

## **The Damascus Document**

### **Like a Rebellious Cow**

*For Israel slides back as a backsliding heifer: now YHWH will feed them as a lamb  
in open country.  
(Hosea 4:16)*

## They Sought Smooth Things

(18)...For they sought **smooth things** and chose **illusions**, looked for (19) **breaches** (i.e. loopholes), and chose the fairest neck (i.e. the easiest way), and they justified the wicked and condemned as wicked, the righteous, (20) and they transgressed the Covenant and broke the statute...

(Damascus Document 1, 18-20)

10 Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not to us right things, speak to us **smooth things**, prophesy **illusions**:

11 Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us.

12 Wherefore thus says the Holy One of Israel, Because you despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and stay thereon:

13 Therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a **breach** ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking comes suddenly at an instant.

(Isaiah 30:10-13)

The Hebrew for the phrase “they sought **smooth things**” is דרשו בחלקות *D'rashu B'Khalakot* which seems to be a wordplay for **Midrash Halachah**.

7 And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind?

8 But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses.

9 But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet.

10 For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

(Matthew 11:7-10 KJV)

In the DuTillet Hebrew text of Matthew 11:8 the phrase for “soft clothing” is literally “clothed in smooth things” and the Hebrew is לבוש בחלקות!

**Guilty inclination (2, 16)**

יצר אשמה

## Three Traps of Belial: Yesod HaBriah

*They are caught in...Fornication, by taking more than two wives in their lifetime although the Principle of Creation (Yesod HaBriah) is "male and female He Created them" (Gen. 1:27) and those who entered the ark "went into the ark two by two" (Gen. 7:9). Concerning the Leaders it is written "he shall not multiply wives to himself" (Dt. 17:17) (Damascus Document 4,20-5,2)*

*19:3 And the P'rushim approached him, and tempted him, saying, "Is it right for a man to put away his wife for every cause?"*

*19:4 And he answered and said to them:*

*"Have you not read that he who made man the beginning, 'made them male and female' (Gen. 1:27)*

*19:5 And said,*

*'Wherefore shall a man shall leave his father and his mother, and cleave to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh' (Gen. 2:24)*

*19:6 And now then, they are no more two but one flesh only. What therefore Elohim has joined together man cannot separate."*

*19:7 But they said,*

*"And why then did Moshe then command to give a bill of divorcement, and to put her away if she was not pleasing in his sight?" (Deut. 24:1, 3)*

*19:8 And he answered them and said,*

*"Because Moshe on account of the hardness of your hearts, allowed you to put away your wives, but from the beginning it was not so.*

*19:9 And I tell you,*

*every man that has put away, or shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and takes another, commits adultery. And whoever takes the divorced also commits adultery.*

*(Mt. 19:3-9)*

*A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;*

*(1Tim. 3:2)*

## **Marriage to a Sister's Daughter**

They [the Pharisees] [permit] each man to marry the daughter of his brothers and the daughter of his sister, although Moses said, "Unto the sister of your mother you shall not draw near; she is the flesh of your mother" (Lev. 18:13). But the law of consanguinity is written for males and females alike, so if the brother's daughter uncovers the nakedness of the brother of her father, she is the flesh of her father. (Damascus Document 4, 6b-11a)

Concerning him who... marries his sister's daughter ... Scripture says, Then shall you call, and YHWH will answer; you shall cry and He will say: 'Here I am'. (b.Yeb. 62b-63a)

## Eggs of Vipers

*Also they have corrupted their Holy Spirit, and with blasphemous language they have reviled the statutes of Elohim's covenant, saying, "They are not well-founded." They continually speak abhorrent things against them. "All of them are kindlers and lighters of brands" (Isa. 50:11); "the webs of a spider are their webs and the eggs of a viper are their eggs" (Isa. 59:5) Whoever touches them shall not be clean.*

*(Dam. Doc. 5, 13-14)*

When Yochanan called the Pharisees and Sadducees that came to be immersed by him "generation of vipers" (Matt. 3:7; Lk. 3:7) he was simply employing common Essene terminology for the Pharisees (whom the Essenes called "Wall Builders").

Later Yeshua also invoked this same language in reference to certain Pharisees (Matthew 12:34; 23:33).

And just as the Essenes called the Pharisees "white-washers" (Damascus Document 8, 12) similarly Yeshua called certain Pharisees "whited sepulchers" (Matt. 23:27) and Paul called Ananias (a Sadducee) a "whited wall" (Acts 23:3).