

# What Yeshua (Jesus) is doing as our High Priest

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Summary: This brand new message is one of my most important ones I've ever done. After hearing it, you will feel profound joy and want to shout out praises to our High Priest and King for what He is doing. We go through key understandings from Hebrews and Exodus 28, the Priest chapter – but combine it with New Covenant understanding to bring glory to Yeshua, our High Priest. We also delve deeply into the profound concepts of being “in Him”, which make the New Covenant possible.

Greetings again from Orlando, Florida, to all of you scattered brothers and sisters around the world who are part of our Father's household.

One of the main goals of this website is to glorify our Savior; to put our spotlight on Him. HE in return is *our* Light and HE is definitely our Rock of our Salvation – hence “Light on the Rock”. So many believers are fascinated by knowledge, information, some new thing – but aren't as intrigued by learning more and more about Yeshua. I'm learning that the more we “see” Yeshua in scripture, the more will be revealed and more we will grow in Him.

## **2 Peter 3:18**

“Grow in *the* grace and knowledge ***OF our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.***

To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.”

It's not enough to just learn more and more. We must learn more and more about HIM. I hope by the end of this Bible study that I'm sharing with you, that you will be filled with even more awe and amazement over your Savior than before. I hope this message today will change you, will transform your view, and will bring more joy into your spiritual life as never before.

Ultimately all scripture points to Christ. On the road to Emmaus, that's exactly what Yeshua taught the 2 men he walked with – that from Genesis to the prophets, they all speak of Jesus (I say Yeshua- the Hebrew name his mama called him.) Luke 24:13-34.

## **Today I'm focusing on what He is doing for us as our High Priest in front of the throne of God in the Highest.**

This is actually my second attempt at recording this – as there is so much material about the High Priest that I found myself rushing too much and skipping over material.

## **The physical is only a picture of the REALITY in heaven**

It's not the point of this sermon to spend a lot of time proving that Jesus (Yeshua) is our High Priest after the order of Melchizedek, which you can clearly read starting the end of Hebrews 6 and all of Hebrews 7. If you're unfamiliar with that, I recommend you study that. But I think most of you know that already, and I want to spend my focused time on what He's doing as our High Priest.

Believe me, this will get real exciting – but let me lay the groundwork first. Frankly, I'll refer to many scriptures in the notes that you could continue to study for a few days later to get the full message of this sermon. I really feel the anointing of the Spirit in this sermon.

We're going into this topic because we will better understand what Yeshua is doing when we better understand what Aaron's job was. *The SPIRITUAL is the reality, not the physical – which will decay and disappear. We understand the spiritual reality by the physical type we see.* The reality in the universe is the spiritual – not the physical. The physical just helps us try to begin to see “spiritual” things.

- **So Aaron pictures Yeshua, the real High Priest.**
- Everything they wore, all the items in the tabernacle or temple – all of them – point to the saving work of Yeshua. I'll print the scriptures here – **Hebrews 8:5-6 and Hebrews 9:23-28 in particular.**

#### **Hebrews 8:5-6**

“[priests]...who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.”

#### **Hebrews 9:23-28 speaks of the COPIES of the heavenly realities.**

“**Therefore it was necessary that the COPIES of the things in the heavens** should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. **24 For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us**

### **Understanding “In Him”**

You are going to see that because of the kind of High Priest we have, we can come boldly before God. But not just because He's a good High Priest – but because we are “in HIM”. I have sermons on this website that go in detail about that. We all understand Him being in us, but we don't speak as much about how and what it means for *us* to be *in HIM*, and in God. Without grasping the “in Him” concept, this sermon will not be understood fully. Here's the short version:

- **Galatians 2:20, Romans 6:2-7, Colossians 3:3-4** and so many other places say we died in baptism and are risen with Christ, and through the spirit we are “one spirit with Christ” (1 Corinthians 6:17). That's a concept not often preached. We become a part of Him, a part of HIS body, baptized into Christ by the Spirit (1 Cor. 12:13). See also Romans 12:4-5.

#### **Colossians 3:3-4**

“For YOU died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.”

Because Yeshua is our life and we are now in HIM – now the Father sees Yeshua's thoughts, HIS life, HIS perfection, HIS life. That's the life Father sees when He looks at us. There's only ONE body, not many bodies (Ephesians 4:4; 1 Cor 12:20).

That one body is Christ in all his glory and perfection. Father is pleased with Him – and therefore with us also, *if we are in him*. So as a result, when we pray “in Jesus' name” – we can come with boldness and power and authority. On my own, there's simply no way I would feel confident coming before our holy Father.

**Hebrews 4:14-16**

“Seeing then that **we have a great High Priest** who has passed through the heavens, **Jesus the Son of God**, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

16 Let us therefore come BOLDLY to the throne of GRACE, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” [notice how POSITIVE it all is]

**1 John 4:15-18**

“Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

17 Love has been perfected among us in this: **that we may have BOLDNESS in the day of judgment; BECAUSE as HE is, so are WE in this world.**” (read twice)

By the end of today’s study, you’ll see even more clearly HOW and why – through Jesus Christ our High Priest –we can have this BOLDNESS that Heb 4:16 and 1 John 4:17 both speak of!

