

# Metzora (Cleansing of tzaraat ) Torah Portion 28 Lev. 14:1-15:33

**Background:** This Torah portion begins after יהוה had given instructions about contamination of a mother after giving birth and contamination of men and women by any issue and skin afflictions (tzaraat). יהוה had also spoken to Moses about contamination of clothing and houses.

**Metzora ( מצרע ) = cleansing of infected ones**

**The theme of Leviticus is How sinful man draws near to a Holy God**

## Events in this Torah portion:

- יהוה speaks to Moses about the purifying of tzaraat by two birds, cedar wood, crimson thread, living water and hyssop procedure by the priests in an open field.
- יהוה speaks to Moses about immersing and the washing of clothes and shaving of hair to become pure.
- יהוה speaks to Moses about the offering on the eighth day, two male lambs and one female along with flour and oil
- יהוה speaks to Moses about the lamb for the guilt offering that was to be offered by a person cleansed of tzaraat
- יהוה speaks to Moses about the blood to be placed on the right ear, thumb and toe.
- יהוה speaks to Moses about the sprinkling of the oil and placing on the right ear, thumb and toe and head of the person being purified.
- יהוה speaks to Moses about the sin offering for the person being purified
- יהוה speaks to Moses about the elevation offering for the person being purified.
- יהוה speaks to Moses about the eighth day offering for purification of a poor man, who shall bring one lamb and two turtledoves or young doves.
- יהוה speaks to Moses about the placing of the blood on the right ear, thumb and toe
- יהוה speaks to Moses about the placing and sprinkling of the oil and placing it on the right ear, thumb, toe and head.
- יהוה speaks to Moses about the doves as a sin offering and elevation offering along with the meal offering.
- יהוה speaks to Moses about the contamination of houses in the land of Israel. The house shall be emptied before the priest comes to look at it. The house is to be quarantined for seven days then re-inspected. Stones are removed and the walls are scraped. If the affliction returns the house shall be destroyed. Those who were in the house are contaminated.
- יהוה speaks to Moses about the house that the contamination does not return, two birds along with cedar wood, crimson thread and hyssop are used by the priest to atone for the house and it shall be purified.
- יהוה speaks to Moses about the discharge of a man
- יהוה speaks to Moses about the purification of a man with a discharge

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- **יהוה** speaks to Moses about the contamination of a man and woman from carnal relations and their cleansing
- **יהוה** speaks to Moses about the a woman's discharge and her time of separation and the contamination of things she touches.
- **יהוה** speaks to Moses about the contamination that is on a man if he has relations with her during her time of separation.
- **יהוה** speaks to Moses about the flow of a woman that lasts more than seven days and the contamination on any thing she sits on.
- **יהוה** speaks to Moses about the purifying of the woman after seven days without flow.
- **יהוה** speaks to Moses about the offering of two birds offered for her purification.
- **יהוה** speaks to Moses about the cleansing of contamination to prevent the death caused by defiling of the Tabernacle

### First Stage of Purification (Body)

**Leviticus 14:1-7** And **יהוה** spoke to Moses, saying, 2 This shall be the law of one with **tzaraat** in the day of his cleansing: He shall be brought to the priest: 3 And the priest shall go out of the camp; and the priest shall look, and, see, *if* the plague of tzaraat is healed; 4 Then the priest shall command for him that is to be **cleansed** to take two birds alive *and* clean, and **cedar wood**, and **scarlet**, and **hyssop**: 5 And the priest shall command that one of the birds is to be killed in an earthen vessel over **running water**: 6 And for the living bird, he shall take it, and the cedar wood, and the scarlet, and the hyssop, and shall dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird *that was* killed over the running water: 7 And he shall sprinkle on him that is to be cleansed from the tzaraat seven times, and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let the living bird loose into the open field.

**Tzaraat** = sore not leprosy (s#06883 **צִרְעָת**) (tsaw-rah'-ath) from (s#06879 **צָרַע**) (tsaw-rah') to scourge, to be stricken with leprosy. It appears that this condition is not Leprosy as had been previously believed. Leprosy would spread if these laws were followed for it. Also the skin conditions given in the Torah do not match those of Leprosy

**Cedar wood** = to be firm; used only in the pass. participle as a demon. from 730; of cedar:-made of cedar (s#0729 **אֲרֵז**) (aw-raz')

**Scarlet**(1) = crimson, prop. the insect or its color, also stuff dyed with it: crimson, scarlet (thread) (s#08144 **שָׁנִי**) (shaw-nee')

**Scarlet**(2) = from 3216; a maggot (as voracious) spec. (often with ellips. of 8144) the crimson-grub, but used only (in this connection) of color from it and cloths dyed therewith-crimson, scarlet, worm (s#08438 **תּוֹלַע**) (to-lah-ath')

**Hyssop** = hyssop (s#02312 **אֲזֵבֵב**) (ay-zobe')

**Spring Water (Running water)** = alive, raw, fresh water or year, strong, alive, life, living creature, running, springing, troop (s#02416 **חַי**) (khah'-ee)

