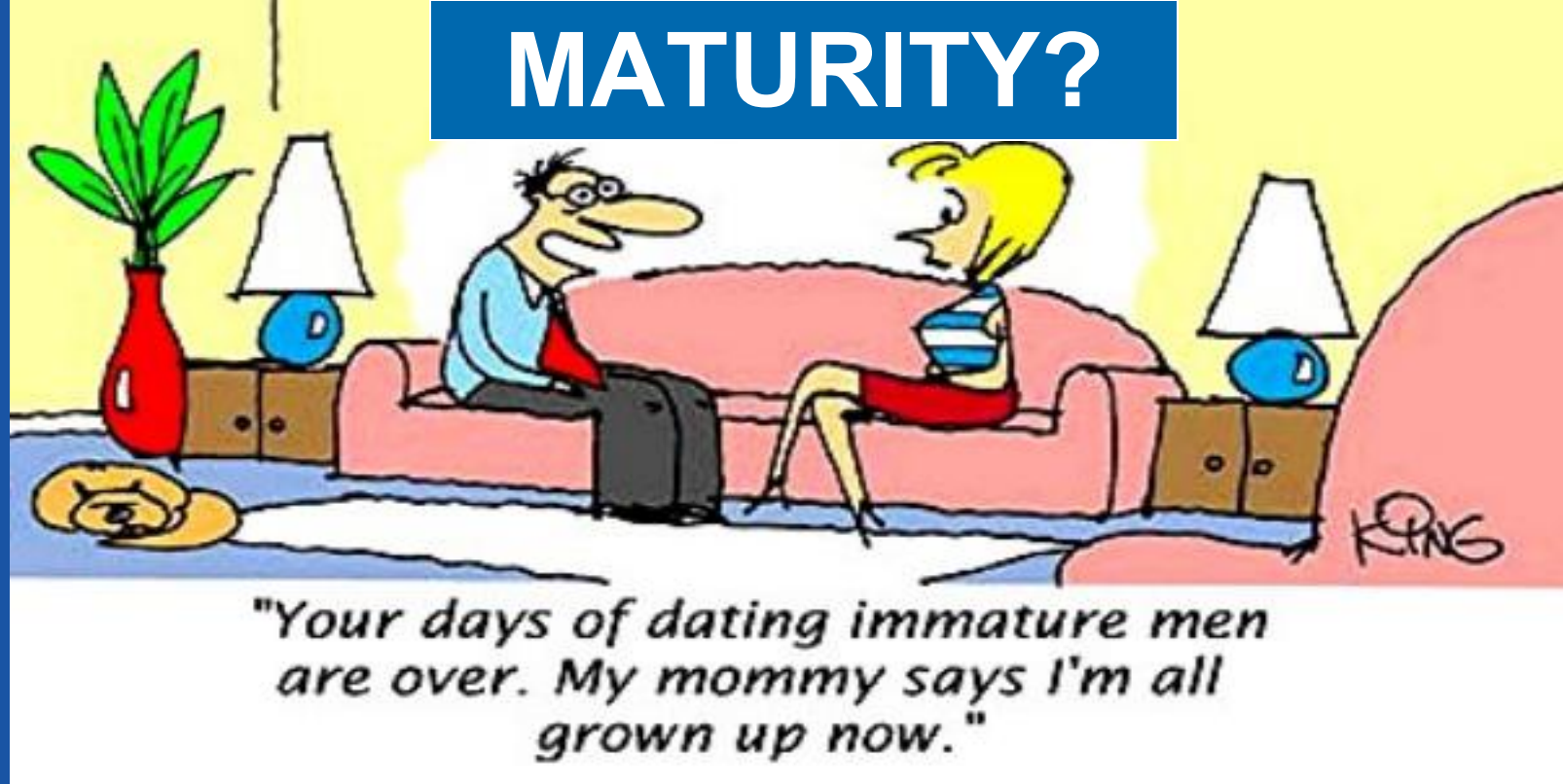


THE MYSTERY OF HOLINESS

- Holiness is controversial because men choose to ignore entire sections of the Bible
- Bible says holiness can be inadvertently transmitted to objects & people
- We have not learned all there is to know about holiness
- Holiness is just one of the many attributes of God, and all of these work together
- New Testament **ASSERTS** holiness
- Old Testament **EXPLAINS** holiness



MATURITY?