“Because as HE is, so are we in this world.” Is Yeshua happy? So can you be, in Him. Is Yeshua holy? So are you, in Him. Is Yeshua righteous? You are you, as long as you are in Christ.

**Yeshua, High Priest after Order of Melchizedek**

I think most of you know that the book of Hebrews makes it clear that Yeshua – Jesus – is the “High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek” (Hebrews 6:19-20) and “remains a priest forever” (Hebrews 7:1-3).

Read the rest of Hebrews 7 and it’s clear in Hebrews 7:23-28 that He “continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood.” He’s been perfected forever (v.28). I love verse 25 – “He is able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since *He always lives to make intercession for them.*”

*We have but one mediator (Titus 2:5) – that’s the High Priest’s role, Yeshua’s role. Not Mary, not angels, not dead saints! We pray to Father or to the Son of God Yeshua, and to no one else.*

*When you read about priests – read about yourself, for you are now a royal priesthood (1 Pet 2:9). You are to be a king, a royal – under Christ. You’re one of the kings by which He will be the “King of kings”. So scripture calls us “both kings and priests” to our God (Revelation 5:10).*

**THE BASICS of the priesthood FIRST**

- Aaron and his family were Levites – of the tribe of Levi. But not all Levites could be priests. ONLY the sons of Aaron could be priests.
- GOD was the one who chose the first high priests, Aaron – and then his son Eleazar. (**Exodus 28:1-2**). God is the one who chooses us. The regular priests were called “*cohen*” in Hebrew. Many “Jews” who have the surname **Cohen, Kuhn or Kahn** are probably descendants of Aaronic priests. There is a special DNA combination for Aaron’s descendants, apparently.
- **The HIGH Priest was referred to as the *Cohen Gadol*, or *Cohen ha-Gadol*. Sometimes it’s spelled with a K – like Kohen.**

We can read of their consecration and ordination in **Exodus 40:12-15**.

**“Messiah” is the English from the Hebrew *Mashiach* (masiyah) – meaning “anointed”. In Greek, the word is *Kristos* – where we get “Christ”. Jesus the Christ really means Jesus the ANOINTED. When the Israelite priests or kings were anointed, they were called the “anointed priest” (Lev. 4:5, for example). David even referred to evil King Saul as “the LORD’s anointed” (1 Samuel 26) – and in Hebrew that is pointing to the term “Mashiach” – Messiah. Priests and kings were a type – and only a type of the one coming as THE Messiah, Yeshua the Messiah.**

### **The basics of the priestly garments**

Much can be learned by studying the garments worn by the regular priests – and then especially by the garments of the High Priest, if we want to appreciate Yeshua much more than we do.

All priests, including *Cohen ha-Gadol* (High Priest) wore

- **white linen trousers** as a form of underwear for propriety. Those had no holes in front or back. Everything was made of linen or fine linen, as it wicks away the sweat (Ezekiel 44:17-18). Linen comes from beaten flax, and woven linen could be as much as 3x stronger than cotton cloth.
- **Over the trousers/underwear they wore a white linen tunic.** All priests wore that while working. They’d come to the temple and take off their street clothes and were given clean white tunics to wear while on duty. See Ezek 44:17-19.
- **The regular priests also wore a sash or girdle around their waist and a white linen turban to cover their head. The sash is depicted as either solid blue or solid red – and other depictions show it as a combination of both colors.**
- Priests were **barefoot** when serving in the polished stone of the temple area. Moses was told to remove his sandals, as he stood on holy ground when God was there at Mt. Sinai. We stand on holy ground, for God is in us, we are the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 3:16), so everywhere we go can – in a sense – become holy ground through God’s presence.

