

COLERAINE FREE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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GARMENTS OF THE HIGH PRIEST EXODUS 28
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THE BLUE ROBE Exodus 28:31-35.

It was of one piece with a hole in the top to fit over the head of the High Priest.

The robe reminds us of:

- **THE DIGNITY OF THE HIGH PRIEST**
Judges, Mayors and Royalty wear robes of office.

- **HIS MINISTRY v35**

This is the first time the word “*robe*” is mentioned in Scripture.

Kings, priests and prophets wore robes as they ministered 1 Samuel 15:27 (mantle-robe-of the prophet); 18:4; 24:4; 1 Chronicles 15:27; Ezekiel 26:16 (royal robes).

Christ is our Mediator, the perfect Prophet, Priest and King.

- **HIS HEAVENLY ministry v31**

It was *ALL BLUE*- the heavenly colour Exodus 24:10; Ezekiel 1:26.

Aaron ministered in the Tabernacle, a symbol of Heaven but Christ ministers in Heaven itself Hebrews 4:14; 9:24.

- **HIS ROYALTY**

Blue is also a colour associated with royalty Esther 8:15; Ezekiel 23:6.

In Old Testament worship, the King was not permitted to act as a Priest.

King Uzziah was struck with leprosy for daring to offer incense 2 Chronicles 26:18-21.

The High Priest’s blue robe pointed to the day when the two offices of King and High Priest would be united in our Saviour Zechariah 6:13.

As King of Kings, He controls everything in this universe, even the smallest atom and germ.

Yet as High Priest, His rule is merciful towards His people Hebrews 2:17; Romans 8:28.

- **THE INDESTRUCTIBILITY OF HIS MINISTRY v32.**

It was strengthened around the neck so that it would not be torn. Christ ever lives as our High Priest.

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Seeing our Great High Priest enables us to
hold fast our profession Hebrews 4:14.

This is illustrated in the command for Israelites to wear a ribbon of blue on their garments.

That ribbon (hem) reminded them that they were a Heavenly people and had a duty to be holy by keeping God’s commandments Numbers 15:38-41.