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The Priestly Garments For Us Today

Before we get started with our study into the priestly garments and why and how we can use the knowledge of these priestly garments to our benefit today... we need to understand some basic biblical principles concerning our Messiah and who he truly was, and who we truly are according to our God breathed Scripture.

We need to understand that our Father created us so that we could have fellowship with him. It is written in the beginning that Adam walked with God in the garden. But because of the fall of Adam, man can no longer walk with God. Man has been cast away from the presence of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob because he has become a sinful being. The very nature of his birth is sinful. And what's even more startling, is not only that man can no longer approach, or be in the presence of God... but that God cannot approach or be in the presence of man.

Now I know that a lot of you are scratching your heads thinking "how is it that God cannot approach or be in the presence of man?" But I want us to think about that for just a moment. Can God be in the presence of sin?

Can a holy God be in the presents of unholiness? Can light be in darkness? What happens when you turn a light on in a dark room? As soon as you turn the light on in a dark room the darkness is destroyed. The darkness is no more. It vanishes and ceases to exist in that room does in not?

Until the prosses of repentance and baptism in both the water and the Spirit takes place, and faith becomes a part of our lives, and the laws of God are written in our hearts and in our minds... we cannot be in the presents of Yahovah. Anything unholy that comes into the presents of God is destroyed just like the darkness is destroyed by the light. Therefore, we must become holy in order to be able to come into his presents. How do we do that?

Once again, a spiritual rebirth takes place when the spirit of a man repents and is baptized in both the water and the Spirit, and faith becomes part of his life, and the laws of God are written on his heart and in his mind. A "new creature" is born, and the old man dies and falls away like the skin of a snake. We shed that old being, and are created new again. God cannot have fellowship with us until that process takes place.

Sacrifice is always needed to atone for sin. The Priesthood was, and always will be, a bridge between man and God. Before our Messiah, the Levitical Priesthood helped to pave a way for people to come to God through the sacrificial offering of the blood of animals, which was really

nothing more than a shadow of things to come... which would be our... our Messiah, who would be our Passover Lamb and the last atonement for sin ever needed.

It's important to remember that man sinned against God... God did not sin against man. Therefore, only the blood of a man could truly atone for sin once and for all, but not just any man. This one very special and set apart man, had to be spotless and without blemish. This one very special and set apart man, had to be sinless just like the innocent animals that were used to atone for man's sin were sinless. These animals had to be spotless and without blemish because they were sin offerings to God. Nothing but the best would be accepted.

And so, it was the Priesthood that was the mediator between man and God during the time that God's people were in the wilderness. What most Christians fail to ever learn about, or ever even hear about for that matter... is that there was indeed a higher Priesthood than the Levitical Priesthood, and that higher Priesthood was called the "Melkezidek Priesthood". And it would be through this heavenly appointed Priesthood that our Messiah would take control over and finally be the last High Priest ever needed for mankind.

It's important to know that even before the Levitical Priesthood, the law of God was already in effect. The law of God has been in effect since the beginning of creation. Even Abraham knew the importance of sacrificial offerings to his Father. Cain and Able both sacrificed to Yahovah.

We must remember that the biblical definition of "sin" is the transgression of the law. So, if the law did not exist in the very beginning... Adam and Eve could not have "sinned". How could Adam and Eve have transgressed a law that did not exist? That's what sin is, it's the transgression of the law according to our scriptures. And you can find that in 1st John chapter 3 verse 4 if you don't already know that.

Before the Levitical Priesthood the man was the head, or the High Priest of the family, but once Yahovah rescued his people out from under the hand of Pharaoh, his people had grown into a great nation of people, and at that point in time an earthly Priesthood was needed to lead, and to guide his people on earth, and to judge them properly. And therefore, a judicial court system was set up on earth, just like the judicial court system in Heaven. And we could get into the judicial court system in Heaven but we won't get into that for times sake here today, but if you wanted to better understand the judicial court system in heaven you might start by reading Psalms 82, or Hebrews chapter 8 verses 4 and 5:

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."

And so, it should be clear to us that what was established on earth, is a shadow of heavenly

things, including the Levitical Priesthood. It was merely a shadow of a more powerful heavenly priesthood called the Melkezideck Priesthood, that our Messiah is now in control of. It was by the grace of God that he sent his only begotten son to be our Passover Lamb, and to deal with sin so that man could once again come into the presence of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob.