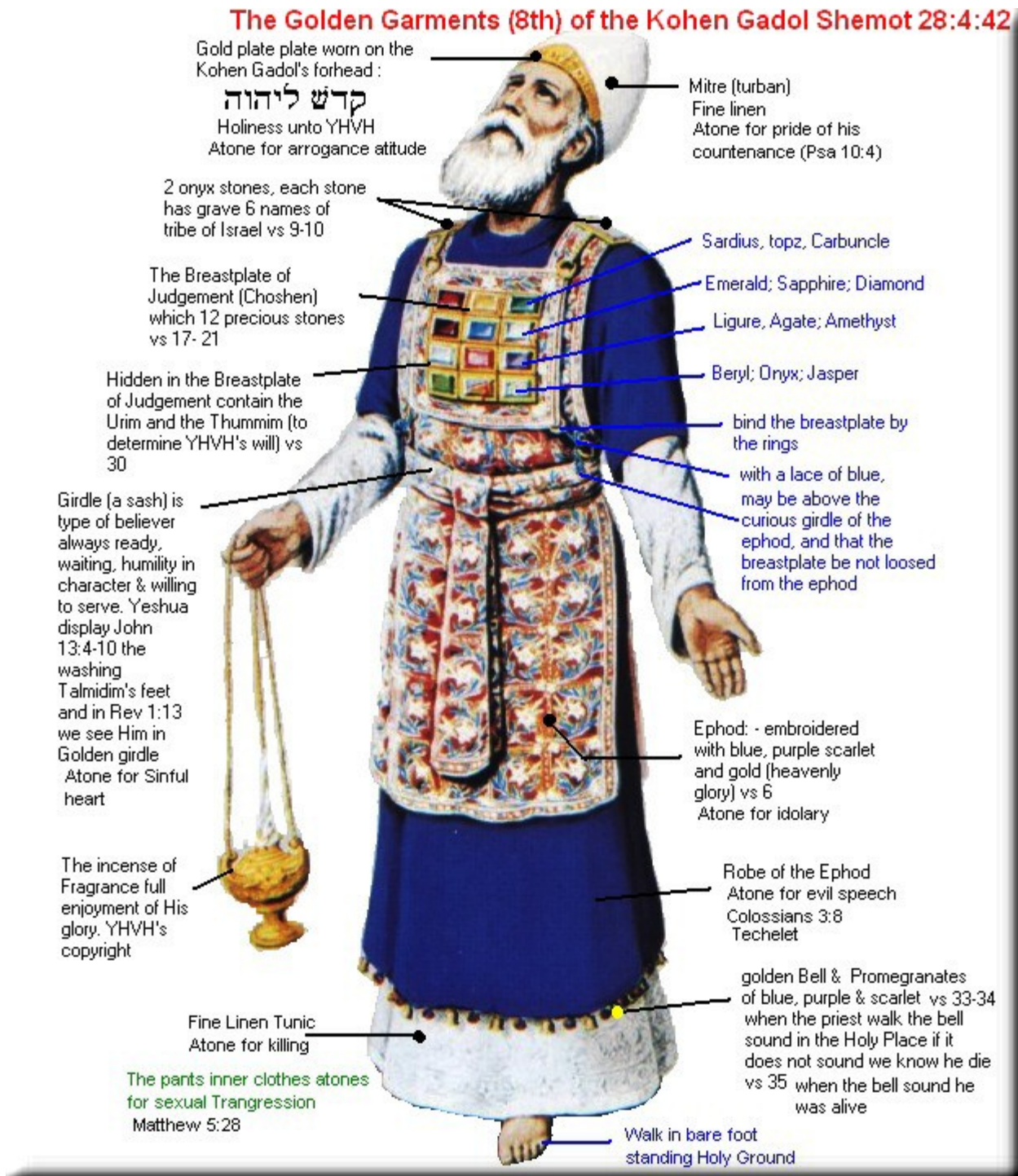
### **THE HIGH PRIEST’S GARMENTS**

The High Priest wore those same garments – except not a red/blue sash/girdle but a multi-colored one with gold also in it. And over the white tunic he had 4 other very colorful garments – **a blue robe, the colorful ephod, the gold mitre, and the sash**. The High Priest garments included gold thread, the pure gold crown and very ornate ephod – which was an apron-like covering on top of the blue robe, which was on top of the white tunic. To duplicate that today would easily, *easily* cost over \$30,000 for the gold, fine material and labor. God loves color. My grandsons have their favorite colors too.

The colors that were worn or woven into the fabrics:

- **White** – purity
- **Blue** – sky, heavenlies, godliness. Points to God.
- **Red** – blood of man, red dirt (adamah) where we get the words Adam and Edom. Points to God who became man (John 1:1-3, 14).

- Purple** – royalty. Combination of blue and red. This pictures the heavenlies and man. Remember, it points to Yeshua, not to us – and he was God who became flesh (John 1:14). He was *Immanuel* – meaning “GOD with us”. (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23). He came down from heaven to be with us here on earth (John 3:13).



You can see other renditions by doing a 09;’pclick on this link:

<https://www.google.com/#q=picture+of+high+priestly+garments+of+exodus>

On the graphic above, there is no blue ribbon showing on the turban. Also some depictions show the sash around his waist as mostly gold, but this one is in the same colors as the rest of the ephod. This one may be more correct. The Scripture “Shemot” is Hebrew for our book of Exodus. Anyway, it gives you a fairly good idea of what the High Priest (Kohen Gadol) garments could have looked like.

So you have the picture of the basic priest white tunic. To that basic outfit, the HIGH priest also wore:

- over the white trousers and white tunic, he wore the **blue robe**.
- And then over the blue robe he wore the ornate apron-like **multicolored Ephod**
- On top the ephod was the golden sash and **breastplate** with the 12 precious stones
- On his turban was a blue ribbon, and he wore a golden mitre or crown engraved with the words “Holiness to YHVH”.

You can read of the description of the garments in Exodus 28:2-4, 39-43. Maybe put a marker or tab or ribbon at Exodus 28 as we’ll be coming back to here many times.

**Exodus 28:4**

“And these are the garments which they shall make: **a breastplate, an ephod, a robe**, a skillfully woven **tunic**, a **turban**, and a **sash**. So they shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother and his sons, that he may minister to Me as priest.

**Exodus 28:31-32**

**"You shall make the ROBE of the ephod all of BLUE.** *There shall be an opening for his head in the middle of it; it shall have a woven binding all around its opening, like the opening in a coat of mail, so that it does not tear.*" [The “binding” would be a strong decorative hem]

**Put on from above:**

The High Priest’s **robe** was made of ONE seamless high quality piece, **solid blue** – with an opening for the head. It had a woven edge around the hole – to keep it from tearing. It was put on from above. The High Priest was called by God. *Let me say again, the BLUE robe had to be put on from above, over the head. Our covering is from above – from God.* Our righteousness is from him. We are to seek first the Kingdom of God and *its* righteousness.

