

# TORAH TEACHINGS



Understanding YAH's Likes and dislikes


**# 28 Metzora or M'tzora, (מְצִרָע)**  
– Hebrew for “one being  
diseased,”

**Torah: Leviticus 14:1-15:33**  
**Haftarah: 2 Kings 7:1-20**

# TOPICS IN THE PARSHA

## THIS WEEKS TORAH PARASHAT

When the **metzora** (“leper”) heals, he or she is purified by the kohen with a special procedure involving two birds, spring water in an earthen vessel, a piece of cedar wood, a scarlet thread and a bundle of hyssop.



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The interesting thing about the ritualistic cleansing and cure for **metzora** ( the physical manifestation of a spiritual sickness) caused by an evil tongue is that it is the same ritual performed for the anointing the High Priest before his intercessory work for his brothers in Israel began. This teaches us that if we are to be true intercessors for one another we can have no evil thoughts or even negativity leading to negative words against our fellow man, if we are to be an apt intercessor and priest in messiah's Kingdom!

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The word is likened unto the seed and life and thus ritual impurity is also engendered through a seminal or other discharge in a man (i.e. the seed), and menstruation or other discharge of blood in a woman (the life), necessitating purification through immersion in a mikvah.

## Laws for Cleansing Metzora(Lepers)

Lev 14:1 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Lev 14:2 “This shall be the Torah of the leper for the day of his cleansing: He shall be brought to the priest,

Lev 14:3 and the priest shall go out of the camp, and the priest shall look and see, if the leprosy is healed in the leper,

Lev 14:4 then the priest shall command, and he shall take for him who is to be cleansed two live and clean birds, and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop.

Lev 14:5 “And the priest shall command, and he shall slay one of the birds in an earthen vessel over running water.

**Lev 14:6** “Let him take the live bird and the cedar wood and the scarlet and the hyssop, and dip them and the live bird in the blood of the bird that was slain over the running water.

**Lev 14:7** “And he shall sprinkle it seven times on him who is to be cleansed from the leprosy, and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let the live bird loose in the open field.



**Lev 14:8** “And he who is to be cleansed shall wash his garments, and shall shave off all his hair and wash himself in water, and shall be clean. Then after that he comes into the camp, but shall stay outside his tent seven days.

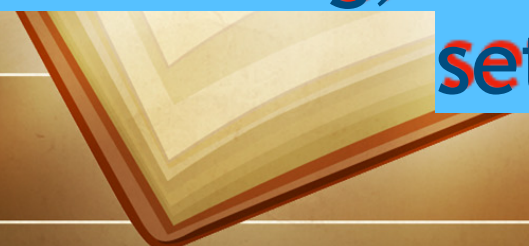
**Lev 14:9** “And on the seventh day it shall be that he shaves all the hair off his head and his beard and his eyebrows, even all his hair he shaves off. And he shall wash his garments and wash his body in water, and shall be clean.

Lev 14:10 “And on the eighth day he takes two male lambs, perfect ones, and one ewe lamb a year old, a perfect one, and three-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering, and one log of oil.

Lev 14:11 “And the priest who is cleansing shall present the man who is to be cleansed, with these offerings, before יהוה, at the door of the Tent of Appointment.

Lev 14:12 “And the priest shall take one male lamb and bring it as a guilt offering, and the log of oil, and wave them as a wave offering before יהוה.

Lev 14:13 “And he shall slay the lamb in the place where he slays the sin offering and the ascending offering, in a set-apart place. For the guilt offering, like the sin offering, belongs to the priest. It is most set-apart.



**Lev 14:14** “And the priest shall take some of the blood of the guilt offering, and the priest shall put it on the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot.

**Lev 14:15** “And the priest shall take some of the log of oil, and pour it into the palm of his own left hand.

**Lev 14:16** “And the priest shall dip his right finger in the oil that is in his left hand, and shall sprinkle some of the oil with his finger seven times before

**יהוה.**

**Lev 14:17** “And of the rest of the oil in his hand, the priest puts some on the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot, on the blood of the guilt offering.


**Lev 14:18** “And the rest of the oil that is in the priest’s hand he puts on the head of him who is to be cleansed. And the priest shall make atonement for him before יהוה.

**Lev 14:19** “And the priest shall make the sin offering, and make atonement for him who is to be cleansed from his uncleanness. Then afterwards he slays the ascending offering.

**Lev 14:20** “And the priest shall offer the ascending offering and the grain offering on the slaughter-place. And the priest shall make atonement for him, and he shall be clean.

