high priest wears tell a story that is undeniably life-saving. The very garments that the high priest wears reminds us of not only of who the high priest is... but they also remind us of our relationship and man's history, and why it was that he needed to have a high priest in the first place. And it not only tells the story of why mankind needed to be saved, it also tells the story of a loving God... a creator, a designer, the very author of life itself, who loved man so much... that no matter how many times he stumbled and fell, no matter how many times he sinned, no matter how many times he turned his back and walked away from his Father... the love of his Father would never leave him. And this is exactly what angers our adversary so much.

The love of God will never depart from man, and I would submit to you my friends that nothing will separate us from the love of God neither death nor life, nor Angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all of creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Yeshua Hamashiach our King. And that's a fact. That's the truth. And you can take that to the bank.

As we mentioned during part one of this study, our Messiah was consecrated, identified, and ordained during the time that John the Baptist mikvahed him through baptism, and consecrated him, and the Ruach Hackodesh came down and lit upon him, and his Father in heaven ordained him as the high priest who would then be set for service when his Father said to him *"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."*

Our high priest is the Torah made flesh. And you and I, when we follow him into the micvah of baptism and are given the Ruach Hackodesh... we too are consecrated and identified and ordained as priests. Revelation chapter 5 verse 10:

Rev 5:10 and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

Revelation chapter 1 versus four through six:

Rev 1:4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,

Rev 1:5 and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood

Rev 1:6 and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

It's important for us to understand that our English translated Bibles tell us that our Messiah was the word made flesh but the proper understanding of the Scripture is that our Messiah was the Torah made flesh. Let's turn to Proverbs chapter 3 verse one

Pro 3:1 My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:

The word "Law" here is actually the Hebrew word "**Torah**"

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BDB Definition:

- 1) law, direction, instruction
- 1a) instruction, direction (human or divine)
- 1a1) body of prophetic teaching
- 1a2) instruction in Messianic age
- 1a3) body of priestly direction or instruction
- 1a4) body of legal directives
- 1b) law
- 1b1) law of the burnt offering
- 1b2) of special law, codes of law
- 1c) custom, manner
- 1d) the Deuteronomic or Mosaic Law

Us now turn to John chapter 1 verse 14:

Joh 1:14 *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

NOTE: The Greek word “word” here is the Greek word “logos” which really means the same thing as the Hebrew word “Torah”. We have to remember that the Torah was written in Hebrew, and the Brit Hadasha (also known as the New Testament) was written for the most part in Greek, and in some Aramaic. According to Thayers this is what “Logos” means:

λόγος

logos

Thayer Definition:

- 1) of speech
- 1a) a word, uttered by a living voice, embodies a conception or idea
- 1b) what someone has said
- 1b1) a word
- 1b2) the sayings of God
- 1b3) decree, mandate or order
- 1b4) of the moral precepts given by God
- 1b5) Old Testament prophecy given by the prophets
- 1b6) what is declared, a thought, declaration, aphorism, a weighty saying, a dictum, a maxim
- 1c) discourse

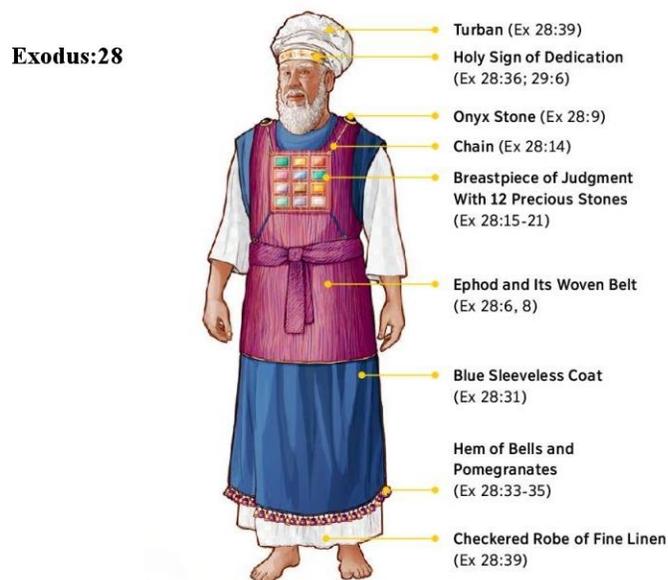
You see that’s what they were talking about when they spoke about the word or the logos of God. They were talking about his Torah. The Torah of Yahovah is who Yahovah is. The Torah is the word of Yah. Once again if you were to ask any Jewish person on the streets of Jerusalem to read you from the word, or from the law, or from the Torah, they would immediately open their Torah and begin reading because the words, law, word, and Torah, are synonymous with each

other and always have been.