**Isaiah 54:17b**

“...This is the heritage of the servants of Yehowah, **And their righteousness is from Me,**”  
**Says Yehowah.** (“of me” – KJV)

There’s much more about the garments – the bells, pomegranate designs (Ex 28:35) and more. Along the fringes of the garment were bells and pomegranates (Ex. 28:35). You can read on your own how Moses had to anoint Aaron and his sons as priests (Ex 28:40-41).

***Today you’ve been called by God the Father, anointed by His spirit, to the function of a spiritual priesthood. We are all of one with the Father and each other (Heb. 2:11; Romans 12:4-5). We are also all sanctified – set apart- -for holy work.***

**Now we’re kicking this up a notch. It gets very specific in the next 45 minutes about what our High Priest is doing.**

**THE COLORFUL APRON-LIKE EPHOD OVER THE BLUE ROBE**

So what do we have so far: the white linen underwear/trousers; over that the white linen tunic; over that the BLUE robe; and over that is the next piece called the colorful EPHOD. It would remind many of us of an apron made of many colors – gold, blue, purple, scarlet thread, fine woven linen with 2 shoulder straps. You can read of this in **Ex. 28:5-8**.

**EXODUS 28:5-8**

"They shall take the gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and the fine linen, 6 and they shall make **the ephod of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet** thread, and fine woven linen, artistically worked. 7 It shall have two shoulder straps joined at its two edges, and so it shall be joined together. 8 And the **intricately woven band of the ephod**, which is on it, shall be of the same workmanship, made of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen.

**The 2 ONYX STONES 6 tribes on each – ON SHOULDERS of High Priest**

Now on the shoulders of the ephod, which was over the blue robe – were to be 2 very special onyx stones, each carefully engraved with 6 of the names of the 12 tribes – so all 12 total. Each Israelite saw himself represented by those onyx stones, because all Israelites were a part of one of those 12 tribes.

**Exodus 28:9-11**

"Then you shall take **two onyx stones** and engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel: 10 **six** of their names on one stone and **six** names on the other stone, in order of their birth. 11 With the work of an engraver in stone, like the engravings of a signet, you shall **engrave the two stones with the names of the sons of Israel. You shall set them in settings of gold.**"

Where do *we* come in? WE are the Israel of God today (Gal. 6:16; Romans 2:28-29), so you are included in this picture. And Aaron the High Priest is a picture of the true High Priest Yeshua – who has YOUR name, represented by the 12 tribes – on HIS shoulders.

**Engraved = these names will not easily be lost or removed or erased.**

Once your name is ENGRAVED – It is not easily removed or blotted out unless we totally reject Him forever, after we have a complete knowledge of the truth. But even then, HE WILL come looking for you and make every effort to bring you back until there is no hope of your repentance. Yeshua said NO ONE can take someone out of his hand. NO one! (John 10:28).

**Isaiah 49:14-16**

But Zion said, "YHVH has forsaken me, And Adonai (my Lord) has forgotten me."

15 "Can a woman forget her nursing child, And not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, Yet I will not forget you.

**16 See, I have INSCRIBED/carved you on the palms of My hands;**

Your walls are continually before Me."

Now let's read Ex 28, verse 12:

**Exodus 28:12**

"And you shall put the two stones **on the shoulders** of the ephod as memorial stones for the sons of Israel. **So AARON [understand this as Yeshua] shall bear their names before Yehowah on HIS two shoulders as a memorial.**"

Our High Priest Yeshua – your older brother – carries His people on His shoulders into the presence of God the Father. HE presents us, HE "bears their names before YHVH as a memorial". The word "memorial" in Hebrew can mean memorial, remembrance or reminder. *Every* time Yeshua comes



before God the Father, every time, your name is included and not forgotten. Every time. Every time, your name is included and not forgotten. Every time.

On the shoulders: that denotes carrying the burdens and loads. *He's the one carrying the load of the people of God.* Our servant King does not want us carrying our load by ourselves. Life gets burdensome. Life gets hard. Life gets heavy. Life gets painful! But HE is very GOD – and knows how to carry loads and has the strength to do so!

**Matthew 11:28-30**

Come to ME, all you who labor and are heavy laden, **and I will give you rest.** 29 Take My yoke upon you **and learn from Me**, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, **and you will find rest for your souls.** 30 *For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."*

If He could speak universes into existence, He certainly can take care of all we need

*This is the same REDEEMER who cries out to us, "ALL ye who thirst, come to the waters, come to ME and drink" (John 7:37; Isaiah 55:1-2).* The heaviest burden we carry is the weight of our sins—until we give them over to our Yeshua, to our salvation! In Psalm 38, verse 4, David says "my iniquities have gone over my head as a heavy burden too heavy for me"! Of course.

LET YESHUA carry your name on His shoulders when HE comes before God in the Highest and presents YOU before our Father; as HE carries YOU on his shoulders to be ACCEPTED by God. That's what Exodus 28:12 is saying. He's not carrying you on his shoulders because He's angry at you! Even when you and I go astray – look what happens; check out Luke 15:4-5.

