

M'tzora Leviticus 14:1-15:33

(Lev 14:1 CJB) Adonai said to Moshe,

(Lev 14:2 CJB) "This is to be the law concerning the person afflicted with tzara`at on the day of his purification. He is to be brought to the cohen,

(Lev 14:3 CJB) and the cohen is to go outside the camp and examine him there. If he sees that the tzara`at sores have been healed in the afflicted person,

(Lev 14:4 CJB) then the cohen will order that two living clean birds be taken for the one to be purified, along with cedar-wood, scarlet yarn and hyssop leaves.

(Lev 14:5 CJB) The cohen is to order one of the birds slaughtered in a clay pot over running water.

(Lev 14:6 CJB) As for the live bird, he is to take it with the cedar-wood, scarlet yarn and hyssop and dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird slaughtered over running water,

(Lev 14:7 CJB) and sprinkle the person to be purified from the tzara`at seven times. Next he is to set the live bird free in an open field.

(Lev 14:8 CJB) He who is to be purified must wash his clothes, shave off all his hair and bathe himself in water. Then he will be clean; and after that, he may enter the camp; but he must live outside his tent for seven days.

(Lev 14:9 CJB) On the seventh day he is to shave all the hair off his head, also his beard and eyebrows — he must shave off all his hair; and he is to wash his clothes and bathe his body in water; and he will be clean.

(Lev 14:10 CJB) "On the eighth day he is to take two male lambs without defect, one female lamb in its first year without defect and six-and-a-half quarts of fine flour for a grain offering, mixed with olive oil, and two-thirds of a pint of olive oil.

(Lev 14:11 CJB) The cohen purifying him is to place the person being purified with these items before Adonai at the entrance to the tent of meeting.

(Lev 14:12 CJB) The cohen is to take one of the male lambs and offer it as a guilt offering with the two-thirds-pint of olive oil, then wave them as a wave offering before Adonai.

(Lev 14:13 CJB) He is to slaughter the male lamb at the place in the sanctuary for slaughtering sin offerings and burnt offerings, because the guilt offering belongs to the cohen, just like the sin offering; it is especially holy.

(Lev 14:14 CJB) The cohen is to take some of the blood of the guilt offering and put it on the tip of the right ear of the person being purified, on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot.

(Lev 14:15 CJB) Next, the cohen is to take some of the two-thirds-pint of olive oil and pour it into the palm of his own left hand,

(Lev 14:16 CJB) dip his right finger in the oil that is in his left hand and sprinkle from the oil with his finger seven times before Adonai.

(Lev 14:17 CJB) Then the cohen is to put some of the remaining oil in his hand on the tip of the right ear of the person being purified, on the thumb of his right hand, on the big toe of his right foot and on the blood of the guilt offering.

(Lev 14:18 CJB) Finally, the cohen is to put the rest of the oil in his hand on the head of the person being purified; and the cohen will make atonement for him before Adonai.

(Lev 14:19 CJB) The cohen is to offer the sin offering and make atonement for the person being purified because of his uncleanness; afterwards, he is to slaughter the burnt offering.

(Lev 14:20 CJB) The cohen is to offer the burnt offering and the grain offering on the altar; thus the cohen will make atonement for him; and he will be clean.

(Lev 14:21 CJB) "If he is poor, so that he can't afford to do otherwise, he is to take one male lamb as a guilt offering to be waved, to make atonement for him; two quarts of fine flour mixed with olive oil for a grain offering; two-thirds of a pint of olive oil;

(Lev 14:22 CJB) and two doves or two young pigeons, such as he can afford, the one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering.

(Lev 14:23 CJB) On the eighth day, he will bring them to the cohen for his purification, to the entrance of the tent of meeting before Adonai.

(Lev 14:24 CJB) The cohen is to take the lamb of the guilt offering and the two-thirds of a pint of olive oil and wave them as a wave offering before Adonai.