**Water (water)** = dual form but used in singular sense of water, juice, flood, spring (s#04325 **מַיִם**) (may-eem')

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**Contaminated (unclean)** = foul in a religious sense, defiled, unclean, polluted (s#02931 טמא ) (taw-may')

**Comment:** The Priest shall take two live birds with the cedar wood, crimson thread and the hyssop branch. **One bird is to be slaughtered** into a **earthen vessel** over **spring water (living water)**. Then he shall take the **live bird** with the **cedar wood** and **hyssop** and tie them together with the **crimson thread** and dip them in the **blood and water** in the **earthen vessel**. Then he shall **sprinkle seven times** on the person being purified, thus purifying him. Then he shall set the **live bird free** on the open field. The person being purified shall immerse his clothing, **shave off all his hair** and **immerse himself in water** and **become pure**. He may then enter the camp but he must **live outside his tent for seven days**. **Notice that this is not an offering** and that any clean birds can be used. Only two types of birds were allowed to be offered as a sacrifice before **יהוה**, but any bird that was clean to eat could be used for this service. Also we know that offerings can only be offered at the Tabernacle or Temple not in a field.

### Second Stage of Purification

**Leviticus 14:8-9** And the one that is to be cleansed shall wash his clothes, and shave off all his hair, and wash himself in water, that he may be clean: and after that he shall come into the camp, and shall stay outside of his tent seven days. 9 But on the seventh day, he shall shave all his hair off his head and his beard and his eyebrows, even all his hair he shall shave off: and he shall wash his clothes, and he shall wash his body in water, and he shall be clean.

**Comment:** This is the procedure for a person to be declared clean after he had been healed of tzaraat and shaved off all his hair while he was living outside the camp. He can now come into the camp, but he must live outside of his tent for seven days. After this seven day period he shall shave all his body again to be sure that he is still free of tzaraat.

### Related Scripture Yeshua is the cleansing as the living water, Mayim Chayem

**John 4:7-10** There came a woman of Samaria to draw water: Yeshua said to her, Give Me to drink. 8 (For His disciples were gone away to the city to buy food.) 9 Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink who is a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. 10 Yeshua answered and said to her, If you knew the gift of Elohim, and who it is that said to you, Give Me a drink; you would have asked Him, and He would have given you **living water**.

**Stone Edition Chumash** (page 621) **The head represents haughtiness**, since he considered himself better and more worthy of respect than those he maligned. **The beard frames the mouth** which spoke the gossip and slander **The eyebrows represent the base trait of jealousy**. (**צרות עין**) Literally narrowness of the eye, which motivated him to destroy the reputation of others.

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### Related Scripture **Be careful of what you say about others**

**Matthew 5:22-24** But I say to you, That whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and **whoever shall say to his brother, Raca**, shall be in danger of the council: but **whoever shall say, You fool**, shall be in danger of hell fire. 23: Therefore if you bring your gift to the Altar, and there remember that your brother has ought against you; 24: **Leave there your gift before the Altar, and go your way; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.**

**Comment:** The word **Raca** has the same meaning of a common phrase used today, Strong's number G4469 means **empty one**. This is the same as the current phrase today "**Air Head**". Using terminology like this is the path to having the judgment of tzaraat placed on us.

### Related Scripture **The body (the old nature) must be put to death first**

**Romans 6:3-7** Don't you know, that as many of us as were baptized into Yeshua the Messiah were baptized into His death? 4: Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like Messiah was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also will walk in newness of life. 5: For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection: 6: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, **that the body of sin might be destroyed**, that from then we should not serve sin. 7: For he that is dead is freed from sin.

### **Third Stage of Purification**

**Leviticus 14:10-18** And on the eighth day he shall take two male lambs without blemish, and one ewe lamb in its first year without blemish, and three tenth deals of fine flour *for* a Grain Offering, mingled with oil, and one log of oil. 11 And the priest that made *him* clean shall present the man that is to be made clean, and those things, before **יהוה**, at the door of the Tabernacle of the congregation: 12 And the priest shall take one male lamb, and offer him for a Trespass Offering, and the log of oil, and wave them *for* a wave offering before **יהוה**: 13 And he shall slay the lamb in the place where he shall kill the Sin Offering and the Burnt Offering, in the holy place: for as the Sin Offering *is* the priest's, *so is* the Trespass Offering: it *is* most holy:

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On the eighth day he shall take two unblemished male lambs and one unblemished ewe lamb in the first year along with a Grain Offering mixed with oil.

1. The Priest shall have him stand before the entrance to the tent of meeting (just outside) with his offerings.
2. The Priest shall slaughter one of the lambs as a Trespass Offering in the place of holiness
3. The Priest shall take the **blood** of this Trespass Offering and place it on the right ear, thumb of right hand and the big toe of the right foot of the one being purified.
4. The Priest shall pour some of the oil on the palm of his left hand.