We show our appreciation for the saving grace of our Father in Heaven by keeping his commandments, and because we're keeping his commandments out of love and out of appreciation for what he's done... they are no longer a burden to us. Some people call it "works", but we call it "the love of God".

The reason that man does not naturally keep God's commandments is because of sin. Sin gets in the way, it gets in between the commandments of God (which is the love of God) and us. Sin is the deterrent between man and God, where our Messiah is the mediator between man and God. Sin is the exact opposite of righteousness. Man has a choice to make. It's just as Joshua so eloquently put it thousands of years ago:

"Choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the river, (which was Yahovah)... or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now dwell." Joshua 24:14-15

I would suggest to you my friends that man has chosen by far to choose the gods of the Amorites in whose land he now dwells. The gods of the Amorites were worldly little "g" gods that were created by the father of all lies himself, and this is what the world today still chooses to follow after.

What today's modern-day Christian needs to understand is that today's Christian still needs a high priest to be the mediator between God and man. Today's modern-day professing Christian still has to have a high priest. The problem is that most modern-day professing Christians have no idea who their Messiah truly is, where he came from, or where he sitting right now.

Our Messiah is that high priest in the order of the Melkesedek priesthood, and going to see that as we move forward. So, the question then becomes, "how can Yeshua be a high priest when he is not in the line of Aaron?" And that's a very good question.

Some people may wrongly answer that our Messiah doesn't need to be in the bloodline of Aaron because he is the high priest of a higher priesthood called the Melkesedek priesthood, but this would only be partially correct. Our Messiah is not only the high priest of the Melkesedek priesthood... But he is also the high priest according to the Levitical priesthood.

We must remember that our Messiah has been given all authority in both heaven and on earth. This means that our Messiah would have to be qualified to be both high priest in both heaven and on earth which he was, and were going to prove that to you here today because it's

important in understanding the topic of the priestly garments correctly.

Yeshua came from the house of David and the tribe of Judah, and we know that because of the historical record of his genealogy given to us in the book of Matthew chapter 1. In fact, if we read the very first words of Matthew chapter one what does it say? Matthew chapter 1 verse one:

Mat 1:1 *The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.*

So, don't let anyone ever tell you that Yeshua was not the son of David, and the son of Abraham, because if they do, they're claiming to be above and beyond the scripture, and everything else they say after that... you need to put a question mark after.

Both Yeshua's mother Mary, and his earthly father Joseph who adopted him, were both from the house of David. Some people will cry foul because Joseph was not our Messiah's biological father. But what they don't understand is that Joseph freely made the decision to adopt Yeshua into his family household.

Joseph could have rejected Mary because she was pregnant, he could have walked away, but he didn't, and because he didn't, Yeshua was grafted into Joseph's family, much like all gentiles are grafted into the body of our Messiah. Yeshua's family line consisted of many gentile people including Tamar, Rahab, and Ruth who were all gentiles that had been grafted into the genealogy of Yeshua.

If we read Exodus chapter 12, or Numbers chapter 9, or Numbers 15 we'll very quickly understand that Yahovah was always busy grafting the gentiles into the house of Israel from the very beginning. And this continued on even into the New Testament when our Messiah arrived, and you can read even more about the grafting in of Gentiles in Romans chapter 11, and Galatians chapter 3, so we shouldn't find it so odd that Yeshua would have been grafted in to the household of a man who was from the house of David.

Once someone is grafted into a household, that adopted child then becomes part of that lineage. Either way you look at it... our Messiah did indeed come from the House of David and the tribe of Judah... he was indeed a Jew. Even his mother was from the House of David, and so not only were his physical roots through his mother part of the House of David, but so too was his adoption through his earthly father David. Let there be no doubt about it... our Messiah was a Jewish flesh and bone man.

And this all fulfills the promise that our Father in Heaven made to David in 2nd Samuel chapter 7, and if you've never read 2nd Samuel chapter 7, that's part of your homework for this week. Go read second Samuel chapter 7 and understand the promise that Yahovah made to his faithful servant David.

It's important for today's modern-day Christian to understand that our Messiah died on Passover day not on the Roman Catholic Good Friday. Our Messiah was our Passover lamb not our Easter ham. Our Messiah was indeed the Lamb of God.