The problem is with in our Western mindset we don't make those connections and we don't understand what is being conveyed in the Scripture because we don't take the time to study to show ourselves approved. It's in there if we'll simply take the time to sit down and to study it.

What John is telling us here in John chapter 1 verse 14 is that the Messiah is the Torah made flesh. The Torah is the very essence of Yahovah. His Torah is Yahovah's fingerprint. The Torah is the word of Yah that when spoken becomes part of the law of the universe. Yahovah spoke things into existence. What comes out of the mouth of Yah is eternal, and forever, and secure and sure. His Torah reveals to us the unfolding plan of Yahovah including but not limited to his only begotten Son which is prophesied all throughout the Torah, and what Yahovah promised to do for his people until the very end of time.

And this all brings the importance of the high priest into clear vision when we understand what our Messiah said about picking up our crosses and following him into the priesthood. Everything that he did was an example for us to follow and do and become. This is the path that leads back to the tree of life that we were banned from back in the garden. This is the path that our Messiah has cut with his own blood and his own body. He has opened the door that no man can shut. He did not come just to teach Torah... he came to be Torah. He was the living breathing Torah of Yahovah.



I want to go back and I want to take a look at the five things that it took to make the priestly garments. First there was gold. Gold represents deity. Second there was linen, linen represents righteousness. Then we have the color blue. Now we could do a whole teaching just on the color blue my friends but just to sum it up for the sake of time, blue represents heavenly origin

in the grace of God. Then we have the color purple. Purple represents royalty. And then we have the color scarlet. The color scarlet represents sin and suffering.

Once again, the very first thing that the high priest would put on is the white linen. This represents purity and holiness, and as we've already stated in part one of this teaching, when the high priest came before the people of Israel he wore the whole uniform of high priest. But... when the high priest came into the holy of holies where Yahovah resided ... he took off all of the other colors of the uniform, and was only allowed to enter the holy of holies where the Ark of the covenant was and where God resided in that white linen portion of the uniform. He could not come into the presence of Yahovah dressed like he was when he was presenting himself to the house of Israel.

And this is very important to understand. The white linen represents the un-blemished and perfectly pure Passover Lamb of Yahovah. The white linen represents you and I after we have picked up our crosses and decided to follow after that perfectly pure Passover Lamb. After we have been moved to the water to be mikvahed in baptism and consecrated and identified and ordained as priests who serve under the high priest that is our Messiah Yeshua Hamashiach.

That white linen represents the foundation, the cornerstone, the rock, and that white linen represents the righteousness of our current high priest which in turn allows us to put on that white linen and appear before our Father in heaven without blemish because we have been washed in the blood of our high priest and therefore are sinless in the eyes of our Father.

The blue color represents the grace of God and his heavenly origin. All power comes from our Father who sits on his heavenly throne. The reason that we even have a Savior and a high priest is because of the Father who created that plan. It was our Father in heaven that created the unfolding plan that would lead man to a fleshly king who could be without blemish and without spot, and a perfect representation of mankind. It was our Father's unfolding plan that led us to be reborn again in the spirit, and that led us to also be without blemish and without sin through the blood of his only begotten son.

That blue garment reminds us all of the very power of our Father in heaven who told us very clearly that there are no saviors before him. Let's turn to Isaiah chapter 43 versus 10 and 11:

Isa 43:10 "You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me.

Isa 43:11 I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no savior.

It should be very clear to us that no other gods were created before the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob who is our Father and our creator. And there truly is no savior before our Father in heaven because without our Father his only begotten Son would never have been sent. Without our Father, the plan of salvation would have never been thought of. Without our

Father, his only begotten Son would of never been begotten.

