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Colors

Gold - The Warrior King's Girdle

In the scriptures there is a strong correlation between the color or metal, gold, and the subject of kings and kingdoms.

There is a huge difference between the modern day kings and the kings during the Old Testament times. In Old Testament times, kings would frequently lead their troops into battle. Often they hazarded their own lives for the sake of their countrymen and the army they commanded. In modern times, kings and rulers have generally been tyrants and cowards. They would never lead a battle, but only want to send others to die for their own political gain.

David is a good example of one who led his troops into battle and hazarded his life for his army and for his countrymen.

When soldiers went to battle during Old Testament days, they wore a girdle about their loins. (When thinking of a girdle we must forget about modern fashion. Today, women wear an inner garment called a girdle that they think makes them look thinner. The biblical girdle was more like a belt that was worn on the outside of the garment to hold the garment close to the body.) During battle the girdle was about the loins of the soldier:

1. 2 Sam. 20:8 "When they were at the great stone which is in Gibeon, Amasa went before them. And Joab's garment that he had put on was girded unto him, and upon it a girdle with a sword fastened upon his loins in the sheath thereof; and as he went forth it fell out."

2. 1 Ki. 2:5 "Moreover thou knowest also what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, and what he did to the two captains of the hosts of Israel, unto Abner the son of Ner, and unto Amasa the son of Jether, whom he slew, and shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war upon his girdle that was about his loins, and in his shoes that were on his feet."

3. Job 12:18 "He looseth the bond of kings, and girdeth their loins with a girdle."

4. Isa. 5:27 "None shall be weary nor stumble among them; none shall slumber nor sleep; neither shall the girdle of their loins be loosed, nor the latchet of their shoes be broken:"

King Jesus is a warrior King. He came to do battle against the enemies of his elect people. He is such a great warrior King that he fought a war all by himself against enemies that were far too powerful for his people to defeat. He came to earth to do battle against sin, death, hell, the grave, and the devil. Not one of his people had ever had success in defeating these enemies. In fighting against the enemies of his people Jesus had a girdle about his loins. This Old Testament prophecy of Jesus shows us the nature of the girdle that Jesus wore while doing battle against the enemies of his people: Is. 11:1 "And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: 2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; 3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: 4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. 5 **And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins,** and faithfulness the girdle of his reins."

Jesus fought the battle against sin, hell, death, the grave, and the devil and was altogether victorious.

When a soldier fought a battle and was victorious, he moved the girdle from about his loins to about his chest. This symbolized that the battle had been fought and won. Now we see Jesus as the warrior King in Rev. chapter 1: Rev. 1:13 "And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle." King Jesus fought the battle for us and was victorious over sin, death, hell, the grave, and the devil and now wears a golden girdle about his paps showing us that the war has been accomplished and won forever. Amen.