When Abraham was climbing Mount Moriah with his son Isaac, his son Isaac turned and asked Abraham a question, and the way that Abraham answered that question, is one of the most profound scriptures in our bibles today. I'd like us to turn to Genesis chapter 22 verses 7 and 8:

Gen 22:7 *And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"*

Gen 22:8 *Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.*

Our Messiah was even born much like a Lamb if you stop and think about it. We must remember that our Messiah was born in a stable according to Luke chapter 2 verse 7, and he was laid in a manger, and wrapped in clothing.

It's also interesting to know that lambs were raised in Bethlehem for the sole purpose of being used for the Temple sacrifice at Passover. And what does John the Baptist call our Messiah when he sees him coming? Does he say he say "hey there's my cousin, good to see you cus?" No. Lets turn to John chapter 1 verse 29:

Joh 1:29 *The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"*

Even John knew that our Messiah would indeed be our Passover lamb. Now I want you to pay close attention to what I'm going to say here, because well about to tell you is something that only a very small percentage of today's modern-day professing Christians have ever even heard let alone understand.

What's important to know here, is that John the Baptist, was the son of Zechariah who was a priest of the sons of Aaron. John the Baptist was at that time, the High Priest of the line of Aaron chosen by God to hand off the last Aaronic Priesthood to God's son Yeshua.

We must remember that Caiaphas who was called the High Priest, who called for the death of Yeshua Jesus was not a true High Priest according to the Levitical Law. Caiaphas was not born in the line of Aaron, and God never consecrated, or ordained, or instituted Caiaphas as a High Priest. Caiaphas was a fraud. He wasn't a High Priest at all according to the law of Moses. He was indeed part of a brood of vipers, and stood as a High Priest of men... not of God. Caiaphas was the high priest of Judaism, not Levitical law.

John the Baptist on the other hand was.... In the blood line of Aron, and was a High Priest that

was chosen directly from Yahovah himself, not only to pave the way for his only begotten son... but to hand off the earthly Aaronic priesthood to Yeshua as well, and we're going to take a look at that in just a moment, just to nail that down tight. But before we do that... I want to just solidify the fact that John the Baptist was indeed the true Aaronic High Priest in Yeshua's time.

1st Chronicles 46:6, 10, and 19 all prove that both Zechariah and Elizabeth, the parents of John the Baptist, were of the House and lineage of Aaron. Therefore, John the Baptist, chosen by Yahovah himself, brought forth from the barren womb of Elisabeth, was a true priest of the lineage of his forefather Aaron. To make this even simpler to understand, we can see this in Luke chapter 1 verses 5 and 6:

Luk 1:5 In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.

Luk 1:6 And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord.

And so here we have John the Baptist who is in the direct lineage of Aaron and the Levitical priesthood, and who has been chosen by Yahovah personally to be the acting high priest of Israel, getting ready to baptize the King of Israel who would be the Passover lamb of Israel.

John the Baptist wasn't working in the temple because this particular Levitical high priest was on a mission from God himself. The temple had been changed from the temple of God to a Temple of Judaism and of men who had no business calling themselves high priests. And to get a better idea of when this false priesthood all started and when the bloodline of Aaron was broken, and we have to go back to the book of Maccabees and understand that it was during the Maccabean revolt that the high priest of Aaron was removed for political reasons, and earthly kings began appointing who the high priest in Israel was going to be. And that's another study in itself, but it's important to realize that Caiaphas who called himself a high priest was no high priest, and was certainly not of the bloodline of Aaron.

Something else to keep in mind is that according to Levitical law, you could not become a priest until you are 30 years old. Both John the Baptist and Yeshua would have been 30 years old at the time that Yeshua came to John the Baptist to be baptized.

Now if that were not astounding enough, I want us to understand what happened in the garden of Eden when Adam sinned. When Adam sinned, who also sinned? We all sinned, because we were all still in the loins of Adam. And I want you to keep that in mind. When Adam sinned, all mankind sinned because all mankind was still in the loins of Adam.

