



METZORA - INFECTED ONES

Leviticus 14:1 to 15:33

2 Kings 7:3-20

Hebrews 13:4

Matthew 9:20-26

Luke 17:1-37

Priestly Mindset Part Two and Cleansing From Defilement

The Metzora study is a continuation from the last parsha Tazria. We recommend reading Tazria first as it contains much of the background material for this study.

In the book of Leviticus, Yeshua's people are learning the keys of how walk in His Heavenly pattern for daily life on the earth. This walk is the redeemed lifestyle of the priesthood. The wisdom contained in Leviticus holds the blessings and provision leading to eternal life - the realm of the priesthood. God/*Elohim* has called His people a *holy priesthood*. By His grace, He set His Holy Spirit/*Ruach HaKodesh* within them as a guide. If His people ignore His principles (knowingly or unknowingly) and innocently entertain ungodly ways, then the enemy is free to influence them with his lies and schemes. Understanding the principles of Yeshua's Kingdom ways will help equip His people to stay within His guidelines. This action binds the enemy and safeguards the priesthood from potential defilement. In this Leviticus section, we will learn the process and regulations for cleansing from unclean/*tzarat* afflictions (Exodus 19:5-6; 1 Peter 2:9; Isaiah 63:8-14).

🌿 **Matthew 16:19** “And I will give you [*believer*] the keys of the kingdom of heaven [*the realms contained in Yahweh's instruction, called the Gospel, that governs the earth*], and whatever you bind on earth [*by walking in My will*] will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth [*by walking outside My will*] will be loosed in heaven.”

What does it mean to stay *inside Torah*? In Genesis, we learned there are two trees in the garden. One ruled by Satan/*HaSatan*, the prince of the air, and the other by Yahweh. If believers do not obey a directive they open themselves up to Satan's realm, the accuser of the brethren, plus run the risk of losing eternal life in Yeshua's Kingdom. We witnessed this in the story of Adam and Eve. Note, that in the Kingdom of God/*Elohim* (heaven)

there was good, and there was evil. To stay in Yahweh's realm, they were told not to partake in the evil, or they would lose their position, eternal life, as His Kingdom is a *holy* kingdom. When Adam and Eve compromised His holiness and ate from the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, they became defiled and no longer mirrored His holiness thus, were escorted outside. It is the same for us today. We are made in Yeshua's image – *Holiness*. If we disobey, we bring defilement upon ourselves. As with Adam and Eve, the way back to His Kingdom has been gifted to His people - *if* they follow His righteous ways (Genesis 3:1-7).

When believers obey His directions (principles for their life) and walk in one accord with Him, there is no accuser (Ephesians 2:1-3).

🌿 **John 5:24** “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.”

🌿 **1 John 3:14-18** “We know that we [*believer*] have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He [*believer*] who does not love *his* brother abides in death. Whoever [*believer*] hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren. But whoever [*believer*] has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God/*Elohim* abide in him [*believer*]? My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.”

🌿 **Psalm 146:5-7** “Happy is he who has the God/*Elohim* of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD/*Yahweh* his God/*Elohim*, Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; Who keeps truth forever, Who executes justice [*deliverance*] for the oppressed, Who gives food to the hungry. Yahweh gives freedom to the prisoners.”

Eating of *the Tree of Life* – Yeshua, the Living Torah – is staying on the pathways of righteousness leading to eternal life. Partaking of *the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil* is *outside Torah* and will expose believers to a realm that could result in death spiritually, emotionally and/or physically. We are told not to eat of it!

🌿 **Genesis 2:17** “...but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil may look good, but evil and death lurk behind its false attraction. Believers cause their own defilement when they decide to partake in this false tree. However, many are not willing to amend their ways and even go to the extent of laying blame on others as Adam and Eve did by accusing outside influences for their lack and decrease without taking personal responsibility for the choices *they* made in agreeing with the enemy. These justifications reveal a disloyal heart

toward Yahweh that not only binds His blessings in their life but also binds them to a life of slavery to sin. Torah, Yahweh's teaching and instruction, is designed to deliver His people and give them a full and abundant life.

