

Research: Exodus 25:1 *the*, 2 (to :); Exodus 28 (Urim and Thummin)

1the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, 2Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering:

Exodus 28:3, 30 (to :)

3And thou shalt speak unto all that are wise-hearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron's garments to consecrate him, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.

“Hitherto the heads of families were the priests, and offered sacrifices; but now this office was confined to the family of Aaron only; and so continued till the gospel dispensation. The holy garments not only distinguished the priests from the people, but were emblems of that holy conduct which should ever be the glory and beauty, the mark of the ministers of religion, without which their persons and ministrations will be had in contempt. They also typified the glory of the Divine majesty, and the beauty of complete holiness, which rendered Jesus Christ the great High Priest.” (Matthew Henry)

“for glory and for beauty—It was a grand and sumptuous attire. In material, elaborate embroidery, and color, it had an imposing splendor. The tabernacle being adapted to

the infantine aid of the church, it was right and necessary that the priests' garments should be of such superb and dazzling appearance, that the people might be inspired with a due respect for the ministers as well as the rites of religion. But they had also a further meaning; for being all made of linen, they were symbolical of the truth, purity, and other qualities in Christ that rendered Him such a high priest as became us." (Jamieson-Fausset-Brown)

30And thou shalt put in the breastplate of judgment the Urim and the Thummim; and they shall be upon Aaron's heart, when he goeth in before the Lord:

"The Urim and Thummim — By which the will of God was made known in doubtful cases, was put in this breastplate, which is therefore called the breast-plate of judgment. *Urim* and *Thummim* signify *light* and *integrity*, or lights and perfections:" (Benson Commentary)

"The words **Urim and Thummim** confessedly signify *light*, or *illuminations and perfections*, which may be understood either of two differing things, the one noting the knowledge, the other the perfection, to wit, of virtues and graces, which were required in the high priest, and which were in Christ in an eminent degree, and from him alone communicated to his people;" (Matthew Poole)

Exodus 29:7

7Then shalt thou take the anointing oil, and pour it upon his head, and anoint him.

“Thou shalt take the anointing oil — Emblematical of the Holy Spirit, [Isaiah 61:1](#); and pour it upon his head — In token of the pouring out of that Spirit upon him to qualify him for his work, that the church might be filled with the sweet savour of his ministrations.” (Benson Commentary)
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