

The “ephod” in the Deuteronomistic History

[For description of the ephod as part of the priestly regalia, see Exodus 28.]

JUDGES	
8.27	Gideon made an ephod of [a booty of jewelry] and put it in his town, in Ophrah; and all Israel prostituted themselves to it there, and it became a snare to Gideon and to his family.
17.5-6	This man Micah had a shrine, and he made an ephod and teraphim , and installed one of his sons, who became his priest. In those days there was no king in Israel; all the people did what was right in their own eyes.
18.14-20	Then the five men who had gone to spy out the land (that is, Laish) said to their comrades, "Do you know that in these buildings there are an ephod, teraphim, and an idol of cast metal? Now therefore consider what you will do." So they turned in that direction and came to the house of the young Levite, at the home of Micah, and greeted him. While the six hundred men of the Danites, armed with their weapons of war, stood by the entrance of the gate, the five men who had gone to spy out the land proceeded to enter and take the idol of cast metal, the ephod, and the teraphim. The priest was standing by the entrance of the gate with the six hundred men armed with weapons of war. When the men went into Micah's house and took the idol of cast metal, the ephod, and the teraphim, the priest said to them, "What are you doing?" They said to him, "Keep quiet! Put your hand over your mouth, and come with us, and be to us a father and a priest. Is it better for you to be priest to the house of one person, or to be priest to a tribe and clan in Israel? " Then the priest accepted the offer. He took the ephod, the teraphim, and the idol, and went along with the people.
1 SAMUEL	
2.18	Samuel was ministering before YHWH, a boy wearing a linen ephod.
2.28	I [YHWH] chose [Aaron] out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest , to go up to my altar, to offer incense, to wear an ephod before me...
14.3	Ahijah son of Ahitub, Ichabod's brother, son of Phinehas son of Eli, the priest of YHWH in Shiloh, carrying an ephod.
21.9	The priest [Ahimelech] said, "The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you killed in the valley of Elah, is here wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod... "
22.18	Then the king said to Doeg, "You, Doeg, turn and attack the priests." Doeg the Edomite turned and attacked the priests; on that day he killed eighty-five who wore the linen ephod.
23.6, 9	When Abiathar son of Ahimelech fled to David at Keilah, he came down with an ephod in his hand...When David learned that Saul was plotting evil against him, he said to the priest Abiathar, "Bring the ephod here." [an inquiry of YHWH follows]
30.7	David said to the priest Abiathar son of Ahimelech, "Bring me the ephod." So Abiathar brought the ephod to David. [an inquiry of YHWH follows]
2 SAMUEL	
6.14	David danced before YHWH with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod.