

THE HEM AND GARMENT

In Ancient Israel

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GENESIS 37:3

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From H6461; properly the palm (of the hand) or sole (of the foot), (compare H6447); by implication (plural) a long and sleeved tunic (perhaps simply a wide one; from the original sense of the root, that is, of many breadths): - (divers) colors.

DIVORCE DOCUMENT FROM THE UGARIT

(The king of Ugarit divorced his wife and noticed that the son was favoring the wife)

The king tells his son that if he goes with the divorced mother, he will forfeit his entire estate, and if that is the case, then “*let him place his garment on the stool and depart*”

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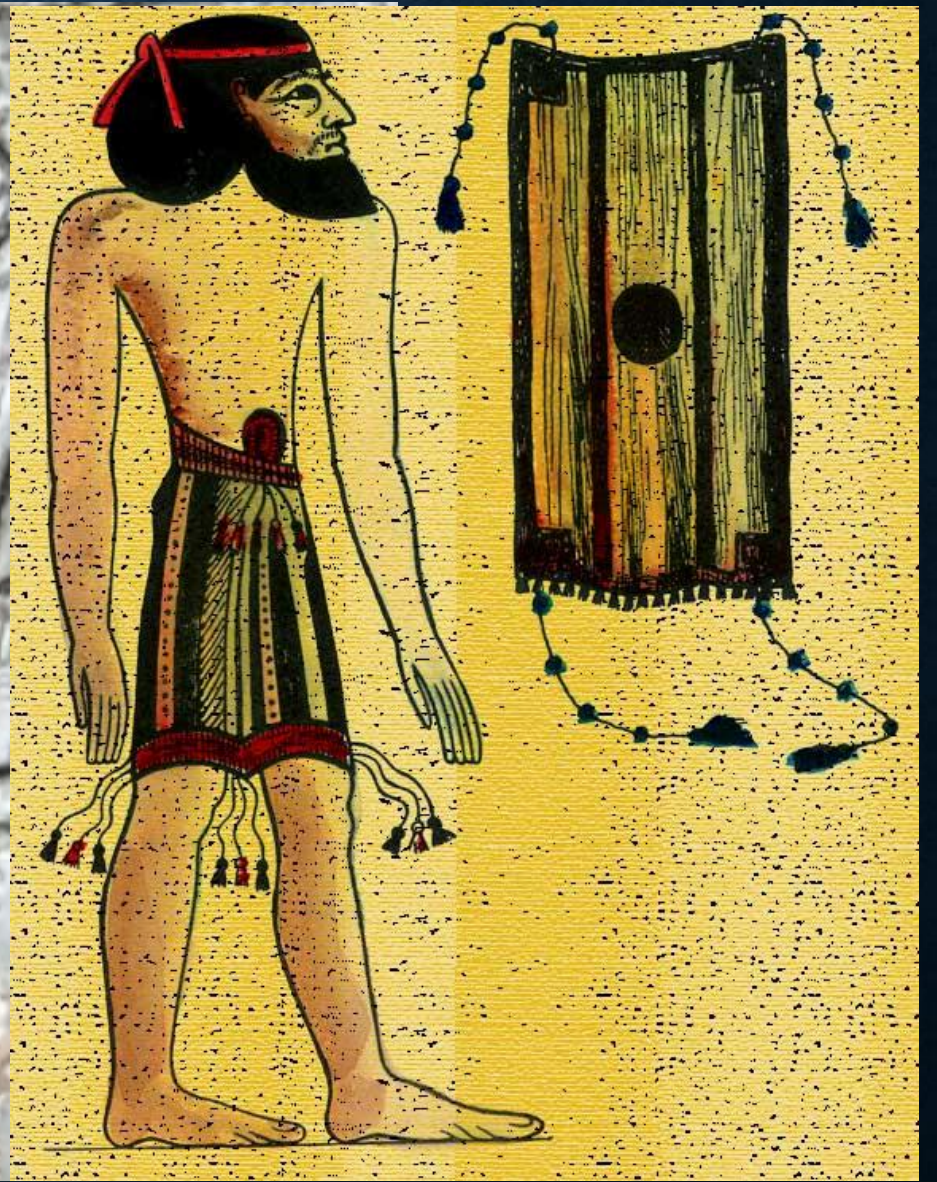
“If a mother removes her son’s garments, she is disinheriting her son. If her son comes back into her house, she goes to the door and removes it and places it on her son, and she make him her son again”

TABLET RS 17.159 (13TH CENTURY UGARIT)

DIVORCE DOCUMENT BETWEEN KING & QUEEN OF UGARIT:

Starts with allowing queen to take all she brought to Ugarit with her, then turns to question the crown prince, Utrisharruma, as to his right to the throne:

If Utrisharruma says, "I will go after my mother," let him place his garment on the throne, (and) let him go. Ammistamru, king of Ugarit, shall establish another of his sons in Ugarit as prince.