And this is exactly why when we baptize someone we baptized them in the name of Yahovah and his only begotten Son Yeshua Hamashiach, and the Ruach Hackodesh of our Elohim. We do not leave our Father's holy and sacred name out of the plan of salvation when we baptize. It was never the plan of our Messiah, or the mission of our Messiah to replace his Father. It was always the plan and the mission of our Messiah as high priest to be exactly that... a high priest... not his Father. Even though his Father's spirit was indeed in him... Yeshua himself never claimed to be his Father. When we get to his soon coming kingdom, we we'll see his Father setting in his throne, and we we'll see our Messiah and King sitting at the right hand of his Father.

Nowhere in our Messiah's ministry did he ever claim to be his Father. It's not in there, and you can't find it. And the reason you can't find it, is because it's not in there. Our Messiah told us very clearly who he was and that he was and I quote, "the Son of Yahovah". And that's another whole teaching of which we have many of if you visit our website at holy impact ministries.com. If you think that the Son came to replace his Father you need to think again and more importantly you need to go back and read your Bible from the beginning to the end instead of reading it from the middle to the end.

The next color in the priestly garment was purple, and that purple reminds us of the royalty of our King who is our high priest in the order of Melkesedek. Notice, that the purple covers the rest of the uniform. We must remember that our Messiah was given all authority in heaven and on earth by his Father Yahovah. It is his royalty that we look up to and willingly and open heartedly submit to. It is his royalty that covers us. It is his royalty that leads us. It is that royalty that we serve because it belongs to our King Yeshua Hamashiach.

That purple outer garment also reminds us that we also are a royal nation of priests. Once again to pick up your cross and to follow our Messiah means that we will rule and reign with him in royal positions of priests. Let's turn to second Timothy chapter 2 verse 12:

2Ti 2:12 if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us;

What are we told in Revelation chapter 5 verse 10:

Rev 5:10 and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

When we told in Revelation chapter 20 verse six:

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

Make no mistake about it my friends, you and I are included in that purple royalty because we are part of the body of our very Jewish Messiah, who came from the house of David and the tribe of Judah.

Moving down to the scarlet color. When we look at the scarlet color of the yarns that were woven in to the Ephod of the uniform we can also see that it's an important color because it represents the blood of our Messiah that covered the Scarlet sins of humanity. This scarlet yarn was woven into the breast piece of judgment, and it reminds us of the sinful nature of man because of the way that we fell in the garden.

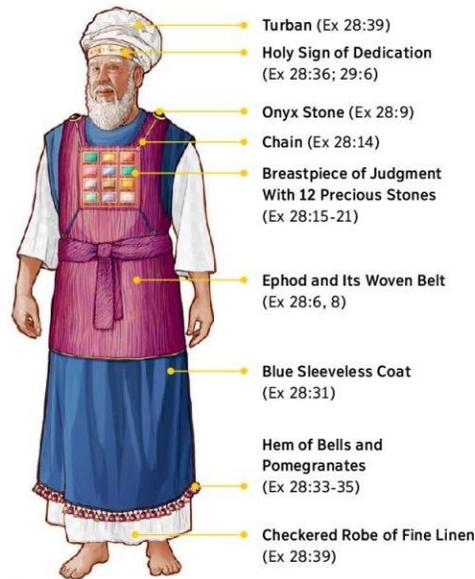
Blue, and purple, and Scarlet yarns were often times embroidered together with needlework because the grace of our Father and the royalty that was bestowed upon our Messiah by his Father were needed because of the sinful nature of man. The blue, and the purple, and Scarlet yarns being woven together and embroidered with needlework represent the complete and full unfolding plan of Yahovah to save mankind from himself and his evil nature. I think our Father explains it very well in Isaiah chapter 1 verse 18:

Isa 1:18 "Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool."

Once again, we see that Scarlet is the color of sin and we also see that those Scarlet sins will be made as white as snow (which is the color of linen by the way) though our sins are like Scarlet and like red crimson they shall indeed become like wool (which is again white like linen), because of the blood of our Father's unblemished Passover Lamb.

