

CLOTHES AND WORK OF PRIESTS AND LEVITES

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Levites

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Priests

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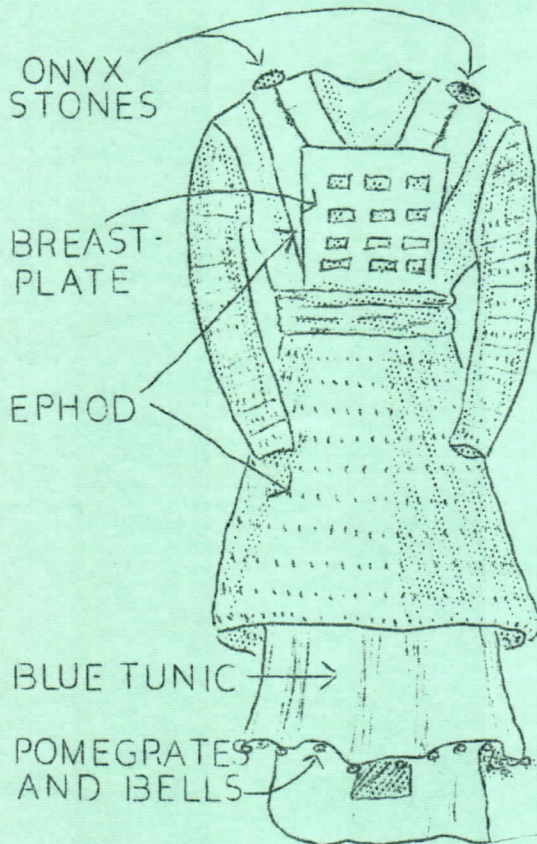


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High Priest

Aaron was the first high priest. He represented all the people before God. Once a year he went into the Holy of Holies. No one else ever entered. The high priest was in charge of all the temple.

The dress of the High Priest was very elaborate.



(We do not have any pictures of this garment)

The Breastplate was set with 12 precious stones* - one for each tribe. It was worn over the ephod.

Ephod was a sort of vest. It was woven with gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread.

Two shoulder bands had large onyx stones set on the shoulders. These onyx stones had names of 12 tribes on them.

Girdle embroidered with gold, blue, purple and scarlet.

Blue coat tunic was worn under the ephod. This had short sleeves.

Pomegranates and bells hung around the bottom of the tunic.

Inner garment of white linen with long sleeves.

Headdress seemed to look something like a turban.

*Look in this book:

Views of the Biblical World, Volume 1,
Benjamin Mazar, chairman of editorial board.
Printed in Israel, 1959.

Page 166 - Colored picture of High Priest's robe

Page 167 - The 12 precious stones set in the breast plate

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