

## THE PRIESTHOOD #2

### The Garments

Exodus 28:1-4

#### I. The Importance of the Priesthood

1. God wanted an entire “Holy Nation of Priests” (Exodus 19:5-8).
  - a. God’s promise to Israel was they would be a, “kingdom of priests”
  - b. A “Holy Nation” was **conditional** **Verse 5!**
2. God wanted a people of whom He could be proud! - **Priests – Holy.**
3. Every father wants to be proud of his children! (**Job 1:8**).
4. Israel failed because they would not keep God’s law. (Exodus 19:5)
  - a. Christ wanted to set up His Kingdom on Earth
  - b. Israel failed again (**John 1:12**).
5. What Israel could not do “under the law,” **God accomplished “for His bride” by Grace.**
  - a. **I Peter 2:9):**
    - Chosen generation
    - Royal Priesthood
    - Holy nation
    - Peculiar people
  - b. Wanted a people (Israel) – of whom He could be proud
6. God wants to “be Proud” of the **“Bride of His Son!”**.
  - a. Will you and I, as “Christ’s Bride” fail as Israel did?
  - b. **Will we be a:**
    - Chosen generation?
    - Royal Priesthood?
    - Holy Nation?
    - Peculiar people?

#### II. The Importance of the Garments

- A. Important because they were the garments of “royalty!”
  1. God used 43 verses to describe the 7 pieces of furniture.
  2. God used 43 verses to describe the garments
- B. Important because the garments were a “picture Christ” (Exodus 28:2).
  1. The garments pictured Christ as **“Holy”** (Hebrew word for Holy, “Qodesh”).
  2. “Qodesh” (Ko’-desh) is translated “three” ways in Bible.
    - a. Holy
    - b. Consecrate
    - c. Sanctify
  3. The garments pictured Christ as **“glorious and beautiful”** (Exodus 28:2)
    - a. New Testament – Our High Priest
      - John 1:14
      - Hebrews 1:3

#### II. The Articles that make up the Garments (Exodus 28:4).

- A. Breastplate
- B. Ephop
- C. Robe
- D. Coat

- E. Mitre
- F. Girdle
- G. Breeches ([Exodus 28:42](#))

1. Seven Items – Number of completeness and perfection

## THE COAT

[Exodus 28:4 & 39-40 - Exodus 39:27](#)

**Begin with the Coat:** We will study the “coat.” It was the article the priest put on first: ([Lev. 8:6-7](#)).

### I. The Material of the Coat ([Exodus 28:39 – Exodus 39:27](#))

- A. Fine Linen
- B. Embroidery ([Exodus 28:4 & 39](#)) – (Sample picture attached).
  - 1. Not a plain, ordinary garment!
- C. Egypt was known world-wide for their fine linen (*Manners and Customs of Ancient Egypt*)
  - 1. Israelites brought the “fine linen” with them when they left Egypt! ([Exodus 12:35](#)).
  - 2. It was worn by the “upper-class” of Egypt
  - 3. It was exported to other foreign countries where it was worn by the “upper-class.”
  - 4. Still today – it remains a topic of conversation concerning how they made it.

### II. The Matchless Picture of Jesus Christ

- A. They were “HOLY GARMENTS.”
  - 1. Fine “White” Linen – picture of Christ’s holiness: **the sinless Son of God.**
  - 2. His friends and enemies alike testified of that truth.

#### FRIENDS

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|------------|----------------------------|---|
| 1. Peter   | <a href="#">Acts 3:14</a>  | But ye denied the <i>Holy</i> and the <i>just</i> ... |
| 2. Stephen | <a href="#">Acts 7:52</a>  | ...shewed before the coming of the <i>Just One</i>    |
| 3. Ananias | <a href="#">Acts 22:14</a> | ...see the <i>just One</i>                            |
| 4. Paul    | <a href="#">Heb. 4:15</a>  | ...tempted like as we are, yet <i>without sin</i> .   |

#### ENEMIES

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|------------------|----------------------------|---|
| 1. Pilate:       | <a href="#">Luke 13:4</a>  | I find <i>no fault</i> in him.                                    |
| 2. Pilate’s wife | <a href="#">Math 27:19</a> | Have thou nothing to do with that <i>just Man</i> .               |
| 3. Judas         | <a href="#">Math 27:4</a>  | I have sinned in that I have betrayed the <i>innocent blood</i> . |
| 4. Malefactor    | <a href="#">Luke 23:41</a> | This Man hath done <i>nothing amiss</i>                           |
| 5. Centurion     | <a href="#">Luke 23:47</a> | Certainly this was a <i>righteous Man</i>                         |

### B. They were “GARMENTS OF GLORY and BEAUTY.”

- 1. Nothing “common” was allowed!
- 2. Nothing “ordinary” was allowed!
  - a. **Made by skillful, intelligent, wise-hearted workman** ([Exodus 28:3](#))
    - 1. Workman were: “The best in the business.”
- 3. Believers are to “reflect” His glory. ([Ephesians 1:4-6 & 12](#))

### III. The Manifesto of the Coat

A. Hebrews word for “coat” is “Kethenoth”.

1. Two Meanings:
  - a. To cover
  - b. To hide

B. The Egyptians worshipped Idols. Their worship was:

1. Sensual
2. Sexual
3. Obscene
4. Nakedness

B. The culture of Christians and the Christian church is to be the exact opposite:

(These are God’s Standards – He made no explanation, justification, nor apology!)

1. Modesty
2. Decency
3. Dignity
4. Holiness

a. [Psalms 29:2](#) (READ)

b. [Psalms 96:9](#) (READ)

C. The Attributes of the Coat: (1) Pictures Jesus Christ, and, (2) Sets an example for us

1. First use of the word “Kethenoth” found in [Genesis 3](#)

a. [Genesis 3:6](#) Covered themselves with fig leaves

b. [Genesis 3:8-10](#) Realized they were naked

“Who told you that you were naked!” (LOL)

c. [Genesis 3:21](#) God made them “coats” (Kethenoth)

(Law of first mention).

### IV. The Application to a New Testament Priest ([I Peter 2:9](#))

A. We are a: (1) Chosen Generation

(2) Royal Priesthood

(3) Holy Nation

(3) Peculiar People

#### QUESTION:

B. Should the appearance of our garments testify that we are the sons of God?

1. Chosen by the King – to be a Bride for His Son.

1. Descendants of a Royal Family.

2. Consecrated as a Holy Nation

3. Considered by the world as - Peculiar people