27. TAZRIA { תַזְרִיעַ } (She Bears Seed)

Leviticus 12:1-13:59, 2 Kings 4:42-5:19, Luke 7:18-35

28. METZORAH { מְצֹרָע } (Infected One)

Leviticus 14:1-15:33, 2 Kings 7:3-20, Matthew 23:16-24:2, 30-31

“YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the people of Israel, saying, If a woman

conceives (bears seed) and bears a male child, then she shall be unclean (tameh) seven days. As at the time of her menstruation, she shall be unclean (tameh).” (Lev 12:1-2)

The word Tazria, is related to the Hebrew root word, zarah, זרע , meaning ‘seed’; therefore an

alternative translation of Tazria is, ‘She bears seed’. While the last Parashah (Shmini) dealt with Biblical dietary regulations1 , this study instructs us in the laws of purification after childbirth, purity in marriage (niddah)2, and leprosy. These regulations regarding ritual purity (tahorah) and impurity (tumah) may be understood in purely hygienic terms, or they may be interpreted to have religious significance; but in all likelihood they are both.

Teaching people the difference between the ‘clean and unclean’ (tahor and tameh); between holy and common (kadosh and hol) was one of the primary functions of the priesthood.

“You are to distinguish between the holy and the common, and between the unclean and

the clean,” (Lev 10:10)

In fact, one of the reasons that YAH’s wrath fell upon the people of Israel was because the priests did not teach people the difference – a negligence which profaned YHWH

“Her (Israel’s) priests (Cohanim) do violence to My law (Torahti תּוֹרָתִי ) and profane

my holy things; they do not distinguish between the holy (kodesh קֹדֶשׁ ) and the common (hol חֹל ); they teach that there is no difference between the unclean (tameh טָמֵא ) and the clean (tahor טָהוֹר ); and they shut their eyes to the keeping of my Sabbaths, so that I am profaned among them.” (Ezekiel 22:26)

Are we teaching people the difference between the holy and the common; the clean and unclean?

Do we teach these things to our children? Do we know that the Bible tells us?

Do we treat the seventh day Sabbath as holy?

It may be time to ask ourselves these important questions.

28. METZORAH { מְצֹרָע } (Infected One)

This parashah (Torah study) deals with the law of the ‘leper’. Atonement needed to be made for cleansing of the leper. As part of the cleansing ceremony, the priest (Cohen) would put some of the blood of the sacrificial offering upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot (Leviticus 8:23).

This represents atonement and cleansing of everything we hear, everything we do, and all the paths we take. Even a house could be infected with ‘leprosy’ and sometimes needed to be totally destroyed.

Sometimes a situation in our lives or relationship has become so defiled and unhealthy that it must be leveled to the ground; we must start over in a new place, trusting that YHWH will help us to begin anew.

YHWH desires to help us in every aspect of our lives, but we must be willing to allow Him to teach us how to conduct even our most intimate relationships. He promises that if we walk in His ways, we will experience blessing, but if we walk contrary to the ways He has made known to us, we will miss this blessing and even experience various misfortunes. The creator of the universe has already written the instruction manual for a successful, happy, healthy, human life.

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