(Lev 14:25 CJB) He is to slaughter the lamb of the guilt offering; and the cohen is to take some of the blood of the guilt offering and put it on the tip of the right ear of the person being purified, on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot.

(Lev 14:26 CJB) The cohen is to take some of the olive oil and pour it into the palm of his own left hand,

(Lev 14:27 CJB) and sprinkle with his right hand some of the oil that is in his left hand seven times before Adonai.

(Lev 14:28 CJB) The cohen is to put some of the oil in his hand on the tip of the right ear of the person being purified, on the thumb of his right hand, on the big toe of his right foot — in the same place as the blood of the guilt offering.

(Lev 14:29 CJB) Finally, the cohen is to put the rest of the oil in his hand on the head of the person being purified, to make atonement for him before Adonai.

(Lev 14:30 CJB) He is to offer one of the doves or young pigeons, such as the person can afford,

(Lev 14:31 CJB) whatever his means suffice for — the one as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering — with the grain offering; thus the cohen will make atonement before Adonai for the person being purified.

(Lev 14:32 CJB) Such is the law for the person who has tzara`at sores if he cannot afford the usual elements used for his purification."

(Lev 14:33 CJB) Adonai said to Moshe and Aharon,

(Lev 14:34 CJB) "When you have entered the land of Kena`an which I am giving you as a possession, and I put an infection of tzara`at in a house in the land that you possess,

(Lev 14:35 CJB) then the owner of the house is to come and tell the cohen, 'It seems to me that there may be an infection in the house.'

(Lev 14:36 CJB) The cohen is to order the house emptied before he goes in to inspect the infection, so that everything in the house won't be made unclean; afterwards, the cohen is to enter and inspect the house.

(Lev 14:37 CJB) He will examine the infection; and if he sees that the infection is in the walls of the house, with greenish or reddish depressions that seem to go in deeper than the surface of the wall,

(Lev 14:38 CJB) he is to go out of the house to its door and seal up the house for seven days.

(Lev 14:39 CJB) The cohen will come again on the seventh day and examine the house; if he sees that the infection has spread over its walls,

(Lev 14:40 CJB) he is to order them to remove the infected stones and throw them into some unclean place outside the city.

(Lev 14:41 CJB) Next, he is to have the inside of the house thoroughly scraped, and the scraped-off plaster is to be discarded outside the city in an unclean place.

(Lev 14:42 CJB) Finally, other stones must be set in the place of the first stones and other plaster used to replaster the house.

(Lev 14:43 CJB) If the infection returns and breaks out in the house after the stones have been removed and the house scraped and plastered;

(Lev 14:44 CJB) then the cohen is to enter and examine it. If he sees that the infection has spread in the house, it is a contagious tzara`at in the house; it is unclean.

(Lev 14:45 CJB) He must break down the house and take its stones, timber and plaster out of the city to an unclean place.

(Lev 14:46 CJB) Moreover, whoever enters the house at any time while it is sealed up will be unclean until evening.

(Lev 14:47 CJB) Whoever lies down or eats in the house must wash his clothes.

(Lev 14:48 CJB) If the cohen enters, examines and sees that the infection has not spread in the house since it was plastered; then he is to declare the house clean; because the infection is cured.

(Lev 14:49 CJB) "To purify the house, he is to take two birds, cedar-wood, scarlet yarn and hyssop leaves.

(Lev 14:50 CJB) He is to slaughter one of the birds in a clay pot over running water.

(Lev 14:51 CJB) He is to take the cedar-wood, the hyssop, the scarlet yarn and the live bird and dip them in the blood of the slaughtered bird and in the running water, and sprinkle the house seven times.

(Lev 14:52 CJB) He will purify the house with the blood of the bird, the running water, the live bird, the cedar-wood, the hyssop and the scarlet yarn.

(Lev 14:53 CJB) But he is to set the live bird free outside the city in an open field; thus will he make atonement for the house; and it will be clean.

