

Parashah 28 M'tzora - מַצְרָעָה
“Person afflicted with t’zara’at”



Torah: Vayikra (Leviticus) 14:1-15:33

- Aliyah 1 - 14:1 - 12 7-day purification procedure and offerings for persons with tzara’at
Aliyah 2 - 14:13 - 20 Instructions for priests regarding sin, burnt, and grain offerings for tzara’at
Aliyah 3 - 14:21 - 32 Further instructions on offerings; basis of affordability,
Aliyah 4 - 14:33 - 53 Tzara’at in a house in the land
Aliyah 5 - 14:54-15:15 Tzara’at in the hair or beard
Aliyah 6 - 15:16 - 28 Other skin disorders, baldness, procedures for the infected, tzara’at in garments
Aliyah 7 - 15:29 - 33 Summary of law for persons who have discharges

Haftarah: M'lakhim Bet (2 Kings) 7:3-20

B'rit Hadashah: Romans 6:8-23, Mat 8:1-4

1. Was the purpose of the ceremony for biblical leprosy (Lev 14) meant as a cure or a ritual cleansing?
2. Why did Yeshua send healed lepers to the priests?
3. According to chapter fourteen, a person who was healed from biblical leprosy was to be brought before the cohen in order to undergo the cleansing ritual. Why would a person not want to do this?
4. What does cedar wood represent? The hyssop? Are we to be like a cedar or a hyssop? What scripture passages support your thoughts?
5. What is the reason for the use of birds in the cleansing of biblical leprosy?
6. What is the final step in the cleansing process for a leper? What is its significance? What does the leper look like at this point in the process?
7. What do we learn about evil speech in one’s household with the example of biblical leprosy in a house?

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Questions for reflection and application:

1. (14:13) Much attention to detail is given in regard to this ritual. What does this tell you about who God is? (Mat 21:1-17, Amo 3:6-7, Acts 2:23, Rev 13:8)
2. (14:35) Are you aware of what appears to be sin in your life? Are you dealing with it on your own, or have you brought it to Yeshua, your High Priest for determination? (Jam 3:6, Mat 15:18, Mat 12:36-37, Luk 12:3, Psa 120:2, Rom 12:19, Mat 18:7, Psa 34:5, 2Pe 3:14)
3. (14:54) There are many different manifestations and intensities of this “affliction” that were to be distinguished, yet a “blank and white” determination was to be made. Do you classify sin this way? (Gal 5:19-21, 1Co 6:9-10, Rom 6:23, Rom 7:24, Joh 1:29, Joh 5:28-29, 2Co 5:16-19)
4. (15:16) Thought (heart) and action (hand) are a reflection of each other. Are you washed clean in all the different areas of your life? (Psa 24:3-4, Psa 51:1-4, 1Co 6:11, Eph 5:25-27, Joh 13:4-10, Mat 12:25, Mat 12:30)