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Two half-Egyptian brothers -- elder sons of Joseph, were given blessings (hopefully they were faithful recipients of those blessings) that would last until the time of the Gentiles is fulfilled; **Ephraim** carried all the birthright promises first given to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; he would become a commonwealth of many nations in the last days; Manasseh would become the great nation; both would be engaged at the center of the earth: they will be seen promoting their policies and practices. Ending in this chapter, Moses tells us an interesting detail about who these people are; distinctive by traditional colors they carried through their wilderness journey until they entered the land promised to their forefather Abraham.

A study of **royal heraldry** helps us to know who these people were and where they went. The **colors** they would carry are emphasized in chapters: **25**, **26**, **27**, **28**, **35**, **36**, **38** and **39**; a reoccurring detail mentioned in this book of Exodus 26 times; so pay attention.

The colorful garment of those who serve the Lord,

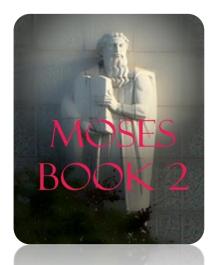
They made special garments of blue, and purple, and scarlet, for serving in the holy place, holy garments for Aaron; as the LORD instructed Moses / remember the gold and silver and brass items were generously provided them by the Egyptians as they left; along with the many colorful fabrics, what are these colored fabrics for? These colorful clothes were to be fashioned and worn by all those in the service of the Lord.

And don't you love how the Lord expects us to pay attention to the detail of His word? Think about it: **purple** is the color of royalty (Abraham was from the royal lineage of Noah) which leaves the other three colors mentioned; why? for what purpose?

Blue Scarlet and fin white linen; and we might ask: do those colors look familiar? what nations carry those colors still today? Because they also carry the promise: no weapon formed against them will prosper. I hope they are still faithful!

² And he made the ephod of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine white linen.

³They hammered it into thin sheets the gold, and cut it into threads, to work it in with the blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine white linen in a skillful design.











⁴He made shoulder pieces, at both edges joined together.

⁵ The creatively woven wasteband that was on the ephod, was of one piece with the ephod, according to its work; of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine white linen; as the LORD instructed Moses.

⁶ And they mounted the onyx stones surrounded in settings of gold, engraved, as seals are graved, with the names of the children of Israel.



⁷ He fastened them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod, memorial gemstones for all **Israel**; as the LORD instructed Moses.

⁸ And he made the embroidered breastplate, like the work of the ephod; with gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine white linen.



⁹ He made the breastplate square and folded double: 9 inches long, and 9 inches wide.

¹⁰ And mounted four rows of tones on it: the first row of sardius, topaz, and emerald:

¹¹ And the second row, a turquoise, a sapphire, and a diamond.

¹² And the third row, a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst.

¹³ And the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper: surrounded in **gold** in their settings.

¹⁴ And the stones, according to the names of the children of **Israel**, were twelve,

according to their names, engraved like a seal, each with its name, according to the twelve tribes / and the Lord said, can you count beyond Judah, who is only one; The twelve tribes and their descendants include: Ruben, Simeon, Levi, Zebulun, Issachar, Dan, Gad, Asher, Naphtali, Joseph his sons are mentioned above, given special promises to be very prosperous; and Benjamin. We read about the twelve brothers in Genesis 49. It is very possible, if you are reading this, that you too are a descendant of one of these twelve sons of Israel.



¹⁵ And he made for the breastplate chains at the ends, of braided pure gold.

¹⁶ And he made two settings of gold, and two gold rings; and put the two rings in the two ends of the breastplate.



- ¹⁷ And he put two braided chains of gold in the two rings on the ends of the breastplate.
- 18 And the two ends of the two braided chains, were joined in the two settings, and put them on the shoulder straps of the ephod, in front.
- ¹⁹ And he made two rings of gold, and put them on the two ends of the breastplate, on its edge, that was next to the inner side of the ephod.
- ²⁰ And he made two other **gold** rings, and put them on the two straps underneath the ephod, toward its front, at its other seam, above the woven band of the ephod.
- ²¹ And he joined the breastplate by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a cord of blue, so it is above the woven band of the ephod, that the breastplate would not come loose from the ephod; as the LORD instructed Moses.
- ²² And he made the robe of the ephod woven skillfully, all of blue.
- ²³ And there was an opening in the middle of the robe, as the opening of a coat of mail, with a band all around the opening, that it would not tear.
- ²⁴And he made on the hem of the robe pomegranates of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine white linen.
- ²⁵ And he made bells of pure gold, and put the bells between the pomegranates on the hem of the robe, all around between the pomegranates;
- ²⁶ A bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate, all around the hem of the robe so to minister; as the LORD instructed Moses.
- $^{\rm 27}\,\mathrm{And}$ he made tunics of fine linen, woven skillfully for Aaron, and for his sons,
- ²⁸ and a turban of fine white linen, and exquisite caps of fine white linen, and short trousers of fine white linen,
- ²⁹ and a wasteband of fine white linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, the work of a weaver; as the LORD instructed Moses.
- ³⁰ And he made a medallion, the holy diadem, of pure **gold**, and wrote on it an inscription, like the engraving of a seal: **Holiness To The LORD**.



³¹ And he joined a cord of blue, to fasten above the turban; as the LORD instructed Moses.

³² So all the work for the Tent was finished -- the Tent of the Assembly: and all Israel did everything the LORD instructed Moses to do.

³³ And he brought the Tent to Moses, the Tent, and all its furnishings, its clasps, supports, bars, and pillars, and sockets,

³⁴ and the covering skins of ram dyed red, and the covering skins of badger, and the vail of the covering,

35 The Ark of the Testimony, and its polls, and the mercy seat,

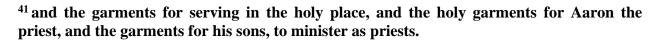
³⁶ The Table, all its utensils, and the Bread of The Presence,

³⁷ The pure Lampstand, with its lamps, the lamps set in order, and all its utensils, and oil for the light,

³⁸ and the Altar of gold, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the covering for the Tabernacle door,

³⁹ the Altar of bronze, and its grate of bronze, its poles, and all its utensils, the laver and with its base,

⁴⁰ the coverings for the courtyard, its pillars, and its sockets, and the screen for the courtyard gate, its cords, and its tent pegs, and all the utensils for the service of the Tent of the Assembly,



⁴² Everything that the LORD instructed Moses, so the people of **Israel** had done.

 43 And Moses inspected all their work, and indeed, it was as the LORD had instructed, even so they did it: and Moses blessed them.

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