**Luke 15:4-5 THE LOST SHEEP**

"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? 5 And when he has found it, **he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.**"

He's not angry – but rejoicing! Even with our own children, or our brethren, see them as lost and confused sheep when they go astray; sheep who need to be found and carried.

Those 2 stones with the names of Israel's tribes that were on the shoulder were then TIED by a gold chain to the ephod of – and therefore to – the High Priest (Ex. 28:13-14). Once we belong to Christ, our high Priest, He has no intention of losing us, of letting us fall off, of wondering where we are – no way!

This is just going to keep getting better... about our awesome high priest.

**THE BREASTPLATE of JUDGMENT**

Let's focus now on the breastplate that was worn on top of the apron-like ephod. It was covered with 12 precious stones engraved with one of the tribes of Israel's names. It is called the Breastplate of Judgment, but also note that the stones are PRECIOUS stones. And each tribe has a precious stone with its name on it. Today we are part of spiritual Israel. And just as each of us is a uniquely loved child of God, so each stone is unique, and uniquely loved. And each is put in a setting, or backdrop, of GOLD. You can read of these in Exodus 28:15-20.

**Exodus 28:15-21**

**15 "You shall make the breastplate of judgment.** Artistically woven according to the workmanship of the ephod you shall make it: of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine



woven linen, you shall make it. 16 It shall be doubled into a square: a span shall be its length, and a span shall be its width. **17 And you shall put settings of stones in it, four rows of stones:** The first row shall be a sardius, a **topaz**, and an **emerald**; this shall be the first row; 18 the second row shall be a turquoise, a sapphire, and a **diamond**; 19 the third row, a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst; 20 and the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a **jasper**. They shall be set in gold settings.

**The 12 stones are hard to identify with absolute certainty**...hence the different translations. My personal feeling is that these 12 stones will match perfectly the 12 stones used in the 12 foundations of the holy New Jerusalem above (**Revelation 21:14, 19-21**). Those 12 foundation stones are ADORNED with 12 precious stones, and many seem awfully similar to the names on the breastplate. We don't know for sure what they all are. The diamond, for example – other translations say emerald. But the point is: God LOVES these stones, *and loves even more the ones these precious stones represent!*

*Many believe those were birth stones of the 12 sons of Israel. There were a lot of red, blue, blue-green, clear, and it was very colorful.*

### **Continuing now in Ex 28:21**

**“And the stones shall have the names of the sons of Israel, twelve according to their names, like the engravings of a signet, each one with its own name; they shall be according to the twelve tribes.”**

So once again we see the names of the 12 tribes engraved on the stones, carried by the priest on his chest, over the colorful ephod. Those 12 stones represent YOU as well – since you are now a spiritual Israelite, part of the Israel of God. And if you continue reading in Exodus 28:22-28 on your own – you see once more that these stones are tied to the ephod so they would not come loose or get lost. That's especially clear in Exodus 28:28.

Our High Priest wants you tied to Him. So everywhere Yeshua or the High Priest goes – the 12 precious stones also go! We're the precious stones.

### **EXODUS 28:22-28**

**They shall bind the breastplate by means of its rings to the rings of the ephod, using a blue cord, so that it is above the intricately woven band of the ephod, and so that the breastplate does not come loose from the ephod.**

### **JUDGMENT:**

It was called the “breastplate of judgment”. Now – honestly, when I use the word “judgment”, what do you think? We get serious, right? To many of us, “judgment” means “sentencing” – or maybe going to jail. But that's not at all the only meaning of being judged. And should we be fearful going into the judgment?

How would you feel right now if I were to tell you that you will be standing before Jesus Christ tomorrow and that He has a few things to say to you? Would you be alarmed and afraid? Or would you be bold, at peace and even joyful? Honestly, I'm not quite where I should be yet – but hear me out.

**If I called in my grandsons** and said I have something to tell each of them – I would hope they would run in excitedly knowing the chances are high that it will be an exciting announcement of what we're

going to do next, where we might go, or I might even have a new toy or gift for them. Or perhaps - - true, I could be asking them why they left the back door open again.

But overall, *I would want my grandchildren overall to not be afraid to come into my presence, but to be at peace.* Even if it was a reminder or scolding, it would be done firmly – but in love – and soon afterwards we'd be having fun again anyway.

So how do *you* see God? Is he harsh in judgment?

**I will do a whole sermon on this concept of judgment later**, as there's so much to say – but let's start with this:

- *Yes, judgment on the world under the False Prophet/anti-Christ and the end-time Babylon will be severe.* God is going to punish severely those who have killed his people and are destroying his earth.
- But are you a part of that system? If you are, you'll be punished along with it, so we're told to come OUT of Babylon. We have to live *in* it, but we must not be a part OF it. (Rev. 18:4) Otherwise we are forewarned that we would share in the plagues against her.
- *Does God – does Yeshua for that matter – see US in the same way as he sees those who are against Him? Absolutely not. Is his judgment going to be the same for the world as it is for the saints? Absolutely not!*

When you read of the punishments in the book of revelation, for example, and numerous other places, a clear distinction is made between the judgment of the world and the judgment on God's saints. Notice the contrasting wording in Revelation 11:18.