(Lev 14:54 CJB) "Such is the law for all kinds of tzara`at sores, for a crusted area,

(Lev 14:55 CJB) for tzara`at in a garment, for a house,

(Lev 14:56 CJB) for a swelling, for a scab and for a bright spot,

(Lev 14:57 CJB) to determine when it is clean and when it is unclean. This is the law concerning tzara`at."

(Lev 15:1 CJB) Adonai said to Moshe and Aharon,

(Lev 15:2 CJB) "Tell the people of Isra'el, 'When any man has a discharge from his body, the discharge is unclean.

(Lev 15:3 CJB) The discharge is unclean no matter whether it continues flowing or has stopped; it is still his uncleanness.

(Lev 15:4 CJB) Every bed which the person with the discharge lies on is unclean, and everything he sits on is unclean.

(Lev 15:5 CJB) Whoever touches his bed is to wash his clothes and bathe himself in water; he will be unclean until evening.

(Lev 15:6 CJB) Whoever sits on anything the person with the discharge sat on is to wash his clothes and bathe himself in water; he will be unclean until evening.

(Lev 15:7 CJB) Anyone who touches the body of the person with the discharge is to wash his clothes and bathe himself in water; he will be unclean until evening.

(Lev 15:8 CJB) If the person with the discharge spits on someone who is clean, the latter is to wash his clothes and bathe himself in water; he will be unclean until evening.

(Lev 15:9 CJB) Any saddle that the person with the discharge rides on will be unclean.

(Lev 15:10 CJB) Whoever touches anything that was under him will be unclean until evening; he who carries those things is to wash his clothes and bathe himself in water; he will be unclean until evening.

(Lev 15:11 CJB) If the person with the discharge fails to rinse his hands in water before touching someone, that person is to wash his clothes and bathe himself in water; he will be unclean until evening.

(Lev 15:12 CJB) If the person with the discharge touches a clay pot, it must be broken; if he touches a wooden utensil, it must be rinsed in water.

(Lev 15:13 CJB) " 'When a person with a discharge has become free of it, he is to count seven days for his purification. Then he is to wash his clothes and bathe his body in running water; after that, he will be clean.

(Lev 15:14 CJB) On the eighth day, he is to take for himself two doves or two young pigeons, come before Adonai to the entrance of the tent of meeting and give them to the cohen.

(Lev 15:15 CJB) The cohen is to offer them, the one as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering; thus the cohen will make atonement for him on account of his discharge before Adonai.

(Lev 15:16 CJB) " 'If a man has a seminal emission, he is to bathe his entire body in water; he will be unclean until evening.

(Lev 15:17 CJB) Any clothing or leather on which there is any semen is to be washed with water; it will be unclean until evening.

(Lev 15:18 CJB) If a man goes to bed with a woman and has sexual relations, both are to bathe themselves in water; they will be unclean until evening.

(Lev 15:19 CJB) " 'If a woman has a discharge, and the discharge from her body is blood, she will be in her state of niddah for seven days. Whoever touches her will be unclean until evening.

(Lev 15:20 CJB) Everything she lies on or sits on in her state of niddah will be unclean.

(Lev 15:21 CJB) Whoever touches her bed is to wash his clothes and bathe himself in water; he will be unclean until evening.

(Lev 15:22 CJB) Whoever touches anything she sits on is to wash his clothes and bathe himself in water; he will be unclean until evening.

(Lev 15:23 CJB) As soon as he touches the bed or something she sat on, he will be unclean until evening.

(Lev 15:24 CJB) If a man goes to bed with her, and her menstrual flow touches him, he will be unclean seven days; and every bed he lies on will be unclean.

(Lev 15:25 CJB) " 'If a woman has a discharge of blood for many days not during her period, or if her discharge lasts beyond the normal end of her period, then throughout the time she is having an unclean discharge she will be as when she is in niddah — she is unclean.