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5. The Priest shall dip his right forefinger into the **oil** that is in his left palm and sprinkle the oil seven times before **יהוה**.
6. The Priest shall take some of the remaining oil and shall place it on the right ear, the thumb of the right hand and the big toe of the right foot on the blood of the Trespass-Offering.
7. The Priest shall take the rest of the oil and place it on the head of the person being purified and the Priest shall provide him atonement.
8. The Priest shall then perform the Sin Offering service and provide atonement for the person being purified. (is the sin offering a male lamb or ewe?)
9. The Priest shall bring the Burnt-Offering and the Grain-Offering up to the Altar and the Priest shall provide him atonement and **he becomes pure**

**This is very similar to the anointing of the High Priest.**

### **Third Stage of Purification continued**

**Leviticus 14:14-20** And the priest shall take *some* of the blood of the Trespass Offering, and the priest shall put *it* on the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the great toe of his right foot: 15 And the priest shall take *some* of the log of oil, and pour *it* to the palm of his own left hand: 16 And the priest shall dip his right finger in the oil that *is* in his left hand, and shall sprinkle some of the oil with his finger seven times before **יהוה**: 17 And of the rest of the oil that *is* in his hand the priest shall put on the tip of the right ear of the one that is to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the great toe of his right foot, on the blood of the Trespass Offering: 18 And the remnant of the oil that *is* in the priest's hand he shall pour on the head of him that is to be cleansed: and the priest shall make an atonement for him before **יהוה**. 19 And the priest shall offer the Sin Offering, and make an atonement for him that is to be cleansed from his uncleanness; and afterward he shall kill the Burnt Offering: 20 And the priest shall offer the Burnt Offering and the Grain Offering on the Altar: and the priest shall make an atonement for him, and he shall be clean.

**Comment:** We see that the application of the blood to right ear the thumb of the right hand and the big toe of the right foot is the same as the inauguration of the priests. This shows us that the one being cleansed is committing to hear only wholesome talk, perform only righteous deeds and only go to places where **יהוה** is honored. This may be showing us the reason that this person had contracted this skin ailment by doing one or more of these impure skin conditions.

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### Third Stage of Purification for one who is poor

**Leviticus 14:21-25** And if he *is* poor, and cannot afford as much; then he shall take one lamb *for* a Trespass Offering to be waved, to make an atonement for him, and one tenth deal of fine flour mingled with oil for a Grain Offering, and a log of oil; 22 And two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, such as he is able to get; and the one shall be a Sin Offering, and the other a Burnt Offering. 23 And he shall bring them on the eighth day for his cleansing to the priest, to the door of the Tabernacle of the congregation, before **יהוה**. 24 And the priest shall take the lamb of the Trespass Offering, and the log of oil, and the priest shall wave them *for* a wave offering before **יהוה**: 25 And he shall kill the lamb of the Trespass Offering, and the priest shall take *some* of the blood of the Trespass Offering, and put *it* on the tip of the right ear of the one that is to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the great toe of his right foot:

### Third Stage of Purification for one who is poor continued

**Leviticus 14:26-32** And the priest shall pour of the oil into the palm of his own left hand: 27 And the priest shall sprinkle with his right finger *some* of the oil that *is* in his left hand seven times before **יהוה**: 28 And the priest shall put some of the oil that *is* in his hand on the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the great toe of his right foot, on the place of the blood of the Trespass Offering: 29 And the rest of the oil that *is* in the priest's hand he shall put on the head of him that is to be cleansed, to make an atonement for him before **יהוה**. 30 And he shall offer one of the turtledoves, or of the young pigeons, such as he can afford; 31 *of* (**את**) as he can afford, the one *for* a Sin Offering, and the other *for* a Burnt Offering, with the Grain Offering: and the priest shall make an atonement for him that is to be cleansed before **יהוה**. 32 This *is* the law *of one* in whom *is* the plague of tzaraat, whose hand is not able to get *that which is needed* for his cleansing.

ועשה את-האחד מן-התרים או מן-בני היונה מאשר תשיג ידו את אשר-תשיג  
ידו את-האחד חטאת ואת-האחד עלה על המנחה וכפר הכהן על המטהר  
לפני יהוה

Leviticus 14:30-31 The double use of the phrase in Hebrew

...his hands attains means 31 Of his hands attains means...The middle word that is translated as Of is the word ET ( **את** ) the first and last Hebrew Letter

The stand alone ( **את** ) is a reference to Messiah

**This is a sign of the Messiah for only Messiah can cleanse this condition.**

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**When a person sent a messenger to the Temple Priest** saying that he needs to be cleansed, they would know that the Messiah had come. When the ten men with Tzaraat went to the Temple after Messiah had cleansed them, it was a proclamation to the Priesthood that Messiah had come. Never before had ten men with Tzaraat been cleansed at one time. It is possible that no one had ever been cleansed before. This also could have been a sign that the uncleanness of the ten tribes had been forgiven and they were being called to come back to יהוה.

