

Putting a Difference Between the Clean and Unclean

The bible issues a stern warning to those who put no difference between the set apart and the profane or the clean and unclean. Aaron's sons failed to make this distinction and were slain by Yahweh for it.

Lev. 10:1 And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before Yahweh, which he commanded them not.
2 And there went out fire from Yahweh, and devoured them, and they died before Yahweh.

Yahweh had just manifested His esteem unto the people of Israel and they witnessed fire sent out from before Him to consume the sacrifice upon the altar. The people shouted and fell upon their faces before Yahweh. Nadab and Abihu decided to offer up their own profane version of fire unto Yahweh, which He had not commanded them. And a fire went out from Yahweh and consumed them. Verse 9 seems to indicate they had been drinking and may have become careless. They had not made the distinction between the set apart and the profane.

Lev. 10:10 And that ye may put difference between the set apart and the profane, and between unclean and clean;

Yahweh then commanded Moses to instruct the children of Israel on the law of the clean and unclean beasts, which could be eaten and which could not, those which were an abomination and those which weren't.

Lev. 11:46 This is the law of the beasts, and of the fowl, and of every living creature that moveth in the waters, and of every creature that creepeth upon the earth:

47 To make a difference between the unclean and the clean, and between the beast that may be eaten and the beast that may not be eaten.

Yahweh reiterated this law in **Lev. 20:25** that they were to be a set apart people unto Himself.

Israel refused to keep Yahweh's laws and make the distinction between the clean and unclean and so were sent into exile among the nations.

Even after 2700 years in exile, the children of Israel persist in their disregard of Yahweh's laws. We have a description of them in Isa. 65:1-12.

Isa. 65:1 ¶ I am sought of them that asked not for me; I am found of them that sought me not: I said, Behold me, behold me, unto a nation that was not called by my name. (or a nation that did not call upon His name)

2 I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walketh in a way that was not good, after their own thoughts;

Israel still wants to worship in their own way and not the way prescribed by Yahweh.

- 3 A people that provoketh me to anger continually to my face; that sacrificeth in gardens, and burneth incense upon altars of brick;
- 4 which remain among the graves, and lodge in the monuments, which eat swine's flesh, and broth of abominable things is in their vessels
- 5 Which say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for I am set apart to you. These are a smoke in my nose, a fire that burneth all the day.
- 6 Behold, it is written before me: I will not keep silence, but will recompense, even recompense into their bosom,.
- 7 Your iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers together, saith Yahweh, which have burned incense upon the mountains, and blasphemed me upon the hills: therefore will I measure their former work into their bosom

11 ¶ But ye are they that forsake Yahweh, that forget my set apart mountain, that prepare a table for that troop, and that furnish the drink offering unto that number. {troop: or, Gad} {number: or, Meni, a pagan god}

There are two “unfortunate” (no pun intended) mistranslated words in this verse.

That troop is the Hebrew word Gad, pronounced “god” (Strong’s # 1409 – “fortune”) and number is Meni or “fate”. Gad was the Babylonian deity of fortune or luck. Could this be the origin of the phrase “good luck”?

- 12 Therefore will I number you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter: because when I called, ye did not answer; when I spake, ye did not hear; but did evil before mine eyes, and did choose that wherein I delighted not.

Paul tells us who they are in Romans 10:19-20

Rom. 10:19 But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by them that are no people, and by a foolish nation I will anger you.

- 20 But Isaiah is very bold, and saith, I was found of them that sought me not; I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me.

Isaiah calls them a people that were not a people (referring to the lo-ammi of Hosea 1:9 or Ephraim Israel) and a people not calling upon the name of Yahweh. This describes the ones that call themselves Christians. They do not call upon the name of Yahweh, but call upon the name of Gad (God), which happens to be the name of a Babylonian deity.

These are the ones that have forgotten their identity as Israel. Their fathers have inherited lies and taught them to their children. These are the ones described in Isaiah 66:17.

Isa. 66:17 They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one tree in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith Yahweh.

This is the same group of people described as being “not a people”. They pronounce themselves sanctified or “set apart”; they claim to be the elect. But, they have forgotten the **difference between the clean and unclean, the set apart and the profane**. We know the above is still future because we are told in the previous verses to this one, the following:

Isa. 66:15 ¶ For, behold, Yahweh will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire.

16 For by fire and by his sword will Yahweh plead with all flesh: and the slain of Yahweh shall be many.

Clearly, this is a reference to the day of Yahweh, an event that is still future. The ones eating swine's flesh and the abomination will be among those destroyed at the day of Yahweh. The abomination is all the unclean foods that are forbidden in Leviticus 11. These include such things as shrimp, oysters, cat fish, escargot (snails), lobster, rabbit, squirrel (rodent types), clams, octopus, squid, and the like. Many of these things are favorite foods consumed by many Christians.

However, Isa. 66:19-20 tells us that there will be survivors from this group and they would be used to seek out Israel and bring them back to the land.

Isa. 66:19 And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them unto the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, to Tubal, and Javan, to the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my esteem; and they shall declare my esteem among the Gentiles.

20. And they shall bring all your brethren for an offering unto Yahweh out of all nations upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon swift beasts, to my set apart mountain Jerusalem, saith Yahweh, as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of Yahweh.

His brethren is Israel. Now to carefully analyze what was said, let's look at the wording. The ones consuming swine's flesh and abominable things (Christians- grafted in Israelites) are some of the escapee's of Yahweh's fury. Verse 19 says that they are the ones he will send unto the nations and that they are the ones that will bring dispersed Israel unto Yahweh as the children of Israel (Ephramites) bringing an offering (of the dispersed) to Yahweh in Jerusalem. The sign He sets among them is likely the sign that identifies His people, Israel, and that is the keeping of the Sabbath. (Exo. 31:17)

Could these be some of the hunters and fishers of Jer. 16:16?

Jer. 16:16 Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith Yahweh, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.

17 For mine eyes are upon all their ways: they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity hid from mine eyes.

18 And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double; because they have defiled my land, they have filled mine inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable and abominable things.

19 O Yahweh, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the **day of affliction**, the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, **Surely our fathers have inherited lies**, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit.

These gentiles are returning Israelites who have forgotten their identity. As the above scriptures indicate, they will have their **iniquity recompensed double**.

Eze. 22:18 Son of man, the house of Israel is to me become dross: all they are brass, and tin, and iron, and lead, in the midst of the furnace; they are even the dross of silver.

20 Therefore thus saith the Master Yahweh; Because ye are all become dross, behold, therefore **I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem**.

- 21 As they gather silver, and brass, and iron, and lead, and tin, into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire upon it, to melt it; so will **I gather you in mine anger and in my fury**, and I will leave you there, and melt you.
- 22 Yea, I will gather you, and blow upon you in the fire of my wrath, and ye shall be melted in the midst thereof.
- 23 As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so shall ye be melted in the midst thereof; and ye shall know that I Yahweh have poured out my fury upon you.

It would seem that the ‘Day of Yahweh’ is a longer period of time than just one day (dusk to dusk). There is much to take place during this period. The surviving Israelites (aka Christians) will seek out other surviving Israelites from all over the world to bring them to Jerusalem and into the land of Israel. Since they are to be recompensed double for their rejection of torah, they will get a double dose of Yahweh’s fury. I know it is taught that Christians are not appointed to wrath, but to obtain salvation (1 thes. 5:9) and I agree. However, they have freely chosen their path and followed the lies inherited from their fathers. Disobedience to Yahweh’s torah cannot be ignored and those who disobey will surely be punished. **They simply have not discerned between the clean and the unclean, the set apart and the profane.** They will be purged and refined in the furnace of affliction. (Isa.48:10, Zech. 13:9)

After Israel is refined, look what is said about them. These are the surviving pork eaters of verse 19.

Isa. 66:21 And I will also take of them for priests and for Levites, saith Yahweh.

Here, and in the following scriptures, we have a reference to becoming priests of our Elohim. Yahweh doesn’t make priests out of the heathen. These are Israelites who have forgotten their identity and only discover it during the Day of Yahweh.

Rev. 1:6 And hath made us kings and priests unto Yahshua and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Rev. 5:10 And hast made us unto our Elohim kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

Rev. 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of Elohim and of Messiah, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

Halleluyah !!

The following is harsh, but I must include it to remain true to the whole counsel of scripture. Most Pastors are not aware of this conspiracy. Look at what is said in the continuing verses of Ezekiel chapter 22.

Eze. 22: 25 There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made her many widows in the midst thereof.

- 26 **Her priests** have **violated my law**, and have profaned mine set apart things: **they have put no difference between the set apart and profane, neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths,** and I am profaned among them.

This again, can only refer to the Christians, those grafted in Israelites. The timing is in the day of Yahweh's wrath, which will also be poured out upon those gathered to Jerusalem to have their iniquity recompensed doubly. This has not yet happened and is still a future event.

Yahweh again declares He is against the shepherds that scatter and fleece the sheep. Most pastors have a genuine heart for the sheep they tend, but do not realize the doctrine they teach is tainted and scatters the flock. But, there are those who preach a prosperity gospel which usually makes only them prosperous at the expense of the sheep. They preach a gospel that does not nourish the souls of their flock.

Eze. 34:2 Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Master Yahweh unto the shepherds; Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks?

3 Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: but ye feed not the flock.

5 And they were scattered, because there is no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered.

6 My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them.

The beasts of the field could refer to the demons who brought in false doctrines to the sheep. No shepherd was out there seeking to bring Israel back to Torah. Torah is truth. (Psa. 119:142)

Eze. 34:12 As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

13 And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country.

14 I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel.

15 I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith Yahweh Elohim.

Verse 15 refers to the millennial rest. The temple will be rebuilt and once again Israel will be correctly instructed in the ways of Yahweh and Torah.

Eze. 44:23 And they shall teach my people the **difference between the set apart and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.**

24 And in controversy they shall stand in judgment; and they shall judge it according to my judgments: and they shall keep my laws and my statutes in all mine assemblies: and they shall hallow my sabbaths

This refers to the millennium and we can see that Yahweh's torah and Sabbaths (includes the Feasts) will be kept. If the law is bondage as some say, why will we be back in bondage when we enter into Yahweh's rest? Answer, the torah is a delight. It is the truth which sets you free. Yahshua is the living torah, his yoke is easy and his burden is light. He is the way, the torah and the life. How could he abolish himself? The bondage we are freed from is the bondage of sin.

We who have awakened to our identity as returning Israelites have the obligation to begin the process of instructing the lost sheep of the house of Israel as to who they are and how to return to Yahweh and Torah. It is a blessing we shouldn't miss with our ultimate goal of bringing esteem to the name of Yahweh. Shalom.