

TZITZIT (TASSELS)



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NUMBERS 15:38-41

- ✦ And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying, **Speak to the children of Yisra'el**, and you shall say to them to make tzitzit on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to put a blue cord in the tzitzit of the corners. And it shall be to you for a tzitzit, and you shall see it, and shall remember all the commands of יהוה and shall do them, and not search after your own heart and your own eyes after which you went whoring, so that you remember, and shall do all My commands, and be set-apart unto your Elohim. I am יהוה your Elohim, who brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim, to be your Elohim. I am יהוה your Elohim.

DEUTERONOMY 22:12

- ✘ Make tassels on the four corners of the garment with which you cover yourself.



WHAT ARE TZITZIT

- ✘ Simply put – they are tassels
- ✘ From a Historical / Biblical perspective
 - + Tom Bradford – Seed of Abraham Ministries
 - ✘ Numbers Lesson 19, Chapter 15 Conclusion
 - ✘ “In the most ancient era of Hebrew culture, Tzitzit more or less literally meant, "lock of hair"; indeed, a Tzitzit resembles a lock of hair. And, in modern terms, it looks much like what we would call a tassel. But, of course, in ancient times, tassels BEGAN as but decorative locks of hair. As with so many of these sorts of things we find in the Torah, the concept of Tzitzit was not an entirely new invention, as much as it was an evolution and transformation of something that already existed. Ancient etchings and pictographs from various regions in Asia show that the wearing of tassels on garments was fairly widespread. Though, as far as anyone knows, the Hebrew PURPOSE for the tassels, the Tzitzit, was unique.”

WHAT ARE THEY? (CONT.)

- ✘ A tassel of threads (cords) containing at least 1 blue thread (cord)
- ✘ A visual reminder
 - + So when we see them, we remember Yahweh's commands



HISTORICAL BIBLICAL REFERENCES

- ✘ 1 Samuel 24:1-6
- ✘ Matthew 9:20-22
- ✘ Luke 8:43-44
- ✘ Matthew 14:34-36
- ✘ Mark 6:56
- ✘ Matthew 23:1-8



1 SAMUEL 24:1-6

And it came to be, when Sha'ul had returned from pursuing the Philistines, that it was reported to him, saying, "See, Dawid_u is in the Wilderness of Ĕn Gedī." So Sha'ul took three thousand chosen men from all Yisra'ĕl, and went to seek Dawid_u and his men on the Rocks of the Wild Goats. And he came to the sheepfolds, on the way, and there was a cave. And Sha'ul went in to relieve himself. Now Dawid_u and his men were sitting in the sides of the cave. And the men of Dawid_u said to him, "See, the day of which יהוה said to you, 'See, I am giving your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it seems good to you!' " And Dawid_u arose and *gently cut off a corner* of Sha'ul's robe. And it came to be afterward that the heart of Dawid_u struck him because he had cut the robe of Sha'ul. So he said to his men, "Far be it from me, by יהוה, that I should do this matter to my master, anointed of יהוה, to stretch out my hand against him, for he is the anointed of יהוה."

MATTHEW 9:20-22

And see, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind and touched the **tzitzit of His garment**. For she said to herself, “If I only touch His garment, I shall be healed.” But יֵהוּשֻׁעַ turned, and when He saw her He said, “Take courage, daughter, your belief has healed you.” And the woman was healed from that hour.

מַתִּיתָהוּ

Matityahu

My Hebrew Name

LUKE 8:43-48

- ✘ And a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who, having spent all her livelihood on physicians, was unable to be healed by any, came from behind and touched the tzitzit of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. And יֵהוּשָׁע said, “Who touched Me?” And when all denied it, Kěpha and those with him said, “Master, the crowds throng You and press upon You, and You say, ‘Who touched Me?’” But יֵהוּשָׁע said, “Somebody did touch Me, for I knew power went out from Me.” And the woman, seeing that she was not hidden, came trembling, and falling down before Him she declared to Him in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, “Take courage, daughter, your belief has healed you. Go in peace.”

MATTHEW 14:34-36

- ✘ And having passed over, they came to the land of Gennēsar. And when the men of that place recognized Him, they sent out into all that surrounding country, and brought to Him all who were sick, and begged Him to let them only touch *the tzitzit of His garment*. And as many as touched it were completely healed.

מַתִּיָּהוּ

Matityahu

My Hebrew Name

MARK 6:56

- ✘ And wherever He went, into villages, or cities, or the country, they were laying the sick in the market-places, and begged Him to let them *touch if only the tzitzit of His garment*. And as many as touched Him were healed.

מַתִּיָּהוּ

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My Hebrew Name

MATTHEW 23:1-8

- ✘ Then יֵשׁוּעַ spoke to the crowds and to His taught ones, saying, “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on the seat of Moshe. Therefore, whatever they say to you to guard, guard and do. But do not do according to their works, for they say, and do not do.” For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men’s shoulders, but with their finger they do not wish to move them. And they do all their works to be seen by men, and they make their t’fillen wide and **lengthen the tzitzit of their garments** and they love the best place at feasts, and the best seats in the congregations and the greetings in the market-places, and to be called by men, ‘Rabbi, Rabbi.’ “But you, do not be called ‘Rabbi,’ for One is your Teacher, the Messiah, and you are all brothers.

WHO IS TO WEAR THEM?

- ✘ According to the scripture
 - + The children of Israel (all 12 tribes)
- ✘ Does this include men, women, children?
 - + YES – contrary to popular messianic and rabbinic teachings that isolate the command to only men, the command is for ***the children of Israel***, which includes ***ALL*** those that are grafted in (men and women alike)

WHO IS TO WEAR THEM? (CONT.)