"Your days of dating immature men are over. My mommy says I'm all grown up now."

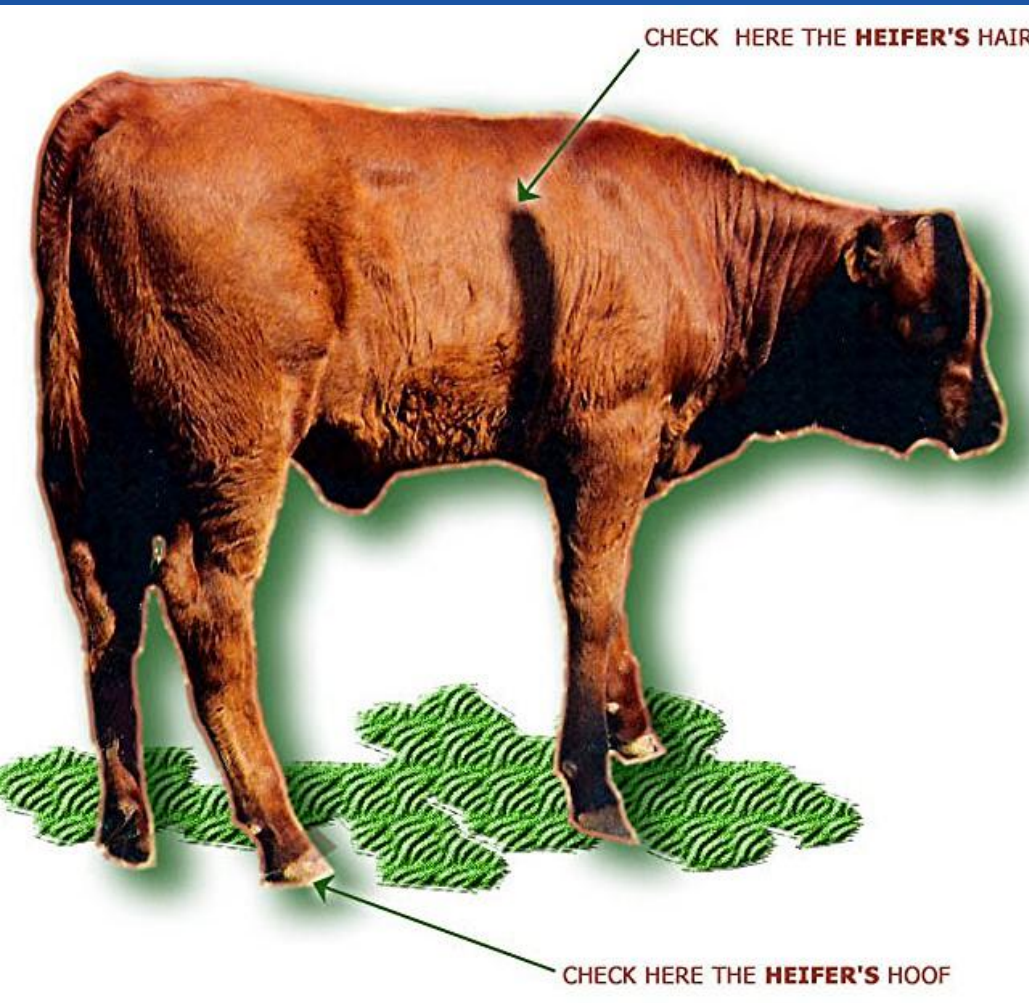
- Paul refers to “maturing” as “perfecting”
- Hearing the same foundational curriculum over and over, at an Elementary level, does not advance us
- Faith is easier and more comfortable when it’s black and white
- It’s easier to LOOK holy, than to BE holy

HOLINESS IS INTRINSIC TO GOD

- But holiness is NOT intrinsic to men
- God ENDOWS men with HIS holiness
- Our effort, in-line with God's plan, is needed to some degree to attain and maintain holiness
- Korah, Datan, Aviram made an effort, but did NOT trust God
- Attained a measure of *Unauthorized* holiness, thus were destroyed



NUMBERS 19: THE RED HEIFER



- Numbers 19 gives us the details and purpose of the Red Heifer ritual
- Red Heifer is needed to reinstitute Temple Worship in Jerusalem
- All about decontamination due to touching a corpse