THE COMPONENTS:

Exodus:28



Exo 28:4 *These are the garments that they shall make: a breastpiece, an ephod, a robe, a coat of checker work, a turban, and a sash. They shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother and his sons to serve me as priests.*

The first garment that we see that the high priest would put on is once again the linen under garment. And this linen undergarment is to cover from their hips to their thighs. This covers the sin of man and separates it from the righteousness of Yahovah, so that he can present himself before Yahovah. Let's turn to exit is chapter 28 verse 39:

Exo 28:39 *"You shall weave the coat in checker work of fine linen, and you shall make a turban of fine linen, and you shall make a sash embroidered with needlework.*

Exo 28:40 *"For Aaron's sons you shall make coats and sashes and caps. You shall make them for glory and beauty.*

Exo 28:41 *And you shall put them on Aaron your brother, and on his sons with him, and shall anoint them and ordain them and consecrate them, that they may serve me as priests.*

Exo 28:42 *You shall make for them linen undergarments to cover their naked flesh. They shall reach from the hips to the thighs;*

The white linen once again represents the purity and righteousness of Yah. So, the first thing that a man needs to do is to put on the purity and righteousness of his Messiah, who just like that white linen... covers a multitude of sins.

The next garment is the blue robe, and we can find that in Exodus 28 verses 31 and 32:

Exo 28:31 *"You shall make the robe of the ephod all of blue.*

Exo 28:32 *It shall have an opening for the head in the middle of it, with a woven binding around the opening, like the opening in a garment, so that it may not tear.*

Once again blue represents the very glory and grace of God. It reminds us of the power that Yahovah has to cover us and to protect us because we have been purified through the blood of his only begotten Son. The color blue also represents the heavenly origins of where our Father resides and the reason that he called for the tabernacle to be built a very specific way. Let's turn to Hebrews chapter 8 versus one through five:

Heb 8:1 *Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven,*

Heb 8:2 *a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man.*

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Once again, it's important to understand that our Father in heaven is trying to teach us how to live in his kingdom. The Levitical priesthood and the tabernacle were a shadow of the heavenly things. But our Messiah has obtained a ministry that is much more excellent because the new covenant offers salvation through our Messiah that the old covenant did not.

The new covenant actually removes the stone heart of man and replaces it with a fleshly heart with the laws of Yahovah written upon it so that the law is no longer a burden to us, but rather a joy that fills our heart to do because we now understand that the love of God is that we keep his commandments and his commandments are not a burden to us.

Man loves to do things his own way. Man worries about nothing more than the heart of himself. But as new born again consecrated, identified, and ordained priests of the new Kingdom... our worry is about the heart of our Father and what pleases him because we know that when he is pleased, all of creation lives in harmony and the joy of his Ruach Hackodesh is able to move freely within us and through us all. True happiness does not come from money or owning material things. No matter how much we amass, we will never truly be happy. What we gain here on this earth is nothing more than an Empire of dirt. Nothing we have here on this earth will not mold, or rot, or rust. The treasure that we save up in the coming kingdom will never mold, or rot, or rust.

True happiness comes in the peace, love, and joy that fills our hearts because we are able to be in the presence of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. True happiness is in the beauty

of our Father's creation, the smile of a small child, a hug from a friend, the satisfaction of knowing that there is a tomorrow promised to us, and the overabundance of the love that can only come from our Creator... a love so powerful, so unrelenting, so beautiful, so never ending that it is unmatched by any other.

To walk with our Messiah in the garden, and to be able to ask him all of the questions that have puzzled us throughout the centuries, to see the face of God, and to worship at his feet and to be in the presence of his awesome power and glory is where happiness originates from. It's where we belong. It's what we were created for. It's who we are. It's as natural as water from a crystal-clear spring. Let's move on to exit is chapter 28 verses 33 through 35:

Exo 28:33 On its hem you shall make pomegranates of blue and purple and scarlet yarns, around its hem, with bells of gold between them,

Exo 28:34 a golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, around the hem of the robe.

Exo 28:35 And it shall be on Aaron when he ministers, and its sound shall be heard when he goes into the Holy Place before the LORD, and when he comes out, so that he does not die.

I want us to pay close attention to these bells and these pomegranates that are hemmed in at the bottom of the blue robe of the high priest. What was the purpose of having bells on the hem of the high priest? It was so that he would be heard when he entered the holy place of Yahovah and when he exited the holy place of Yahovah.

Now I want us to understand that the holy place and the holy of holies are two different rooms. The holy place was in the tabernacle but it did not extend beyond the veil. You had the holy place that you entered into the tabernacle, and then from the holy place the high priest would pass through the veil and enter into the holy of holies, so these are two different rooms and I just wanted to make that point before we move forward.

But the reason for the bells was so that the high priest could make himself known as he entered in an exited the holy place. The bells my friends represent our works. If you're working you're making a sound. What happens when you do nothing? There is no sound. When the high priest was standing still he was absolutely silent. But when he was on the move the bells rang and the Angels heard them. And it's the same with our works. James tells us in James chapter 2 verse seven, he says and I quote, "so also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead".

Why were there pomegranate next to the bells? What is a pomegranate? It is fruit. How do we know a man? We know him by his fruit. What is the fruit of the spirit? Galatians chapter 5 verse 22 tells us that the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These are the fruit of the spirit. These are produced by our good works. A true God-fearing, cross bearing, Messiah following Christian understands the importance of staying on the move and continuing to do good works in the name of our Father

in heaven and his only begotten Son. We understand how important it is to continue in our good works so that we may produce good fruit. A bell, and a pomegranate, a bell, and a pomegranate. Works produces good fruit. Works produces good fruit.

He who denies me before men I will deny before my Father. Why did Yahovah promise Abraham to multiply his offspring as the stars of heaven, and to give him all these lands? Why did he promise Abraham that in his offspring all the nations of the earth would be blessed? Let's turn to Genesis chapter 26 versus four and five:

Gen 26:4 I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and will give to your offspring all these lands. And in your offspring all the nations of the earth shall be blessed,

Gen 26:5 because Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.”

Works produces fruit, a bell and a pomegranate. Works produces fruit, a bell and a prominent. Another thing to make note of is the pomegranate has an outer shell that is full of red fluid and inside the pomegranate are hundreds of seeds. Just as our Messiah is one body, with billions of true God-fearing, cross bearing believers that have been grafted into his body. He was the first fruit of the new harvest that was raised up on firstfruits.

The seeds of the pomegranate are protected by the red blood like fluid that incases the protective shell of the pomegranate. Just as our lives are protected by the red blood of our Messiah, and we are protected by his righteousness and his God-given authority as our King.

When we see this uniform of the high priest, we see the unfolding plan of Yahovah come together. Let's move on to Exodus chapter 28 verse six:

Exo 28:6 “And they shall make the ephod of gold, of blue and purple and scarlet yarns, and of fine twined linen, skillfully worked.

Here we see on the ephod, that blue and purple and scarlet yarns of fine twined linen were skillfully worked into the ephod. Where do we read about a coat of many colors in our Scripture? Who was it that had a coat of many colors that was designed by his Father because he was the favorite son? It was Joseph who had a coat of many colors that was given to him by his father because Joseph was his father's favorite son.

Joseph was sent to his brothers, but what happened? His brother sold him into slavery. Who does this remind us of? Our Messiah was sent to his brothers, who sold him into the slavery of the grave. But our Messiah rose again, just like Joseph also rose again from slavery.

If we remember correctly Joseph was set in the second seat of Pharaoh. No one was more powerful than Joseph other than Pharaoh. Just as our Messiah is set at the right hand of his

Father. No one is more powerful than our Messiah other than his Father. John 14 verse 28:

Joh 14:28 You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

And so, when we see this ephod of many colors, it is to remind us of the coat of many colors that Joseph wore. And it reminds us that Joseph was indeed a type and shadow of our Messiah that was to proceed him. Let's move on to Exodus chapter 28 verse nine through 12:

Exo 28:9 You shall take two onyx stones, and engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel,

Exo 28:10 six of their names on the one stone, and the names of the remaining six on the other stone, in the order of their birth.

Exo 28:11 As a jeweler engraves signets, so shall you engrave the two stones with the names of the sons of Israel. You shall enclose them in settings of gold filigree.

Exo 28:12 And you shall set the two stones on the shoulder pieces of the ephod, as stones of remembrance for the sons of Israel. And Aaron shall bear their names before the LORD on his two shoulders for remembrance.

I want us to understand the significance of these two onyx stones that have the names of the sons of Israel engraved on each shoulder. The high priest is actually walking around with the house of Israel upon his shoulders, just as our high priest, Yeshua Hamashiach has indeed taken upon the sins of the house of Israel upon his shoulders.