It works the same way with Abraham. In Genesis chapter 14 when Abraham goes to war with four Kings to rescue his nephew Lot, we're introduced to a high priest that precedes the

Levitical priesthood. Let's turn to Genesis chapter 14 verses 18 through 20:

Gen 14:18 *And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.)*

Gen 14:19 *And he blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth;*

Gen 14:20 *and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!" And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.*

Notice here that this Melkesedeck priest was indeed a priest of Yahovah. And also notice here, that this is long before the Levitical priesthood ever even came into the picture. Also make note here... that our Messiah Yeshua is the high priest now the line of the Melkesedeck priesthood. Let's turn to Hebrews chapter 5 versus eight through 10:

Heb 5:8 *Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.*

Heb 5:9 *And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,*

Heb 5:10 *being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.*

And so, when Abraham gave a 10th of everything to the Melkesedeck priesthood in Genesis chapter 14... so did all of the offspring of Abraham give a tithe of 10%, because Abraham's offspring was still in the loins of Abraham at that time.

Abraham knew that this Melkesedeck priesthood was a very special priesthood. It was the everlasting priesthood that his seed would take control over in the future. And we know that our Messiah was indeed the seed of Abraham, and when we become part of the body of our Messiah, we too become part of the seed of Abraham who has been designated by Yahovah a priest after the order of Melkesedeck. And that priesthood that he holds will endure forever according to our Scripture, to verify that all we have to do is turn to Psalms 110 verse four:

Psa 110:4 *The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."*

This again is another Old Testament prophecy concerning our Messiah who is the head of the Melkesedeck priesthood right now even as we speak.

And all of this now leads us to another very, very important question. How, and when did Yeshua become anointed as a priest? How and when was it that our Messiah became anointed as high priest? In order to answer that question, we need to understand what the procedure was according to the Levitical law of God to become a priest. And so, we need to turn back to the book of Leviticus chapter 8 verses six through 12:

Lev 8:6 And Moses brought Aaron and his sons and washed them with water.

Lev 8:7 And he put the coat on him and tied the sash around his waist and clothed him with the robe and put the ephod on him and tied the skillfully woven band of the ephod around him, binding it to him with the band.

Lev 8:8 And he placed the breastpiece on him, and in the breastpiece he put the Urim and the Thummim.

Lev 8:9 And he set the turban on his head, and on the turban, in front, he set the golden plate, the holy crown, as the LORD commanded Moses.

Lev 8:10 Then Moses took the anointing oil and anointed the tabernacle and all that was in it, and consecrated them.

Lev 8:11 And he sprinkled some of it on the altar seven times, and anointed the altar and all its utensils and the basin and its stand, to consecrate them.

Lev 8:12 And he poured some of the anointing oil on Aaron's head and anointed him to consecrate him.

So, in order for our Messiah to have been consecrated as priest, we notice two things in this Scripture had to occur. Number one, was that he had to be washed in water. And number two, was that he had to be anointed. These were things that had to be done in order to be consecrated as a priest according to Levitical law.

When our Messiah first came to John the Baptist, John the Baptist was afraid to even baptize the Messiah because he knew who the Messiah was. But our Messiah tells John the Baptist that they needed to do this in order to fulfill all righteousness (and you can read that in the book of Matthew chapter 3 verse 15).

What we need to understand is what righteousness was being fulfilled here? What was it that our Messiah was trying to fulfill that day? When John, who was the only chosen high priest of Yahovah, baptized Yeshua Jesus, he baptized him in water, and just as our Messiah came up out of the water what happened? He was anointed by the Ruach Hackodesh of Yahovah. He had been washed in water, and anointed but not just with oil... but with the Ruach Hackodesh of his Father. John the Baptist had passed the mantle of the Levitical priesthood of Israel off to Yeshua Hamashiach by consecrating him as the high priest of Israel.

Now what I want us to understand is that everything that was going on in the temple at that time was illegitimate. Caiaphas who claimed to be the high priest of Israel was an illegitimate high priest according to the Torah. And here, out in the wilderness of Israel, we find the true high priest of God eating locusts, crying out in the wilderness, wearing camel hair, getting ready to anoint his only begotten son in order to pass the mantle of priesthood on to him by consecrating him as not only a high priest according to the line of Melkesedek... but also consecrating him as the high priest of the Levitical priesthood as well. All power and authority in heaven and on earth was truly given to our Messiah. And now we know what righteousness our Messiah was trying to fulfill by being baptized by John the Baptist who was himself the true high priest of

Israel.

