

Pass It On

Upon his death the articles would pass to the next high priest

Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come.

Psalm 71:18



"Make the robe of the ephod entirely of blue cloth, with an opening for the head in its center. There shall be a woven edge like a collar around this opening, so that it will not tear. Make pomegranates of blue, purple, and scarlet yarn around the hem of the robe, with gold bells between them. The gold bells and the pomegranates are to alternate around the hem of the robe. Aaron must wear it when he ministers. The sound of the bells will be heard when he enters the Holy Place before the Lord and when he comes out, so that he will not die."

(v. 31-35)

The Color: Blue

In the bible blue is associated with authority, laws and commandments – *Numbers* 15:37-40

This would mean God's laws and commands are the foundation of the relationship between God and man

The robe would be a constant reminder of the need to observe God's law

It also would appoint the High Priest as the authority on God's law



The Design: Body

It was one solid piece with no seams and with no natural separation points

It was reinforced at the edges to ensure no raveling

There was one opening to go over the head

No sleaves

It would have resembled a frock



The Connection to God's Law – His Word
The continuous seamless fabric is solid
like God's word

The reinforced banding would be about the absoluteness of God's authority

The one opening, there is but one focal point, God

God would never be the easy on, easy off type

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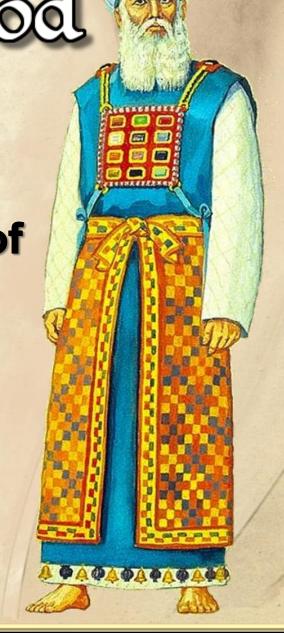
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The Design: The Bells

Like the head piece they were pure gold

Legend and tradition says in the later years of the temple they tied a rope around the ankle of the priest to pull him out if died

They used the sound of the bells to know if God killed him



The Design: The Bells

The purpose of the bells was connected to testimony

The bells meant the high priest could go nowhere in silence

People would hear the jingling of the bells long before they saw him

He would have stuck out in a crowd



Does your faith make you stick out?



The Day of Atonement

The high priest would enter the holy place

He would then strip before entering the holy of holies

All was silent as he went before God

Even on the outside of the tent you could have heard a pin drop

Then they heard it the jingling of the bells as he began to redress



The Day of Atonement

The sacrifice had been made and accepted

Yet I have written you quite boldly on some points to remind you of them again, because of the grace God gave me to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles. He gave me the priestly duty of proclaiming the gospel of God, so that the Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:15-16

The Robe of the Ephod The Design: The Pomegranates First a pomegranate is a fruit It is the symbol of righteousness It has a natural shaped crown on top of it It contains an average of 613 seeds It's juice is used for natural dyeing of non-synthetic fabrics because the juice stains cloth permanently

The Design: The Pomegranates

Most scholars agree the Pomegranates Symbolizes Jesus

The true king of the Jews and our true high priest

His death would give life to many

The shedding of his blood stains our life for all eternity but washes us clean



The Progenerates also connect to the fact we were commanded to be fruitful

So, my brothers and sisters, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God.

Romans 7:4

