

~WOOL (265)

.. The Ancient Of Days

- The soft curly hair that forms the fleece of certain animals, particularly sheep. It was shorn and used extensively by the Hebrews and others of ancient times to make clothing and for doing embroidery.
- And Moses went on to say to the entire assembly of the sons of Israel; This is the word that Yehowah has commanded, saying; (**Exodus 35:4**)
- From among yourselves take up a contribution for Yehowah. Let every willing-hearted one bring it as Yehowah's contribution, namely, gold and silver and copper (**Exodus 35:5**)
- And blue thread and **wool** dyed reddish purple and coccus scarlet material and fine linen and goats hair. (**Exodus 35:6**)
- And all the women who were wise of heart spun with their hands, and they kept bringing as yarn the blue thread and the **wool** dyed reddish purple, the coccus scarlet material and the fine linen. (**Exodus 35:25**)
- And all the wise-hearted among those doing the work went making the tabernacle, the ten tent cloths of fine twisted linen and blue thread and **wool** dyed reddish purple and coccus scarlet material, with cherubs, the work of an embroiderer, he made them. (**Exodus 36:8**)
- And he proceeded to make a curtain of blue thread and **wool** dyed reddish purple and coccus scarlet material and fine twisted linen. With the work of an embroiderer he made it with cherubs. (**Exodus 36:35**)
- And he went on to make a screen for the entrance of the tent out of blue thread and **wool** dyed reddish purple and coccus scarlet material and fine twisted linen, the work of a weaver. (**Exodus 36:37**)
- And the screen of the gate of the courtyard was the work of a weaver, of blue thread and **wool** dyed reddish purple and coccus scarlet material and fine twisted linen, and twenty cubits was the

length, and the height throughout its extent was five cubits equally with the hangings of the courtyard. ([Exodus 38:18](#))

- And out of the blue thread and wool dyed reddish purple and coccus scarlet material they made garments of knitted work for ministering in the holy place. So they made the holy garments that were for Aaron, just as Yehowah had commanded Moses. ([Exodus 39:1](#))
- Accordingly he made the ephod of gold, blue thread and wool dyed reddish purple and coccus scarlet material and fine twisted linen. ([Exodus 39:2](#))
- Then they beat plates of gold to thin sheets, and he cut out threads to work in among the blue thread and the wool dyed reddish purple and the coccus scarlet material and the fine linen, as the work of an embroiderer. ([Exodus 39:3](#))
- They made shoulder pieces for it that were joined. It was joined at its two extremities. ([Exodus 39:4](#))
- And the girdle, which was upon it for tying it close, was of the same material according to its workmanship, of gold, blue thread, and wool dyed reddish purple and coccus scarlet material and fine twisted linen, just as Yehowah had commanded Moses. ([Exodus 39:5](#))
- Then they made the onyx stones set with settings of gold, engraved with the engravings of a seal according to the names of the sons of Israel. ([Exodus 39:6](#))
- So he placed them upon the shoulder pieces of the ephod as memorial stones for the sons of Israel, just as Yehowah had commanded Moses. ([Exodus 39:7](#))
- Then he made the breastpiece with the workmanship of an embroiderer, like the workmanship of the ephod, out of gold, blue thread and wool dyed reddish purple and coccus scarlet material and fine twisted linen. ([Exodus 39:8](#))
- Then he made the sleeveless coat of the ephod, the workmanship of a loom worker, all of blue thread. ([Exodus 39:22](#))
- And the opening of the sleeveless coat was in the middle of it,

like the opening of a coat of mail. Its opening had a border round about that it might not be torn. ([Exodus 39:23](#))

- Then they made upon the hem of the sleeveless coat pomegranates of blue thread and wool dyed reddish purple and coccus scarlet material, twisted together. ([Exodus 39:24](#))
- Further, they made bells of pure gold and put the bells in between the pomegranates upon the hem of the sleeveless coat round about, in between the pomegranates. ([Exodus 39:25](#))
- A bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate upon the hem of the sleeveless coat round about, for ministering, just as Yehowah had commanded Moses. ([Exodus 39:26](#))
- Next they made the robes of fine linen, the workmanship of a loom worker, for Aaron and his sons. ([Exodus 39:27](#))
- And the turban of fine linen and the ornamental headgears of fine linen and the linen drawers of fine twisted linen. ([Exodus 39:28](#))
- And the sash of fine twisted linen and blue thread and wool dyed reddish purple and coccus scarlet material, the work of a weaver, just as Yehowah had commanded Moses. ([Exodus 39:29](#))
- As for a garment, in case the plague of leprosy develops in it, whether in a **woolen** garment or in a linen garment. ([Leviticus 13:47](#))
- She has sought **wool** and linen, and she works at whatever is the delight of her hands. ([Proverbs 31:13](#))
- Coverlets she has made for herself. Her clothing is of linen and **wool** dyed reddish purple. ([Proverbs 31:22](#))
- The fat is what you eat, and with the **wool** you clothe your own selves. The plump animal is what you slaughter. The flock itself you do not feed. ([Ezekiel 34:3](#))
- **Woolen** clothing provides insulation from heat and cold and is comfortable, imparting warmth without great weight and absorbing moisture though not feeling damp to the wearer.