🌿 **Matthew 5:22-26** “But I say to you [*believer*] that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca!’ shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, ‘You fool!’ shall be in danger of hell fire. Therefore if you [*believer*] bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison. Assuredly, I say to you, you will by no means get out of there till you have paid the last penny.”

🌿 **John 8:31-36** “Then Jesus/*Yeshua* said to those Jews who *believed* Him, ‘If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.’ They answered Him, ‘We are Abraham’s descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How *can* you say, ‘You will be made free’? Jesus/*Yeshua* answered them, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. And a slave does not abide in the house forever, *but* a son abides forever. Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.’ ”

In the study of *Exodus*, we learned how Yahweh *legally* betrothed His people at Mount Sinai by imparting His Wedding Covenant to them. His Covenant contained ten vows (Ten Commandments), with each vow containing principles that uphold His Heavenly Kingdom on the earth. He then instructed Moses to impart these principles to His Bride illustrating the way for her to walk in His Kingdom ways on the earth. In the next book, *Leviticus*, Yahweh designed a way to restore (if necessary) these principles to His Bride if she found herself defiled. Those who apply the redemption and sanctify their walk according to His Heavenly pattern reignite their wedding covenant, which includes *Yeshua*'s power, authority, and the guidance of the Spirit of the Holy One/*Ruach HaKodesh* in their life (John 5:46-47).

🌿 **Revelation 21:2-3** “Then I, John, saw the holy city [*the pattern Moses saw on Mount Sinai*], New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God/*Elohim*, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband [*the Ketuba/Marriage Covenant*]. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, ‘Behold, the tabernacle [*pattern/principles of His Kingdom*] of God/*Elohim* is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God/*Elohim* Himself will be with them *and be their God/Elohim*.”

Yeshua is the Father's word manifest in the flesh. He is the fulfillment and goal of the Covenant and its principles. He is the Heavenly Bridegroom desiring to be the Bride's

earthly dwelling. For this reason, He is the Father's imparted word for the application of life and holiness. Yeshua is the love, faithfulness and goal of the Torah – God's/*Elohim* teaching and instruction called *the Gospel – the Wedding Covenant*. In the Father's mercy, His word helps "correct" His people when they *innocently* or *knowingly* sin or miss following a directive in His word.

Case in point was King Saul, who *chose* to speak evil of David. After many warnings to amend his ways, Yahweh exposed him to the realm of death to show the error of his ways. King Saul left himself wide open to influencing spirits. By Yahweh's established laws of cause and effect, Saul's disobedience cut him off from the guidance and communion he had formerly enjoyed with Yahweh. He was left prey to mental and emotional breakdown, a disease of the mind and soul, an adversity Saul brought on himself (1 Samuel 18:10; John 1:1,14; 1John 5:6-8 KJV/NKJ).

For believers, holiness is not a natural or subconscious innate walk for them; it must be learned. Believers coming into salvation must be taught *what* holiness is, *how* to walk in holiness, and *apply* it daily in their life to live responsibility in Yeshua's Betrothal Covenant. Sadly, many missed this teaching, as the early church fathers removed Moses (or anything Hebrew) saying that Moses was not part of the Gospel of Jesus. Moses is the friend of the Bridegroom. He taught the oracles of Heaven through the pattern of the Tabernacle to help prepare Yeshua's Bride in her spotless wedding garment while she awaits His return. By following Yeshua's instructions Moses taught how to apply the ritual application for life (repent, wash/*mikvah* and anoint). This is where the fulfillment of sanctification called redemption for eternal life is found.

In Yeshua's day, there were dozens of *mikvah* pools before the Temple. Many of which can still be seen today. This action by a believer is a freewill offering in the ongoing purification process (Leviticus 5-7). Ceremonial cleansing is taught all through the New Testament/*Brit Chadasha*. The people who practiced this ritual application know the value of the change of status from unclean to clean.