### **Related Scripture Ten men with Tzaraat**

**Luke 17:11-19** And it came to pass, as He went to Jerusalem, that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. 12: And as He entered into a certain village, there met Him **ten men that were lepers (Tzaraat)**, which stood afar off: 13: And they lifted up their voices, and said, Yeshua, Master, have mercy on us. 14: And when He saw them, He said to them, **Go show yourselves to the priests.** And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. 15: And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified Elohim, 16: And fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. 17: And Yeshua answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? 18: There are not found that returned to give glory to Elohim, save this stranger. 19: And He said to him, Arise, go your way: your faith has made you whole.

### **The meaning of the cleansing process**

<b>two live birds</b>	The two birds represent Yeshua and a sinner
<b>One bird is to be slaughtered</b>	The bird that is slaughtered represents Yeshua who died to set us free of the bondage of sin
<b>earthen vessel</b>	The earthen vessel, not a vessel of copper, shows us that this is not a judgment against the sinner
<b>living water</b>	Living water represents the Holy Spirit that would be given in more fullness after Yeshua's death. He shows us our need to be saved
<b>live bird</b>	The live bird being set free after having the blood and living water applied, displays the freedom from the bondage of sin through the blood of Yeshua and the Taval (baptism) He died so that we can live.
<b>cedar wood</b>	Cedar wood is not harmed by insects. Hasatan can not take us out of the protective hand of the Father.
<b>hyssop</b>	Hyssop was used to put the blood on the doorposts and lentil at the first Passover. It was also used to give Yeshua vinegar when He was on the tree. Both of these events saved us from death. David says in Psalms 51:7 ..purge me with Hyssop and I shall be clean, wash me and I shall be whiter than snow

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<b>crimson thread</b>	The crimson thread saved the physical life of Rahab and her family Joshua 2:18-19. This points to the blood of Yeshua. <b>Crimson</b> thread was made using a dye from a worm. <b>Psalms 22:6-8</b> But <b>I am a worm</b> , and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people. 7 All they that see Me laugh Me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, <i>saying</i> , 8 He trusted on <b>יהוה</b> <i>that</i> He would deliver Him: let Him deliver Him, seeing He delighted in Him.
<b>sprinkle seven times</b> on the person being purified	The sprinkling seven times points to the fact that forgiveness of sin will be available for seven thousand years. This includes the thousand year reign of Yeshua. The final judgment of sin will take place after this, and sin will no longer exist and all evil will be destroyed.
set the <b>live bird free</b> on the open field	We are free to live in the world to display mercy that we have been granted through the blood of Yeshua and to bring others to Him.
immerse his clothing, <b>shave off all his hair</b> and <b>immerse himself in water</b> and <b>become pure</b> .	This act of removing hair from the body is an indication of the removing of pride and arrogance from our lives. Many have experienced this when they enter the military. Most people had never had their heads shaved before. This had a profound affect on everyone's attitude.
he must <b>live outside his tent for seven days</b>	This shows that we will not have our glorified bodies until the seven thousand year period is over.

### Tzaraat in a house (in the land) shut up seven days

**Leviticus 14:33-38** And **יהוה** spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, 34 When you be come into the land of Canaan, which I give to you for a possession, and **I put the plague of tzaraat** in a house of the land of your possession; 35 And he that owns the house shall come and tell the priest, saying, It seems to me *there is* as it were a plague in the house: 36 Then the priest shall command that they empty the house, before the priest goes to see the plague, that all that *is* in the house will not be made unclean: and afterward the priest shall go in to see the house: 37 And he shall look on the plague, and, *if* the plague *is* in the walls of the house with hollow streaks, greenish or reddish, which appear lower than the wall; 38 Then the priest shall go out of the house to the door of the house, and shut up the house seven days:

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**Comment:** We see from verse 34 that the plague of tzaraat is placed in the home by יהוה and it is to bring to attention something that is wrong in the heart of the owner of the house. This problem with the heart of the owner could be the fact that he has taken something that belongs to another, and the evidence will be apparent when all the contents of the house is brought out for all to see. The problem could also be a matter of pride in his possessions which he might have bragged to others that he is blessed by the Creator because he is perfect before Him. It could also be because he has condemned others in secret with evil speech, and judgment is being brought on him to cause him to be humbled. We do not have tzaraat in the world today as far as we know, but it will most likely be quite common in the Greater Exodus because of the wrong attitudes of many who will be in the camp of Israel in the presence of יהוה. The reference to tzaraat in a house is in reference to when Israel lives in the land of Israel. This condition will be possible then because יהוה will be living in Jerusalem and greater holiness will be required in the land of Israel then.

