

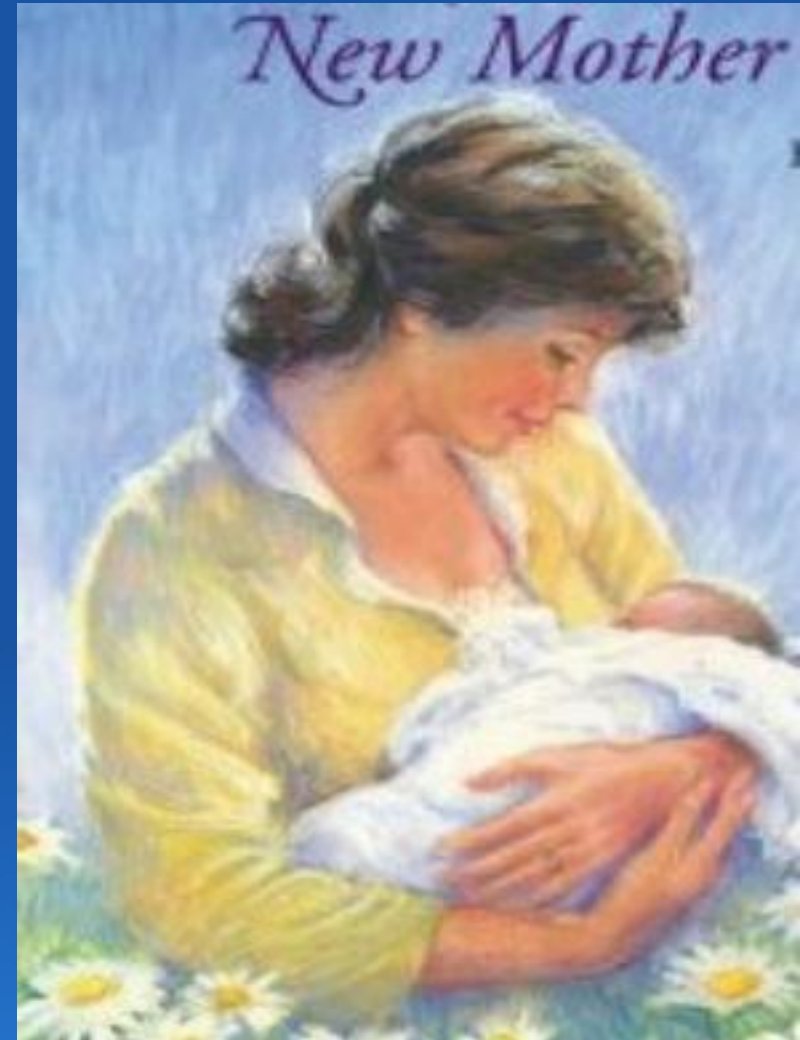
# CLEAN AND UNCLEAN PURE AND IMPURE

- Don't mean exactly the same thing
- Pure is the result of **AVOIDING** contact and union with unclean things.
- Impure is the result of **COMING INTO** contact and union with unclean things.
- When someone contracts a disease they do NOT become that disease
- Impurity bars one from being in the presence of holiness

# LEVITICUS 12

## THE NEW MOTHER

- Upon childbirth mother becomes ritually impure
  - Boy child....40 days impure
  - Girl child.....80 days impure
  - Scripture gives NO reason
  - TWO stages of unclean (impure)
- 1<sup>st</sup> stage: 7 days boys, 14 days for girls
- 2<sup>nd</sup> stage: 33 days boys or 66 days for girls



# REASON FOR IMPURITY

- Childbirth impurity NOT of a serious nature
- “WHY?” is not a proper approach....rather, search for a pattern
- Pattern: resembles menstrual cycle
- **RSV Leviticus 12:7** *and he shall offer it before the LORD, and make atonement for her; then she shall be clean from the flow of her blood. This is the law for her who bears a child, either male or female.*
- **IT IS THE FLOW OF BLOOD, NOT THE NEW BABY, WHICH MAKES THE MOTHER “UNCLEAN” (IMPURE)**

# VS. 3

## LAW OF CIRCUMCISION



- Circumcision to be on the 8<sup>th</sup> day
- Circumcision is the “sign of the covenant”
- 8<sup>th</sup> day begins 1<sup>st</sup> day of new mother’s 2<sup>nd</sup> stage of impurity (a lesser impurity)
- At no time during either 40 or 80 days of impurity may new mother touch anything holy
- Priest’s wife could NOT eat food that had been offered as KORBAN (sacrificial gift) as she could have normally eaten

