

File under: στολή or stolee'
English: "stolee'"

To form an English meaning for this Greek word I have simply "transliterated" the word by spelling the Greek word with English letters. There is no English word to match this name of a garment. Notice the various translations in the KJ. This causes the importance of this word to be hidden. The LXX uses στολή (stolee') over 40 x for the priest's garments, notice just a few.

στολή KJ

- Mar 12:38. which love to go in long clothing,
- 16: 5. clothed in a long white garment ;
- Lu. 15:22. Bring forth the best robe,
- 20:46. which desire to walk in long robes,
- Rev. 6:11. white robes were given unto every one
- 7: 9. clothed with white robes,
- 13. What are these which are arrayed in white robes ?
- 14. have washed their robes, and made them (lit. their robes) white in the blood of the Lamb.



The scribes wore stolees. It would seem that they intended to convey a connection with heavenly things.

LUKE 20 CT

46 YOU-be-paying-attention from the scribes namely-the-ones willing to-be-walking-around in stolees, and loving greetings in the markets and first-seats in the synagogues and first-reclining-groups in the suppers;
47 Who are-devouring the houses-of-the widows, and for-a-cover-up they-are-praying long-things. These will-take exceedingly-more sentence.

Exodus ASV

28 And 'bring thou near unto thee Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office, even Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's sons.
2 And thou shalt make holy garments for Aaron thy brother, for glory and for beauty. 3 And thou shalt speak unto all that are wise-hearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they make Aaron's garments to sanctify him, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office. 4 And these are the garments which they shall make: a breastplate, and an ephod, and a robe, and a coat of checker work, a mitre, and a girdle: and they shall make holy garments for Aaron thy brother, and his sons, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.

EXODUS 29

21 And thou shalt take of the blood that is upon the altar, and of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon the garments of his sons with him: and he shall be hallowed, and his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him.

- LXX
- vs.2 (a) holy stolee'
- vs.3 the stolee' namely the holy
- vs.4 the stolees (plu.)
For the chief priest all the garment parts are stolees.
- The garments were made "holy" by blood.

In Mark 16 we see a stolee' worn by a messenger from heaven.

MARK 16 CT

3 And they-were-saying to themselves, Who will-roll-back the stone for us out-of the door-of-the tomb?
4 And having-looked-up they-are-observing that the stone had-been-and-was-still-rolled-back; for it-was extremely great.
5 And having-gone-in into the tomb they-saw a youth sitting in the right-parts, having-been-and-still-cast-around with a white stolee'; and they-were-greatly-astonished.



עבודת רבות
במה שקדם
וזה החבר
לדבר שיהיה
החסרתה
במצרים
והעולם
ולדבר שהיה
במדינת
והענין
היה יומה
שתיה רוב
והמזרח
והלהבנה

The scribes were very well educated and were employed in making copies of scripture. The wearing of a stolee was an indication of these things. Spiritually however they were corrupt. The stolee did not mislead Jesus nor should it mislead his disciples.

MARK 12 CT

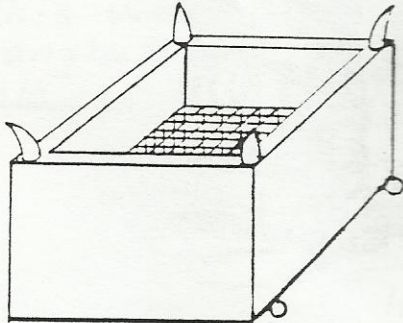
38 And he-was-saying to-them in his doctrine, YOU-be-looking away-from the scribes, the ones willing to-be-walking-around in stolees, and want greetings in the markets
39 And first-seats in the synagogues and first-reclining-groups in the suppers;
40 The ones devouring the houses of-the widows, and praying long-intervals for-a-cover-up. These will-take more-excessive sentence.

Figure 1. A scribe at work. Illumination from the Rothschild Miscellany, Italy, c. 1470. Jerusalem, Israel Museum, Ms. 180/51, fol. 44b. Photo David Harris, Jerusalem.

Four of the 8 uses of stolee are in Revelation. These 4 uses are directly connected with the heavenly Tabernacle of which the wilderness Tabernacle was a "copy". (See The Law Prophesied, R.H.Mount) In Rev. 6:11 the souls under the altar are the Jews having suffered simply because they were Jews. Jews, their very existence, is a witness to the truth of God's word.

REVELATION 6 CT

9 And when he-opened the fifth seal, I-saw underneath of-the altar the souls of-the ones having-been-and-still-slain because-of the word-of-the God and because-of the witness which they-were-having.
10 And they-cried with-a-great voice saying: Till at-what-time, the Despot namely-the holy and authentic, are-you not judging and avenging our blood out-of the ones residing on the earth?
11 And a white stolee was-given to-them each one, and it was said to-them in-order-that they-themselves-might-rest-again yet a little time, till also their fellow-slaves and their brothers namely-the future ones to-be-being-killed also as they, might fulfill their lives.



Judge and avenge our blood on the ones residing on the earth



Given white stolees

These Jews are asking for vengeance. They are given white stolees - but not washed in blood. They will be raised from the dead and be "saved." In Revelation there is another

SOULS underneath the altar having-been-and-still-slain because of the word of God and the witness they were having.

REVELATION 7 CT

9 After these things I-saw, and behold much crowd, and which not-one was-being able to-number it, out-of every nation and of-tribes and of-peoples and of-languages, having-stood-and-still-standing in-sight of-the throne and in-sight of-the Lamb, having-been-and-still-cast-around with white stoles, and palms in their hands;

10 And they-are-crying with-a-great voice saying: The salvation to our God namely-the one sitting on the throne and to-the Lamb.

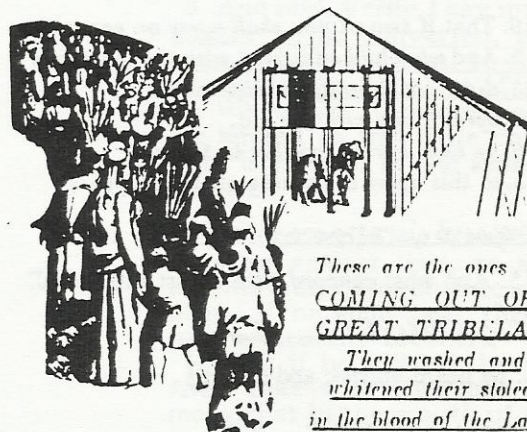
11 And all the angels had-been-standing in-a-circle of-the throne and of-the elders and of-the four living-creatures, and they-fell on their faces in-sight of-the throne and they-worshipped the God,

12 Saying: Amen, the blessing and the glory and the wisdom and the giving-of-thanks and the honor and the power and the strength to our God with-reference-to the ages of-the ages. Amen.

13 And one out-of the elders answered saying to-me: These, the ones having-been-and-still-cast-around with the stoles namely-the white ones, who are-they and from-whence came-they?

14 And I-have-said-and-still-say to him: My lord, you yourself know-absolutely. And he said to-me: These are the ones coming out-of the tribulation, namely-the great one, and they-washed their stoles and they-whitened them in the blood of-the Lamb,

large group. From vs.14 we know they are NT believers. From vs. 9 we know they are from all over the world.



These are the ones COMING OUT OF THE GREAT TRIBULATION
They washed and whitened their stoles in the blood of the Lamb.

The tribulation, namely-the great (one) covers the entire period of the NT "church."

(vs. 14 "coming out-of" not "came" as KJ. The ever increasing number cannot be numbered because others are always being added. See Apologetics 8 and ἀριθμός [arithmos] in the Teaching Dictionary, R.H. Mount.)

Note page 1 the KJ concordance. Failure to translate στολή (stoleé) consistently destroys the very important connection brought about by this word. The "first stolee" in Rev. 6:11 is given to Israelis under the first covenant, the next or "last" use of the word stolee is in connection with the new covenant.

LUKE 15 CT

21 But the son said to-him, Father, I-sinned with-reference-to the heaven and in-sight of-you, and no-more am-I worthy to-be-called your son.

22 But his father said to his slaves, YOU-bring-out the stolee namely-the first and YOU-clothe him in it, and YOU-give a ring with-reference-to his hand and shoes with-reference-to the feet;

➡ The important use of stolee in Luke 15:22, before the cross, concerning Jews, is watered-down to a story of a "prodigal son." The "younger" son represents the

Israelis in world wide dispersion. Upon his repentance he is given "the first stolee" not the "best robe" as KJ.

Jews under the first covenant, from Egypt till now, will stand-again, look on the Lord Jesus, and be "saved." See ἀνίστημι (anisteemi) in this dictionary and Apologetics 7, 21, 26, 29, and many related courses.