**Revelation 11:18**

The nations were **angry, and Your wrath has come**,  
And the time of the dead, that they should be judged,  
And that You should **REWARD Your servants the prophets and the saints**,  
And those who fear Your name, small and great,  
And should **destroy those who destroy the earth.**"

We've all heard a bunch of sermons about the Judgment, and what a *fearful* thing it will be to stand before the Judge and have him pass sentence – guilty or not, accepted or condemned, and so on. We are the ELECT of God, HIS CHOSEN people, a royal priesthood. Now let's read what it says about that Breastplate of Judgment in Exodus 28:29-30. I hope, if you're not already focused on this with your own Bible, that you'll open your own Bible and see the amazing words for the remainder of the sermon:

**Exodus 28:29-30**

"So AARON [now Jesus] **shall bear the names** of the sons of Israel on the breastplate of judgment **OVER HIS HEART**, when he goes into the holy place, as a memorial before YHVH continually. 30 And you shall put in the breastplate of judgment the **Urim and the Thummim**, and they shall be **over Aaron's HEART** when he goes in before YHVH. **So AARON shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel over HIS HEART before YHVH CONTINUALLY.**

Three times in 2 verses we are told the stones with the engraved names are "over Aaron's HEART".

And WHO bears the judgment for the children of Israel? Read it again in verse 30b – “...So *AARON shall bear the judgment* of the children of Israel **over HIS heart** before YHVH **CONTINUALLY**.”

You see, each of our sins was horrible and all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. And the wages of sin is death. And each of us was judged guilty... but someone without guilt, totally innocent, came and took the guilty verdict upon HIMSELF. So the GUILT has been taken away! The condemnation is gone.

That is why Paul tells us in Romans 8:1 “**there is therefore NO condemnation to those who are in Christ**, who walk according to the spirit and not according to the flesh.”

NO condemnation. Do you accept that? Do you feel that? Our High Priest shall bear the judgment over HIS heart, continually! (Exodus 28:30).

Yeshua has become the curse of our sins FOR us – Galatians 3:13. We have accepted Him so we no longer stand condemned. Oh, we’re real good at condemning *ourselves* after He said HE would take on HIMSELF our judgment. “Aaron shall bear the judgment of...Israel over HIS heart..”

**John 3:18**

**"He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.**

Do YOU believe in Christ? Have you accepted Him as your Savior? Then you’re not condemned! So why do we feel condemned all the time?

**John 5:24-25**

**"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me **has everlasting life, and shall NOT come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.**"**

**When we keep looking and focusing on ourselves, we will always feel condemned,** because we all know we just don’t perfectly measure up-not even close! Satan will do all he can to keep you focused on yourself and how you’re not measuring up – as that means you’re not looking to Messiah.

Yes, I’m very aware of the many verses of warnings not to fall asleep spiritually or become lethargic or Laodicean. I’m aware we’re not to bury our talents. I’m aware we are to seek first the kingdom. But let’s also be AS aware of the many scriptures that tell us we have a high priest in our corner, “rooting for us”, in fact – taking the hits and condemnation for us.

We are being judged – yes, but now in Christ. HE bears the judgment, CONTINUALLY and he has US inscribed over his heart!

And so because of that – how should we be seeing the judgment? I’ll give 2-3 verses out of many, as I still want a whole study just on this point. And tell me – how often are these verses being read where you attend services?

**POSITIVE JUDGMENT**

**1 John 4:17-19**

**"Love has been perfected among us in this: that WE may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. 19 We love Him because He first loved us."**

**1 Corinthians 4:5**

“Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. **Then each one's praise will come from God.**”

**Romans 2:29** – we're a Jew inwardly – “..whose PRAISE is not from men but from God.”

**1 Peter 1:6-7** – the trying of our faith “may be found to PRAISE, HONOR, AND GLORY at the revelation of Jesus Christ”

**Hebrews 9:27-28** says we eagerly wait for him – coming this time for salvation.

We don't eagerly wait for someone if we think we're going to get condemned or horse-whipped. No, but because OUR lives are now hidden in Christ, we have boldness, “for as HE is, so are we in this world.” (I John 4:17).

It was the wicked servant who BURIED the money (talents) given him to invest because He FEARED His master and saw him as a harsh master (Matthew 25:24-25). You get what you look for (Matthew 25:14-30), and that's what he got.

So – we are engraved on stones carried and tied to HIS shoulders, and engraved on stones placed over HIS Heart – so Ex 28:30b says – again – “**Aaron** (picturing Christ) shall bear the **judgment** of the children of Israel over his heart before YHVH continually!”

*CONTINUALLY! HallelujaH! When God the Father sees Yeshua's HEART – what does He see? He sees us being held CLOSE to Yeshua's HEART! Continually. Our Father knows each of us by name. **Isaiah 43:3b** says “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by NAME; you are MINE.” Then in verse 4 he continues – “You were PRECIOUS in my sight...”*

*Yeshua began the work of salvation in us and will finish it. He's the author and finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2). He will present us faultless and blameless at His return – how? By OUR perfection, our good deeds, our good works? NO – by being in HIM. 1 Thess 5:23-24 is very clear about that -- where Paul says we will be “**preserved blameless at the coming** of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 **He who calls you is faithful, WHO WILL ALSO DO IT.**”*

**NOTHING can separate us from the love of God. NOTHING...** see end of Romans 8.

**Philippians 1:6**

“being confident of this very thing, that **He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;**”

**Hebrews 12:2**

“...looking unto **Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith,**”

*So we know Jesus came and died for us. We know that. But do we really? Do we REALLY understand what that means? God was indeed FURIOUS at my sins, and yours. FURIOUS. We stood condemned for our sins and evils. But Christ volunteered to come and take upon himself the anger, the beating, the punishment, the execution YOU and I had earned – and put it on himself. So all the fury of the*

universe was lashed out on him in our behalf. The penalty was incurred – and he took it all and paid it all.