# SACRIFICIAL RITUALS FOR NEW MOTHER

- 'Olah and Hatta'at required
- Mincah almost ALWAYS automatic with 'Olah
- Hatta'at as Purification Offering rather than typical translation of Sin Offering
- **NO SIN IS LAID UPON THE NEW MOTHER!**



# SPLITTING HAIRS: ASPECTS OF CHRIST'S SACRIFICE

- Normal state for MOST things begins as CLEAN
- Exceptions are things DECLARED UNCLEAN
- Clean things can be defiled and made unclean
- Clean things can be sanctified and made holy

# NO UNCLEAN THING CAN BE MADE HOLY!



- Unclean must FIRST become clean and THEN can become holy
- Steps to “holy” for new mother:
  - 1) New mother becomes unclean thru childbirth
  - 2) Waiting period, then ritual bath makes her “clean”
  - 3) Now clean, mother makes atoning sacrifices which makes her “holy” again

# NEW LIFE WAS NOT THE CAUSE OF IMPURITY



- “flow of blood”
- Childbirth and monthly cycle are the same type of impurity



# UNCLEAN IS NOT A STATE A BELIEVER CAN ENTER

- Ladies do NOT become ritually impure monthly
- Cannot be holy AND impure at the same time
- Trust in Christ means YOU REMAIN HOLY!
- Yeshua's sacrifice on the Cross atoned for everything that a ritual sacrifice covered....and more!
- Spiritually, His sacrifice is ongoing, endless, eternal



~~UNCLEAN~~

# SIN NOT THE CAUSE OF THE IMPURITY for THE NEW MOTHER

- Unclean is associated with sin
- New mother did NOT “commit a sin”
- Sin *nature* was the issue
- ‘Olah dealt with the sin nature of mankind
- Hatta’at is price paid for becoming clean
- ‘Olah is price paid for sin nature



# THE PROCESS FOR NEW MOTHER TO BECOME CLEAN

## ➤ To move from unclean to clean:

- 1) Waiting period (40 or 80 days)
- 2) Ritual bath

NEW MOTHER IS NOW ELIGIBLE TO BE SANCTIFIED (MADE HOLY)

## To move from clean to holy:

- 1) Hatta'at sacrifice.....purification
- 2) 'Olah sacrifice.....sin nature, acceptable

NEW MOTHER READMITTED TO GROUP AS A HOLY PERSON

**HOLY**

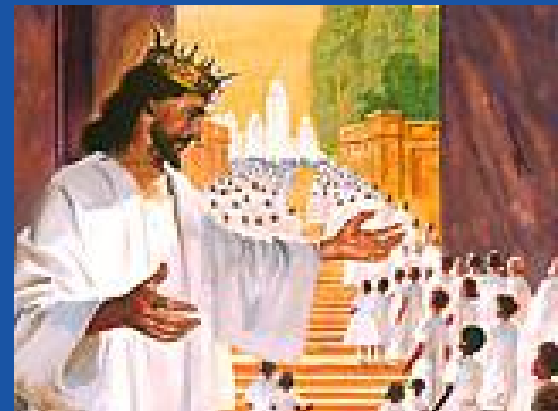
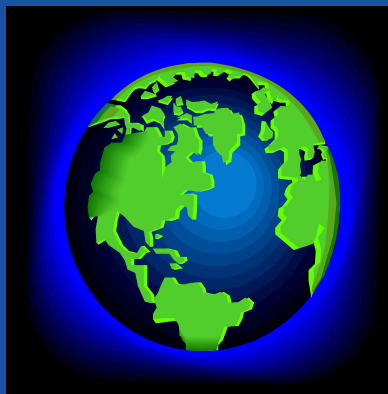
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HOLINESS  
LADDER**