GENESIS 37:3

GENESIS 2 & 3

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THE HEM



SEIZING THE HEM OF THE GARMENT

The mother of Nabonidus to her son, the king:

Out of his love for me who worships him and have laid hold to the hem of his garment, Sin, the king of all gods, did what he had never done before, had not granted anybody else, he gave me (a woman) an exalted position and a famous name in the country

SEIZING THE HEM OF THE GARMENT

A text of Sumerian-Babylonian origin:

O king of heaven and earth, I have sought after thee;
I have turned to thee; like the hem of my god and
goddess, thy great hem have I seized because it is in
thy province to give judgment, to announce
decisions, and to establish well-being

SEIZING THE HEM OF THE GARMENT

From the Nebuchadnezzar text:

Because I seized the hem of Marduk my lord, he loved me, and entrusted me with the renewing of shrines and rebuilding of ruins.

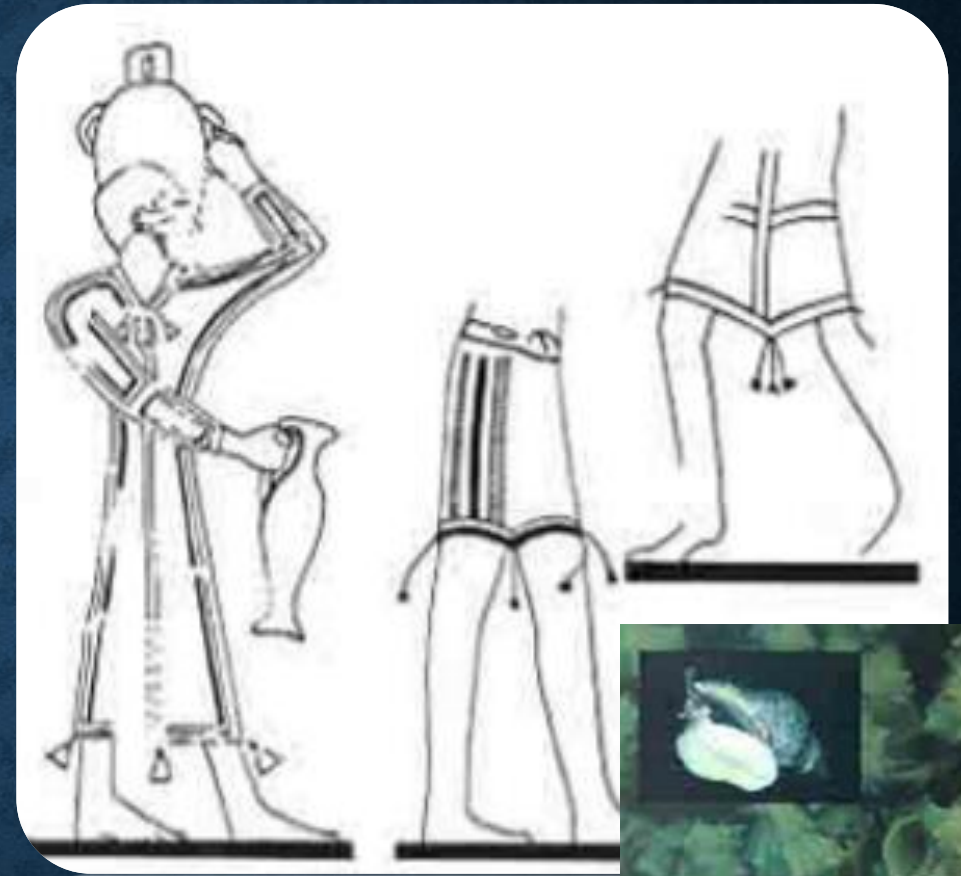
NUMBERS 15:38-40

“Speak to the children of Yisra’ĕl, and you shall say to them to make tzitziyotl on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to put a blue cord in the tzitzitl of the corners.

“And it shall be to you for a tzitzit, and you shall see it, and shall remember all the commands of יהוה and shall do them, and not search after your own heart and your own eyes after which you went whoring, so that you remember, and shall do all My commands, and be set-apart unto your Elohim.

A THREAD OF BLUE

- Made from *murex brandaris* snails, each one containing a miniscule amount.
- Required 12,000 snails to produce 1.4 grams of dye
- In 200 B.C.E. purple/blue dye cost \$84/gram (\$235/gm in today's dollar)



‘And now, if you diligently obey My voice, and shall guard My covenant, then you shall be My treasured possession above all the peoples – for all the earth is Mine –

‘and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a set-apart nation.’ Those are the words which you are to speak to the children of Yisra’ĕl.”

And they sang a renewed song, saying, “You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals, because You were slain, and have redeemed us to Elohim by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and made us kings and priests to our Elohim, and we shall reign upon the earth.”

EZEKIEL 43:7-11