

## The ROBES Put on Yeshua

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God's rainbow in the sky is one of my favorite sights! Whenever there is a shower, and the sun comes out, I go outside to look for a rainbow. If I see one, I thank and praise God for His promises, sure and steadfast, unchangeable, which is why He put the rainbow in the sky in the first place.

The athletic teams of the University of Hawaii are called the "Rainbow Warriors," because a rainbow over Honolulu is very frequent. We lived there for a year and enjoyed seeing them so many times. In my office I have half a dozen pictures of rainbows. I doubt if the "Rainbow Warriors" know the significance of the rainbow, but some of them might. May it be so for all some day soon.

To be colorblind would be so disappointing! But to be "colorblind" to the colors in the Bible would be even more so, missing many good Truths written there. God gave specific colors for The Tabernacle, *The Mishkan*, of blue, purple, scarlet, and white cloth. It is so disappointing to see models of the Tabernacle with the four colors blended together, blurring the Truth that each color proclaims. White is the sinless, pure Son of God, who came from the Blue of heaven as the royal Purple King of the Universe, down to earth to shed His Scarlet blood to pay for our sins.

The Temple was patterned after the Tabernacle. Both had large curtains or veils that separated the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies, curtains that were made with separate wide blue, purple, scarlet, and white panels. Hebrews 10:19-20 says this veil represented the Body of Yeshua. Therefore, when these 4 colors appear together, they represent the Messiah. The instant that Yeshua dismissed His Spirit while on the cross, the Father tore this veil from top to bottom to show that His wrath against the sins of mankind

had been completely satisfied. Yeshua's blood made propitiation, not atonement. Animal blood made atonement; that is, it covered the sins of the worshiper until Yeshua came to make full payment (propitiation) for all of them.

What about the colors of the robes that were put upon Yeshua at His trial? Are they as significant as those in the Tabernacle? Is there any correlation between them? Of course there is! Symbols used in the Bible are consistent in their meaning. Let's follow the trial of Yeshua HaMashiach during this terrible night.

When Pilate learned that Yeshua was from Galilee, Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to King Herod who was in Jerusalem for the Passover. After an unsuccessful "interview" with Yeshua, King Herod sent Yeshua back to Pilate, wearing a gorgeous robe as a gift for Pilate. Herod and Pilate were enemies, so this gift was an attempt to win favor from Pilate in their mutual opposition to Yeshua. As a result, Pilate and Herod became friends, at least for a while.

What color is a gorgeous robe? It is a *lampros esthees*. Checking all possible references, it is a bright glistening white robe, a beautiful outer cloak or cape that royalty wore. As the Father was watching over the trial of His Son, the first robe He had put on Yeshua was the bright shining white *esthees*, telling everyone watching, and those of us reading His written record, that Yeshua is really the holy, sinless Son of God.

When Yeshua arrived back at Pilate's palace, Pilate questioned Yeshua and learned a few things that convinced him that Yeshua was innocent. However, the select crowd that was gathered in the night (while most of the common people were asleep) chose to have Barabbas released to them instead of Yeshua. Therefore, Pilate had Yeshua scourged to see if he could get a

confession from Him. The soldiers then put a purple robe on Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail to the King of the Jews!" Pilate then brought Yeshua out, wearing the purple robe, to show the people that, after scourging Him, there still was no evidence of a crime. "I find no fault in him," he told the mob.

A purple robe is a *porphura himation*. *Porphura* is purple and *himation* is a mantle or tunic of some sort. The second robe the Father had put on Yeshua, His Son, was a purple himation, telling everyone watching, and those of us reading His written record, that Yeshua is really royalty! Only those who have "eyes to see" can rejoice in these wonderful Truths!

After Pilate presented Yeshua in His purple robe as the man in whom I find no fault at all, and while the mob is shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" and the priests say, "We have no king but Caesar!" Pilate gives up, calls for a basin of water, washes his hands and says, "I am innocent of this man's blood. See to it yourselves." The soldiers then took Yeshua into the fortress to scourge Him again, put a crown of thorns on Him, and this time, a scarlet robe, and mocked Him again as the King of the Jews.

A scarlet robe is a *kokkimos chlamus*. *Kokkimos* is scarlet and *chlamus* is a Roman military commander's cloak. The third robe the Father had put on Yeshua, His Son, was a scarlet chlamus, telling everyone watching, and those of us reading His written record, that Yeshua is really the LORD of Hosts, the Commander of the armies of the heavens, who now will go forth alone to voluntarily shed His blood to pay for the sins of the whole world!

The soldiers took off the scarlet robe, put on Yeshua His own garments, and led Him out to be crucified. They stripped Him of His garments and nailed Him to the cross. They distributed His garments among themselves, except for

one garment, Yeshua's *chiton*. The soldiers cast lots for it, for it was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. What is a *chiton*? A *chiton* is a long inner garment with armholes, reaching below the knees, something like a tight fitting poncho.

What color was Yeshua's *chiton*? There is only one possibility. This fourth robe the Father had put back on Yeshua had to have been blue (although the text does not actually say so), telling everyone watching, especially the soldiers casting lots for it, and those of us reading His written record, that this Man Yeshua is really His Son from heaven. Yeshua chose to leave heaven to be born from the virgin Miriam in order to have a sinless human body in which He could live a perfect life among mankind as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam, and then to shed His sinless blood to make complete payment for the sins of the 1<sup>st</sup> Adam & Eve and everyone descended from them.

Why then is everyone descended from Adam & Eve not saved; that is, in covenant relationship with God and in His Family? Because they have not paid attention to Truth that God has revealed, whether in Creation, the rainbow in the sky, the gospel in the stars, the Tabernacle with its brilliant colors of Blue, Purple, Scarlet, and White, or most importantly, God's Written Record, the Bible, with His testimony of His Son, The Messiah, wearing the 4 colors of the White *esthees*, the Purple *himation*, the Scarlet *chlamus*, and His own Blue *chiton*!

It seems that most of mankind is willingly ignorant, "colorblind" by choice, of God's evidence that is all around them, and therefore, cannot blame Him for their condemnation. However, we who are part of His Family have an obligation to be His witnesses of His Truth to anyone who might want to listen and learn. What an awesome responsibility and privilege!