

A SEASON OF EAR TINGLING

THE BENJAMIN GENERATION – PART IV

¹⁷ “When they enter the gates of the inner court, they are to wear linen clothes; they must not wear any woolen garment while ministering at the gates of the inner court or inside the temple. ¹⁸ They are to wear linen turbans on their heads and linen undergarments around their waists. They must not wear anything that makes them perspire.”

Ezekiel 44:17-18

⁴² Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his finger and put it on Joseph’s finger. He dressed him in robes of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck.

Genesis 41:42

²² To each of them he gave new clothing, but to Benjamin he gave three hundred shekels of silver and five sets of clothes.

Genesis 45:22

I. Benjamin, the beloved, is seated upon God’s shoulders wearing linen garments. (Deuteronomy 33:12; Matthew 11:28,29)

[Deu 33:12 NIV] ¹² About Benjamin he said: “Let the beloved of the LORD rest secure in him, for he shields him all day long, and the one the LORD loves rests between his shoulders.”

[Mat 11:28-29 NIV] ²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon

you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

* Benjamin’s generation is one utter Sabbath rest and effortless fruit production.

** The Benjamin generation is one not of addition, but of multiplication.

II. Eleven steps from flax to linen

A. Flax seeds are planted in April.

B. Flax is fully grown and pulled gently from the roots in the third month.

C. The flax is retted (soaked) for eleven days

D. The flax is spread and dried for ten days.

E. The flax is gathered and stoked (set upright) for five days.

F. Seeds are removed through metal comb-like teeth.

G. The fibers are broken down, being beaten by an implement. (Skutching)

H. The flax is crushed in a wooden holder. (Crimping)

I. The flax is brushed through steel teeth.

J. The flax is spun.

K. The flax is woven.

III. Linen garments don’t allow sweat or discomfort in God service.

A. Sweat is a condition of the curse placed upon the earth after Adam and Eve’s sin.

- B. When the blessing of God is withheld, fleshly effort becomes necessary, causing sweat.
- C. Sweat equals human works, striving, and effort.
- D. Sweat is prohibited for those who minister to the Lord in the Holy of Holies.
- E. Those who minister in the outer court can sweat. Those who minister to the Lord in the Holy of Holies cannot. (God will use everyone.)
- F. Benjamin's garments were designed to incite and surface any remaining jealousy or envy in his brothers. (Your effortless service due to favor will always incite the spirit of envy.)
- G. Linen garments keep the wearer cool in hot weather and warm in cooler weather, representing balance. The priests (The Benjamin generation) who serve in the holiest of all must be cool headed and even tempered.
- H. The holy oil flows best on linen garments.
- I. The wicks in the holy candelabra of the tabernacle and temple were made of discarded priests robes. (They hold oil well.)

IV. The rise of the House of Ashbea.

- A. Linen weavers known in Moses's day were considered a gift of God to the people. (Exodus 35:35;38:23)
[Exo 35:35 NIV] ³⁵ He has filled them with skill to do all kinds of work as engravers, designers, embroiderers in blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen, and weavers-- all of them skilled workers and designers.

[Exo 38:23 NIV] ²³ *with him was Oholiab son of Ahisamak, of the tribe of Dan--an engraver and designer, and an embroiderer in blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen.)*

- B. The people of this house were a guild of linen textile manufactures.
- C. They made sheets, curtains, ship sails, clothing for the singers in the temple, priests' garments, and wicks for the temple menorah. They were better than the Egyptians, whose work was so fine that it could not be told from silk.
- D. The Benjamin generation are a renaissance people in all their intricate ministry work.