When Yeshua went down into that water and was then raised up and anointed by the Ruach Hackodesh, John was no longer needed. And of course, you had the two witnesses there to witness. Both the Father, and John were there to witness the consecration of his only begotten son.

Is it any wonder why the devil was so confused about what was going on? Is there any doubt about the higher power and the awesome knowledge of our Father in heaven? All this was going on right under the Devils nose and he never even saw it coming.

Now I want us to also understand what else took place during the trial of our Messiah who had become the true High Priest of Israel at that Time. Think about this for just a moment... Here stands Yeshua Hamashiach who had been consecrated as the true High Priest of Israel by a true High Priest of Israel... and he's standing there before a man-made false High Priest of Israel. And the false High Priest asks Yeshua if he is truly the Son of God.

Now my friends I want to stop right here for just a moment because I want us to understand that Caiaphas the High Priest never asked Yeshua if he was God. Yeshua never claimed to be his Father. Yeshua always claimed to be the Son of his Father. Our Messiah did not go to the cross because he claimed to be God. He was sent to the cross because he claimed to be the son of God, and I just want to make that extremely clear.

And so, Caiaphas the false High Priest asks Yeshua the real High Priest, if he truly is the Son of God. And what does our Messiah answer? He simply says "yes you have said so." And at that point in time, Caiaphas the fake High Priest rents his clothes!

My friends by tearing the priestly garments, Caiaphas once again defiles the temple even farther and shows the world that he is indeed a false High Priest. Being completely and utterly disqualified and defiled as a High Priest... there is now only one High Priest left that can slaughter the Passover Lamb. Think about it my friends. Who was the only one true High Priest left? Who was the only one true High Priest who was truly pure, and was truly righteous, that could slaughter the Passover Lamb? It was Yeshua himself. Only he could choose to lay his own life down and become the slaughtered Passover Lamb.

And at the very moment that our High Priest laid his life down as the Passover Lamb for the whole world... sin was eradicated and destroyed just like light destroys the darkness. From the moment he laid his life down, sin was defeated. The devil had nothing else that he could destroy mankind with.

For those who would pick up their cross, and seek his face, and walk as he walked, and do as he did... for those who have faith and believe... and for those who have his laws written in their hearts and in their minds, and have been moved through faith to be baptized in both the water

and the spirit. They too, have been consecrated as priests... and are now dead to sin, because sin can no longer touch them. John chapter 10 verses 27 through 29:

Joh 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

Joh 10:28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

Joh 10:29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

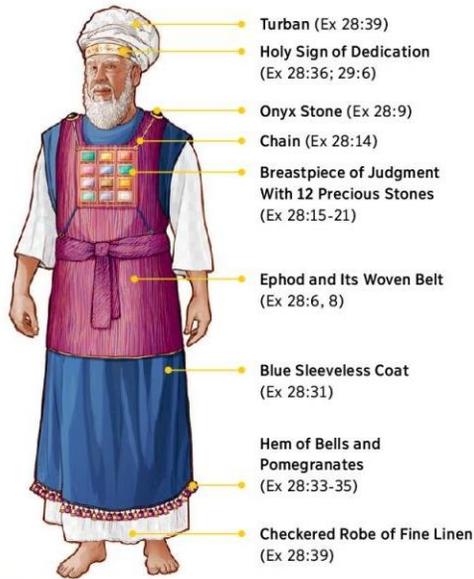
We have a High Priest sitting at the right hand of Yahovah our Father who now has the power to eradicate all of our sin in our lives. And if we are in him and he in us, and his Father is in us and through us... we too have become a nation of priests. For as many of us as were baptized into the Messiah have put on the Messiah. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is not even a male and a female, for we're all one in the Messiah Yeshua. And if we are the Messiah... then we are Abraham's offspring, and heirs according to the promise.

And there's something else that I want to bring to our attention. When our Messiah dies on the cross and he says and I quote, "it is finished." That does not mean that all things are complete, or that **all things** are finished. We know that our Messiah is going to return a second time. We know that the next time he comes he's not coming to deal with sin. The next time he comes he's going to be coming to deal with the "sinn-er".