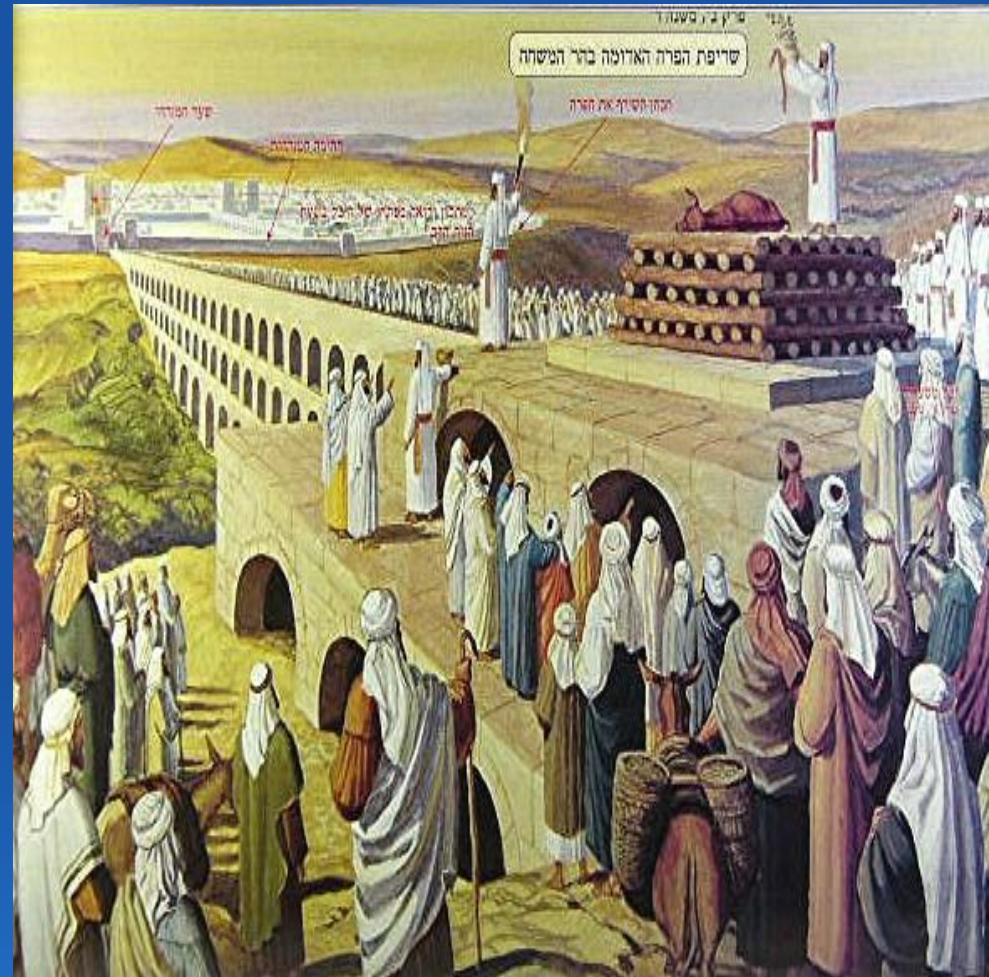
WE SEE RITUAL AS UNINTELLIGENT



- Biblical ritual gives us a **VISIBLE** picture of an **INVISIBLE** realm
- Before the Church, Rabbis struggled with the meaning of the rituals
- Rabban Johanan ben Zakkai
- Admits he doesn't know how ritual works
- Denies sorcery
- Knows the cow doesn't have magic qualities
- Knows a dead body can't inherently defile anything

OUTSIDE THE CAMP

- Red Heifer a female, hasn't done "common" work
- Cow must be killed and burnt OUTSIDE the camp of Israel
- An UNCLEAN place
- The ONLY clean area is INSIDE the camp
- The only HOLY area is the Tabernacle courtyard
- A common wood fire