What's important for every modern-day Christian to understand is that if you indeed are a true God-fearing, cross bearing, Messiah following Christian... then you have been grafted into the house of Israel. Galatians chapter 3 versus 27 through 29:

Gal 3:27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Gal 3:29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

You see when you have truly accepted the Messiah and have been given the hope of salvation, and when you have been mikvahed through baptism and have been consecrated and identified and ordained as a priest within his kingdom... you are indeed the offspring of Abraham, and you are indeed an heir according to the promise of Abraham.



When a Shepherd would go looking for a Lamb that had wandered off from the flock, he would often times put that Lamb upon his shoulders when he found it in order to carry it back to the flock where it would be safe and secure. Just as our Messiah came after us when we wandered away from the flock. When we couldn't find our way back, when we thought we knew where we were but in reality, were lost... our Messiah came to find us and he carried us back to the safety of the flock where we belonged.

To this very day we are like sheep upon the shoulders of our Messiah safely being carried through the Gates of his coming kingdom. Let's move on to the breastplate found in Exodus chapter 28 verse 15:

Exo 28:15 "You shall make a breastpiece of judgment, in skilled work. In the style of the ephod you shall make it—of gold, blue and purple and scarlet yarns, and fine twined linen shall you make it.

Once again, we see the colors of blue and purple and Scarlet all being woven together because of all of the attributes that these colors represent. The unfolding plan of Yahovah that leads to salvation and man's return to the tree of life that he was banned from in the garden is represented in this mixture of colors that tells the story of salvation. And if we go just a few verses down to verse 21 we find this:

Exo 28:21 There shall be twelve stones with their names according to the names of the sons of Israel. They shall be like signets, each engraved with its name, for the twelve tribes.



Once again, the 12 tribes of Israel are closest to the heart of the high priest. He wears this breastplate next to his heart because the 12 tribes of Israel just so happen to be the only people that Yahovah ever calls his beloved people. Nowhere in the Bible does our Father in heaven ever call any other people his chosen people other than the house of Israel.

As a Gentile you are grafted into the house of Israel because we become part of the body of our Jewish Messiah who came from the house of David and the tribe of Judah. Make no mistake about it my friends, just as our Messiah is the high priest of the house of Israel in the order of Melkesedek... so too are we as X Gentiles now part of the house of Israel that our Messiah who is the high priest governs over. We are all one just as we just read in the book of Galatians chapter 3. There is no Jew there is no Gentile there is no slave there is no free there's not even a male or a female for we are all one in Yeshua Hamashiach. And if... we are the Messiah's, then we are Abraham's offspring and heirs according to the promise, and for more information on that you can go read Romans chapter 11 where Paul does a wonderful job of explaining it all to us very clearly and with-out stutter.

This breastplate reminds us who God's people have always been from the very beginning and always will be to the very end. We are either grafted in and part of those beloved by Yahovah or we are not. It's just that simple.

We need to remember that each and every one of the stones that was built into that breastplate is a very precious stone. And each one of those stones had the name of each one of the tribes of Israel engraved into it. These precious stones were a representation of those of us who are precious in his sight because we have chosen him over this world, and we have come through the door that is his only begotten son. Very quickly I like to touch on Exodus chapter 28 verse 30

Exo 28:30 *And in the breastpiece of judgment you shall put the Urim and the Thummim, and they shall be on Aaron's heart, when he goes in before the LORD. Thus Aaron shall bear the judgment of the people of Israel on his heart before the LORD regularly.*

We're not exactly told what the Urim, and the Thummim actually were, but we do know that they were either two sticks or two stones that the high priest had in a pocket behind the breastplate. One white and the other one black. And they would be used to give a yes or no answer to a specific question from Yahovah. In other words, if someone came to the high priest and wanted to ask Yahovah a question, he would reach into the pocket and grab one of the two sticks or stones and whichever one was drawn gave that person the answer to their question. This is the one and only form of divination that Yahovah allowed in the Old Testament.

Over time many modern mystics have offered up all kinds of fanciful explanations concerning the Urim and the Thummim, but... if you translated the words Urim and Thummim we find that the word Urim means light, and the word Thummim means perfection. And so whichever answer you got was said to be the decision of Yahovah and it was an answer that came directly from Yahovah.