All things are not accomplished until we get to the back of the book, clear back in Revelation chapter 21 verse six. That's when it is done according to our Scripture. When our Messiah said that "it is finished", he was talking about his mission to deal with sin. That mission was finished. At that point in time sin had been dealt with. Sin had been destroyed. The keys to death and Hades had been taken from our adversary, and sin was no longer a threat to anyone who is grafted into the Olive tree of Romans chapter 11 which is also known as the body of our Messiah and the house of Israel, the only people that Yahovah ever said were his people from the very beginning of the book. You're either grafted in, or you're not.

And so, with that knowledge under our belts let's turn to how the priestly garments were assembled and why they were assembled that way.

Exodus:28



Now, as we look at the priestly garments, one of the first things that I want us to make note of is the turban that the high priest was to wear upon his head. On this turban there was a gold plate that was to be made out of pure gold that said and I quote, “Holy to Yahovah”.

There was no doubt who the high priest was. There was no doubt that this man was holy to Yahovah. Wherever he went, this turban and this Golden plate spoke volumes about who this man worshiped. There was no way that this man was ever going to be mistaken for someone who worshiped another God. I’d like us to turn to exit is chapter 28 verse 36:

Exo 28:36 “You shall make a plate of pure gold and engrave on it, like the engraving of a signet, ‘Holy to the LORD.’

What we as today’s modern-day Christians need to understand is that the word “Lord” is a blooper in our Bibles. And I don’t care what version of the Bible you have my friends. If your English translated version of the Bible says “Lord” here in Exodus chapter 28 verse 36, it’s a blooper. It’s a mistake, and a big one. Our Father in Heaven wrote his name in his Bible well over 6000 times, and his name is not “Lord”. Our Father in Heaven is not a 16th-century British land Baron. His name is not Elshadah, it’s not Adoni, it’s not HaShem, it’s not Elohim, it’s not God... the name of God spelled in Hebrew is “yod hey vav hey” and it is pronounced Yahovah.

Now some people pronounce it differently. Some people pronounce it as Yahwey, or Yahwhoah, and some people simply pronounce it as Yah, the way that David did in Psalms chapter 68 verse four:

KJV:

Psa 68:4 Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him.

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Contracted for H3068, and meaning the same; *Jah*, the sacred name: - Jah, the Lord, most vehement. Cp. names in “-iah,” “-jah.”

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And so, I want us to understand that when you see the word “Lord” in your Bible... in most cases, not all, but in most cases, especially in the Old Testament, you’re looking at the true name of God that he wrote in his Scripture well over 6000 times. And this was the name that was on the Golden plate that the High Priest wore on the turban that he wore on his head.

Moving forward I’d like us to turn to Exodus chapter 28 versus two through four:

Exo 28:2 And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty.

Exo 28:3 You shall speak to all the skillful, whom I have filled with a spirit of skill, that they make Aaron's garments to consecrate him for my priesthood.

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.

What’s important here is to understand that what our Father in heaven wanted, was to set his people apart. We are a set apart people. These garments were to be made specifically to set the High Priest of Yahovah apart from all other little “g” gods that were arising throughout the world at that time. And so, it’s important for us to understand that these priestly garments represented three things. They represented identification, consecration, and ordination. When you saw the High Priest there is no mistake that he was indeed the High Priest. His clothing identified him as such, but... they also consecrated him and ordained him as the High Priest of Yahovah.

Today our Father in heaven tells us to wear blue cords on the corners of our hips. Why does he tell us to wear blue cords on the corners of our hips? Let’s turn to the book of numbers chapter 15 versus 37 through 41:

Num 15:37 The LORD said to Moses,

Num 15:38 “Speak to the people of Israel, and tell them to make tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to put a cord of blue on the tassel of each corner.

Num 15:39 And it shall be a tassel for you to look at and remember all the commandments of the LORD, to do them, not to follow after your own heart and your own eyes, which you are inclined to whore after.

Num 15:40 So you shall remember and do all my commandments, and be holy to your God.

Num 15:41 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God: I am the LORD your God.”

Now I ask you again; why does our Father in Heaven tell us to wear blue cords on the corners of our hips? To remember all the commandments of Yahovah. He wants us to remember his commandments, why? So that we don't follow after our own hearts and our own eyes which we are inclined to whore after.

