

PRIESTHOOD # 4

THE EPHOD AND THE GIRDLE

Exodus 28:5-8 – Exodus 39:1-5 – Leviticus 8:7

Intro: Very little is said about the Ephod
There is much to learn from “what is not said.”
We learn from the “colors” that are in the Ephod.

The Ephod was made in two parts – front and back
The two parts of the Ephod were attached at the shoulders (Exodus 28:7 & 39:4)

GOD UNFURLS HIS FAVORITE COLORS

I. His colors are: Gold – Blue – Purple – Scarlet – Fine Linen (White)

A. The colors, “blue-purple-scarlet” are mentioned 24 times in the book of Exodus!

IMPORTANT: All 24 times they are “in the exact same order!”

C. Exodus, Chapter 39, has these three colors listed 7 times (perfection and completeness)

D. We will study them in a “different order” – to learn why they are in that order!

1. LISTED AS: BLUE – PURPLE – SCARLET – WHITE

2. STUDY AS: BLUE – SCARLET – PURPLE – WHITE

I. Gold (Exodus 39:3) - (We are not considering this as a “color”) This was Gold!

A. NO GOLD was found in the fabric of the Tabernacle.

B. This IS NOT gold thread. (Gold thread would deteriorate).

C. This was “PURE GOLD” – beaten into gold wire - woven into the garment!

1. This gave the Ephod strength, glory, and beauty

NOTE: Gold is the emblem of Eternal Deity, which speaks of the Godhead. It is the most precious metal known to man. **Nothing will alter gold.** It is not affected by exposure to air or water. It will not deteriorate, even if it is buried 1000 years. Acid will not alter it. Fire will not burn it. These elements only purify it. (The British Encyclopedia).

C. Peter said, The trial of our faith...

“...much more precious than gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire.”

D. No wonder God called them, “...garments For glory and beauty.”

E. Isaiah 40:25: “To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One”

1. Christ is the “uncreated and eternal glory”

2. John 1:14: “And we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father.”

II. Blue – Symbolic of Heaven – Look up at the sky! (Exodus 39:2)

A. The Sky/Heaven is an amazing view!

B. Blue and Gold – side by side – pictures:

1. Deity – The Supreme and Eternal God

2. Divinity - The Attributes of the Supreme and Eternal God

C. Experts talk about “space travel” – They have no idea what space is.

1. So far they have not found the beginning or the end!

D. Isaiah 40:22: In the beginning, God “stretched the Heavens across eternity

"It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:"

E. Hebrews 1:10-12: In the end, God will "fold them up"

"And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail."

Blue and Gold – Deity and Divinity.

Now let's "skip" over the purple and study the Red.

III. **Scarlet (Red) – Picture of the Blood – ALSO, Red is a picture of the "earth – dirt"**

A. Heaven is the opposite of the Earth.

1. You look up at the **blue sky** – down at the **red earth** – opposites!
2. The colors do not go together in fashion or décor

B. The name "Adam" is a "Hebrew word" and was not translated into English.

Adam was made from "dirt or earth." God called both the man and woman, "Adam." The meaning of the word is: to show blood, flush or turn rosy:--be dyed red or ruddy.

C. When you get up in the morning - look in the mirror, you can say, "Good Morning Dirt!"

1. You will be Scripturally correct!

D. Esau means "red and hairy."

1. **Genesis 25:25** speaks of the birth of Esau. "And the first came out red, all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name Esau."

IMPORTANT: Christ, in the beginning, was with God and was God (John 1:1). Christ, the Son of God, (blue) stepped down from heaven to earth and became "The Son of Man (red) and dwelt among us." That step was far greater than most imagine. The dye from which "red" was made was *"coccus ilicis*, which is the Hebrew term for "scarlet worm." Christ humbled himself "from the very highest" to "the very lowest."

Psalms 22:6, which is a prophetic Psalm, David said of our Lord, "I am a worm and no man."

Now, let's go back to the second color in God's list, the color of Purple

IV. **Purple – The color of royalty (Remember – blue and red or opposites!)**

A. Blue and red (scarlet) - mixed together = Purple! (An intermediate Color)

B. God and Man – mixed together – Jesus! (The God Man)

1. Blue: (God) he can satisfy the demands of a Holy God
2. Red: (man) he can meet the needs of a sinful man
3. **Result:** Purple (God and Man) – Purple is a "mediator between Blue and Red "
4. **Christ (purple) became a Mediator between God (blue) and man (red) (I Timothy 2:5)**

V. **White – Results: White - The Color of Purity -Righteousness**

A. All of these beautiful colors worked together, in "fine twined linen." (White)

1. The picture of His purity and of His sinless life!

B. When all this came about, it was written

"In the fullness of time God sent forth His Son born of a woman."