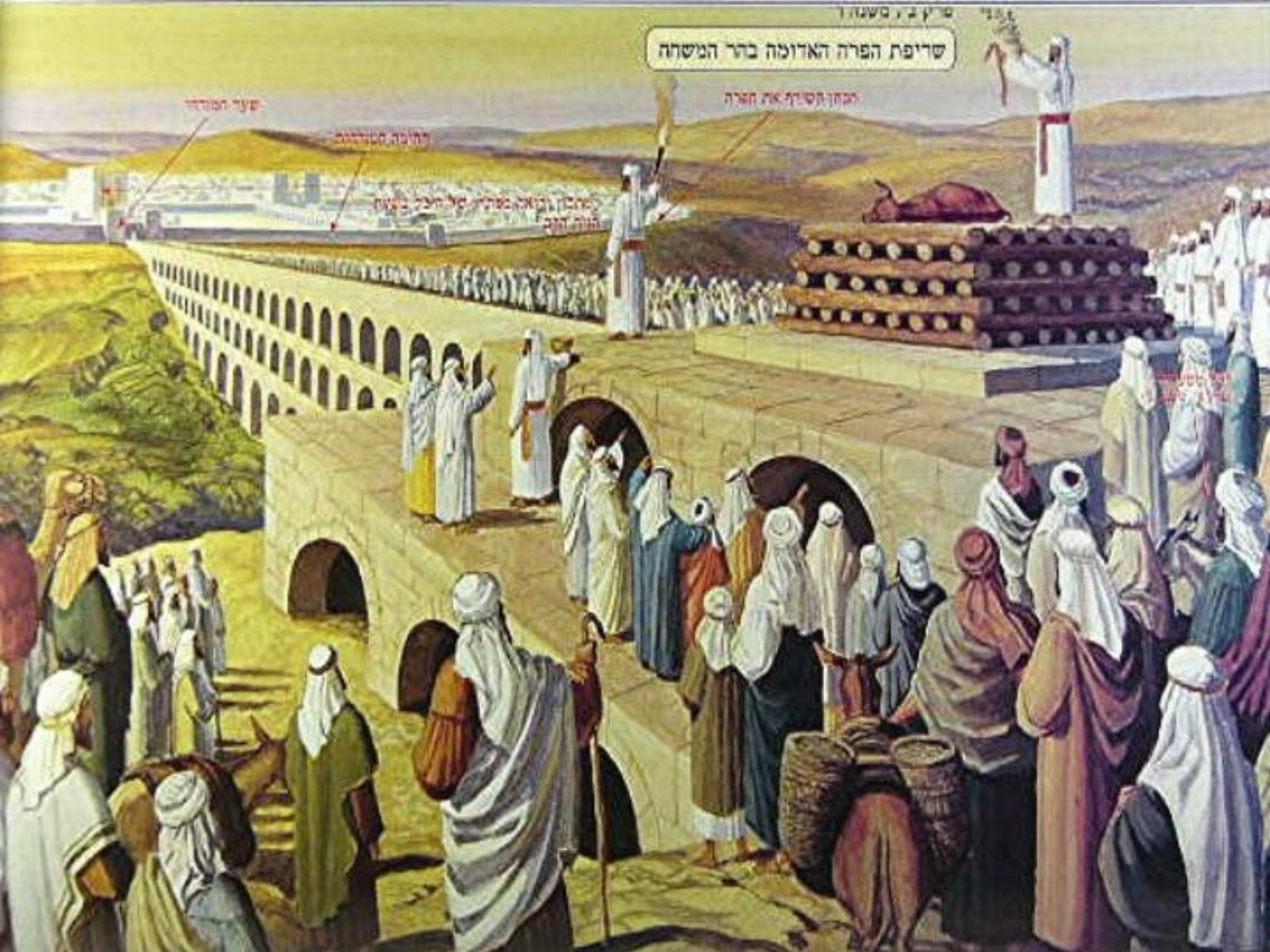
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