### **Related Scripture: יהוה House will be in Jerusalem**

**Isaiah 2:2-3** And it shall come to pass in the last days, *that* the mountain of יהוה's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. 3 And many people shall go and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of יהוה, to the house of the God of Jacob; and **He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the Torah, and the word of יהוה from Jerusalem.**

### **The House is cleansed and repaired**

**Leviticus 14:39-42** And the priest shall come again the seventh day, and shall look: and, behold, *if* the plague has spread in the walls of the house; 40 Then the priest shall command that they take away the stones in which the plague *is in*, and they shall cast them out to an unclean place outside the city: 41 And he shall cause the house to be scraped within round about, and they shall pour out the dust that they scrape off, outside the city in a unclean place: 42 And they shall take other stones, and put *them* in the place of those stones; and he shall take other mortar, and shall plaster the house.

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### If the plague returns the house must be destroyed

**Leviticus 14:42-47** And if the plague returns, and breaks out in the house, after he has taken away the stones, and after he has scraped the house, and after it is plastered; 44 Then the priest shall come and look, and, *if* the plague has spread in the house, it *is* a fretting tzaraat in the house: it *is* unclean. 45 And he shall break down the house, the stones of it, and the timber of it, and all the mortar of the house; and he shall carry *them* out of the city to an unclean place. 46 Moreover the one that goes into the house while it is shut up shall be unclean until the evening. 47 And anyone that lies in the house shall wash his clothes; and he that eats in the house shall wash his clothes.

### Stones in Scripture

#### **Time to gather & embrace, cast away & not embrace**

**Ecclesiastes 3:5** A time to **cast away stones**, and a time to **gather stones** together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

#### **Stones that are in the way of righteousness are removed**

**Isaiah 62:10** Go through, go through the gates; prepare you the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; **gather out the stones**; lift up a standard for the people.

#### **Houses of thieves & liars will be destroyed**

**Zechariah 5:4** I will bring it forth, says יהוה of hosts, and **it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him that swears falsely by My name: and it shall remain in the midst of his house, and shall consume it with the timber and the stones.**

#### **The people of God will be displayed as beautiful Stones**

**Zechariah 9:16** And יהוה their God shall save them in that day as the flock of His people: for **they shall be as the stones** of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon His land.

#### **We will be as Stones in the House of יהוה**

**1 Peter 2:5** **You also, as lively stones**, are built up a **spiritual house**, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to Elohim by Yeshua Messiah.

#### **Overcomers will be given deeper understanding**

**Revelations 2:17** He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the congregations; To him that overcomes will I give to eat of the **hidden manna**, and will give him a **white (glowing) stone**, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knows except he that receives *it*.

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### Cleansing of Evil during the Thousand year Reign of Messiah

The Scripture **Leviticus 14:34-45** is the procedure that is to be used to judge whether a house can be made clean after it is found to be unclean. I believe it also is the **process by which a household will be determined if it can be made clean of spiritual impurity during the thousand year reign of Messiah**. This will be the process by which Messiah will judge, correct and rejudge a household during His thousand year reign. The Torah will go out from Jerusalem during this period of time to correct man. The final judgment will take place at the end of His thousand year reign and all evil will be destroyed. These verses tell us that correction will take place by removing those (**stones**) judged as evil from families and time is given to see if the rest of the family will turn to righteousness or return to evil ways. If they return to evil the whole household will be completely destroyed and removed to an unclean place (Hell or Gehenna). This judgment is consistently shown against the house of Amalek.

**Exodus 17:14,16** And **יהוה** said to Moses, Write this *for* a memorial in a book, and rehearse *it* in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. 16 For he said, Because **יהוה** has sworn *that יהוה will have war with Amalek from generation to generation*.

Reference: Brenda Gardner

### **Process of declaring the house Clean**

**Leviticus 14:48-57** And if the priest shall come in, and look *at it*, and, behold, the plague has not spread in the house, after the house was plastered: then the priest shall pronounce the house clean, because the plague is healed. 49 And he shall take to cleanse the house two birds, and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop: 50 And he shall kill the one of the birds in an earthen vessel over running water: 51 And he shall take the cedar wood, and the hyssop, and the scarlet, and the living bird, and dip them in the blood of the slain bird, and in the running water, and sprinkle the house seven times: 52 And he shall cleanse the house with the blood of the bird, and with the running water, and with the living bird, and with the cedar wood, and with the hyssop, and with the scarlet: 53 But he shall let the living bird go out of the city into the open fields, and make an atonement for the house: and it shall be clean. 54 This *is* the law for all manner of plague of Tzaraat, and scall, 55 And for the tzaraat of a garment, and of a house, 56 And for a rising, and for a scab, and for a bright spot: 57 To teach when *it is* unclean, and when *it is* clean: this *is* the law of tzaraat.

