



PEKUDEI - RECKONINGS

Exodus 38:21 to 40:38
1 Kings 7:40-50
1 Corinthians 2:6 to 3:17

The Tabernacle Assembly: Part Two

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Materials

Exodus 38:21-31

The *Kohath* Levite priests recorded the amount of material used for the Tabernacle/*Mishkan* under the supervision of Ithamar, the fourth son of Aaron.

Priestly Garments

Exodus 39:1-43

The account of the priestly garments in Exodus symbolizes the service of the priesthood of Yeshua. That completes the description of the *Mishkan*. These garments were to be replicated in the exact pattern given to Moses on Mount Sinai. They are prophetic in nature and represent different aspects of Yeshua's Kingdom, ministry, and lifestyle. Yeshua's disciples/*talmudim* are to serve and teach His Image, His Word, and His Kingdom to the Nations in this exact pattern. When His people approach His Presence, they are to be adorned in His right garments (known as righteousness) as He has directed. They are to wear His wedding garments that reflect His Heavenly nature (power and authority) (1 Peter 2:9; Ephesians 6:10-17).

Believers today can apply Yeshua's attributes to their daily lives and share them with others. The Bride of Yeshua is in pursuit of her Bridegroom, one who honors His Word, keeps holy and faithful unto Him without spot or wrinkle, free from contamination at all times. They are the anointed ones who sing *the song of Moses*, the Wedding Song of the Messiah (Isaiah 11:5; Isaiah 59:17; Psalm 132:9; Isaiah 52:7; Isaiah 49:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:8; Revelation 15:3).

The Ephod and Breastplate Exodus 39:1-21

The ephod and breastplate of the priestly garments are of the same fabric as the curtains that surround the Tabernacle/*mishkan*, but with the addition of a pure gold thread woven throughout. Pure gold represents the divine nature of the Messiah. These garments held stones encased in gold and engraved with the names of all twelve tribes of Israel. It was these stones that set the faithful priest (disciple, rabbi, pastor, teacher, etc.) apart from a false priest. Those who uphold *all* twelve tribes today are disciples walking in the image of Yeshua.



🌿 **Hebrews 8:1-2** “Now *this is* the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest [*Yeshua*], who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.”

Yeshua today wears the High Priest garment, complete with all twelve tribes displayed over His heart for all to see. However, through the generations, a false image has emerged, one that many in this generation believe that *all* twelve tribes of Israel do not exist today. That philosophy is far from the truth. If one tribe were missing, then Yeshua would be declared a false messiah. However, as High Priest, He upholds all twelve tribes to this day. If His followers do not walk in agreement with His Word or recognize all twelve tribes as He does, they stand apart from His full purpose, plan, power, and authority, as their garment is incomplete. Thus it can no longer be considered “*the armor of God/Elohim*”(the wedding garment).

🌿 **Matthew 22:11-12** “But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. So he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless.”

Today a trusted priest wears the ephod with all twelve stones openly showcased. His people are called to declare this image of the Messiah and mirror it just as Paul taught.

🌿 **Act 26:6-7** “And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made by God/*Elohim* to our fathers [*Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob*]. ‘To this *promise* our twelve tribes, earnestly serving *God/Elohim* night and day, hope to attain. For this hope’s sake, King Agrippa, I am accused by the Jews [*the tribe of Judah*].”

If we are called by His Name and do not stand in His Image, as taught by the Tabernacle and priestly garments, then we must ask ourselves: What is our purpose? Who do we serve? Who are we called to represent, and what government or gospel are we to teach? Does it line up with Yeshua’s purpose and plan, as revealed here by Moses in Scripture?

The Whole Purpose Of A Man

🌿 **Ecclesiastes 12:13-14** “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God/*Elohim* and keep His commandments, for this is man’s all. For God/*Elohim* will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.”

A belt woven into the breastplate wrapped around the priest's waist held these truths together with the living stones. The belt is called *the belt of truth* and represents Yeshua's Word (His Covenant to His people also known as the Gospel) and contains His commandments, the Torah. Together these garments are called the *Armor of God/Elohim*. When Yeshua's people agree with His Word (including the twelve tribes) and uphold and walk in it, they will once again emerge as a vast and mighty army dressed in the *Armor or Light of God/Elohim* (Isaiah 59:17; Ephesians 6:10-17).

When a priest ministered before God/*Elohim*, he walked into the Tabernacle barefoot. Thus, the priest would be *grounded and shod with the Gospel*.

- 📖 **Exodus 3:5** Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand *is* holy ground."
- 📖 **Ephesians 6:13-15** "Therefore take up the whole armor of God/*Elohim*, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace."
- 📖 **Isaiah 52:7** "How beautiful upon the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good *things*, Who proclaims salvation, Who says to Zion, 'Your God/*Elohim* reigns!'"
- 📖 **Romans 10:15** "And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!'"

The priest (Bride) experiencing God's/*Elohim* Heavenly power would know and understand His *faithfulness*. This action is called the *shield of faith*. It was not the priest's own measure of faith that was counted but the *act* of obedience and trust in God's/*Elohim* Principles that extinguished the flaming missiles of the evil one. Having trust in Yeshua's faithfulness gave the priest peace, assurance, and confidence. Trust is not merely a mental state but an *action* word, a lifestyle grounded in acts of obedience under an expectant pursuit of holiness. Holiness is Yeshua's goal and will for our lives.

His Word, called *the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God*, equips and cleanses the hearts and minds of His people. The priest wore a white linen turban/*mitre*, and on his forehead was placed a gold plate called a *tziytz* in Hebrew, which was referred to as a "*holy crown*." The plate was engraved with *HOLY TO THE LORD/Yahweh* that was tied with a blue cord (symbolizing Yeshua) to the turban. It declared the wearer set-apart and holy unto Him. This gold plate upon the turban is called the *helmet of salvation*, known in Scripture as *the signet ring* or *the seal*. When believers actively walk in Yeshua's holy lifestyle, with the garments of salvation and the shield of faith/holiness, wielding the sword of His Spirit, the wiles of the enemy are put to flight.

- 📖 **Revelation 9:3-4** "Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. They were commanded not to

harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who *do not* have the seal of God/*Elohim* on their foreheads.”

📖 **Haggai 2:23** “In that day, says the LORD/*Yahweh* of hosts, I will take you, Zerubbabel My servant, the son of Shealtiel, says the LORD/*Yahweh*, and will make you like a signet ring; for I have chosen you, says the LORD/*Yahweh* of hosts.”

📖 **Ephesians 6:11, 13-15** Paul said, “Put on the whole armor of God/*Elohim* [*armor is zannah in Hebrew, meaning any type of protective military equipment, sword or shield; that which brings life, and representing the Messiah*], that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil [*wiles is zantah, Aramaic for strategies or wiles; hooked or barbed fish hook or any other trap; that which brings death*], so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that come from the gospel of peace.”

The True Warrior



Paul, a Pharisee, was a brilliant teacher. He referenced the prophet Isaiah to describe the priestly garments as *garments of victory in times of war*. Isaiah gave a prophetic message for the Messiah’s Bride-elect by drawing attention to these priestly garments as a means to inform God’s/*Elohim* people not to be easily ensnared by false doctrines, or they would quickly assimilate, assimilation that could even destroy her. In referencing Isaiah’s prophetic warning, Paul’s message continues to echo today to believers, warning them not to be lured by false teachings. Remember, Paul’s whole mission was to the twelve tribes of Israel – *the whole House of Israel*.

📖 **Act 26:7** “To this *promise* our twelve tribes, earnestly serving God/*Elohim* night and day, hope to attain. For this hope’s sake, King Agrippa, I am accused by the Jews [*the House of Judah*].”

For this reason, the tribe of Judah attacked Paul. That is why he made sure those he wrote to and those in the future would recognize this garment as upholding the truth –that in our Messiah, all twelve tribes are to be fully represented, upheld, and accounted for in all our assemblies. That truth is also what all believers are called to uphold and defend today. Have you noticed today in our fellowships, this is not a popular topic, either? Why is that? Many today say that it is ridiculous to believe all twelve tribes exist. Rather, Judah would have us believe that all twelve or the remnant of the twelve now exists in them only, the tribe of Judah. If that were true, then where do the prophecies of Ezekiel or John in the book of Revelation fall when they declare the twelve tribes are indeed fully intact? (Ezekiel 47:13; Revelation 21:12).



The armor of God/*Elohim* in Ephesians 6 was not spiritual apparel or an allegorical garment that represented the apparel of a Roman soldier but was an actual physical priestly garment, the wedding garment of the Messiah. Paul’s audience would have recognized Yeshua’s priestly

model, as Paul's message was to *the Hebrews, all twelve tribes, and those who associate in Messiah. They all are called Hebrews – the “crossed over ones.”* Our victory comes when we elevate the ministry of the priesthood as taught through Moses and the Tabernacle pattern in the same way as Paul. To understand the pattern given at Mount Sinai and walk in the mirror image defeats the enemy today. This image includes upholding and recognizing the twelve tribes today.

🌿 **Isaiah 59:17** “He put on righteousness as his breastplate, and the helmet of salvation on his head; he put on the garments of vengeance and wrapped himself in zeal as in a cloak.”

🌿 **Isaiah 11:4-5** “But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, and faithfulness the belt of His waist.”

🌿 **Isaiah 49:2** “And He has made My mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of His hand He has hidden Me, and made Me a polished shaft; in His quiver He has hidden Me.”

🌿 **Isaiah 52:7** “How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, ‘Your God/Elohim reigns!’ ”

As believers clothe themselves in Yeshua by putting on the ministry of the priestly garments, it causes their hearts and minds to transform into His image and nature. Yeshua's priestly garments are designed to set His people apart and enable them to serve in His Heavenly Realm. That is the goal and foundation of every believer. There is no other foundation we are to build (1 Timothy 6:15; Revelation 17:14; Revelation 19:16).