And so, the blue cords that we wear on our hips are to remind us of the commandments of our Father in Heaven. They're also to set us apart from the rest of the world. Just as the garments of the High Priest were used to set him apart as the High Priest... so too are blue cords on our hips used to set us apart from the rest of the world as God's people. Does the rest of the world worry about keeping the commandments of Yahovah? The answer to that question is sadly... “No, they don't”. And this is what once again separates us... from them.

From time to time we get asked if we're Jewish because we have these blue cords hanging off the corners of our garments. People who see us know that there's something different about us. And it's not only the blue cords on the corners of our hips. It's the way that we walk, it's the way that we talk (and the way that we don't talk), it's our actions and our good works that they see that set us apart from the rest of the world. Just like the priestly garments, that were created for the High Priest to serve Yahovah... so too is the full armor of God upon God's people so that we too may serve Yahovah. I'd like us to turn to Exodus chapter 19 versus five and six:

Exo 19:5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine;

Exo 19:6 and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’

We find this of course in our Fathers Torah in the beginning of the book. Let's go take a look at the back of the book and see if there's any difference in the New Testament. First Peter chapter 2 verse nine

1Pe 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of

darkness into his marvelous light.

Is there any difference here? I ask you plainly my friends is there any difference here? Let's turn to the book of 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.

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 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.

We, my friends are to be a nation of priests holy to our Father in heaven. We are exactly what the Golden plate that is written on the turban of the high priest says. We are holy to Yahovah.

Consecration. Are we consecrated to be a nation of priests? If we have picked up our crosses, and are following the Messiah, and his laws are written in our hearts and in our minds... and if we have been baptized in both the water and the spirit, and are keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome to us... then we have been consecrated.

Ordination. Are we ordained by Yahovah to be priests? If we have picked up our crosses, and are following the Messiah, and his laws are written in our hearts and in our minds... And if we have been baptized in both the water and the spirit, and are keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome to us... and if we contend for the faith, and endure to the end...then we are indeed soon to be ordained as priests at the first resurrection. We are indeed a set apart people.

Every single solitary one of us have been identified, consecrated, and ordained within his ministry. We have been elected, divided, and separated for his divine purpose. Each and every

one of us has been blessed with the gift. Some of us have the utterance of wisdom, some of us have the utterance of knowledge, some of us have the gift of healing, the gift of prophecy, the ability to distinguish between spirits, some of us have various kinds of tongues, some of us have the ability to interpret tongues. Some of us have the gift of giving, and so every one of us has been identified by our Messiah, consecrated by Yahovah his Father, and ordained through his only begotten Son to work in his ministry. Each one of us has a job to do within the ministry.

Some of us are prophets, some evangelists, some shepherds, and some teachers, but we all work for the common good and for the furtherance of his gospel message around the world. There are many parts to the human body, but the human body needs all of its members in order to work as efficiently as God has created it to work.

As we read through Exodus chapter 28, we'll find that the priestly garments were made out of five different materials. Gold, blue wool, scarlet wool, purple wool, and twisted linen. Each one of these materials played a crucial part in the priestly garment. But I want us to understand that the high priest only wore all of these garments when he was standing before Israel.

When the high priest would stand before Yahovah... he would strip off all of these outer garments made of wool and he would only be wearing the undergarment of white linen.



When the high priest went before Yahovah he had to go into the presence of God completely pure and dressed in white. He had to go into the holy of holies with bare feet because he was in the presence of Yahovah. He had to be wearing white because white is a representation of holiness and righteousness.

And this is a direct representation of why it is that we as God's people need to take off the

things of this world before we can come into the presence of Yahovah. We need to shed everything that has anything to do with this world if we're going to come into the presence of our Father in heaven. All of our selfishness, all of our vanity, all of our slothfulness, anything that has to do with being apathetic, needs to all be put off before we can come into the presence of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob.

It's important to understand that according to the Levitical law put forth by our Father in heaven through the hand of Moses... that linen and wool cannot be worn together. There is even been scientific studies done that show that linen fabric and wool fabric put off different frequencies that can't be heard by the human ear. But linen and wool cannot be mixed according to our Father in heaven. And yet... here we have the High Priest wearing both linen and wool. Why is that?

