

Life-Study of Exodus Summaries – Messages 126-130

MESSAGE 126–130 – The Priestly Garments

The Breastplate – The Urim and Thummim

The **breastplate** signifies the **church with all the believers built up together** as one entity. All the **believers** who are built up to become the one entity known as the Body of Christ are **letters** for God's speaking to us. **Today, God speaks to the church through all the saints.** In a local church, the leading ones need to seek the Lord's guidance by reading the actual situation and condition of the saints. The breastplate is the church, and the stones on the breastplate are the saints. Every saint bears some letters.

In Deuteronomy 33:8-10 we see what kind of person is qualified to obtain revelation through the Urim and the Thummim. This person must be not only **holy** but also **godly**. To be godly is to exhibit godliness, to be **one with God**. Someone who is **holy** may be **for God**, but someone who is **godly** is also **one with God**. The Urim and the Thummim are types of Christ. The Urim contained oil that was burned with fire from the altar. The oil typifies the Spirit, and the fire comes from the altar, which typifies the cross.

The Urim and Thummim are types of Christ. The Urim typifies Christ as lights, illuminators. As the illuminator, Christ surely has the oil, the Spirit. This Spirit burns through the cross. Today **Christ the illuminator is shining through the burning Spirit**. The Urim and Thummim added to the breastplate typify Christ added to the church. The letters inscribed on the twelve stones in the breastplate typify Christ as the letters in the heavenly alphabet. No matter how much of Christ has been inscribed into us, **we still are not complete**. We need the **completing Christ**, the One who bears these missing letters.

The Breastplate – Today's Application

If we would be used by God as a breastplate, we all must be **transparent**, and we must have **Christ inscribed** into us. Our experience of Christ must not be vague. If we have been enlightened by the Lord and if we are bearing the burden of the Lord's interests, we shall be troubled by the situation among God's people. Today's application of the breastplate with the Urim and the Thummim also requires that the **leading ones bear the saints and Christ on their hearts** so that they may know the condition of the saints and the completion of Christ for God's leading. Then they will be able to receive God's leading concerning the church in their locality.

The Robe – The Fullness of Christ

The **long train** of the skirt in Isaiah 6 signifies the **expression of Christ's virtues**. Based upon biblical usage, the Lord's long robe signifies the virtues of Christ, His expression. In this universe, **the church is the fullness of the One who fills all in all**. Praise Him that we all are parts of Christ's long robe! The tunic, long robe, ephod, breastplate, and shoulder-pieces typify **Christ with the church**. The church is in Christ. Christ has His fullness, and this fullness is the church. The most precious and beautiful part and the longest part signify the church. **Without the church, Christ's expression would be lacking in fullness and beauty.**

The long robe of the ephod was all of **blue** indicating that the **church is all heavenly**. It has an **opening** woven very strongly. Today we are here as a testimony of the Lord. However, **we cannot avoid warfare**. Our priestly garment must have the kind of opening to indicate that our ministering is a fighting. It also had pomegranates and bells. **Humanity is related to the pomegranates, and divinity, to the bells**. The church should be full of life in her humanity and should have the voice of warning expressed in her divinity. (Life-Study of Exodus, 126–130).