🌿 **James 1:14-22** "Each one [*believer*] is tempted when, by *his own evil desire*, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. Therefore [*believer*], get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent, and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive your selves, DO what it says."

🌿 **Colossians 2:13-15** "You were dead because of your sins, that is, because of your "foreskin," your old nature. But God/*Elohim* made you alive along with the Messiah by forgiving you all your sins. He wiped away the bill of charges against

us. Because of the regulations, it stood as a testimony against us; but he removed it by nailing it to the execution-stake. Stripping the rulers and authorities of their power, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by means of the stake.” (CJB)

Yeshua repaired the way for believers through His death and shed blood on the stake/cross. Now believers can *choose* to walk in His life or not. It is not *what* a believer believes that makes the difference but what *they do with His instructions that reveal what they believe*. Obedience to His Word and the pursuit of it in their heart as a lifestyle is the goal set before everyone who believes in Yeshua. That desire brings blessings, provision and abundance into the Bride’s life and is how Yeshua recognizes His Bride – *one who walks in His Image*.

Made in His Image

What is Yeshua’s image and what image are we made? How do Yeshua’s people walk in His likeness? We learned in the first lesson in Leviticus/*Vayikra* the meaning behind the word *likeness or image*. It is similar to a grape plant taking *water* from the ground (earth) and moving it to the fruit where the *water becomes the blood of the grape*. The blood of man is also water, which moves through the body. Blood also reveals the picture of inheritance, as a son from the blood of his father resembles his father. Thus, we are made in Yeshua’s image and likeness (www.ancient-hebrew.org).

🌿 **Genesis 1:26** “Then God/*Elohim* said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness’”

🌿 **Genesis 1:27** “So God/*Elohim* created man in His *own* image; in the image of God/*Elohim* He created him; male and female He created them.”

🌿 **John 6:56-58** “He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me. This is the bread which came down from heaven - not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever.”

Also in that first Leviticus lesson, we learned that if God’s/*Elohim* people do not follow His instructions they miss *the mark*. The distance that was missed is then measured and counted against them. That measurement is the root of the word *sin*. Therefore, Yeshua in His mercy implements a way for His people to return if they so wished, which brings us back to the blood of His Covenant and our inheritance as sons of the Living God/*Elohim*.

🌿 **Philippians 4:9** “The things which you [*believer*] learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God/*Elohim* of peace will be with you.”

In this study, the Father reveals to His people the process of how to *return* and secondly how to *cleanse* from any defilement that comes as a result of *their* being outside.

Yeshua's death on the cross and His shed blood set believers free from the *law of sin and death* and opened the way to return *to the law of life*. The Tree of Life is always before them, as it is *eternal*, however, if believers willingly entertain sin, once they have become born again, then they run the risk of losing *eternal life*. They must remember, only *truth* stands before a *holy God/Elohim*; therefore, to see, hear, and understand His truth, believers must learn how to walk in their Marriage Covenant, the vows, and principles outlined by Moses on Mount Sinai. Believers who know the truth but still choose to sin will not stand before a *holy God/Elohim*. In time, Yeshua will separate the sheep from the goats. Therefore, it is imperative believers become familiar with their Marriage Covenant (Matthew 25:32-46) (Reference: If the reader wishes a deeper understanding of Covenant and how Moses imparted this to God's/Elohim people, please see information in the reference section at the end of this study).

🌿 **John 8:51-58** “Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word [*my image*] he shall never see death.” Then the Jews said to Him, ‘Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, ‘If anyone keeps My word he shall never taste death.’ Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Whom do You make Yourself out to be?’ Jesus/Yeshua answered, ‘If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God/Elohim. Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, ‘I do not know Him,’ I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.’ Then the Jews said to Him, ‘You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?’ Jesus/Yeshua said to them, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.’ ”

🌿 **Galatians 3:7-9** “Understand, then, that those who *believe* are children of Abraham. The Scripture [*Yeshua – the word made flesh*] foresaw that God/Elohim would justify the Gentiles [*Nations*] by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: ‘All nations will be blessed through you.’ So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.”

🌿 **Hebrews 11:24-26** “By faith *Moses*, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God/Elohim than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ [*Messiah/Yeshua HaMashiach*] greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.”

🌿 **Deuteronomy 28:1-2,15** “If you [*believer*] fully obey the LORD/Yahweh your God/Elohim and carefully follow all His commandments I give you today, all these blessings will come upon you [*believer*] and accompany you if you [*believer*] obey the LORD/Yahweh your God/Elohim. However, if you [*believer*] do not obey the LORD/Yahweh your God/Elohim and do not carefully follow all His commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come upon you [*believer*] and overtake you” (Isaiah 63:8-14).

In Luke 19 and the story of Zacchaeus (first mentioned in the Leviticus study *Vayikra*), we see Yeshua taking the time to share with those who sincerely desired to know what *sin* is and *how* to deal with their issues so they could walk in righteousness again. Yeshua shared with the people in such a way that they wanted to take responsibility for their ungodly choices and turn their lives around. The Levitical priestly principles for cleansing found in these studies are the same principles Yeshua used to help believers recognize the root causes of their sin and choose eternal life. *These same choices are set before every believer today.*

Since the foundation of the world, Yeshua has made *The Way* for His people to walk. He has strengthened believers through the reassurance of His Holy Spirit/*Ruach* to overcome temptation and sin (Revelation 13:8). *Greater is He that is in a believer than he that is in the world.* No one is without sin. However, it is what a believer does with the temptation of sin that counts. It is up to the *believer* to be responsible and resist temptation so as not to incur any guilt upon their lives. It is possible to pursue holiness. The instructions in Leviticus are the tools of restoration enabling the believer to walk in the strength and power of their redemption. Leviticus holds the key that unlocks the pattern given Moses on Mount Sinai called *the Gospel*.

Faith brings the birthright: obedience brings the blessing

Discharges Causing Uncleaness Leviticus 15

The three contaminants are the *lust of the eye*, the *lust of the flesh*, and the *pride of life*. These all have to do with idolatry operating in a believer's life. Unforgiveness, gossip, and slander are the enemy's tools. Satan's name means slanderer. He is the accuser of the brethren. If believers gossip, slander or argue causing disagreements and dissension, what fruit does this tell about them? This behavior not only brings contamination upon the one speaking such things but also contaminates those who have listened to the mouthpiece of Satan (1 John 2:16) (For more teaching on slander and gossip in study *Kedoshim* - Leviticus 13 at www.sheepfoldgleanings.com)

*“What causes fights and quarrels among you?
Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?
Keep reminding them [believers] of these things.
Warn them before God/Elohim against quarreling about words;
It is of no value, and only ruins those who listen.
Avoid foolish and ignorant debates, for you know that they breed quarrel.
But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels
about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless”
(James 4:1; 2 Timothy 2:14, 23; Titus 3:9)*

Naaman Healed From An Unclean Realm/*Tzarat* 2 Kings 4:42 to 5:19

Naaman was a great commander in King of Aram's army. However, his flesh was defiled. He heard of Elisha through an Israelite woman in his household. Elisha shared with Naaman that Yahweh's *Word* would heal him *if he obeyed the instructions* by immersing (*mikvah*) seven times in the Jordan River. This suggestion appeared as an insult to Naaman, who refused to humble himself. His negative response revealed the root of his skin affliction.

🌿 **2 Kings 5:11-12** “But Naaman became *furiosus*, and went away and said, ‘Indeed, I said to myself, He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the LORD/*Yahweh* his God/*Elohim*, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy/*tzarat*. Are not the Abanah and the Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?’ So he turned and went away *in a rage*.”

Naaman's skin affliction was rage based. He was bitter, haughty, angry, and full of pride. As a result, Naaman resented the instructions thus, declined to follow these seemingly absurd instructions. His own verbal *tzarat* emissions brought contamination upon his body. Do believers realize that when they harbor pride, bitter rage and anger they contaminate themselves with sickness and disease? Later Naaman changed his *attitude*, humbled himself, and followed the instructions by immersing (*mikvah*) seven times in the Jordan River. He rose from the water cleansing just as Elijah promised, with skin like that of a young boy. Naaman's healing came *when he applied the ritual application of the Law of Moses*. In his repentance and obedience, healing came. A heart change of humility and obedience to *the Word* made Naaman clean and whole again.

🌿 **Jeremiah 32:19** “Great are your purposes and mighty are your deeds. Your eyes are open to all the ways of men; you reward everyone *according to his conduct and as his deeds deserve*.”

🌿 **Isaiah 57:15** “For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: ‘*I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones*.’ ”

Matthew 8:1-4 “When He [*Yeshua*] had come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him. And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, ‘Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.’ Then *Yeshua* put out His hand and touched him, saying, ‘I am willing; be cleansed.’ Immediately his leprosy was cleansed. And *Yeshua* said to him, ‘See that you tell no one; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to *them*.’ ”

In Matthew 8, *Yeshua*, *the living water*, healed a *tzarat* (leprous) person living outside the camp. *Yeshua* instructed him to complete his cleansing by following the ritual



application found in Law of Moses. That would have involved immersing in water, anointing with oil and approaching the priest with a freewill offering. Following that course of action completed the cleansing and healing process. At that moment, this man was truly set free!

Born again is a Hebrew expression used when a person immerses in the mikvah, the ritual application of the water of cleansing for a status change. They emerged from the water to shouts of “born again!” Born again signifies that a change has been made from an unclean/tamei status of no life to the clean/tahor status of life once again.

🌿 **Mark 1:40-45** Yeshua heals a man with leprosy and cautions him, “And He strictly warned him and sent him away at once, and said to him, ‘See that you say nothing to anyone; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing those things which Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.’ However, he went out and began to proclaim *it* freely, and to spread the matter, so that Jesus/Yeshua could no longer openly enter the city, but was outside in deserted places; and they came to Him from every direction.”

This man in Mark 1: 40 did *not obey* Yeshua but ran and told everyone the news. Was his healing complete? Did it last? Applying Torah principles works *for us*, not *against us*. Believers should desire to walk *in* the paths of righteousness, as they will keep, guide, and complete them. Yes, we are cleansed by Yeshua’s blood and saved; however, remember His instructions are not for salvation purposes but consecration and holiness for the redemption of a believer who fell into defilement. The testimonies we read in Scripture are about *believers* who came to Yeshua for healing. We all know believers who are still blind, lame, and deaf or have died early. If His people learn to apply His Word in their lives and share this pattern with others who may also have innocently touched the realm of death, would the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers be cleansed, the deaf hear, and the dead raised to life?

Believers, who have not known or applied His principles of the life, given at Mount Sinai through Moses, are what Scripture calls the *poor, blind, and lame*. Unfortunately, in many churches and synagogues, Moses is no longer taught on the Sabbath. Therefore, many are sick and dying among us. Many are even leaving assemblies, backslidden in all their ways (1 Corinthians 11: 27-30). With this understanding of Moses what is preventing believers from utilizing the Torah when Yeshua is the *Incarnate Torah*? If believers reject Torah, do they not reject Him, the Living Torah? (John 1:1,14).

🌿 **Luke 14:13-14** “But when you give a banquet [*Yahweh’s feast days*], invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind [*believers who have lost their way*], and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

✿ **Luke 14:16-24** “A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests [*believers who hear the principles but do not walk in them*]. At the time of the [*wedding*] banquet he sent his servant [*Holy Spirit*] to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready’. But they all alike [*believers who heard but rejected His instructions*] began to make excuses. The first said, ‘I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.’ Another said, ‘I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I’m on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.’ Still another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’ The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.’ [*believers who had lost their way*] ‘Sir, the servant said, ‘what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.’ “Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full. I tell you, not one of those men who were invited [*earlier – believers who knew His principles but rejected them*] will get a taste of my banquet [*wedding*].”

✿ **Hebrews 6:4-6** “It is impossible for those [*believers*] who have once been enlightened [*known the instructions*], who have tasted the heavenly gift [*walked in the promises and blessings*], who have shared in the Holy Spirit, who have tasted the goodness of the word of God/*Elohim* and the powers of the coming age, if they fall away [*if they reject them*], to be brought back to repentance, because to their loss they are crucifying the Son of God/*Elohim* all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace.”

It is time to revive the instruction booklet containing the *Mosaic Covenant – the Gospel*, to take hold of our full redemptive inheritance, and to consciously conduct our daily affairs within its wisdom. When *the believer* acts upon the Abrahamic Covenant (salvation/kingly portion) and the Mosaic Covenant (priestly portion) together, this action raises David’s fallen tent/Covenant (king and priest together bring about the order of Melchizedek and the restoration of the House of David).

A few studies back, Exodus 25/study *Terumah*, we learned that the definition of the word *pattern* was also the word for *tent*. Following the Tabernacle pattern for life given to us through Moses on Mount Sinai is the Life-giving Spirit of Yeshua and His Word, called the Gospel. The true Gospel was in the beginning before time and is the only means by which *David’s tent/Covenant* can be restored. The Davidic Covenant cannot be restored through man’s religious rhetoric. Man’s way only put believers under bondage to man. Paul warns believers not to listen to such teachings, or they will suffer curses.

✿ **Galatians 3:8** “And the Scripture [*Yeshua*], foreseeing that God/*Elohim* would justify the Gentiles [*Nations*] by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, ‘In you all the nations shall be blessed.’”

✿ **John 5:46-47** “For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me [*Yeshua*]; for he [*Moses*] wrote about Me. But if you [*believer*] do not believe his [*Moses*]

writings, how will you believe My words?”



Galatians 1:6-8 “I [*Paul*] marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him [*Yeshua*] who called you in the grace [*gospel*] of Christ/*Messiah*, to a different gospel, which [*there*] is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ/*Messiah*. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel [*other than the one Yeshua peached in the Torah, the five books of Moses*] to you [*other*] than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.”

Niddah The Laws of Separation for Blessings

Two realms are in the woman’s monthly flow: life and death. Yahweh says that the wife is to be separated from intimate relations with her husband for a full seven days during her monthly time. Her separation time is called *niddah* in Hebrew. *Niddah* is as much for the man as it is for the woman and carries prophetic imagery of the millennial Kingdom, as seven days also represents 7000 years. As the woman dedicates her separation to Yahweh, the man’s honoring of his wife during her week is equally as important. This teaching is not a form of religious legalism, for salvation purposes, or from man’s theology, but is a commandment from Yahweh’s instruction for our *health* and *blessing*.

Just as we learned about clean and unclean foods, the time of *niddah* has a clean and an unclean side to it also. The blood carries life-giving properties in the womb. If fertilization does not take place, the egg will be flushed out, along with the lining of the uterus. The woman’s monthly flow is that flushing and cleansing process to keep her reproductive system clean and healthy. Yahweh commands the man and woman not to have marital relations while this cleansing is taking place, as it is to be a consecration time. In marriage, if this process is violated, it can lead to contamination that can spread not only through the woman’s reproductive system but also into the man’s reproductive system. Breaking this commandment may result in such diseases as ovarian, breast or prostate cancers (Deuteronomy 28).

At the completion of the woman’s flow, she is to have an immersion in water/*mikvah* for a change of status that brings her from her time of separation (unclean) to the clean realm where she can enjoy marital union again. By applying the ritual application of God’s / *Elohim* instructions in her life, the cleansing process is complete, and her monthly cycle begins all over again. The majority of couples who follow this wonderful time of blessing have very strong marriages. If you have never entered into a time of *niddah*, may we encourage you – it is a time filled with blessings!

The Rite of Purification From the Unclean Leviticus 14

In the law of the contaminated person/*metzora*, the doorway leading back to Yahweh’s wholeness is through repentance and forgiveness. The trespass (guilt) offering is required to atone for any sin of dishonor. *Lashon hara* is the Hebrew term for gossip and slander

against others and is one of the primary roots behind skin afflictions. To be restored, the person came before the priest who met them outside the camp. If deemed healed, the person was to bring two living clean birds. One bird was killed over an earthen vessel under running water. The living bird was then dipped into the water and blood of the first bird along with cedar wood, scarlet yarn, and hyssop and sprinkled seven times on the one coming for cleansing. The living bird was then set free over an open field. The person's body was shaved, and they entered into a ritual water cleansing, called the *mikvah*. Only then was the person allowed back into the camp, however, for the next seven days must stay outside their tent. On the eighth day, the person returned to the priest with an offering of two male lambs, one ewe (a female lamb), the grain offering and a log of oil (less than two cups). The priest took one male lamb as a wave offering and killed it as the trespass offering. Some of the *blood of the lamb* was placed on the tip of the person's right ear, the right thumb, and right big toe. The oil was then applied directly on top of the blood - on the right ear, right thumb and right big toe, and sprinkled before God/Elohim seven times. The oil that remained was poured over the head of the one presenting the offering.

If the person could not afford the basic offering for the skin affliction, he or she was to take one male lamb for a trespass offering, the grain offering, and the oil, and wave them before Yahweh. *The blood of the lamb* and the *oil* were to follow the same pattern - on the right ear, the right thumb and the right big toe, and sprinkled over the person seven times as part of the ritual application of the law for a status change from being ritually impure/*tumah* to ritual purity/*taharah*. In this way, atonement was made for the *believer* who was unclean/*tazria*.

Why anoint these three areas? Contamination enters through three primary entry points. Firstly, through what a believer opens his or her heart and mind to in the way of *listening* to corrupt communication, dialogue or speech (right ear). The second entry point is through any ungodly or immoral work they put their *hand* to (right thumb). And thirdly, what causes a believer to *enter* into an agreement with any profane work, building or association (right big toe). These are all entry points that need cleansing if a *believer* is to be restored.

If we look at the ritual cleansing application of blood and oil (or water) on a color chart, blood is represented by the color red and the blue represents water (oil is synonymous with water or truth, therefore, also represented by the blue as well). When blue is applied over red, the color purple appears. The color purple represents royalty or in this case *the royal priesthood*. Thus, the anointing for the cleansing here in Leviticus 14 is also for the restoration of the believer in regards to the priesthood and eternal life.

These same properties were also applied in the red heifer water purification in Numbers 19 to cleanse and restore God's/Elohim people. These elements are prophetic of Yeshua's fulfillment at His death and the ritual application He made on our behalf. As believers, we have all sinned and broken the vow we made with Him by not upholding His instructions of our Marriage Covenant. His Covenant can only be restored through blood. The blood of animals was initially used but once the Covenant was broken it could only

be reinstated by a higher more perfect blood – that of the *blood of the Lamb* – *Yeshua HaMashiach*. He is our trespass and sin offering that is required to restore the Covenant. Yeshua’s atoned blood appropriated His people’s restoration – past, present, and future. At His death, blood (red) and water (blue) poured from His heart, thus, restoring His priesthood (purple), the Bride of Yeshua.

🌿 **Romans 3:23** “for all [*believers*] have sinned and fall short of the glory of God/*Elohim*”

🌿 **Hebrews 9:11-14** “But Christ/*Messiah* came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ/*Messiah*, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God/*Elohim*, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God/*Elohim*?”

For the restoration of a *believer/priest* from uncleanness (*tamei*), the blood of the lamb and then the oil were used to anoint, along with a prayer saying,

- *On the ear* –That we vow to live by no other word but Yeshua’s and a stranger’s voice we will not follow (John 10:5).
- *On the right thumb* -To re-consecrate our hands to be holy unto Him in everything we do.
- *On the right large toe* –To walk in agreement with the footsteps of Yeshua as His disciple following in the paths of His righteousness (Ezekiel 44:23-24).

