

## The High Priest's Miter and Golden Crown



*And thou shalt make a plate of pure gold, and grave upon it, like the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD. And thou shalt put it on a blue lace, that it may be upon the mitre; upon the forefront of the mitre it shall be. And it shall be upon Aaron's forehead, that Aaron may bear the iniquity of the holy things, which the children of Israel shall hallow in all their holy gifts; and it shall be always upon his forehead, that they may be accepted before the LORD. Exodus 28:36-38*

*And thou shalt put the mitre upon his head, and put the holy crown upon the mitre. Exodus 29:6*

Along with the garments “for glory and beauty” that we studied in a former lesson, the High Priest wore a beautiful white Miter, or turban, with a Golden Crown on the front of it, tied in place with a blue ribbon.

What does white symbolize?

Revelation 19:8

God requires purity and holiness—righteousness—of the mind. Jesus is our example and our High Priest, and while He was here on earth He never once sinned or polluted His mind with the evils of the world. He was in the world, but not of the world. He did not allow anything to enter His mind that was not pure and holy. He did not entertain any thoughts in His mind that were not according to God’s Word.

*Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: 1 Peter 2:22*

What sort of mind are we to have?

1 Corinthians 2:16

What kind of things should we be careful to think about?

Philippians 4:8

Just as Jesus had a pure mind so we must have pure minds.

What titles rightfully belong to Jesus?

Revelation 17:14; 19:16

The Golden Crown on the Miter represented royalty, showing that Jesus, our High Priest, is also “King of kings, and Lord of lords.”

What special status is given to God's people?  
Revelation 1:6

The engraved writing, “HOLINESS TO THE LORD” was to show that the High Priest must be totally dedicated to God. The word for “Holy” means “consecrated, dedicated, or set apart for a holy purpose.”

*For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; Hebrews 7:26*

We too are to be set apart for a holy purpose, harmless, undefiled, and separate from sin. Everything we have and are should be fully dedicated to God, and never used in any way for the benefit of Satan.



“HOLINESS TO THE LORD” was to be engraved on the Crown “like the engravings of a signet.” A signet, or seal, was a small object, usually of stone, engraved with a person's name and possibly a picture, that the person could press into hot wax or soft clay as identification for security or authority. Many people in ancient times carried these either as a finger ring or hung on a string around their neck. (see Genesis 38:18) A signet was basically like a signature, showing who wrote a document and, if they were a high official, what their position of authority was. (1 Kings 21:8; Esther 8:8) It also proved that nobody had tampered with the document or object after it was sealed. (Jeremiah 32:44; Daniel 6:7)

So this Golden Crown on the High Priest’s forehead was to be engraved like the engraving of a seal. There is only one other place in the Bible where it talks about a seal on a person’s forehead.

Who receive a seal in their foreheads?

Revelation 7:2-4 “. . . till we have sealed the \_\_\_\_\_ in their foreheads.”

What is written in this seal?  
Revelation 14:1

The Golden Crown was engraved with God's name, Jehovah (from the Hebrew יהוה YHWH which is translated as LORD) and the Seal of God in Revelation also contains the Father’s Name. What does it mean to have the Father’s name on your forehead? In the Bible, a person’s name represents their character.

*And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation. Exodus 34:5-7*

God's name represented His character. To have God's name written in our forehead means that He has put His character there so we think, talk, and act like Him. The frontal lobe of the brain is where our functions

of reasoning, conscience, and decision-making take place. That is where God wants control.

In whose image were Adam and Eve created?  
Genesis 1:27

Adam had the character of God in Him naturally. But after sin that was lost. Now God has to re-form us back into His image. The whole goal of the Plan of Salvation is to recreate our hearts to once again have the image of God, His character, within us.

Where does God want to write His Law?  
Hebrews 8:10

What held the Golden Crown in place?  
Exodus 28:37

What does blue represent?  
Numbers 15:38, 39

The Golden Crown was held in place by a lace, or ribbon, of blue. Without the blue lace, the Golden Crown would fall off the High Priest's forehead. There was nothing else to hold it in place. Blue symbolizes God's Law. That blue lace that held the Golden Crown on the High Priest's forehead is a reminder that we cannot have the Seal of God on our forehead unless we are keeping God's commandments. In the same way, we can't have the character of God in our minds if we are breaking His Laws. We must have the blue lace to keep the Seal of God—His character—on our forehead, formed in our mind.

It is interesting to note that the Hebrew word for "fringe" in Numbers 15:38,39 is *tsee-tseeth'* (H6734 in Strong's). It comes from *tseets* (H6731) which means "blossom, flower, plate." Interestingly, that is the word that is used for the golden plate that the Crown on the High Priest's forehead was made from. So the fringes that were worn by the people, and the golden plate on the High Priest's forehead were to remind them that they were to keep God's Commandments, Statutes, and Judgments.

What are God's people to be called?  
Isaiah 61:3 . . . *that they might be called* \_\_\_\_\_ , *the planting of the Lord,*

What type of fruit will these "trees" produce?  
Philippians 1:11

List these fruits.  
Galatians 5:22, 23

Do you want to be sealed with the Seal of God and represent Jesus in everything you think, and say, and do? Do you want to be one of His trees, producing fruit for Him. Then let Him do His work of writing His Laws in your heart, and trust Him for the power to carry them out in your life. He will be faithful to give you that power.