**CLEAN**

**UNCLEAN**



# PROCESS OF BECOMING HOLY



**UNCLEAN**

2 COR.6:17

*...COME OUT OF  
FROM AMONG THEM...*



**CLEAN**

**HOLY**

*....AND I WILL  
RECEIVE YOU....*

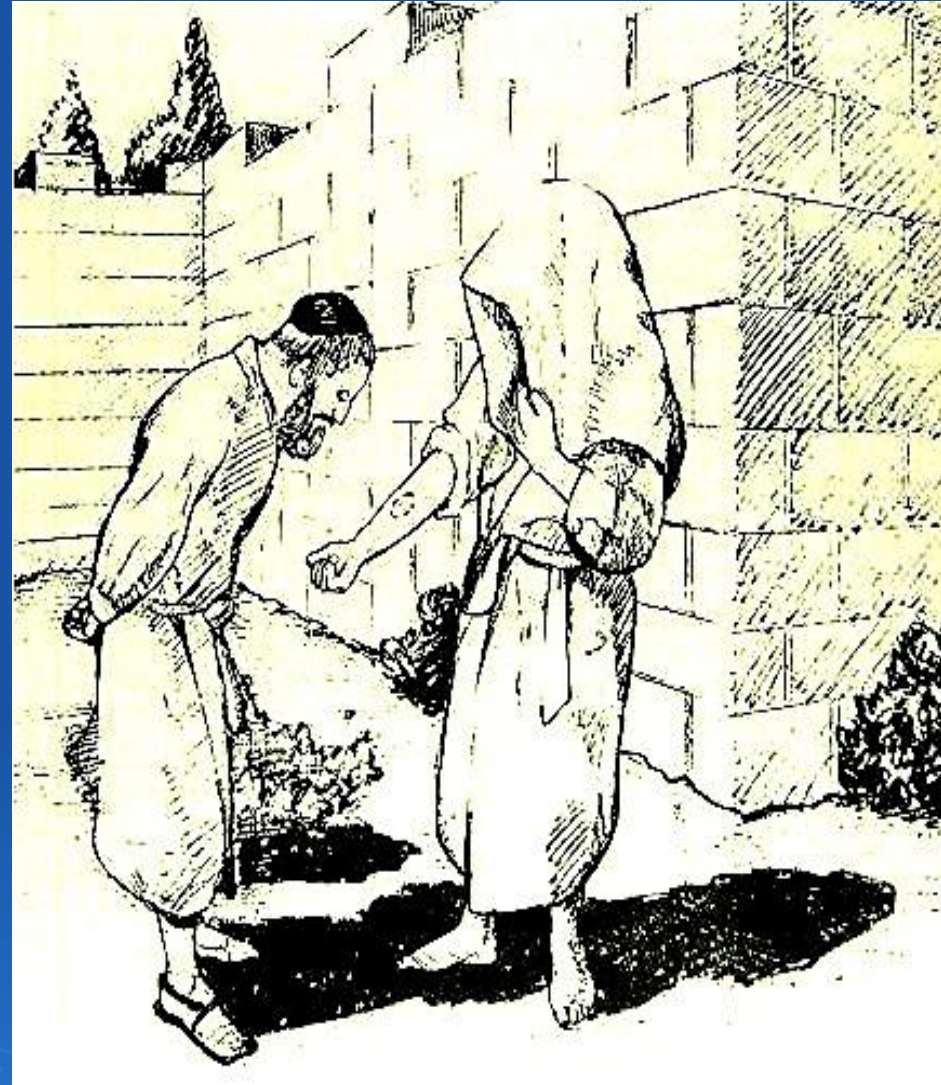
# LEVITICUS 13

## IMPURITY FROM SKIN DISEASE

- 13:1 – 46 deals with various skin diseases on HUMANS
- 13:47 – 58 deals with “skin diseases” on leather and fabrics
- Chapter 14 deals with “skin diseases” on houses and buildings

# PRIESTS TAKES ON A NEW ROLE

- Priest examines and determines, but is NOT a doctor or healer
- Did NOT prescribe cure
- An extension of their role to distinguish between the CLEAN AND UNCLEAN



# TZARA'AT

## LEPER



- Tzara'at is NOT Leprosy
- Leprosy = Hansen's disease
- Leprosy in Bible times was very rare
- Unknown in Egypt until 5<sup>th</sup> century A.D.
- NO large Leper colonies in Palestine (Canaan)
- Greek "Lepra" English-ized to Leprosy
- Greek "elephantiasis" was used to denote Leprosy in Bible times



# TZARA'AT A GENERAL TERM FOR MANY SKIN DISEASES

**Psoriasis**



**Favus**



**Leucoderma**



# TZARA'AT WAS *NOT* DEADLY

- Generally was “nuisance” type skin diseases
- Not about fatal infections
- Was about RITUAL PURITY
- Ostracized from family, society
- Could be for life, if skin disease persists
- Priest with Tzara'at lost his position
- Also meant SEPARATION FROM GOD!

# EXCOMMUNICATED!

- Believers don't face this
- UNCLEAN is a most serious spiritual matter
- Yehoveh will protect His holiness from uncleanness at ANY COST!
- Tzara'at is a physical demonstration of an inner spiritual reality
- The unclean cannot have a relationship with God
- Clean or unclean decided ONLY by our trust in Yeshua

