

FIRE CONSUMED THE BURNT OFFERING TONGUES OF FIRE

Lev. 9:24 *Then fire came out from before the LORD and consumed the burnt offering and the portions of fat on the altar; and when all the people saw [it], they shouted and fell on their faces.”*

The same fire that consumed the sacrifices for the Levites in the Temple, came down upon the people in Acts 2:2-3. The Temple would later be destroyed, and Yah was accepting their individual living sacrifices offered up to Him, as prayers of incense. The incense represents the prayers of the saints (Rev. 5:8), hence, just as the incense was to burn continually in the Temple, we as Believers are instructed to pray without ceasing. Each Believer is a living stone of the true temple of Yah, not made with hands (Acts 17:24). As Yah sent fire from Heaven to consume the sacrifice on the altar in the Temple, He also sent fire from Heaven on His new altar; the Believers in Yeshua. These people were being touched and identified with fire as the living stones of Yah’s new Temple (Rom. 12:1).



Many have wondered what the tongues of fire were, so let’s have a look. **Acts 2:2-3** *“And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them **tongues as of fire** distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them.”* Let’s first look at where this took place. Many claim these 3,000 people were somehow jammed into an upper room of a house. This is just plain silly. There was no house anywhere that could contain 3,000 people, never mind an upper room of a house. These people were in the Temple. They were gathered together for the Feast of Shavuot (Pentecost). The Temple area was the only place where that many people could gather as such. Remember Yah’s Temple was/is to be known as a “house of prayer”. **Lev. 19:27** *“You shall not round off the side-growth of your heads, nor harm the edges of your beard. **‘You shall not make any cuts in your body for the dead, nor make any tattoo marks on yourselves: I am Adonai.’**”* Shaving, or rounding off the sides of your head is a trend that has been around for years now. It brings a curse on those who do so. You are to cut the hair on the side of your head in a natural way, not shave, or round it off as a sculpture. I believe there is no need for a

man to have a sculptured beard or moustache in this day and age. It is simple to shave off daily growth and of course it looks much cleaner. In Biblical times it was difficult to shave all the time, but there is no excuse in modern times. If a man decides to allow a beard or moustache to grow, he is not to trim the edge of it to form a special effect or look. Soul patches, foo man chus, goat patches..goatees (from Baphomet), etc. are all un-natural sculpturing. They are cries for attention. You are to trim it in a natural way. Many men today polish and trim their moustaches and beards to create or form a special look (sculpture). What is this special look? It is pride. They want to stand out in the crowd. Pride is warned about throughout the scriptures.

Another reason men wore beards in those days was strictly for identification. Men were to be distinct from women (clothing and appearance), and a bearded man could obviously not get confused with a woman. In battle, prophetic situations, and in social situations it was necessary to distinguish people, so a beard helped.

People are not to have tattoos because their body is a vessel of Yah's, and they don't have the right to purposely damage, or deform it.

If one has a tattoo it must be removed. If one has a tattoo that cannot be removed, I suggest that it be filled with a solid color so the design is no longer evident. A tattoo that is not dealt with, will be a doorway for demonic entrance, pure and simple.

In ancient days, in Greece and Rome, it was the pagan priests of Bacchus that shaved the sides of their heads and sculpted designs and stripes into their hair on the sides of their heads; a mark of reverence to a particular demon god they served. They used to let their hair grow long on the top, and cut it on the sides very short with stripes on the sides of their heads. This was a sign of Priesthood and a symbol of allegiance to the demon god Bacchus. This type of sculpturing is common today with our rebellious youth, and some parents even approve of their children having these demonic hair cuts. This is in direct opposition to what the Bible says in Lev. 19:27.

Another fairly common hairstyle on men and boys these days is to have all their hair fairly short, leaving a ponytail in the back of, middle, or on the top of the head. The idea is for it to look like a tail. This tail is sometimes appropriately called "a fools tail". This heathen tradition was developed not many years ago through rock musicians who were into Wicca and Satanism. This tail is called the "goat's tail," and is common among Satanic worshippers, representing the tail of the goat, "Baphomet".

One must recall that the heathen worshipers gave themselves tattoos for the mourning of their dead, and I believe this is another important reason why tattoos were forbidden. Yah didn't want us to follow the traditions of the pagan worshipers because we become ensnared.

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