(Lev 15:26 CJB) Every bed she lies on at any time while she is having her discharge will be for her like the bed she uses during her time of niddah; and everything she sits on will be unclean with uncleanness like that of her time of niddah.

(Lev 15:27 CJB) Whoever touches those things will be unclean; he is to wash his clothes and bathe himself in water; he will be unclean until evening.

(Lev 15:28 CJB) " 'If she has become free of her discharge, she is to count seven days; after that, she will be clean.

(Lev 15:29 CJB) On the eighth day, she is to take for herself two doves or two young pigeons and bring them to the cohen at the entrance to the tent of meeting.

(Lev 15:30 CJB) The cohen is to offer the one as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering; thus the cohen will make atonement for her before Adonai on account of her unclean discharge.

(Lev 15:31 CJB) " 'In this way you will separate the people of Isra'el from their uncleanness, so that they will not die in a state of uncleanness for defiling my tabernacle which is there with them.

(Lev 15:32 CJB) " 'Such is the law for the person who has a discharge; for the man who has a seminal emission that makes him unclean;

(Lev 15:33 CJB) for the woman in niddah during her menstrual period; for the person, man or woman, with a discharge; and for the man who has sexual relations with a woman who is unclean.

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

(2Ki 7:3 CJB) Now there were four men with tzara`at at the entrance to the city gate, and they said to each other, "Why should we sit here till we die?

(2Ki 7:4 CJB) If we say, 'We'll enter the city, then the city has been struck by the famine, so we'll die there. And if we sit still here, we'll also die. So let's go and surrender to the army of Aram; if they spare our lives, we will live; and if they kill us, we'll only die.'

(2Ki 7:5 CJB) They got up during the twilight to go to the camp of Aram. But when they reached the outskirts of the camp of Aram, they saw no one!

(2Ki 7:6 CJB) For Adonai had caused the army of Aram to hear the sound of chariots and horses; it sounded like a huge army; and they said to each other, "The king of Isra'el must have hired the kings of the Hitti and the kings of the Egyptians to attack us."

(2Ki 7:7 CJB) So they jumped up and fled in the twilight, leaving their tents, horses, donkeys and the whole camp just as it was, and ran for their lives.

(2Ki 7:8 CJB) When these men with tzara`at reached the outskirts of the camp, they entered one of the tents, ate and drank; then took some silver, gold and clothing; and went and hid it. Next they returned and entered another tent, took stuff from there, and went and hid it.

(2Ki 7:9 CJB) But finally they said to each other, "What we are doing is wrong. At a time of good news like this, we shouldn't keep it to ourselves. If we wait even till morning, we will earn only punishment; so come on, let's go and tell the king's household."

(2Ki 7:10 CJB) So they came and shouted to the gatekeepers of the city and told them the news: "We went to the camp of Aram, and no one was there, no human voice — just the horses and donkeys tied up, and the tents left in place."

(2Ki 7:11 CJB) The gatekeepers called and told it to the king's household inside.

(2Ki 7:12 CJB) Then the king got up in the night; he said to his servants, "I'll tell you what Aram has done to us. They know that we're hungry, so they've gone outside the camp and hidden in the countryside, saying, 'When they come out of the city, we'll take them alive and then get inside the city.' "

(2Ki 7:13 CJB) One of his servants answered, "I suggest letting some men take five of the remaining horses that are left in the city — they're like everything else in Isra'el that remains, like everything else in Isra'el, practically finished — and we'll send and see."

(2Ki 7:14 CJB) So they took two chariots with horses, and the king sent after the army of Aram, saying, "Go, and see."

(2Ki 7:15 CJB) They went after them all the way to the Yarden, and found the entire distance strewn with clothing and other articles Aram had thrown away in their haste. The messengers returned and told the king.

(2Ki 7:16 CJB) Then the people went out and ransacked the camp of Aram — with the result that six quarts of fine flour was sold for only a shekel and half a bushel of barley for a shekel, in keeping with what Adonai had said.

