

Are Fringes still required to be worn on the borders of our garments?

[CAVEAT: Everything between the pink brackets that is written in bold, ten-point, italic fonts are not to be taken as part of the scriptures. They are only my attempt to help the readers understand the scripture better. T.A.H.]

Under the Old Covenant, the children of Israel were a stiff necked and disobedient carnally minded people. In addition to the sacrifices and rituals, they needed to constantly have **physical reminders** before them to **remember Yahweh's covenants** and to **keep His laws and commandments and be holy**. Fringes on the borders of their garments and circumcision of the flesh are two good examples of those reminders. Each one was a precursor or forerunner of something that was to come when the **Messiah** ratified the New Covenant with His own blood.

In order to understand what **Yahweh** had in mind with the fringes, we need to first understand what HE had in mind with the circumcision of the flesh, a token of His covenant.

Genesis 17 (9) And **Elohim** said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep **My** covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations. (10) This *is* **My** covenant, which ye shall keep, between **Me** and you and thy seed after thee; every man child among you shall be circumcised. (11) And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt **Me** and you. (12) And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which *is* not of thy seed. (13) He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and **My** covenant shall be in your flesh for an **everlasting [# 5769 'owlam i.e. a long, indefinite, unlimited, undisclosed, hidden, or a concealed period of time]* **covenant**. (14) And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken **My** covenant.

Paul wrote the following concerning the Circumcision of the flesh. Surely he **knew the will** of **Yahweh**.

Romans 2 (29) But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and **circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter**; whose praise is not of men, but of **Yahweh**.

Colossians 2 (10) And ye are complete in **Him [Yahshua]**, which is the head of all principality and power: (11) In whom also ye are circumcised with the **circumcision made without hands**, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh **by the circumcision of Messiah**:

I Corinthians 7 (18) Is any man called being circumcised? Let him not become uncircumcised. Is any called in uncircumcision? Let him not be circumcised. (19) Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of **Yahweh [is]**. (20) **Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called.**

From the above scriptures, it is obvious that the circumcision of the flesh was not part of the **New Covenant** that contained **Yahweh's** laws written in the hearts and minds of the Believers in the **Messiah**. With the **outpouring of the Holy Spirit** on the Day of Pentecost, **Yahweh's laws written in their hearts and minds**, and with their **sins forgiven** them, their **sins of the flesh were stripped away from their hearts!** The **stripping away of the flesh** under the Old Covenant was the precursor or forerunner to the **spiritual circumcision of the heart** in the **New Covenant!**

The reason for the fringes with a border cord of blue was so that the carnally minded Children of Israel would remember and do all the commandments of **Yahweh**, and to be holy to Him.

Numbers 15 (37) And **Yahweh** spake unto Moses, saying, (38) Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribbon of blue: (39) And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may **look upon** it, and **remember** all the commandments of **Yahweh**, and **do** them; and that ye **seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a whoring**: (40) That ye may **remember, and do** all my commandments, and **be holy** unto your **Elohim**. (41) I *am* **Yahweh** your **Elohim**, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your **Elohim**: I *am* **Yahweh** your **Elohim**.

(Now, we should compare spiritual things with spiritual things.)

I Corinthians 2 (13) Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's **wisdom teacheth**, but which the **Holy Spirit teacheth**; **comparing spiritual things with spiritual [things]**.

Comparing spiritual things with spiritual things, the circumcision of the flesh and the fringes on the borders of their garments had the same fulfillment in the **Messiah** and in the terms of the **New Covenant**. After one considers the following facts, one will surely come to that conclusion too.

According to the following verses, the true Believers have the **mind of Messiah**, **put on Messiah**, **have the Spirit of Yahweh** and **worship Yahweh in Spirit and in Truth**.

I Corinthians 2 (16) For who has known the mind of **Yahweh**, that he should instruct **Him**? But **we have the mind of the Messiah**.

Galatians 3 (27) For as many of you as were baptized into **Messiah put on Messiah**.

Romans 8 (9) But ye are not in the flesh, but **in the Spirit**, if so be that the **Spirit of Yahweh dwells in you**. But if anyone **does not have the Spirit** of the **Messiah**, he is **none of His**. (10) And if the **Messiah is in you**, the body is dead because of sin; but the **Spirit is Life** because of righteousness.

John 4 (23) But the hour comes, and now is, when the true worshippers **shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth**: for such does the **Father** seek to be **His** worshippers.