As believers, we are thankful for the sprinkling of the Blood of the Lamb.

🌿 **1 Peter 1:1-2** “Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ/*Yeshua HaMashiach*, to the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ/*Yeshua HaMashiach*: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.”

🌿 **1 Peter 2:9** “But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light”

The oil (corresponds to the water) and speaks of the restoration of Yeshua’s Spirit within a believer, thus it is only by His *Spirit* (water) and *Truth* (blood) that flowed from His heart that restores His people and sets them free. His death reestablished His priesthood, cleansing them, and removing the enmity and defilement (sin and guilt) that stood between He and His people. Today, believers who have innocently or knowingly become

contaminated are free to enter into this cleansing at any time or as many times as they need or desire, not just at their birth.

- ✿ **John 19:33-34** “But when they came to Jesus/*Yeshua* and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately *blood and water* came out.”
- ✿ **John 3:5-7** *Yeshua* said, “I tell you [*believer*] the truth, unless a man is born of water and the spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God/*Elohim*. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again’” (You must have a change in status).
- ✿ **1 John 5:6-8** “This is the one who came by *water and blood* – *Yeshua*. He did not come by water only, but by *water and blood*. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: *The Spirit, the Water and the Blood*; and the three are in agreement.” (KJV/NKJ only)
- ✿ **1 Thessalonians 5:23** “Now may the God/*Elohim* of peace Himself sanctify you [*believer*] completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ/*Yeshua HaMashiach*.”

Today, believers are formally required to honor *Yeshua*’s Covenant each year through worshipping *The King on His Holy Day – the Day of Atonement/Yom Kippur*. This is *The Day* the King appears. Thus, all in His Kingdom are to be in attendance. This Day is a holy ordinance through all generations where His people are called to recognize Him as their Lord and Savior, and give Him all the glory. Also, on *Yom Kippur*, all Israel is to take account for any corporate sins they knowingly or unknowingly may have committed, as this is the day the *Altar of Incense* is cleansed. When we honor this commandment *believers* are appropriating *Yeshua*’s atoning sacrifice by keeping *their* temples clean before Him (More in the next study).

If *Yeshua*’s blood is upon us, it is holy. Therefore, we are holy. Thus, a response on His Holy Day is imperative to those desirous of eternity, as He is *Holy, Holy, Holy/Kodesh, Kodesh, Kodesh*. *Yom Kippur* is The Wedding Day for all who believe/obey the King’s personal invitation written in blood to His Bride (Leviticus 16:18-19).

- ✿ **2 Peter 3:11-14** “...what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God/*Elohim*, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we [*believers*], according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, *looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless*”

Water Immersion/*Mikvah* Instructions

For a *mikvah*, we recommend using a fresh body of water (lake or river) that has an inflow and an outflow of fresh water. If you do not have access to a body of fresh water or if it is winter we suggest one of the following:



Fill a *bathtub* with water, leave the tap running and pull the drain plug as you submerge. Run the *shower*, put a stopper over the drain until the water is approximately 2” deep. Leave shower on, sit (or stand) and pull stopper, letting the shower water flow over you.

Pray a prayer of repentance and forgiveness, remembering to acknowledge any known or unknown sins in your life. Ask Yeshua for a cleansed heart as you immerse yourself in the body of water.

*“Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha’olam,
asher kid’shanu b’mitzvotav v’tzivanu al ha’t’vila.”*

*“Blessed are You, LORD/Yahweh, our God/Elohim, King of the universe,
Who has sanctified us with His commandments
and commanded us concerning the immersion.”*

Rededicate yourself to Yeshua and pray for a fresh infilling of His Holy Spirit/*Ruach HaKodesh*. Anoint yourself with oil after as directed.

Mikvah (full body immersion) or ***Rachets*** (hand washing) references in the New Testament/*Brit Chadasha*: Strong’s G2512 *katharismos* Mark 1:44; Luke 2:22; 5:14; John 2:6; 3:23-25; Hebrews 1:3; 2 Peter 1:9; James 4:8.

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