

תזריע

Tazria

LEVITICUS 12:1 – 13:59

Leviticus 12:1-2

וַיְדַבֵּר יְהוָה אֶל-מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר: דַּבֵּר אֶל-בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל
לֵאמֹר אִשָּׁה כִּי תִזְרִיעַ וַיִּלְדָּה זָכָר וְטִמְאַה שְׁבַע יָמִים

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a woman have
conceived seed, and born a man child: then she shall be
unclean seven days; according to the days of the separation
for her infirmity shall she be unclean.

Tazria summary

Chapter 12

- Laws regarding purification after childbirth for a male and female child

Chapter 13

- Identification and requirements regarding leprosy

Requirements and observation

If it is not skin deep, review in 7 days

If in 7 days it spread it is leprosy

If it covers all of the skin and is all white, the priest pronounces clean (except if raw flesh exists)

Different types of leprosy existed

The leproser had to live outside the camp

They had to pronounce “unclean, unclean” wherever they went

Leviticus 13:2 KJV

When a man shall have in the skin of his flesh a rising, a scab, or bright spot, and it be in the skin of his flesh [like] the plague of leprosy; then he shall be brought unto Aaron the priest, or unto one of his sons the priests:

Leviticus 13:3 KJV

And the priest shall look on the plague in the skin of the flesh: and [when] the hair in the plague is turned white, and the plague in sight [be] deeper than the skin of his flesh, it [is] a plague of leprosy: and the priest shall look on him, and pronounce him unclean.

צַרְעַת *tsara`ath*

leprosy

in people, malignant skin disease (Le. 13-14)

in clothing, a mildew or mould (Le. 13:47-52)

in buildings, a mildew or mould (Le. 14:34-53)

צָרַע *tsara`*

to be diseased of skin, be leprous

(Qal) to be a leper

(Pual) to have leprosy

2 Kings 5:6 KJV

And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, Now when this letter is come unto thee, behold, I have [therewith] sent Naaman my servant to thee, that thou mayest recover him of his leprosy.

2 Kings 5:7 KJV

And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, [Am] I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy? wherefore consider, I pray you, and see how he seeketh a quarrel against me.

Leviticus 22:4 KJV

What man soever of the seed of Aaron [is] a leper, or hath a running issue; he shall not eat of the holy things, until he be clean. And whoso toucheth any thing [that is] unclean [by] the dead, or a man whose seed goeth from him;

Numbers 5:2 KJV

Command the children of Israel, that they put out of the camp every leper, and every one that hath an issue, and whosoever is defiled by the dead:

Numbers 12:10, 12 KJV

And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle; and, behold, Miriam [became] leprous, [white] as snow: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, [she was] leprous.

...Let her not be as one dead, of whom the flesh is half consumed when he cometh out of his mother's womb.

Observations

Infection that is more than skin deep

Required priest to confirm

Uncleanness

Connected to death

Connected to Lashon Hara (evil speak)

Required action

Used as a sign

Exodus 4:6-7 KJV

And the LORD said furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand [was] leprous as snow.

And he said, Put thine hand into thy bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again; and plucked it out of his bosom, and, behold, it was turned again as his [other] flesh.

Exodus 4:8 KJV

And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign.

Luke 7:22 KJV

Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached.