



How nice it is to have a pocket! You can carry so many things in a pocket. There are not any pockets, like we think of them, on the the tunic coat. But Bible people could make a kind of pocket in three different ways.

1. In the folds of the girdle

Sometimes the girdle was made of a big square of linen or cotton folded over and over to make a sash. There would be many folds in this girdle. These folds could be used as a kind of pocket for small items. This was a good place to carry -

coins

some lunch

an inkhorn (if you were a scribe)

2. In the fold of the tunic coat just above the girdle

Larger things could be carried here. This was a good place to carry -

a large lunch

a little lamb (if you were a shepherd)

a bag of grain (if you were a farmer)

TURN CARD OVER

Look at Luke 6:38. Jesus said we should give and keep on giving to others. If we do give then other people will give to us -

Good measure
Pressed down
Shaken together
Running over

Men will give it "into your bosom". This means we would carry it in the fold of our coat above the girdle.

3. If the tunic coat had long pointed sleeves, you could make another kind of pocket.

Tie the points of the 2 sleeves together in front of you. Then put this over your head to your shoulders in back of your head. Your sleeves will be very short now. You will feel as if you are ready to work. And the sleeves at your back will be a kind of holder for a back-pack.

When God's people got ready to leave Egypt, they had many things to carry. Look at Exodus 12:34. How did they carry their clothes and their bread?

Gideon's army defeated the Midianites. The soldiers of Gideon took the gold earrings from their enemy. They probably carried these earrings tied in their sleeves on their shoulders. See Judges 8:25.