

Subject: Unmixed Fibers and the EliYahu Message

Although my schedule does not permit me to continuously interact on the email discussion circuit, I have appreciated and benefited from the dialogue that that has been taking place. There are, however, a few things I would like to comment on.

The statute calling for unmixed fibers in the fabrics of our clothing was mentioned. Even though this is a chukim, or a statute we are asked by heaven to cheerfully obey without being given the reason we are asked to obey, I believe that some diligent Torah study will shed much light on this rather mysterious injunction. I hope, Yahuah willing, to speak on this during Passover '98, but in the meantime, and for starters I would like to refer you to Stephen Haskells brief but excellent overview of this chukim which is found on pp. 274 and 275 of his classic (but now somewhat dated) work "The Cross and Its Shadow." I personally believe that the idea that this statute was give for some type of health benefit is a CROCK, designed to throw us off the track of some very clear, important, challenging and redemptive spiritual truths. More on this later, but please start your study with Haskell — I think he's on the right track. And now for the question you wanted to ask but were afraid might be too personal ~ Am I in compliance with statute? Answer: it is only during this last year that I have come to realize what this statute was all about (and I know that that's no excuse — we should obey chukim whether we understand them or not, so I'm praying for mercy), but during this year, I have changed probably 95% of my wardrobe, and I'm working on the other 5%. The rest of the family is also working on it, but is a bit further behind. I have found that in this vast North American consumers' cornucopia, it is possible to buy everything you wear made out of 100% of something or other. The toughest to find are the socks, but we have found a place here near Toronto that sells several types of 100% cotton socks for men and ladies, and I could bring down a supply for Passover '98 if any are interested. Likewise, by the way, with tallit — if any need and cannot find locally, I can buy and bring to Passover if arrangements are made ahead of time.

Steve and Merwin —re: Sabbath conference. I received the message, and will plan to be there and speak for the time mentioned, Yahuah willing. I hope all of you have communicated with Dan Botkin, as I suggested. Although not from an Adventist background, I personally feel heaven has called him to "give the trumpet a certain sound," and would suggest, Steve, that if you are similarly convicted, you might consider inviting this man. By the way, as we discussed at Tabernacles, I would like to join several of you to visit brother Botkin's fellowship. Steve and Sidney, particularly — what dates would you be free to spend Sabbath with them?

The "fathers" of Malachi 4:6 were mentioned. Recently my good brother Roland Roberts was assisted by the Hily Spirit to a deeper and most glorious under-standing of this passage. Luke 1:17 provides an inspired paraphrase of Malachi 4:6 — the angel of Yahuah, standing on the RIGHT side of the altar of incense, told Zachariah that his son would, amongst other things, "go before his face in the spirit and power of EliYahu, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for Yahuah a people prepared for him." If we place these two passages in a parallel comparison we notice the following:

- 1) "Behold, I will send you EliYahu the prophet before the GREAT and TERRIBLE day of Yahuah comes" corresponds to "go before his face in the spirit and power of EliYahu."

- 2) "And he shall turn the hearts of the fathers to the children" corresponds to "to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children"
- 3) "and the heart of the of the children to their fathers" corresponds to "and the disobedient to walk in the wisdom of the just"
- 4) "lest I come and strike the earth with a curse" corresponds to "to make ready for Yahuah a people prepared for him."

Firstly, upon examining point 3, we see that "the children" are the "dis-obedient" and the "fathers" relates to "the wisdom of the just." As we note in Deuteronomy 4:5,6, the statutes and ordinances of Yahuah are the "wisdom" of "the great nation...wise and understanding people." So now we see that the EliYahu message calls the disobedient to turn to the statutes and ordinances of the Torah, so that, as noted in point 4, we may a) avoid the curses promised in Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28 to fall upon those who disobey the Torah, b) and so that we may be prepared to meet our Maker.

From this brief study, it becomes apparent that the "fathers" referred to in Malachi and Luke are the Patriarchs of Israel, with whom Yahuah Elohim originally cut covenant, and to whom He gave the Torah, or the "fiery law" (see Leviticus 26:45, Deuteronomy 33:2, Romans 11:28).

Next, we notice that point 1 sets the primary fulfillment of this prophecy at the end of the age, "before the GREAT and TERRIBLE day of Yahuah."

And lastly, in point 2, we are confronted with a heavenly mystery. Our Heavenly Father will "turn the hearts of the fathers to the children." If this is end-time prophecy (and it is) and if "the fathers" in Malachi are the the patriarchs of Israel (and they are) then we have here a firm promise from Heaven to send us help at the end of the age from the patriarchs of Israel! How will this help come? From their writings, certainly, but I strongly suspect that much more than this is implied in Malachi 4. Let us not forget that most, if not all, of the well-known Biblical patriarchs are alive and well in heavenly places, having been resurrected with the Messiah at his first advent. They are undoubtedly watching the final scenes of the great controversy with intense interest, instantly ready to help out where and when the Heavenly Family indicates. May I suggest that we keep an eye open for sincere, Torah-compliant strangers who might need a place to stay for a day or two, or maybe a good meal: "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels (hebrew: mal'ak, or messengers) unawares." Hebrews 13:2. Please read the chapter "The Reformation Church" in A.T. Jones' inspired work "Lessons from the Reformation" (call me to purchase a copy if you do not have one already): you will be truly blessed as you endeavor to better understand how the united efforts of the earthly and the heavenly members of the true church will finally put an end to the great controversy.

Sincerely, your brother in the Messiah Yahushuah,

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