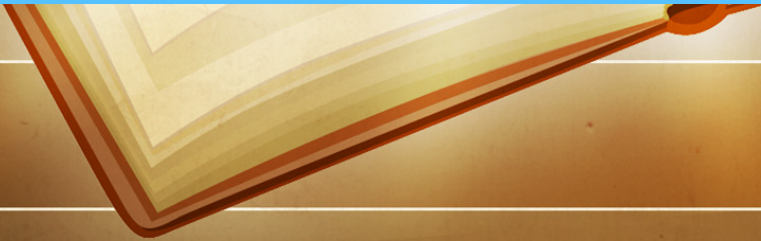
**Lev 14:21** “But if he is poor and is unable to afford it, then he shall take one male lamb as a guilt offering to be waved, to make atonement for him, and one-tenth of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering, and a log of oil,

**Lev 14:22** and two turtledoves or two young pigeons, such as he is able to afford, and one shall be a sin offering and the other an ascending offering.



Lev 14:23 “And he shall bring them to the priest on the eighth day for his cleansing, to the door of the Tent of Appointment, before יהוה.”

Lev 14:24 “And the priest shall take the lamb of the guilt offering and the log of oil, and the priest shall wave them as a wave offering before יהוה.”





**Lev 14:25** “And he shall slay the lamb of the guilt offering, and the priest shall take some of the blood of the guilt offering and put it on the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot.

**Lev 14:26** “Then the priest pours some of the oil into the palm of his own left hand.

**Lev 14:27** “And the priest shall sprinkle with his right finger some of the oil that is in his left hand seven times before יהוה.

Lev 14:28 “And the priest shall put some of the oil that is in his hand on the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, and on the thumb of the right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot, on the place of the blood of the guilt offering.

Lev 14:29 “And the rest of the oil that is in the priest’s hand he puts on the head of him who is to be cleansed, to make atonement for him before

יהוה.

Lev 14:30 “And he shall prepare one of the turtledoves or young pigeons, such as he is able to afford,

Lev 14:31 that which he is able to afford, the one as a sin offering and the other as an ascending offering, with the grain offering. And the priest shall make atonement for him who is to be cleansed before יהוה.

Lev 14:32 “This is the Torah for one who had an infection of leprosy, who is unable to afford for his cleansing.”

## Laws for Cleansing Houses

Lev 14:33 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh and to Aharon, saying,

Lev 14:34 “When you come into the land of Kena’an, which I am giving you as a possession, and I put a plague of leprosy in a house in the land of your possession,

Lev 14:35 then shall the one who owns the house come and inform the priest, saying, ‘It seems to me that there is some plague in the house.’

**Lev 14:36** “And the priest shall command, and they shall empty the house, before the priest goes in to look at the plague, so that all that is in the house is not made unclean. And after that the priest goes in to look at the house.

**Lev 14:37** “And he shall look at the plague and see, if the plague is on the walls of the house with sunken places, greenish or reddish, which appear to be deep in the wall,

**Lev 14:38** then the priest shall go out of the house, to the door of the house, and shut up the house seven days.

**Lev 14:39** “And the priest shall come again on the seventh day and look and see, if the plague has spread on the walls of the house,

**Lev 14:40** then the priest shall command, and they shall remove the stones with the plague in them, and they shall throw them outside the city, into an unclean place,

**Lev 14:41** while he lets the house be scraped inside, all around, and the dust that they scrape off they shall pour out in an unclean place outside the city.

**Lev 14:42** “And they shall take other stones and put them in the place of those stones, and take other mortar and plaster the house.

**Lev 14:43** “And if the plague comes back and breaks out in the house, after he has removed the stones, after he has scraped the house, and after it is plastered,

Lev 14:44 then the priest shall come and look and see, if the plague has spread in the house, it is an active leprosy in the house, it is unclean.

Lev 14:45 “And he shall break down the house, its stones, and its timber, and all the plaster of the house, and he shall bring them outside the city to an unclean place.

Lev 14:46 “And he who goes into the house, all the days while it is shut up, becomes unclean until evening.



**Lev 14:47** “And he who lies down in the house has to wash his garments, and he who eats in the house has to wash his garments.

**Lev 14:48** “However, if the priest indeed comes in and looks at it and sees that the plague has not spread in the house after the house was plastered, then the priest shall pronounce the house clean, because the plague is healed.

**Lev 14:49** “And to cleanse the house, he shall take two birds, and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop.

**Lev 14:50** “And he shall slay one of the birds in an earthen vessel over running water,

**Lev 14:51** and he shall take the cedar wood, and the hyssop, and the scarlet, and the live bird, and dip them in the blood of the slain bird and in the running water, and shall sprinkle the house seven times.

**Lev 14:52** “He shall thus cleanse the house with the blood of the bird and the running water and the live bird, and with the cedar wood, and with the hyssop, and with the scarlet,

**Lev 14:53** and he shall let the live bird loose outside the city in the open field, and shall make atonement for the house, and it shall be clean.

