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Survey Of The Bible I

Genesis-Deuteronomy



Lev 12-15

- A mother was ceremonially unclean (due to the issue of blood in childbirth) for 7 days if she gave birth to a son, and 14 days for a daughter (12:2,5)
- The number of days of purification for the mother were 33 days for a son and 66 days for a daughter (12:4-5)
- When the days of purification were over, the mother was to bring one of two offerings to the Lord, based on her ABILITY (12:6,8) cf. (Luke 2:22-24)
 - ✓ A lamb of the first year for a burnt offering and a young pigeon or turtledove for a sin offering
 - ✓ Two young pigeons or turtledoves, one for a burnt offering and the other for a sin offering
- LEPROSY is a type of SIN in both it's characteristics and consequences- what leprosy does to the BODY, sin does to the SOUL cf. (Rom 6:12-14)

Characteristics Of Leprosy

1. It is an INTERNAL disease
2. It is an INCURABLE disease
3. It is an INCAPACITATING disease
4. It is an INFECTUOUS disease

Consequences Of Leprosy

1. It DESTROYS FLESH
2. It DEADENS FEELINGS
3. It DIVIDES FAMILIES
4. It DISRUPTS FELLOWSHIP





Lev 12-15

- Anyone with a suspicious symptoms was to immediately see a priest for examination (13:2-3)
- If the priest could not definitively dismiss a diagnosis of leprosy, the individual was quarantined for 7-14 days (13:4-5)
- The nature of the problem, whether benign or malignant, would usually manifest itself after 14 days (13:6-8)

Symptoms Of Leprosy

1. Deeper than the skin at first (13:3)
 2. White or white reddish in color (13:13,42)
 3. Hair is turned white or yellow (13:3,30)
 4. Spreads rapidly (13:8,13)
 5. Raw flesh in the rising (13:10,14)
- Things often mistaken for leprosy at first included: scabs (13:6); blisters (13:28); scaling (eczema) (13:34); freckles (13:39); and baldness (13:40-41)
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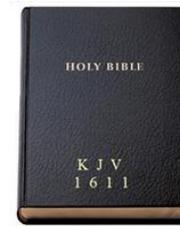


Lev 12-15

- Once diagnosed with leprosy, the individual had to tear their clothes, bare their heads, and put a covering upon their upper lip and cry “Unclean, unclean” as they walked by (13:45)
- Leprosy called for quarantine and then solitary confinement in exile (13:46); eventually leper “colonies” were established
- Leprosy not only infected PEOPLE (13:1-46), but CLOTHING (13:47-59) and HOUSING (14:33-53) also
- Infected people were BANISHED (13:46), infected clothing was BURNED (13:52,55), and infected housing was BROKEN down (14:45)
- The cleansing ritual described in Lev 14 was never invoked because, with the exception of Naaman the Syrian (2 Kin 5:1,14), no man was healed of leprosy until Jesus Christ came (Matt 8:2-4)
- The bird that was killed represents Christ DYING for our sins; the living bird represents Christ RISING for our justification (14:5-6) cf. (Rom 4:25)
- The blood on the leper testified that he personally applied the blood that secured his cleansing; the blood on the living bird that was loosed testified that the leper was cleansed (14:6-7)



Lev 12-15



The Ritual For A Cleansed Leper

1. Two birds were brought to the priest, one was killed and his blood applied to the leper and the other bird, the other bird was loosed (14:4-7)
2. The leper was completely shaved, washed, and his clothes were washed (14:8)
3. Step 2 was repeated after 7 days (14:9)
4. On the 8th day, the leper brought an offering for his cleansing (14:10-32) cf. (Luke 5:14)

OPTION 1 (14:10-20)			OPTION 2 (14:21-31)		
Two he lambs without blemish	One for a trespass (wave) offering	Offered first; the blood was placed on the right ear, thumb, and great toe of the cleansed leper	One he lamb without blemish	For a trespass (wave) offering	Offered first; the blood was placed on the right ear, thumb, and great toe of the cleansed leper
	One for a burnt offering	Offered after the sin offering		Two turtledoves or young pigeons	One for a burnt offering
One ewe lamb without blemish	For a sin offering	Offered after the trespass offering		One for a sin offering	Offered after the trespass offering
Three tenth deals of fine flour mingled with oil	For a meat offering	Offered last; the oil was sprinkled 7x before the Lord; placed on the right ear, thumb, and great toe of the cleansed leper; the rest poured upon his head	One tenth deal of fine flour mingled with oil	For a meat offering	Offered last; the oil was sprinkled 7x before the Lord; placed on the right ear, thumb, and great toe of the cleansed leper; the rest poured upon his head





Lev 12-15

- The diagnostic and cleansing process for a house was the same as a person (14:38,52-53) cf. (13:4; 14:4-7)
- *Issue* = Heb. Zoob = in its various forms, it is translated ISSUE 27x and FLOW 22x; it refers to bodily discharges and secretions
- While it clearly includes secretions from sores, boils, and wounds (15:2-7) as well as bodily discharges from ejaculation (15:16-18) and menstruation (15:19-33); it is not clear if it includes bodily discharges from other bodily functions (e.g.- a RUNNY nose)
- Those who touched a person with an issue, or anything they laid upon or sat upon, or we spat upon by a person with an issue would need to wash their clothes and bathe all their flesh- they would remain unclean until the even (i.e.- 6:00 pm)
- The phrase UNCLEAN UNTIL THE EVEN appears 15x (3 x 5; 5 = # of DEATH) in the chapter (15:5-8,10-11,16-19,23,27)
- When those with an issue were cleansed, they washed their clothes and bathed their flesh after 7 days , and on the 8th day they brought an offering to the Lord- two turtledoves or young pigeons (one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering)