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GARMENTS OF THE HIGH PRIEST EXODUS 28

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The importance of this study is underlined when we note there are over 50 chapters in the Bible on the High Priest and his ministry as well as numerous references.

Hebrews 4:14 is the theme text for the studies. Jewish Christians, familiar with the High Priest, were encouraged to realise they had a Great High Priest in the Lord Jesus Christ. By studying the High Priest, we too will be enabled to *'hold fast our profession'*.

God designed these holy garments of glory and beauty for the High Priest. Wearing them, he was an object lesson of our Saviour's Person and ministry.

EXODUS 28

- **HIS SELECTION** v1

Aaron did not take this honour unto himself Hebrews 5:4.

- **HIS IDENTIFICATION** v2

The garments *identified* him as the High Priest.

- **HIS CONSECRATION** v2, 3

- **HIS REPRESENTATION** v1, 3, 4.

He was to *'minister unto the Lord'* by representing the people before Him. Our great High Priest represents us before God, in His finished work on the cross and in His ongoing heavenly intercession.

THE LINEN TUNIC Exodus 28:39

- **HIS PERSONAL GARMENT**

It was the First and Foundational garment.

The Hebrew term translated *'coat'* is first used in Genesis 3:21 and means *'covering'*.

The fabric was the finest white linen.

- **HIS PERFECTION**

White symbolises purity Revelation 19:8; Psalm 132:9.

Jesus Christ is perfectly righteous 1 John 2:1; Acts 7:52; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:22.

The High Priest wore linen, as unlike other materials, it does not cause *'sweat'* Ezekiel 44:18.

Sweat is a symbol of the curse Genesis 3:19.

- **HIS PROVISION FOR US**

How can we sinners obtain the righteousness needed to enter heaven?

Christ *'sweat'*—bore the curse of sin Luke 22:44.

God looks at His Son, our High Priest, sees His perfect righteousness and His perfect sacrifice for sin and views all His people as in Christ.

This is the truth of Justification by faith alone through Christ alone 2 Corinthians 5:21.

Aaron's sons received linen coats Exodus 28:40.

All believers are spiritual priests 1 Peter 2:5; Revelation 1:5.

Through Christ, we have been given white raiment, the robe of Christ's righteousness to enable us to stand before God Revelation 3:4; 4:4; 6:11, 17; 7:9; Isaiah 61:10.