Now what does that mean? The condemnation is GONE. The anger is gone. The penalty has been paid. As John the Baptist said about Jesus – “Behold the LAMB OF GOD, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29). It was the Head of the Household who would slay the lamb at Passover. And the head of God’s household – God himself – also had to offer HIS lamb and strike him. That’s what Isaiah 53:4-6 says:

**Isaiah 53:4-6**

“Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him **stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted**. 5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; **And Yehowah has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.**

Father could have spared his son and executed all of us. Or He could spare all of us – but brutally execute His perfect Son. What a decision He made. He must truly love us all. What an awesome Father.

Now you might have missed one of the phrases in Exodus 28:30

“**Aaron** (who represented Yeshua!) shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel over his HEART before YHVH **continually**”.

Continually. All the time, non-stop. Continually. He doesn’t ever stop carrying your judgment for you. He is the first and the last. He is Alpha and Omega, the A and Z. He is your salvation from beginning to end. Hallelujah! Hallelu YAH!

**It’s not AN ON-AGAIN, OFF AGAIN RELATIONSHIP. He, HE BEARS THE JUDGMENT of ISRAEL over his heart ALL THE TIME.** *It’s not a “He loves me, he loves me not” relationship. It’s not a fickle “he’s happy with me and now he’s not” relationship.*

If you think all this about your Savior is amazing – we’re not done yet! For time’s sake I’m going to jump to Exodus 28:36 next.

**THE MITRE, GOLDEN CROWN, Holiness to YHVH -- on the TURBAN**

**Exodus 28:36-37**

"You shall also make a plate of **pure gold** and engrave on it, like the engraving of a signet:

**HOLINESS TO YHVH.**

37 And you shall **put it on a blue cord**, that it may be on the turban; it shall be on the front of the turban.

**GOLD – divine purity/righteousness/power and wealth.**

The High Priest was to have this solid gold mitre on, like a golden crown – with words “HOLINESS to YHVH” – when coming before God, or he would die. This speaks of the intellect, the thoughts, the mind of Christ, the high priest. It had but 2 words – “Qodesh la-YHVH” – HOLINESS to YHVH.

Now your High Priest –Yeshua the Son of God, our Messiah - - gets even more incredible...Let’s read Exodus 28:38. Two or three ties. It’s a most amazing verse.

NOW A MOST AMAZING VERSE: EX. 28:38

Exodus 28:38

“So it [the gold mitre or crown] shall be on Aaron's FOREHEAD, that AARON may bear the INIQUITY of the HOLY things which the children of Israel hallow in all their HOLY gifts; and it shall ALWAYS be on HIS forehead, that THEY may be ACCEPTED before YHVH.”

(read it 2-3x)

(Some discussion of this in the audio version. Best to hear it and read the notes at the same time.)

- FOREHEAD – the thoughts. Our intellect. What we ponder. Sin and righteous acts all begin with the heart and thoughts.
- Aaron bears “the INIQUITY OF THE HOLY THINGS” – in Israel’s holy gifts!
- Was always on His forehead. Always.
- That THEY may be ACCEPTED (Hebrew: Favored) before YHVH.

**ACCEPTED: HEBREW can mean “FAVORED”, and is translated ‘favored’ MANY places.** In Hebrew it is “rason” –Strong’s 7522 – “A masculine noun meaning pleasure, delight, desire, will, favor, acceptance”

*So the end of verse 38 is actually saying “that THEY (you) may be found to be favored/delightful, accepted, desired – before YHVH.”*

*HOW, with all our faults and falling short of the mark? IN HIM. In Christ.*

*I’m running out of time... but here we go:*

- **It’s on his forehead – symbolizing His thoughts.** HIS THOUGHTS are always good and holy. His thoughts are not our thoughts (Isaiah 55:7-8). I’m not being judged by MY thoughts – but by HIS. That’s what being “IN HIM” means. If it doesn’t mean that, then what good is it? But of course it means that. MY LIFE is gone, MY life is hidden in Christ in God (Col. 3:3). Christ, who is NOW my life (Col 3:4) is whom God the Father sees.

*HALLELUJAH! Hallelu yah!*

*But there’s a big part of my psyche, my heart – that is warning me that many of you just can’t quite let go of the guilt, let go of the knowledge you aren’t measuring up. Well, YOU aren’t. But HE bears my name, HE bears the iniquity of my holy things on HIS head before YHVH.*

Even when we bring holy gifts to the temple, we can have vain thoughts, wrong thoughts, resentful thoughts...and our High Priest puts all that on HIS head and turns it – because of HIS thoughts – to “holiness to YHVH.”