(2Ki 7:17 CJB) The king put the servant on whose arm he had leaned in charge of the gate, and the people trampled him down in the gateway, so that he died, as the man of God had said he would, who spoke when the king came to him.

(2Ki 7:18 CJB) For the man of God had said to the king, "Tomorrow by this time six quarts of barley will sell for only a shekel and half a bushel of fine flour for a shekel [*in the market*] at the gate of Shomron";

(2Ki 7:19 CJB) the servant had answered the man of God, "Why, this couldn't happen even if Adonai made windows in heaven!" and Elisha had said, "All right, you yourself will see it with your own eyes; but you won't eat any of it!"

(2Ki 7:20 CJB) That is exactly what happened to him, because the people trampled him down in the gateway, so that he died.

B'rit Hadashah suggested readings for Parashah M'tzora: Mattityahu (Matthew) 9:20-26; Mark 5:24b-34; Luke 8:42b-48; Messianic Jews (Hebrews) 13:4

(Mat 9:20 CJB) A woman who had had a hemorrhage for twelve years approached him from behind and touched the tzitzit on his robe.

(Mat 9:21 CJB) For she said to herself, "If I can only touch his robe, I will be healed."

(Mat 9:22 CJB) Yeshua turned, saw her and said, "Courage, daughter! Your trust has healed you." And she was instantly healed.

(Mat 9:23 CJB) When Yeshua arrived at the official's house and saw the flute-players, and the crowd in an uproar,

(Mat 9:24 CJB) he said, "Everybody out! The girl isn't dead, she's only sleeping!" And they jeered at him.

(Mat 9:25 CJB) But after the people had been put outside, he entered and took hold of the girl's hand, and she got up.

(Mat 9:26 CJB) News of this spread through all that region.

(Mar 5:24 CJB) He went with him; and a large crowd followed, pressing all around him.

(Mar 5:25 CJB) Among them was a woman who had had a hemorrhage for twelve years

(Mar 5:26 CJB) and had suffered a great deal under many physicians. She had spent her life savings; yet instead of improving, she had grown worse.

(Mar 5:27 CJB) She had heard about Yeshua, so she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his robe;

(Mar 5:28 CJB) for she said, "If I touch even his clothes, I will be healed."

(Mar 5:29 CJB) Instantly the hemorrhaging stopped, and she felt in her body that she had been healed from the disease.

(Mar 5:30 CJB) At the same time, Yeshua, aware that power had gone out from him, turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

(Mar 5:31 CJB) His talmidim responded, "You see the people pressing in on you; and still you ask, 'Who touched me?' "

(Mar 5:32 CJB) But he kept looking around to see who had done it.

(Mar 5:33 CJB) The woman, frightened and trembling, because she knew what had happened to her, came and fell down in front of him and told him the whole truth.

(Mar 5:34 CJB) "Daughter," he said to her, "your trust has healed you. Go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

(Luk 8:42 CJB) for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old; and she was dying. As he went, with the crowds on every side virtually choking him,

(Luk 8:43 CJB) a woman who had had a hemorrhage for twelve years, and could not be healed by anyone,

(Luk 8:44 CJB) came up behind him and touched the tzitzit on his robe; instantly her hemorrhaging stopped.

(Luk 8:45 CJB) Yeshua asked, "Who touched me?" When they all denied doing it, Kefa said, "Rabbi! The crowds are hemming you in and jostling you!"

(Luk 8:46 CJB) But Yeshua said, "Someone did touch me, because I felt power go out of me."

(Luk 8:47 CJB) Seeing she could not escape notice, the woman, quaking with fear, threw herself down before him and confessed in front of everyone why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed.

(Luk 8:48 CJB) He said to her, "My daughter, your trust has saved you; go in peace."

(Heb 13:4 CJB) Marriage is honorable in every respect; and, in particular, sex within marriage is pure. But God will indeed punish fornicators and adulterers.