- Under the Law, the Israelites were required to give the first of the shorn **wool** of their flocks to the priests.
- Now this should continue as the due right of the priests from the people, from the ones who sacrifice a victim, whether a bull or a sheep; One must give to the priest the shoulder blade and the jaws and the stomach. (**Deuteronomy 18:3**)
- The first of your grain, your new wine and your oil and the first of the shorn **wool** of your flock you should give him. (**Deuteronomy 18:4**)
- For he is the one whom Yehowah your God has chosen out of all your tribes to stand to minister in the name of Yehowah, he and his sons, always. (**Deuteronomy 18:5**)
- The people who were not priests were forbidden to wear mixed stuff of **wool** and linen together.
- You must not wear mixed stuff of **wool** and linen together. (**Deuteronomy 22:11**)
- You people should keep my statutes; You must not interbreed your domestic animals of two sorts. You must not sow your field with seeds of two sorts, and you must not put upon yourself a garment of two sorts of thread, mixed together. (**Leviticus 19:19**)

See Also CLOTH (Other Uses)

- The importance of **wool** in ancient times is indicated by the fact that Moabite King Mesha paid, a hundred thousand lambs and a hundred thousand **unshorn** male sheep, to the king of Israel as tribute.
- As regards Mesha the king of Moab, he became a sheep raiser, and he paid to the king of Israel a hundred thousand lambs and a hundred thousand unshorn male sheep. (**2 Kings 3:4**)
- **Wool** was also a valuable item of trade.
- And the word of Yehowah continued to occur to me, saying; (**Ezekiel 27:1**)
- And as for you, O son of man, raise up concerning Tyre a dirge. (**Ezekiel 27:2**)

- Linen in various colors from Egypt your cloth expanse happened to be, in order for it to serve as your sail. Blue thread and **wool** dyed reddish purple from the islands of Elishah are what your deck covering proved to be. (**Ezekiel 27:7**)
- Edom was your merchant because of the abundance of your works. For turquoise, **wool** dyed reddish purple and material of various colors and fine fabric and corals and rubies, your stores were given in exchange. (**Ezekiel 27:16**)
- Damascus was your merchant in the abundance of your works, because of the abundance of all your valuable things, with the wine of Helbon and the **wool of reddish gray**. (**Ezekiel 27:18**)
- Since **wool** is often white in its natural state, it is sometimes associated with whiteness and purity. For example, through the prophet Isaiah, Yehowah likened forgiven sins to white **wool**, saying,
- Come, now, you people, and let us set matters straight between us, says Yehowah. Though the sins of you people should prove to be as scarlet, they will be made white just like snow, though they should be red like crimson cloth, they will become even like **wool**. (**Isaiah 1:18**)
- If you people show willingness and do listen, the good of the land you will eat. (**Isaiah 1:19**)
- But if you people refuse and are actually rebellious, with a sword you will be eaten up, for the very mouth of Yehowah has spoken it. (**Isaiah 1:20**)
- Yehowah gives **snow like wool**, blanketing the land as with a warm **covering of white wool**. Snow in cold climates actually protects vegetation from exposure to extreme cold insulating them against it.
- He is giving **snow like wool**, hoarfrost he scatters just like ashes. (**Psalms 147:16**)

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- Yehowah God, is depicted symbolically in vision as having hair like clean **wool**.

- I kept on beholding until there were thrones placed and the Ancient of Days sat down. His clothing was white just like snow, and the hair of his head was like **clean wool**. His throne was flames of fire, its wheels were a burning fire. (**Daniel 7:9**)
- This suggests great age and wisdom, which are associated with gray-headedness.
- What do you actually know that we do not know? What do you understand that is not also with us? (**Job 15:9**)
- Both the gray-headed and the aged one are with us, the one greater than your father in days. (**Job 15:10**)
- Similarly, the apostle John saw **someone like a son of man** and observed that his head and his hair were **white as white wool**, as snow.
- And I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me, and, having turned, I saw seven golden lampstands. (**Revelation 1:12**)
- And in the midst of the lampstands someone like a son of man, clothed with a garment that reached down to the feet, and girded at the breasts with a golden girdle. (**Revelation 1:13**)
- Moreover, his head and his hair were white as white **wool**, as snow, and his eyes as a fiery flame. (**Revelation 1:14**)
- His hair being described in this manner may indicate that it had become white in the way of righteousness.
- Gray-headedness is a crown of beauty when it is found in the way of righteousness. (**Proverbs 16:31**)