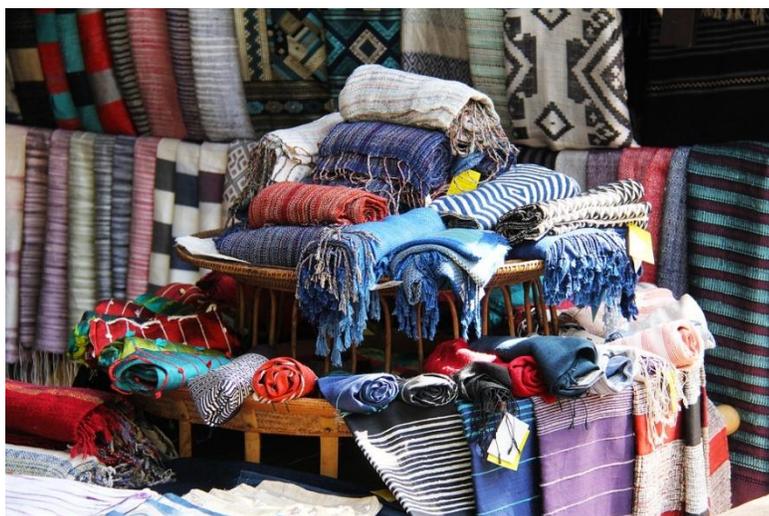


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Strong's

- # 0115, 04058, 2440: glory, cloak, mantle, cloak made of fur or fine material, prophet's garment, cloth, outer or under garment, tunic, the upper garment. #0898 - to act treacherously, deceitfully, deal treacherously, faithlessly, deceitfully, offend.



The word **garment** is spoken of in Hebrew over 200 times and many instances in the Greek. *A garment takes on the shape of whatever is underneath.* For instance as God clothes us with the **Garment of Praise** we *become* the garment of praise. It also is a protection or covering for what is underneath it. A garment can

have a negative as well as a positive context. For an example of a negative context see the square box at the end of this teaching.

List some names for garment:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
6. Cloak - 2 Tim. 4:3
7. Shawl - Ruth 3:15
8. Veil - Gen. 24:65, 38:14
9. Mantle (prophets)
10. Coat

The word for garment may be different in your text and this has a lot to do with what version of the Bible you are reading.

Types of garments:

- **Garment of Praise:** #01984 - to shine, to flash forth light, boast, be boastful of God. Isaiah 61:3

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- **Priestly Garment:** #06942 -sacredness, holiness, set-apartness, separateness. Exodus 28:4, 40:13
- **Widow's Garment:** #0481 - forsaken as a widow. Genesis 38:14-15, 2 Samuel 14:2
- **Hairy Garment:** #08181 - rough, disheveled, animal skin. Zechariah 13:4, Matthew 3:4
- **Christ's Garments:** Matthew 27:28-they put a soldiers cloak on Him. Matthew 9:20-touched the hem of His garment/robe.
- **Bridal Garment:** #2889 - to put in order arranges, make ready, prepare to ornament, adore, embellishing with honor, gain honor for the bridegroom. Revelation 21:2
- **White Garments:** Acts 1:10, Daniel 7:9

Gen. 37, 39- 43 JOSEPH

Transformation/Transition: a new flow, new direction, new move, new mindset and a new way of doing things. CHANGE! This was a running theme in Joseph's life; he was in transition and had to change garments several times throughout the seasons in his life. **The Favor of God was on his life.**

Garment: symbolic meaning

1. Garment of many colors/envy/favor/JOY: Gen. 37:3
2. Garment of purity/slavery: Gen. 39:9,12-18
3. Prison/character building Garment:
4. Kingly/sonship Garment: Gen. 41:14, 42
5. A gift/multiplication of Garments: Gen. 43:34

With all the tribulation in Joseph's life, he had good cause to become bitter and turn from God but instead, he maintained his devotion and faith in God. *Genesis 39:2 The LORD was with Joseph.* Each change of his **garment** brought him closer to his destiny and purpose.

▪ GARMENT OF MANY COLORS

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The **coat of many colors** was a symbol of Jacob's love (like our heavenly Father's love for us) and favor for his beloved son Joseph. Joseph was Jacob's lovechild that he had always desired from his wife Rachel. He loved her desperately and was so overjoyed to have a firstborn son by her and so he personally made the coat/garment for Joseph. (Tamar's coat of many colors; see NOTE.)

The garment itself was very colorful, richly ornamental, most likely striped and was fit for royalty. It was made from the finest of fabrics.

This garment produced envy in his half brothers. Gen. 37:4 it became a symbol of hate to them and was used as a tool of deception when they sold their brother into slavery and **bloodied his garment**. Gen. 37:31 it makes you think of Jesus when he was like a lamb led to the slaughter. Treachery and hate were the garments that his brothers wore.

▪ GARMENT OF MOURNING

When Jacob heard the news of his beloved son he **tore his own garments/clothes**. He put on a **garment of mourning** (sackcloth). Gen. 37:34

▪ GARMENT OF TREACHERY/SLAVERY

Gen. 39:12-18 Potipher's wife had lustful desires for Joseph and tore his garment from his body. She used his **garment as a tool of treachery** against Joseph. His garment of a favored slave (he had special privileges above all the other slaves in the house) was ripped from his body and he entered yet another season, prison.

▪ GARMENT OF PRISON/GRAVE CLOTHES

We can see ourselves at times in this situation where we are falsely accused. Joseph had to die to self. He was bound and seemingly forgotten. But even as things were beginning to look bleak for Joseph, Gen. 39:21 ...the LORD gave him favor. The threat of death cannot hold us back from our destiny and purpose in God **IF** we trust that his ways are higher than



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our ways. Gen. 41:14 Joseph changed his own garment to go before Pharaoh (we must strip off our filthy garment - our old nature, flesh to go before our King).

▪ GARMENT OF ROYALTY/SONSHIP

His gift had made room for him and authority was granted to Joseph, Gen. 41:40. His boyhood dream long ago had spoken of his destiny. He was clothed in the finest of raiment, fit for rulership and royalty. Gen. 41:42 Joseph went on to restore his relationship with his family and was especially overwhelmed at the sight of his youngest brother Benjamin because of them having the same mother. Joseph granted favor to Benjamin above all his half brothers and lavished him with 5 times the amount of **new garments** as gifts than his brothers. Gen. 45:22

Joseph was faithful in his relationship with God. The garments that were put on him formed him but...he did not become them because his destiny lies before him. God had given him a dream. We see that with each season he entered that favor brought him closer to his destiny.

NOTE: 2 Samuel 13:18-19 speaks about Tamar also having a coat of many colors

Filthy garment: #0898- unfaithful, offensive, treacheries (betrayal of trust)
Zechariah 3:3 *Now, Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel. 4 Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, "Take away the filthy garments from him." And to him He said, "See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes."*
So we see here that garment also has a negative context to it at times in scripture.

STUDY HELPS:

Books:

- Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible
- A Bible Dictionary
- The Symbols and Types by; Kevin Conner
- The Complete Works of Josephus (renowned Jewish historian)
- Dictionary of Biblical Imagery

Websites:

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