Parashah 27 Tazria - אַזְרִיּדַ "She Conceives"



Torah: Vayikra (Leviticus) 12:1-13:59;

Aliyah 1 - 12:1 - 13:5	Ritual purity concerning birth, diagnosing skin disorders and tzara'at quarantine
Aliyah 2 - 13:6 - 17	Quarantine ends, determination of clean/unclean status
Aliyah 3 - 13:18 - 23	Tzara'at in a boil, isolation for seven days, followed by determination
Aliyah 4 - 13:24 - 28	Tzara'at in a burn, isolation for seven days, followed by determination
Aliyah 5 - 13:29 - 37	Tzara'at in the hair or beard
Aliyah 6 - 13:38 - 54	Other skin disorders, baldness, procedures for the infected, tzara'at in garments
Aliyah 7 - 13:55 - 59	Procedures for handling infected garments
Haftarah: M'lakhim Bet (2 Kings) 4:42-5:19	
B'rit Hadashah: Mattityahu (Matthew) 8:1-4	

- 1. How do the concepts of tamei (unclean) and tahor (clean) relate to the Tabernacle/Temple? Do we need to be concerned about "ritual purity" today?
- 2. (12:2) Is this scripture prophetically Messianic? If so, how?
- 3. If a woman is considered "unclean" after childbirth, has she sinned? Why do you think she is unclean?
- 4. What was the reason for the "sin" offering?
- 5. Why is there a difference between the periods of separation for the birth of a boy and a girl?
- 6. Is leprosy (tzara'at) in the bible different from leprosy today? Can you think of people in the scriptures who experienced tzara'at?

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7. What was the cause of tzara'at? Who diagnosed tzara'at?

Questions for reflection and application:

- 1. (12:2) What do you learn from observing the process of "birth?" What happens when man's activity and God's timing intersect? (Job 10:12, Isa 66:9, Jer 29:11, Psa 40:1-3, Act 1:6-8)
- 2. (13:6) Have you ever been given a second chance? Have you given someone a second chance? (Joh 18:18, Joh 21:9, Isa 1:18, Mic 6:2-8, Rev 7:13-17)
- 3. (13:30) What is difference between discernment and judgment? What standards do you apply when discerning situations? (Deu 19:15-21, 1Ti 5:19-20, Isa 3:10, Mat 8:4, Mat 7:1, Mat 7:15-20, Gal 5:22-23)
- 4. (13:38) Is a determination of tzara'at final? Can God reach through and cleans areas of your life? The lives of others? (2Ki 5:9-14, Psa 144:5-7, Mat 14:35-36, Mat 8:2-3)
- 5. (13:55) The Hebrew word for "washing" (הָכַּבֵּס) indicates repeated, frequent washing the owner has tried over and over again to remove the stain. How does this apply to sin in our lives? (Isa 1:18, 1Jo 1:7, Heb 9:22, Rev 7:13-15, Zec 3:3-5, Rev 22:14, Mat 22:11-14)