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### Physical Judgment of a House with Tzaraat

### Messiah's Judgment of an Evil House with Hatred & Jealousy

<p><b>Leviticus 14:34</b> When you come to the land of Canaan that I give you as a possession, <b>I will place an affliction</b> of Tzaraat on a house of the land of your possession</p>	<p><b>When you return</b> to the land after the Tribulation and Messiah rules the world from Jerusalem He will test those who seem to be predisposed to rebellion and evil.</p>
<p><b>Leviticus 14:35</b> And he that owns the house shall come and tell the priest, saying, It seems to me <i>there is</i> as it were a plague in the house:</p>	<p>When those who feel that judgment has been placed on them, they will ask the Priest to evaluate them.</p>
<p><b>Leviticus 14:36</b> Then the priest shall command that they empty the house, before the priest goes to see the plague, that all that <i>is</i> in the house will not be made unclean: and afterward the priest shall go in to see the house:</p>	<p>Messiah will look at the history of this family before the present members (all that is presently in the house) were born, to see if evil has been passed down to them through time.</p>
<p><b>Leviticus 14:37-38</b> And he shall look on the plague, and, <i>if</i> the plague <i>is</i> in the walls of the house with hollow streaks, greenish or reddish, which appear lower than the wall; 38 Then the priest shall go out of the house to the door of the house, and shut up the house seven days:</p>	<p>He will look for greenish streaks referring to hidden envy and reddish streaks referring to hidden hatred as the hatred of Esau. The house will be left to its self to see if evil will grow. This process will take place through the six thousand years and part of the seventh thousand years.</p>

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<p><b>Leviticus 14:39-42</b> And the priest shall come again the seventh day, and shall look: and, behold, <i>if</i> the plague is spread in the walls of the house; 40 Then the priest shall command that they take away the stones in which the plague <i>is</i>, and they shall cast them into an unclean place outside the city: 41 And he shall cause the house to be scraped within round about, and they shall pour out the dust that they scrape off outside the city in a unclean place: 42 And they shall take other stones, and put <i>them</i> in the place of those stones; and he shall take other mortar, and shall plaster the house.</p>	<p>Messiah will begin to judge the house (family) at the beginning of the seventh thousand year period. Messiah will remove the evil (stones), those who seem to be the source of the rebellion. They will be removed to an unclean place (Gehenna). Those who do not appear to be a source of evil will be left to be tested. Other leaders (stones) will be born into the family and they will be given time to see if they will return to evil ways.</p>
<p><b>Leviticus 14:43-45</b> And if the plague returns, and breaks out in the house, after he has taken away the stones, and after he has scraped the house, and after it is plastered; 44 Then the priest shall come and look, and, <i>if</i> the plague is spread in the house, it <i>is</i> a fretting tzaraat in the house: it <i>is</i> unclean. 45 And he shall break down the house, the stones of it, and the timber there, and all the mortar of the house; and he shall carry <i>them</i> out of the city into an unclean place.</p>	<p>At the end of a unspecified time period or at the end of the thousand year reign of Messiah, the house will be judged again and judged righteous or unrighteous. This time period will enable the whole house to either repent and become righteous or become completely evil. If it has become unrighteous the whole house will be cast into an unclean place (Hell).</p>

### Uncleanness of Man

**Leviticus 15:1-7** And יהוה spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, 2 Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, When any man has a running issue out of his flesh, *because of his issue* he *is* unclean. 3 And this shall be his uncleanness in his issue: whether his flesh run with his issue, or his flesh be stopped from his issue, it *is* his uncleanness. 4 Every bed, that he lay on that has the issue, is unclean: and everywhere, he sits, shall be unclean. 5 And whoever touches his bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the evening. 6 And he that sits on *anything* that he sat on that had the issue shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the evening. 7 And he that touches the flesh of one that has the issue shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the evening.

**Discharge (issue)** = to flow freely, a seminal flux (s#02100 זוב ) (zoov)

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**Comment: Discharges from a man that makes him unclean** This discharge is not limited to semen. It may be some other discharge from the male organ caused by an infection or other problem. It may be partially semen mixed with other fluids. Anything that he touches also becomes unclean. This includes the bed he is sleeping on, any pottery or wooden utensils he has touched or riding equipment he may sit on. He will also make another person unclean if they touch anything that he has touched while he is unclean. If he spits on anyone they are also made unclean. The person who is made unclean by touching something that the unclean man has touched must be cleansed by immersing himself/herself in living water and washing their clothes, and they will be unclean until evening. When the man with the discharge rinses his hands he will no longer make others unclean. This also includes pottery and utensils. However washing his hands does not make him clean. When his discharge ceases he is to immerse himself in living water and wash his clothes and **count seven days** after which he is clean. On **the eighth day** he is to take two turtledoves or two young doves to the Tabernacle and give them to the Priest who will offer them for him and provide atonement for him for his discharge.

### Uncleanness can be spread

**Leviticus 15:8-11** And if he that has the issue spit on someone that is clean; then he shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the evening. 9 And a saddle that he rides on that has the issue shall be unclean. 10 And whoever touches anything that was under him shall be unclean until the evening: and he that carries *any of* those things shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the evening. 11 And whoever he touches that has the issue, and has not rinsed his hands in water, he shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the evening.