Once again, it is a representation of the sinful nature of man, versus the holiness and the righteousness of a re-born creature who has been born again to love and to serve the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. The wool must be taken off and left behind. The linen may enter in. The sin and the fleshly body must be left behind. The new grafted in creature may enter in. One is carnal, one is righteousness. I'd like us to turn to Ezekiel chapter 44 versus 17 and 18:

Eze 44:17 When they enter the gates of the inner court, they shall wear linen garments. They shall have nothing of wool on them, while they minister at the gates of the inner court, and within.

Eze 44:18 They shall have linen turbans on their heads, and linen undergarments around their waists. They shall not bind themselves with anything that causes sweat.

I want us to remember what the biblical definition of the love of God is found in Scripture. What is the biblical definition of the love of God found in Scripture? We can find that in first John chapter 5 verse three. It tells us that the love of God is that we keep his commandments, and that his commandments are not a burden to us. What do we do when we're sweating? If we're sweating, we're under a burden are we not? Can you keep God's commandments if their burdensome to you? No you can't. That's why the Israelites couldn't keep Yahovah's commandments, because his commandments were nothing but a burden to them. They didn't have his commandments written on their hearts and in their minds because they hated his commandments. They were a burden to them.

If they would have truly loved Yahovah with all of their hearts and with all of their minds and all of their souls as they were told in Deuteronomy chapter 6 in the Shema.... then keeping his commandments would not have been a burden to them, and they would have found righteousness through the law because they would have been keeping it by faith rather than keeping it by works. We're told very clearly in the book of Romans chapter 9 verses 30 through 33 that the reason Israel could not obtain righteousness through the law is because they did not pursue the law by faith, but as if it were based on works.

Once again, the priestly garments of the Levitical High Priest have extremely important spiritual significance for those of us who can understand and accept them.

As we close out the first part of this study concerning the priestly garments, I'd like us to turn to Revelation chapter 19 versus seven and eight:

Rev 19:7 Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready;

Rev 19:8 it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

We know that our Messiah represents the Lamb which is what wool is made from. And we know that the bride of our Messiah will be clothed with fine linen which is bright and pure. The day will come when the wool and the linen will come together in the house of Yahovah. The wool of the Lamb and her bride dressed in fine linen will once again live in peace and prosperity. And we as God's people will indeed be heirs of the promise given to Abraham.

And with that my friends, I would like to thank you for joining us for this particular study concerning the priestly garments of the high priest, and I'd like to invite you back for part two of this study on the first of September, which will be the Sabbath after next.

I will be taking a sabbatical over the next week in order to prepare the ministry for some things that I believe are coming our way. We need to prepare ourselves so that we can operate without YouTube and without Facebook and without a lot of these other social media platforms. And so, I have elected to take a sabbatical this next week in order to prepare the ministry for what is undoubtedly going to happen at some point in time in the very near future.

And so next week there will be no Monday night house of David radio program, or Wednesday night Bible study, or seventh day Sabbath teaching as I will be preparing our Father's ministry for a storm that is soon to come.

We will have fellowship next Saturday at 3 PM Eastern standard time as we always do. I'm not going anywhere, this is not a vacation or anything like that, it's simply a time that I must tend to some very urgent things within the ministry that need to be done for the future well-being of the ministry. And so, we will still be having fellowship next week, but the three live broadcasts that we do each week will not be being broadcasted this next week.

And so, I urge you to take the time to read your Bible, ketchup on our Wednesday night Bible studies, and things get your houses in order so that you can be prepared for the oncoming fall feast days and appointments that we have with our Father this next month in September.

We'll also be sending out a notification in a quick news letter this week, and we'll be posting this week's sabbatical on all of our social platforms so that everybody will know and

understand that everything is fine... Pastor V is simply taking this next week to make sure that we're prepared to be able to operate from our website only, just in case these social media outlets decide to reject the ministry as they've done to several other Christian ministries and conservative brothers and sisters.

We need to be prepared and we need to stand ready and that's what we'll be doing this next week. But I would like to invite you back on September first because on that Shabbat we're going to be looking at part two of the priestly garments and what they mean to us today.

And as always, my friends, I would like to please ask you to take what you've heard here today to your prayer closet. Bow your head and bend your knee 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.

If you will do that, you and I will walk shoulder to shoulder through the Gates of his soon coming kingdom.