This is the greatness of our Redeemer. God’s thoughts – and remember Yeshua is and was the Great I am, HE is GOD also (John 1:1-3, 14)—are much higher than ours, and because God sees Yeshua, these are the thoughts God in the Highest sees in us, since they’re carried on Jesus’ forehead all the time, continually and forever before God.

*Now when father looks at you – you’re precious, you’re beloved, you’re well pleasing IN Christ. Stay there. Don’t ever leave being “in Christ”. In Christ is safety.*

**Psalms 139:17-18**

**“How PRECIOUS also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!**

If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You.”

**And now our sacrifices, holy gifts and offerings therefore now become ACCEPTABLE, pleasing!**

**1 Peter 2:4-5**

“Coming to HIM as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, 5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, *a holy priesthood*, to offer up SPIRITUAL sacrifices ACCEPTABLE to God –[ HOW?]- THROUGH Jesus Christ.”

**Philippians 4:18** – we now are bringing “ACCEPTABLE sacrifices, well pleasing to God.”

Brethren, those of you who want to live in the “beat me up with punishment and condemnation” camp – I’m sorry. But I could go on and on and on with dozens more scriptures.

**“ALWAYS on his forehead” – Ex. 28:38.** It doesn’t come off. It doesn’t go away. His thoughts of His people is like that of a mother with a nursing child---impossible to forget! It’s not on and off. It’s not “he loves me, he loves me not”. It’s NOT like that.

Can you go to bed tonight with the thought – “I am, I can be, very acceptable to God through Jesus Christ my High Priest.”?

God is not accepting you because of OUR perfect thoughts, but Jesus’ perfect thoughts!

**1 John 4:17**

“Love has been perfected among us in this: that **we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.**”

**SATAN’S ALWAYS TRYING TO GET US TO LOOK AT OURSELVES.** *What Scripture is telling us* – is to look to our REDEEMER all the time. Remember HE is bearing the iniquity of our HOLY offerings on HIS forehead – which is HOLINESS TO YEHOWAH! Our society is very narcissistic. Look at Facebook. It is non-stop “look at me, look at me” – like children say. We should be growing up beyond that. Instead of “look at me” we need to start thinking “look at Yeshua, look at Yeshua.”

**Are we getting it?**

And now we can be well pleasing, favored and acceptable – according to scripture only by one way, THE way, THE life, THE door – ALWAYS through Yeshua. Am I preaching Yeshua? YOU BET! Just like the early apostles did.

**Hebrews 13:20-21**

“Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, 21 make YOU *complete in every good work* to do His will, **working in you what is well pleasing in His sight**, [how?] through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.”

So what is our High Priest doing?

- He’s perfectly presenting us. Not like the imperfect priests of the past. (Heb 7:26-28)
- He’s constantly on the job for us. The old high priests would die.
- He has offered us a way to come before God the Father *any time we want*, because of His sacrifice. In the past, only one man – the High priest, could come before God and only once a year, on the day of covering. I hope we avail ourselves of this great opportunity to PRAY ALWAYS... throughout the day AND SHOUT the hallelujah’s to GOD!



- HE takes AWAY our sin – not just covers it. (Takes away – not just Kippur it) John 1:29
- He intercedes and DEFENDS YOU. 1 John 2:1-2

**Colossians 3:3-4**

“For YOU died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.”

- Now He intercedes for us all the time. Defends us. Speaks for us. Stands up for us – not just once a year on the day of Atonement.

Brethren, quit looking to your own righteousness. It won't measure up. Look to HIS, which you can have as a free gift by faith (**Romans 5:17; Philippians 3:9-11**). Quit beating yourself up. Christ was beaten for you – don't let his beating be in vain. Accept it. Don't keep dying in guilt. HE paid all that too. He now lives and wants YOU to live again, in JOY, and supreme confidence that you have a SAVIOR! HE bears your name before God, HE bears the iniquity of the holy things, HE is holiness.

**Romans 10:9-11**

“...if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

**If you haven't said it out loud, say it now –**

“Yeshua, I believe in you. I believe you are the Son of God. I believe you came as a man and lived a perfect life, and gave it up for ME. For me. I love you for that. I accept what you did with supreme joy. And I accept you as my personal savior. I bow my knee to worship you, to honor you; and to obey you as my king and lord. I accept YOUR righteousness. I gratefully accept YOUR holiness in my behalf. Yeshua, I love you so much. Help me to love you more and more.

And Father, thank you so much for not sparing your eternal companion. You had Him executed, so I wouldn't have to be. I can't fathom that, Father. But thank you, thank you, thank you! And Father, please help me to learn to quit condemning myself but to understand you LOVE ME so much and help me eagerly look for the time I will meet you and my Yeshua. I love you Father.”

May YHVH bless you, and keep you. May His face beam with joy and shine upon you – every time you come up in his mind. May he watch over you and your loved ones. May He bring you joy and health and peace and provide for all your necessities. And may YOU bow the knee to Him and worship Him in spirit and in truth. In Yeshua's mighty name – Amen.

Well, I hope this message has given you a new and deeper appreciation for our Redeemer. I started by saying we are to “grow in the grace and knowledge OF OUR LORD and Savior Yeshua” – and I hope we helped accomplish that.

Now I hope you will want to go before the holy of holies much more frequently, much more boldly, much more joyfully. Until next time, this has been Philip Shields.