My conclusion: The **New Covenant** Believers **have received** the **coming** of the **Messiah**, the **ratifying** of the **New Covenant** with the blood of the **Messiah**, the **preaching** of the **Gospel**, the **indwelling** of the **Holy Spirit**, the **coming** of **faith**, and **Yahweh's laws written in their hearts and in their minds**. Therefore, **I do not believe** that **Yahweh requires** those (Jews and Gentiles) who are **imbued with, live in, walk in and worship in His Holy Spirit** to have the physical reminders such things as fringes on their garments or circumcision of their flesh to remind them to remember His covenant, keep His laws and be holy. (**The reminder of Yahweh's covenant and the will to obey His laws and be holy are already present in the New Covenant Spiritual Minded Believer's Heart.**) Why a physical token of the Older Covenant with the New Covenant written in our hearts?

* **What is "owlam" or "forever"?**

When we hear the words everlasting, for ever, and perpetual we automatically think of never ending, but that is not the only meaning of the Hebrew **"owlam"** from which they were translated.

Strongs # 5769. 'owlam, olawm'; or 'olam, olawm'; **from H5956**; prop. **concealed**, i.e. the **vanishing point**; generally time out of mind (past or future), i.e. (practically) eternity; freq. adv. (espec. with prep. pref.) always:--always (-s), ancient (time), any more, continuance, eternal, (for, [n-]) ever (-lasting, -more, of old), lasting, long (time), (of) old (time), perpetual, at any time, (beginning of the) world (+ without end). Comp.

H5331, H5703.

Strong's # 5956. 'alam, aw-lam'; a prim. root; **to veil from sight**, i.e. **conceal** (lit. or fig.):-- X any ways, blind, dissembler, hide (self), secret (thing).

Meanings of everlasting, forever, and perpetual from the American Heritage Dictionary.

ev·er·last·ing (ev"r-lās"t'ng) *adj.* **1.** Lasting forever; eternal. **2.a. Continuing indefinitely or for a long period of time. b.** Persisting too long; tedious: *everlasting complaints*. --ev·er·last·ing *n.* **1.** Everlasting. God. Used with *the*. **2.** Eternal duration; eternity. **3.** Any of various plants, such as the straw flower or one of the genus *Anaphalis*, that retain form and color long after they are dry. --ev"er·last"ing·ly *adv.* --ev"er·-last"ing·ness *n*

per·pet·u·al (p...r-pūch"v-...l) *adj.* **1.** Lasting for eternity. **2. Continuing or lasting for an indefinitely long time. 3.** Instituted to be in effect or have tenure for an unlimited duration: *a treaty of perpetual friendship*. **4.** Continuing without interruption. See Synonyms at continual. **5.** Flowering throughout the growing season. [Middle English *perpetuel*, from Old French, from Latin *perpetuus*, from *perpetuus*, continuous : *per-*, *per-* + *petere*, to go toward; see *pet-* below.] --per·pet"u·al·ly *adv.*

for·ev·er (fôr-ev"r...r, f...r) *adv.* **1.** For everlasting time; eternally: *No one can live forever*. **2.** At all times; incessantly: *was forever complaining about the job*. --for·ev·er *n.* **A seemingly very long time:** *It has taken forever to resolve these problems*.

It should be most obvious that many times **everlasting, forever, and perpetual** should have been translated as a **long, indefinite, unlimited, undisclosed, hidden or a concealed period of time**. It is certainly **Yahweh's** prerogative to make any of these long, indefinite, unlimited, undisclosed, or concealed period of time to extend without end. For us to naturally assume that they are without end is incorrect.

If one understands that **all everlasting covenants**, statutes that are "**for ever**," and statutes that are "**perpetual**" mean that they are **never ending**, then one would have to believe that the Levitical priesthood with all their **everlasting covenants**, statutes that are "**for ever**," and its statutes that are "**perpetual**" will **never end**. Examine these next four sets of scriptures. Surely one can not believe that they will be in effect **without end**.

Leviticus 6 (14) And this *is* the law of the meat offering: the sons of Aaron shall offer it before **Yahweh**, before the altar. (15) And he shall take of it his handful, of the flour of the meat offering, and of the oil thereof, and all the frankincense which *is* upon the meat offering, and shall burn *it* upon the altar *for* a sweet savour, *even* the memorial of it, unto **Yahweh**. (16) And the remainder thereof shall Aaron and his sons eat: with unleavened bread shall it be eaten in the holy place; in the court of the tabernacle of the congregation they shall eat it. (17) It shall not be baken with leaven. **I** have given it *unto them for* their portion of **My** offerings made by fire; it *is* most holy, as *is* the sin offering, and as the trespass offering. (18) All the males among the children of Aaron shall eat of it. *It shall be a statute for ever* [# 5769] in your generations concerning the offerings of **Yahweh** made by fire: every one that toucheth them shall be holy.

Leviticus 6 (20) This *is* the offering of Aaron and of his sons, which they shall offer unto **Yahweh** in the day when he is anointed; the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a meat offering **perpetual**, half of it in the morning, and half thereof at night. (21) In a pan it shall be made with oil; *and when it is* baken, thou shalt bring it in: *and* the baken pieces of the meat offering shalt thou offer *for* a sweet savour unto **Yahweh**. (22) And the priest of his sons that is anointed in his stead shall offer it: *it is a statute for ever* [# 5769] unto **Yahweh**; it shall be wholly burnt.

Leviticus 16 (34) And this shall be an everlasting [# 5769] statute unto you, to make an atonement for the children of Israel for all their sins once a **year**. And he did as **Yahweh** commanded Moses.

Leviticus 24 (1) And **Yahweh** spake unto Moses, saying, (2) Command the children of Israel, that they bring unto thee pure oil olive beaten for the light, to cause the lamps to burn **continually**. (3) Without the veil of the testimony, in the tabernacle of the congregation, shall Aaron order it from the evening unto the morning before **Yahweh** continually: *it shall be a statute for ever* [# 5769] in your generations. (4) He shall order the lamps upon the pure candlestick before **Yahweh** continually. (5) And thou shalt take fine flour, and bake twelve cakes thereof: two tenth deals shall be in one cake. (6) And thou shalt set them in two rows, six on a row, upon the pure table before **Yahweh**. (7) And thou shalt put pure frankincense upon *each* row, that it may be on the bread for a memorial, *even* an offering made by fire unto **Yahweh**. (8) Every **Sabbath** he shall set it in order before **Yahweh** continually, *being taken* from the children of Israel by **an everlasting** [# 5769] **covenant**. (9) And it shall be Aaron's and his sons'; and they shall eat it in the holy place: for it *is* most holy unto him of the offerings of **Yahweh** made by fire by **a perpetual** [# 5769] **statute**.

According to the following scripture and many others, **these things have been taken care of for us once and for all.**

Hebrews 9 (1) Then verily the **First Covenant** had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary. (2) For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein *was* the candlestick, and the table, and the showbread; which is called the sanctuary. (3) And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all; (4) Which had the golden censer, and the Ark of the Covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein *was* the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the Tables of the Covenant; (5) And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercy seat; of which we cannot now speak particularly. (6) Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of **Yahweh**. (7) But into the second *went* the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which **He** offered for himself, and *for* the errors of the people: (8) The Holy Spirit this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: (9) **Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience;** (10) **Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation.**

Continuing (11) But **Messiah** being come a **High Priest** of good things to come, by a greater **and more perfect tabernacle**, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; (12) Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by **His Own** blood **He** entered in once into the **Holy Place**, **having obtained Eternal Redemption** for us. (13) For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling the unclean, ***sanctifieth** [*to make holy i.e. ceremonially purify or consecrate*] to the ****purifying** [*ceremonially cleansing*] of the flesh: (14) How much more shall the blood of **Messiah**, **Who** through the **Eternal Spirit** offered **Himself** without spot to **Yahweh**, *****purge** [*literally cleanse (not ceremonially)*] your conscience from dead works to serve the **Living Elohim**? (15) And for this cause **He** is the **Mediator** of the **New Covenant** that by means of **death**, for the **redemption** of the **transgressions that were under the First Covenant**, they which are called might receive the promise of **Eternal Inheritance**.

*G37. hagiazo, hag-ee-ad'-zo; from G40; **to make holy i.e. (ceremonially) purify or consecrate**; (mentally) to venerate:--hallow, be holy, sanctify.

G2514. katharotes, kath-ar-ot'-ace; from G2513; **cleanness (ceremonially):--purification.

***G2511. katharizo, kath-ar-id'-zo; from G2513; **to cleanse (literally or figuratively)**:--(make) clean (-se), purge, purify.

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