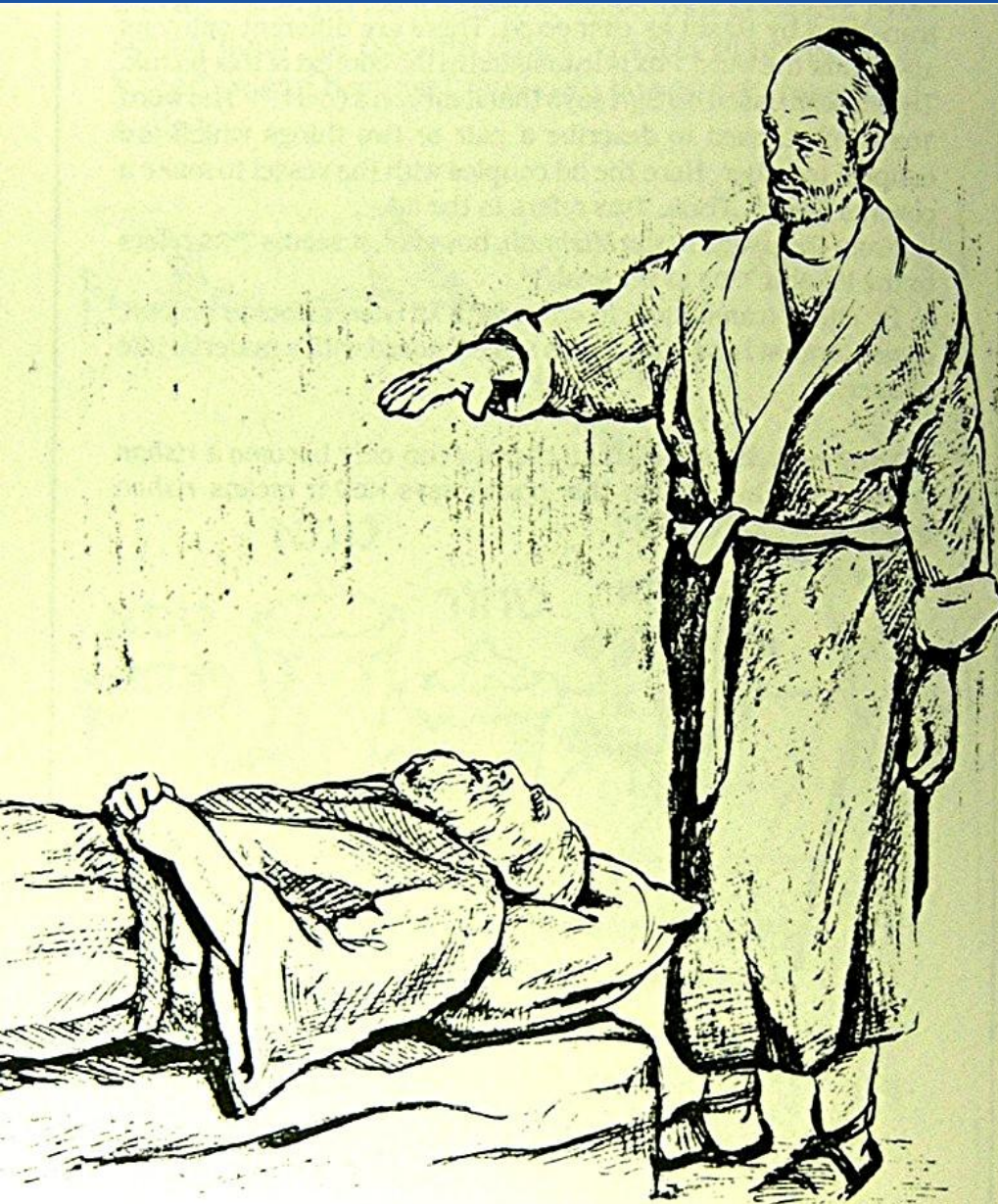
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THE DEFILEMENT OF DEATH



- Close proximity could bring impurity
- Remedy was ashes of the Red Heifer mixed with living water
- Defiled person sprinkled on 3rd and 7th days

“he has defiled the Lord’s Sanctuary....”

- Penalty for NOT being purified from corpse contamination is “cut-off”
- Means end to relationship with Israel AND God!
- Person who DOES the sprinkling becomes impure
- Anyone who has NOT been defiled by corpse, but gets ash/water on them, becomes **DEFILED!**



THE RED HEIFER PARADOX

- Paradox = contradictory, unbelievable, absurd. But probably true.
- What we are studying is NOT Tradition or commentary.....it is the BIBLE
- Everyone who has something to do with the Red Heifer ritual becomes Unclean!
- The same ashes that purify the defiled, defile the pure
- All other sacrifices atone and make clean

KODESH AND KADOSH

- *Kodesh/Kadosh* = set apart, separated away
- When you separate light loads of laundry from dark loads, it is a process of *kadosh*
- It is the context of kadosh that matters
- “holy” is only an English word used to translate *kodesh/kadosh*
- Only when something is kadosh for God is it “holy” in the sense Christians think of it
- Thus the Red Heifer is NOT holy, but it is *kodesh*

THE HATA'AT



- Hata'at is “purification” offering, NOT “sin” offering
- Normal Hata'at, the blood is splashed on the Altar
- Red Heifer ritual the blood remains in the cow, and is burnt-up
- The cow ABSORBS the impurities of a defiled thing
- Thus, the cow must be destroyed away from the holy and clean area

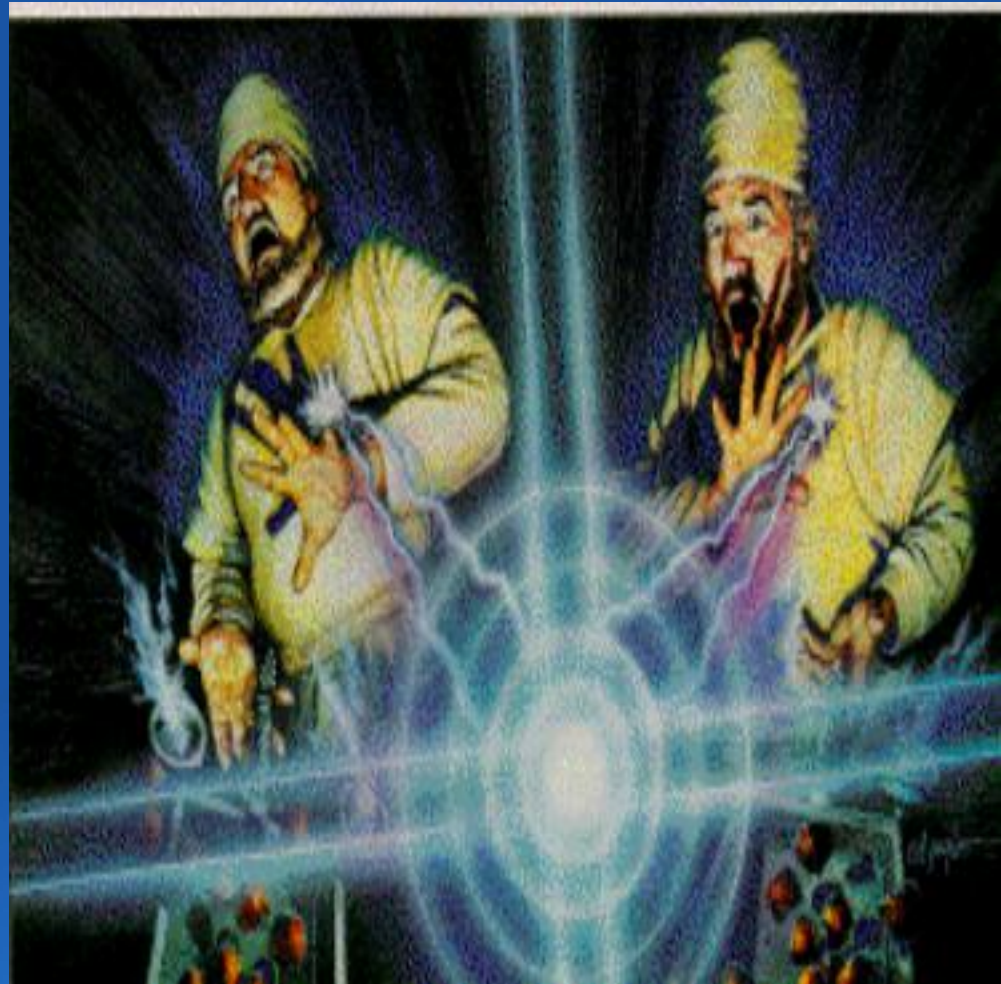
A SPIRITUAL SPONGE

- Because it has soaked up the death impurities, it **MUST** be destroyed
- An Altar fire transforms and purifies
- A common wood fire is for destruction



HOLY RADIATION

- God's holiness is so powerful, proximity can bring holiness
- The Red Heifer is so powerfully contaminated, nearness brings impurity!
- The purpose of the Red Heifer ashes + water is to purify THE SANCTUARY
- It does NOT purify the one who brought the sacrifice



WATER AND BLOOD



- **WHY?** If the ashes/water was for purifying the Sanctuary, why was it used on a human?
- After Messiah, God would abandon the Tabernacle and dwell in the human sanctuary, our bodies
- Our bodies are constantly being defiled, so they must constantly be purified
- Water cleanses
- Blood atones
- Two different things, Yeshua accomplished both
- Blood was in the ashes of the Heifer, mixed with water, applied to the human sanctuary