### Related Scripture No Sexual relations when יהוה is on the mountain

**Exodus 19:12-16** And you shall set bounds for the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, *that you* do not go up the mount, or touch the border of it: whoever touches the mount shall be surely put to death: 13 There shall not an hand touch it, or he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether *it* is beast or man, it shall not live: when the trumpet sounds long, they shall come up to the mount. 14 And Moses went down from the mount to the people, and **sanctified the people; and they washed their clothes.** 15 **And he said to the people, Be ready on the third day: do not have relations with your wives.** 16 And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that *were* in the camp trembled.

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### Uncleanness made clean

**Leviticus 15:12-18** And the vessel of earth, that he touched which had the issue, shall be broken: and every vessel of wood shall be rinsed in water. 13 And when he that had an issue is cleansed of his issue; then he shall number to himself seven days for his cleansing, and wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in running water, and shall be clean. 14 And on the eighth day he shall take for him two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, and come before יהוה to the door of the Tabernacle of the congregation, and give them to the priest: 15 And the priest shall offer them, the one for a Sin Offering, and the other for a Burnt Offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for him before יהוה for his issue. 16 And if any man's seed of copulation go out from him, then he shall wash all his flesh in water, and be unclean until the evening. 17 And every garment, and every skin, that on it is the seed of copulation, shall be washed with water, and be unclean until the evening. 18 The woman also with whom man shall lie with seed of copulation, they shall both bathe themselves in water, and be unclean until the evening.

**Comment: Uncleanness from Carnal Relations** Both the man and the woman shall be made unclean through carnal relations. They shall both immerse themselves in living water and remain unclean until the evening. We must understand that this uncleanness is not sin. We are commanded to be fruitful and multiply and are blessed for the procreation of offspring and for the building of a proper relationship between husband and wife. The document that lists the terms of the marriage contract (katubah) lists that the husband must not stop having sexual relations with his wife. It is one of the things that must be provided by the husband along with clothes and food. Sexual relations are to stop three days before one physically approaches the throne of יהוה. The uncleanness has to do with spiritual cleanness, meaning that we are not to come into יהוה's presence in an unclean state. That is why יהוה told Moses to tell the people to cleanse themselves and to not have relations with their wives because in three days He was going to come down on Mount Sinai and give them the Torah.

### **Related Scripture Sexual relations between husband and wife are commanded**

***I Corinthians 6:18-7:5*** Flee fornication. Every sin that a man does is without the body; but he that commits fornication sins against his own body. 19: What? don't you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which you have of Elohim, and you are not your own? 20: For you are bought with a price: therefore glorify Elohim in your body, and in your spirit, which are Elohim's. 7:1: Now concerning the things that you wrote to me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. 2: Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. 3: **Let the husband render to the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife to the husband.** 4: The wife does not have power over her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband does not have power over his own body, but the wife. 5: **Do not Defraud one another, except it be with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that hasatan not tempt you for your inconsistency.**

**For those who are interested** in looking further into clean and unclean in relationships I recommend the book **Nazarene Israel**. It is available on the INTERNET for a nominal cost.

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### **Discharges from a Woman that makes her unclean**

When a woman has her monthly period she shall be in a state of separation (Niddah) for seven days. If the woman's monthly flow continues past her seven days, then she is unclean until her period stops plus seven additional days.

**Others made unclean** Anyone who touches her shall be unclean until evening. Notice they were not required to immerse themselves to become clean in the evening. Anything she sits on including her bedding becomes contaminated. Anyone who touches her bedding becomes contaminated. Notice it says if someone touches something that she has sit on **he** becomes contaminated. I am uncertain if this means that only men can become contaminated this way. If a man lies with her when she is in the state of separation, he will also be contaminated for seven days and his bedding becomes contaminated.

**Unclean woman cleansed** On the eighth day after her flow has stopped she shall take two turtledoves or two young doves to the Priest to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting and the Priest shall make atonement for her for her contaminating flow. During the second Temple times there were thirteen containers that were for giving offerings. They each were designated for different purposes. When a woman had finished her time of separation she would go to the Temple and drop two copper coins in the right container. The Priest would empty the container at different times and count the number of coins and offer up the proper number of doves for the women's offerings.

### **Woman's time of separation**

**Leviticus 15:19-28** And if a woman has an issue, *and* her issue in her flesh is blood, she shall be put apart seven days: and whoever touches her shall be unclean until the evening. 20 And everything that she lies on in her separation shall be unclean: everything also that she sits on shall be unclean. 21 And whoever touches her bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the evening. 22 And whoever touches anything that she sat on shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the evening. 23 And if it *is* on *her* bed, or on anything that she sat on, when he touches it, he shall be unclean until the evening. 24 And if any man lie with her at all, and her discharge is on him, he shall be unclean seven days; and all the bed where he laid shall be unclean. 25 And if a woman has an issue of her blood many days out of the time of her separation, or if it run beyond the time of her separation; all the days of the issue of her uncleanness shall be as the days of her separation: she *shall be* unclean. 26 Every bed where she lay all the days of her issue shall be to her as the bed of her separation: and whatever she sits on shall be unclean, as the uncleanness of her separation. 27 And whoever touches those things shall be unclean, and shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the evening. 28 But if she is cleansed of her issue, then she shall number to herself seven days, and after that she shall be clean.