🌿 **Ephesians 2:18-22** “For through Him [*Yeshua*] we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens [*part of Israel*] with the saints and members of the household of God/Elohim, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ/*Yeshua HaMashiach* Himself being the chief corner stone, in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord/*Adonai*, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God/Elohim in the Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:6-3:17).

The Completion of The Tabernacle

Exodus 40:1-37

During the Israelites walk through the wilderness, we have witnessed their challenges and trials. In their vulnerability, they met *The Truth* and experienced a more profound love through *His Presence - Yeshua*. As the people responded, they opened their hearts and moved upon His will. The freewill offerings kept coming in continuous waves that far exceeded their needs. How wonderful it would be for ministries today to have to restrain the people because they took the initiative to respond and the outpouring of their hearts far exceeded the need (Galatians 3:8).

🌿 **Daniel 7:9-10** “I watched till thrones were put in place, and the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, its wheels a burning fire; a fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.”

🌿 **Hebrews 8:1** “Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.”

When the Israelites completed all the instructions for the furnishings and the garments, they were presented to Moses. As commanded, he carefully assembled the Tabernacle in the same manner as witnessed in heaven. Throughout Scripture, we see God/*Elohim* purposely had Moses repeat this pattern over and over again to teach His people how to walk before Him. Today, if we walk in the same words and manner given Moses on Mount Sinai, we too will raise a dwelling place for our Messiah.

🌿 **Isaiah 66:1-2** Thus says the LORD/*Yahweh*: “Heaven *is* My throne, and earth *is* My footstool. Where *is* the house that you will build Me? And where *is* the place of My rest? For all those *things* My hand has made, and all those *things* exist,” says the LORD/*Yahweh*. “But on this *one* will I look: On *him who is* poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word.”

God’s/*Elohim* Word (that was visually revealed on Mount Sinai) is the only foundation we are to build. There is no other. The Word/*Yeshua* is the voice and will of God/*Elohim* for our life. This foundation of Truth is fulfilled only in *Yeshua*, who was and is The Presence of God/*Elohim* – *Yeshua, our Redemption, Savior, and Deliverer* (Amos 9:11; Acts 15:15-21; 1 Corinthians 3:9-17; 1 Peter 2:5-12).

The Glory of God/*Elohim* Exodus 40:34

When the Tabernacle was completed according to the pattern given Moses, the Glory of God/*Elohim* descended.

*“Then the cloud covered the Tabernacle of meeting,
and the glory of the LORD/Yahweh filled the tabernacle (Exodus 40:34).*

🌿 **Isaiah 6:1-4** “I saw the Lord/*Adonai* seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above Him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD/*Yahweh* Almighty; the whole earth is full of His Glory.” At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.”

🪦 **Exodus 40:38** “So the cloud of the LORD/*Yahweh* was over the *mishkan* by day and fire was in the cloud by night, in the sight of all the House of Israel during all their travels.”

🪦 **Hebrews 9:1-14** “Now the first covenant had both regulations for worship and a Holy Place here on earth. A tent was set up, the outer one, which was called the Holy Place; in it were the Menorah, the Table and the Bread of the Presence [*Showbread*]. Behind the second curtain was a tent called the Holiest Place, which had the golden altar [*Altar of Incense*] for burning incense and the Ark of the Covenant, entirely covered with gold. In the Ark were the gold jar containing the manna, Aaron’s rod that sprouted and the stone tablets of the Covenant; and above it were the cherubim representing the *Sh’khinah* [*Presence of Yahweh*], casting their shadow on the lid of the ark – but now is not the time to discuss these things in detail.”

“With things so arranged, the priests go into the outer tent all the time to discharge their duties; but only the High Priest enters the inner one; and he goes in only once a year, and he must always bring blood, which he offers both for himself and for the sins committed in ignorance by the people. By this arrangement, the Holy Spirit/*Ruach HaKodesh* showed that so long as the first Tent had standing, the way into the Holiest Place was still closed. This symbolizes the present age and indicates that the conscience of the person performing the service cannot be brought to the goal by the gifts and sacrifices he offers. For they involve only food and drink and various ceremonial washings – regulations concerning the outward life, imposed until the time for God/*Elohim* to reshape the whole structure.”

“But when the Messiah appeared as High Priest of the good things that are happening already, then, through the greater and more perfect Tent which is not man-made (that is, it is not of this created world), he entered the Holiest Place once and for all.

“And he entered not by means of the blood of goats and calves, but by means of his own blood, thus setting people free forever. For if sprinkling ceremonially unclean persons with the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer restores their outward purity; then how much more the blood of the Messiah, who, through the eternal Spirit, offered himself to God/*Elohim* as a sacrifice without blemish, will purify our conscience from works that lead to death, so that we can serve the living God/*Elohim!*” CJB

*Chazak! Chazak! VeNitchazak
Be Strong! Be Strong! And May We Be Strengthened!*

*Shabbat Shalom
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