

# תְּצַוֶּה

## TETZAVEH/YOU SHALL COMMAND Shemot/Exodus 27:20-30:10

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This week in our parasha, there is an **entire chapter** devoted to the **priestly garments** of **Aharon and his sons**. It was **imperative** that the **priests serving** in the **Tabernacle wore appropriate garments**. An **ordinary priest** was dressed in **simple attire**, while **Aharon, the High Priest** wore **ornate garments symbolizing Yeshua** in His office of **High Priest** according to the **order of Melchizedek**. **All priestly garments**, however, were **“for glory and for beauty”**:

*Shemot 28:2 "And you shall make **holy garments for Aharon your brother, for glory and for beauty**.*

*Shemot 28:40 " For Aharon's sons you shall make tunics, and you shall make sashes for them. And you shall make hats for them, for glory and beauty.*

Today as **believers**, we also are **members** of a **“holy priesthood.”** **Yeshua** is the **“chief cornerstone”** of **this priesthood**, yet He will become a **“stumbling stone”** to those who are **“disobedient to the Word”**:

*1 Peter 2:5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to Yah through Yeshua the Messiah. <sup>6</sup> Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame." <sup>7</sup> Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone," <sup>8</sup> and "A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense." They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. <sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;*

We are told as **priests** to **offer ourselves** as **“living sacrifices”** just **inside the door** (Yeshua declared Himself to be the **door**) of the **Tabernacle**:

*Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of Elohim, that you **present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to Elohim, which is your reasonable service.***

The **purpose** of the elevated position of **“kings and priests”** is so that we might **“reign with Him on the earth”**:

*Revelation 5:10 And have made us kings and priests to our Elohim; And we shall reign on the earth."*

The **reign** on this **earth** being spoken of is the **“1,000 year reign with the Messiah”**:

*Revelation 20:6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the **first resurrection**. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be **priests of Yah and of Messiah**, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.*

**Who** are those who will be a **part of the first resurrection**? I believe it will be **those** who have **kept their priestly garments clean**. They have been **clothed** with the “*garments of salvation*” (Yeshua) and the “*robe of righteousness*”!

*Isaiah 61:10* I will greatly rejoice in **יהוה**, My soul shall be joyful in my Elohim; For **He** has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And as a **bride** adorns herself with her jewels.

The “*bride*” is clothed in the priestly garments of “*fine linen*,” further defined as the “*righteous acts of the saints*”:

*Revelation 19:7* "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the **marriage of the Lamb** has come, and His wife has made herself ready." <sup>8</sup> And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

The “*beautiful garments*” are also what clothes “*Jerusalem*” in her “clean” state:

*Isaiah 52:1* Awake, awake! Put on your strength, O Zion; Put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city! For the uncircumcised and the unclean shall no longer come to you.

Now concerning **garments**, there is a very familiar passage in **Ephesians 6** which speaks of **particular garments**, often taught as the apparel of a Roman guard:

*Ephesians 6:11* Put on the whole armor of Elohim, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore **take up the whole armor of Elohim**, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; <sup>16</sup> above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. <sup>17</sup> And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of Elohim; <sup>18</sup> praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints --

So this is a person who is able to “*stand against the wiles of the devil*”. A question for you...would you rather your **garments** are seen as those of a pagan Roman guard or the garments of the priesthood? There is **evidence** from the **Hebrew Scriptures** that the intended main teaching of *Ephesians 6* was that of “*priest*,” a soldier in **יהוה**'s army who wears the “*whole armor of Elohim*”:

*Isaiah 59:17* For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, And a helmet of salvation on His head; He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, And was clad with zeal as a cloak.

*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 (Yeshua - **ישועה**), Who says to Zion, "Your Elohim reigns!"

**Revelation 8:3** Then another **angel**, having a **golden censer**, came and stood at the altar. He was given much **incense**, that he should offer it with the **prayers of all the saints** upon the golden altar which was before the throne. <sup>4</sup> And the **smoke of the incense**, with the **prayers of the saints**, ascended before Elohim from the angel's hand.

If one takes on the **garments of the priesthood**, he must **understand his mission**:

**Malachi 2:7** "For the lips of a **priest** should keep knowledge, and people should seek the Torah from his mouth; For he is the messenger of **יְהוָה** of hosts.

If a "**priest forgets/rejects the Torah**", he is in **danger of being "rejected"**, resulting in the "**destruction of His people**":

**Hosea 4:6** **My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge**. Because you have **rejected knowledge**, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have **forgotten the Torah** of your Elohim, I also will forget your children.

We were "**chosen**" and "**called**" to be a "**holy priesthood**" (1 Peter 2:9). Unfortunately, **not all of the "called" out will be "chosen" to attend the wedding feast for they do not have the proper "wedding garments"**:

**Matthew 22:12** "So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a **wedding garment?**' And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup> "Then the **King said to the servants**, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' <sup>14</sup> "For many are **called**, but few are **chosen**."

But the "**called**" and the "**chosen**" will be **with the "Lamb" in His battle against the enemy** for they have been "**faithful**":

**Revelation 17:14** "These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is **Lord of lords and King of kings**; and those who are with Him are **called, chosen, and faithful**."

**Baruch HaShem!**

**Shabbat Shalom!**

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