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### Related Scripture **Woman with an issue of blood**

**Mark 5:21-43** And when Yeshua was passed over again by ship to the other side, many people gathered to Him: and He was near the sea. 22: And, behold, there came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw Him, he fell at His feet, 23: And sought Him greatly, saying, **My little daughter lies at the point of death:** I beg You, come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live. 24: And Yeshua went with him; and many people followed Him, and thronged Him. 25: And a **certain woman, which had an issue of blood** twelve years, 26: And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, 27: When she had heard of Yeshua, came in the press behind, and touched His garment. 28: For she said, If I may touch but His clothes, I shall be whole. 29: And right away the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that **plague**. 30: And Yeshua, immediately knowing in Himself that virtue had gone out of Him, turned around in the press, and said, Who touched My clothes? 31: And His disciples said to Him, You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, Who touched Me? 32: And He looked about to see her that had done this thing. 33: But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in Her, came and fell down before Him, and told Him all the truth. 34: And He said to her, Daughter, **your faith has made you whole;** go in peace, and **be healed of your plague**. 35: While He yet spoke, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, **Your daughter is dead:** why do you trouble the Master any further? 36: As soon as Yeshua heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe. 37: And He allowed no man to follow Him, except Peter, and James, and John the brother of James. 38: And He came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and saw the commotion, and those that wept and wailed greatly. 39: And when He was came in, He said to them, Why do you make this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleeps. 40: And they laughed Him to scorn. But when He had put them all out, He took the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with Him, and entered in where the damsel was lying. 41: And He took the damsel by the hand, and said to her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say to you, arise. 42: And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment. 43: And He charged them straitly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat.

**Comment:** The woman that was healed of the plague of an unending period or time of impurity having had this condition for twelve years could point to what Yeshua came to do for the twelve tribes (the bride). He came to end their time of **separation** (Niddah) from **יהוה** and bring healing for their relationship with their creator. The little girl of twelve years of age that was brought back to life could point to the fact that the twelve tribes (the bride) were separated from **יהוה** and had a judgment of death on them. Yeshua's death would allow them to be brought back under the covenant as Paul talks about in Romans chapter six and seven.

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### Related Scripture lost ten tribes will be cleansed of uncleanness

**Malachi 4:1-2** For, behold, the day come, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yes, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that comes shall burn them up, says יהוה of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. 2: But to you that fear My name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings; (four cornered tzitzit) and you shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

### Cleansing on the eighth day

**Leviticus 15:29-33** And on the eighth day she shall take to her two turtles, or two young pigeons, and bring them to the priest, to the door of the Tabernacle of the congregation. 30 And the priest shall offer the one *for* a Sin Offering, and the other *for* a Burnt Offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for her before יהוה for the issue of her uncleanness. 31 This way shall you separate the children of Israel from their uncleanness; that they die not in their uncleanness, when they defile my Tabernacle that is among them. 32 This is the law of one that has an issue, and *of him* whose seed goes from him, and is defiled because of it; 33 And of her that is sick of her cycle, and of him that has an issue, of the man, and of the woman, and of him that lies with her that is unclean.

**Comment:** These laws will become more important (**life and death issues**) when the Temple is rebuilt and we are to visit it each Shabbat and during the Festivals. In the meantime we can not be cleansed of any contamination that requires a Priest to cleanse us or if an offering is required to be presented before יהוה.

### Stone Edition Chumash (page 624) Minor & Major Zavah are Rabbinical in nature

They were determined by the wording of Scripture but not from a direct command

**Minor Zavah** = When a woman's flow continues more than seven days. If the flow stops within eleven days she will return back to niddah status after immersing herself the morning after the day the flow stopped. If the flow comes at a time other than her regular period she would also be Zavah status.

**Major Zavah** = When a woman's flow continues more than seven days and she has flow on three consecutive days during the eleven day period after her normal seven day niddah period. She will be tamei (unclean) until she has seven consecutive days without any discharge and then immersing herself the morning after the day the flow stopped. This was the status of the woman who had an issue of blood who touched the tzitzit of Messiah garment.

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### **Related Scripture All the world come to Jerusalem each week**

**Isaiah 66:19-24** And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them to the nations, *to* Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, *to* Tubal, and Javan, *to* the isles afar off, that have not heard My fame, neither have seen My glory; and they shall declare My glory among the Gentiles. 20 And they shall bring all your brethren *for* an offering to יהוה out of all nations on horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and on mules, and on swift beasts, to My holy mountain Jerusalem, says יהוה, as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel to the house of יהוה. 21 And I will also take of them for priests *and* for Levites, says יהוה. 22 For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before Me, says יהוה, so shall your seed and your name remain. 23 And **it shall come to pass, that from one New Moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before Me, says יהוה.** 24 And they shall go forth, and look on the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against Me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring to all flesh.