Once again, this reminds us as modern-day Christians that when we're confused or when we just can't seem to find the answer to any given problem in our lives, the first thing that we should do is to turn to our Father in heaven and ask him in prayer what the answer is. Which way should I go, to the left, or to the right. How should I decide what I'm going to do? Often times when we modern-day Christians have trials and tribulations we get flustered and we forget to turn to Yahovah who always has the proper answer to all of our problems.

Often times when David didn't know what to do he went to the high priest to ask him what to do, and the high priest would reach into the pocket behind the breastplate and give David his answer. Once again this is a perfect example for today's modern-day Christian. It's not wise for us to make decisions on our own without knowing what our Father's will is to be.

Even we as modern-day Christians have two stones of our own. We have our written God breathed Scriptures, and we also have the Ruach Hackodesh that helps us to make decisions in our lives to this very day. The problem is that many of us don't trust in the Ruach Hackodesh the way that we should. If we prayed to our Father in heaven and asked him to give us the answers that we need through his Ruach Hackodesh we must then believe that he will do so. James chapter 1 versus six through eight:

Jas 1:6 *But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.*

Jas 1:7 *For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;*

Jas 1:8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

And the very last thing is the belt or the sash that was worn around the waist of the high priest. Let's turn to Ephesians chapter 6 verse 14:

Eph 6:14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

Paul himself tells us what the belt of the high priest represents. It represents the truth of Yahovah. It's important to understand that the whole uniform of the high priest was wrapped in the sash or the belt of truth. Everything that the priestly garments represented were, and are to this day the truth of Yah's word. The very message that the priestly garments convey is the truth of Yah's word, the truth of yah's Torah.

My friends, if we are not seeking the truth, then we are not seeking Yahovah. If we are not seeking truth, then we are not part of the body of his only begotten son. Truth is all that matters my friends. It doesn't matter what I believe, and it doesn't matter what you believe, because no matter what you and I believe, the truth does not change. The truth belongs to Yahovah. It is like an unmovable rock. It is fixed in time. It is the cornerstone that our Messiah is. The truth is what Yahovah speaks. If we as men speak the truth, then we got it from him. And anything short of that does not come from him.

And so, it's important to turn to our high priest while seeking the truth. He will reach for the Urim or the Thummim, that is close to his heart and he will give us the answers that we seek if we truly seek the truth and nothing but the truth.

There is nothing worse than reading the Bible while trying to prove your own agenda. There is nothing worse than reading the Bible in order to try and cut and paste Scriptures together that agrees with your denominational dogma. There's nothing worse than reading the Bible with a preconceived, programmed understanding, and trying to prove that preconceived programmed understanding through Scripture that speaks directly against your preconceived programmed understanding. But denominational charters of men do it every day.

The only reason that they read the Bible is to prove what someone has previously taught them. The only reason they read the Bible is to prove some man-made theology that they've been taught in some brick-and-mortar man-made institution. The only reason that they read the Bible is to confirm what their so-called early church fathers have told them.

But they never read the Bible seeking the truth. They never read the Bible after praying and asking for the discernment from Yahovah that will lead them to the truth of God's word.

And this my friends is exactly why we have thousands of different Christian denominations all claiming to preach and teach from the same book, and none of them agreeing with the other.

As I have always said, I now say again... Please my friends take what you have heard here today to your prayer closet. Bow your head and bend your knees and face the holy promised land of Jerusalem and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you've heard here today be true... or not.

Ask, seek, and knock and the door will be opened to you. And if you will do that... We will walk hand in hand through the Gates of his soon coming kingdom.

And I want you to promise to join us this next seventh day Sabbath as we tie all of these understandings into Yom Teruah, also known as the day of trumpets.

We already have several teachings concerning the day of trumpets up at our website but this year's teaching on Yom Teruah is going to be much more inclusive when it comes to things like what the priestly garments represent, and what the temple services represent, so that we can better understand why it is that we expect our Messiah to return on the day of trumpets.

And by the way... If you're still calling Yom Teruah, Rosh Hashanah... you need to definitely be with us next seventh day Sabbath. Yom Teruah... the day of trumpets is not... and I repeat not... the Jewish new year. Only rabbinical Judaism teaches such rubbish, and we all know how our Messiah hated rabbinical Judaism, and if you don't know how much our Messiah hated rabbinical Judaism please read the 23rd chapter of the book of Matthew and understand what he told the leaders of rabbinical Judaism.

And we'll get into all of that next Shabbat on September 8th!