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Leviticus 12:1-15:33

Seeds of Life Series: Torah the Seeds for Life

A Torah Based Life Is A Common Sense Life

Introduction

So many of the Torah Commandments are just so common sense but have been turned into either very archaic or esoteric commands that they lose their original meaning behind them. I do believe there is some mystery within the commandments themselves but not everyone should

be interpreted as so. Some have to deal with just plain life. Folks the bottom line is this that life happens so Yehovah has provided us with everyday life instructions on how to be clean in the Community of Yehovah. These same commandments can be applied today because they are essentially the same issues today as they were thousands of years ago and lets face it folks sin is still sin whether in a Garden or in a Major City.

Signs of Leprosy

Leviticus 13:1-2

1. Elohim addressed both Moses and Aaron here about this disease.
2. The Hebrew Word for leprosy (tzara'at) appears 35 times in the Tanach, but only six times outside of Leviticus (Deut. 24:8; 2 Kings 5:3,6-7, 27 2 Chron 26:19).
3. It was translated into the Greek as lepra and transliterated as such into Latin. Most English translations render the word as "leprosy." The Hebrew Word, however, is a generic term that refers to changes in the surface of the human skin and is best translated as "a disease on the skin"; it can also indicate fungus or mildew (vs. 47; 14:34). During the postexilic period, rabbis identified 72 types of skin disease.

The Priests Examination

Leviticus 13:3-8

1. Two different types of problems are described here. One can be classified as minor because the disorder was severe and the isolation was not long, but in the second type, the emphatic spread much in verse 7 indicates seriousness.
2. The ritual period of seven days is predominant in Leviticus (8:33; 12:2; 14:8; 15:13, 28; 23:6, 25:4). the number seven and its derivatives occur 176 times in Leviticus . It symbolizes fullness, perfection, or completion.
3. The person may have been isolated outside the camp or city or in special quarters, as in the case of King Uzziah (1 Kings 15:5; 2 Chron. 26:21).

The Pronouncement

Leviticus 13:9,11, 15

1. Leprosy involved the presence of raw flesh rendering a person unclean.
2. A Person is pronounced unclean seven times in chapter 13 (11,15,36,44,46,51,55).
3. Yeshua heals a Lepor in Matthew 8:1-4...Listen to what He tells commands Him to do.

Other Various UnClean Laws

Leviticus 13:25-46

1. The skin condition described here could be identified as psoriasis.
2. vs. 30 the term scall appears only in this price of the Bible (vs. 30-37, 14:54). It refers to a

skin disease that appears on a person's head or beard.

3. vss 45-46 the person rendered unclean was relegated to life outside the community until healed. The torn clothes were a sign of mourning, while the crying out was warning to those who were ceremonially unclean. This practice was still observed during Yeshua's time, when 10 men with serious skin diseases stood at a distance from the community and were asked by Yeshua to show themselves to the priest after He had healed them (Luke 17:11-14).

Treatment of Garments

Leviticus 13:47-59

1. As with contagious skins diseases, so also with mildew or fungus; no spreadable plague of fabric or leather was permitted to undermine the ceremonial cleanliness of the community.
2. Elohim, in His grace, provided for the restoration of the person rendered unclean by a skin disease.
3. They only diagnosed the disease and helped with the Torah requirements subsequent to a person's healing. Ultimately Yeshua took our sins and our diseases away from us when He went out of the city and died for us Hebrews 13:11-13.

Take Away

1. Leprosy can be the name of a whole umbrella of skins diseases.

2. The Priests were only to diagnose the disease and help with the requirements according to Torah.
3. Yeshua died outside the city for us and suffered for us a Great suffering so that we could be cleansed.

Application

1. I will thank Yehovah that my leprosy (sin) was taken care of at the tree!
2. There is a cure for leprosy or sin and it is the blood of Yeshua I will praise Him!
3. I will love Him forever for allowing us to be free!

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