✘ Children of Israel applications

+ Dietary instructions (Leviticus 11:1-2)

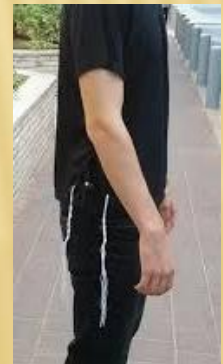
✘ 1And יהוה spoke to Mosheh and to Aharon, saying to them, “***Speak to the children of Yisra’ěl***, saying, ‘These are the living creatures which you do eat among all the beasts that are on the earth::

+ Appointed Times (Moedim) (Leviticus 23)

✘ And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying, “***Speak to the children of Yisra’ěl***, and say to them, ‘The appointed times of יהוה, which you are to proclaim as set-apart gatherings, My appointed times, are these:”

WHO IS TO WEAR THEM (CONT.)

- ✘ Other *Children of Israel* applications
 - + Leviticus 18:2 ; 7:23; 24:15; 23:24; 27:2
 - + Exodus 30:31 ; 6:11; 14:15: 25:2;
 - + Numbers 35:10; 15:2; 15:8; 5:12;
 - + Joshua 20:2
 - + Judges 20:24
 - + You get the picture



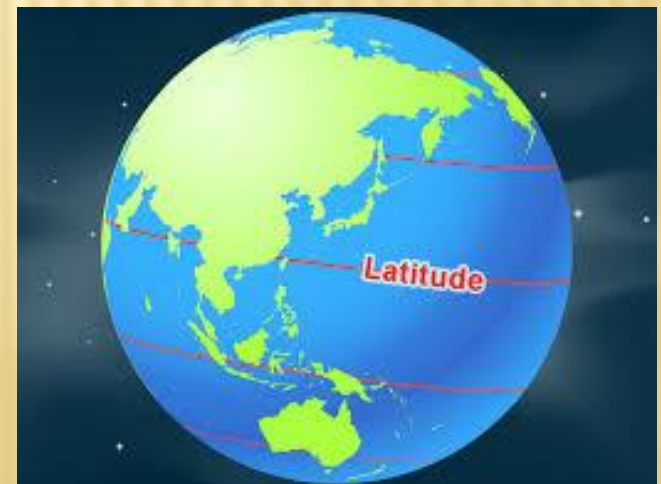
IS IT A SIN NOT TO WEAR TZITZIT?

- ✘ Sin is defined (1 John 3:4) as breaking a commandment
 - + Are we, the *Children of Israel* commanded in Numbers 15 to wear tzitzit?
 - ✘ Yes, as we read in Numbers 15
- ✘ So, YES it is a sin not wear them because if we don't, then we are breaking a commandment, which is the definition of sin



LATITUDE

- ✘ Obedience to the command
 - + The command is vague from a physical application
 - ✘ We are to wear them on the corners and they are to contain a blue thread – THAT’S IT – that’s the command
- ✘ Rabbinic Traditions
 - + The color (white only)
 - + Specific ways to tie knots
- ✘ Remember the Torah



WHEN ARE WE TO WEAR TZITZIT?

- ✘ This is a “million-dollar” question that is not often addressed, at least not in the studies I have found
 - + The command is to attach the tzitzit the corners of our garments. So, whenever you have your garments on, you should also have your tzitzit on.
- ✘ When do you wear yours?
 - + Only to service? Only on Shabbat? Every day? All day?

LATITUDE & SIMCHA

✘ *My Tzitzit*

- + Represent the Hebrew numbers for the letters of YHVH (10/5/6/5) – my own personal choice
- + My tzitzit remind me to keep His commands.

✘ *Simcha (Joy)*

- + You can mix and match colors, the only specification is that they must contain 1 blue thread
- + Make them as long, or as short as you wish – totally up to you – there was no specification given on length

HAVE FUN - SIMCHA

- ✘ Creating your own should bring you Simcha as we follow one of the simplest commands Yahweh has given us. He gave us the latitude to be creative. We can use any and every color under the sun, so long as it contains at least 1 cord/thread of blue.
- ✘ The point of wearing the tzitzit – a VISUAL reminder for us to REMEMBER his commandments.

EXAMPLES OF TZITZIT

- ✘ Tallit
- ✘ Tallit Katan
- ✘ Tallit Gadol
- ✘ Belt Loop Version (what I wear)
- ✘ Other Examples



OTHER TEACHINGS

- + Seed of Abraham Ministries (Tom Bradford)
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rxIDzBSwAvc&list=PL-ELxqmb8qfIXVvCyiEdBLO9N8JEJ0fuR&index=20&t=0s>)
- + 119 Ministries Berean Bridges (Tzitzit) & Should Women wear Tzizit. (<https://www.119ministries.com/teachings/video-teachings/detail/berean-bridges-tzitzits/>) (<https://www.119ministries.com/teachings/video-teachings/detail/should-women-wear-tzitzits/>)
- + Corner Fringe Ministries (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M6Q4snhfdH8>)
- + Founded in Truth Ministries (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_KmI2CHBylk)

AARONIC BLESSING

- ✘ *‘Y’varekh’kha YHVH v’yishmerekha.*
יהוה bless you and guard you; ”
- ✘ *Ya’er YHVH panav eleikha vichunekka.*
- ✘ יהוה make His face shine upon you, and show favour to you;
Yissa YHVH panav eleikha v’yasem l’kha shalom.
יהוה lift up His face upon you, and give you peace.”

**THANK YOU FOR VIEWING THIS LESSON,
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