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The Clothing of the Levitical Priesthood 28:6-43 and 39:1-31



The clothing of the priesthood, when on duty in the Tabernacle, is described in great detail in the several next sections. Only **Aaron** and his successors as high **priest** wore the **ephod**, **breastpiece**, **robe** and **turban**. **His sons** wore tunics, sashes and headbands (28:40). However, both the high **priest** and lesser priests wore white **linen undergarments** (29:42-43).⁶¹⁸ When performing **his** high priestly duties **he wore seven pieces of clothing**. First, **he** wore **white linen undergarments**; secondly, **he** wore **a blue robe**; thirdly **he** wore **the ephod**; fourthly **he** wore **his breastpiece**; fifthly **the Urim and the Thummim** were held within the pouch on **the breastpiece**; sixthly **he** wore **a white linen turban** on **his** head, and lastly **a golden plate** was fastened to the **turban**.

On the Day of Atonement, **the high priest** dressed very simply in **his** white **linen undergarments**, white **linen** tunic, white **linen** sash and white **linen turban** to emphasize **his** purity as **he** came before **God** to offer the sacrifices on behalf of **himself** and the nation. But it is very interesting that no shoes or **sandals** were mentioned. Therefore, it may be inferred that all the priests went barefoot in spite of the exposure in severe weather. This was confirmed by the command of **God** when Moses approached **Him** at the burning bush when **ADONAI** said: **Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground** (Exodus 3:5).