**Lev 14:54** “This is the Torah for any infection of leprosy, and eruption,



Lev 14:55 and for leprosy of a garment, and of a house,

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

Lev 14:57 to teach when it is unclean and when it is clean. This is the Torah of leprosy.”

## Laws About Bodily Discharges

Lev 15:1 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh and to Aharon, saying,

Lev 15:2 “Speak to the children of Yisra’ěl, and say to them, ‘When any man has a discharge from his flesh, his discharge is unclean.’

**Lev 15:3** ‘And this is his uncleanness in regard to his discharge; whether his flesh runs with his discharge, or his flesh is stopped up by his discharge, it is his uncleanness.

**Lev 15:4** ‘Any bed becomes unclean on which he who has the discharge lies, and any object on which he sits becomes unclean.

**Lev 15:5** ‘And anyone who touches his bed has to wash his garments, and shall bathe in water, and be unclean until evening.

**Lev 15:6** ‘And he who sits on any object on which he who has the discharge sat, has to wash his garments, and shall bathe in water, and be unclean until evening.

**Lev 15:7** ‘And he who touches the flesh of him who has the discharge has to wash his garments, and shall bathe in water, and shall be unclean until evening.

**Lev 15:8** ‘And when he who has the discharge spits on him who is clean, then he shall wash his garments, and shall bathe in water, and be unclean until evening.



**Lev 15:9** ‘Any saddle on which he who has the discharge rides becomes unclean.

**Lev 15:10** ‘And whoever touches any of that which was under him is unclean until evening. And he who is carrying them up has to wash his garments, and shall bathe in water, and be unclean until evening.

**Lev 15:11** ‘And anyone whom he who has the discharge touches without rinsing his hands in water, shall wash his garments and bathe in water, and be unclean until evening.

**Lev 15:12** ‘And the earthen vessel which he who has the discharge touches has to be broken, and every wooden vessel has to be rinsed in water.

**Lev 15:13** ‘And when he who has a discharge is cleansed of his discharge, then he shall count for himself seven days for his cleansing, and shall wash his garments, and shall bathe his flesh in running water, and be clean.

Lev 15:14 'And on the eighth day he takes for himself two turtledoves or two young pigeons, and shall come before יהוה, to the door of the Tent of Appointment, and shall give them to the priest.

Lev 15:15 'And the priest shall prepare them, the one as a sin offering and the other as an ascending offering. And the priest shall make atonement for him before יהוה because of his discharge.

**Lev 15:16** ‘And when a man has an emission of semen, then he shall wash all his flesh in water, and be unclean until evening.

**Lev 15:17** ‘And any garment and any leather on which there is semen, shall also be washed with water, and be unclean until evening.

**Lev 15:18** ‘And when a woman lies with a man, and there is an emission of semen, they both shall bathe in water, and be unclean until evening.

**Lev 15:19** ‘And when a woman has a discharge, and the discharge from her flesh is blood, she has to be in her separation for seven days. And whoever touches her is unclean until evening.

**Lev 15:20** ‘And whatever she lies on during her separation is unclean. And whatever she sits on is unclean.

**Lev 15:21** ‘And anyone who touches her bed has to wash his garments, and shall bathe in water, and be unclean until evening.

**Lev 15:22** ‘And whoever touches any object that she sat on has to wash his garments, and shall bathe in water, and be unclean until evening.

**Lev 15:23** ‘And if it is on the bed or on any object on which she sits, when he touches it, he is unclean until evening.

**Lev 15:24** ‘And if a man lies with her at all, and her monthly flow is on him, he shall be unclean seven days. And any bed he lies on is unclean.

**Lev 15:25** ‘And when a woman has a discharge of blood for many days, other than at the time of her monthly separation, or when she discharges beyond her usual time of monthly separation, all the days of her unclean discharge shall be as the days of her monthly separation. She is unclean.

**Lev 15:26** ‘Any bed on which she lies all the days of her discharge is to her as the bed of her monthly separation. And whatever she sits on is unclean, as the uncleanness of her monthly separation.

**Lev 15:27** ‘And anyone who touches them is unclean, and shall wash his garments, and shall bathe in water, and be unclean until evening.

**Lev 15:28** ‘But if she is cleansed of her discharge, then she shall count for herself seven days, and after that she is clean.

**Lev 15:29** ‘And on the eighth day she takes for herself two turtledoves or two young pigeons, and shall bring them to the priest, to the door of the Tent of Appointment.



**Lev 15:30** ‘And the priest shall prepare the one as a sin offering and the other as an ascending offering, and the priest shall make atonement for her before יהוה for the discharge of her uncleanness.

**Lev 15:31** ‘Thus you shall separate the children of Yisra’ěl from their uncleanness, lest they die in their uncleanness when they defile My Dwelling Place which is in their midst.

**Lev 15:32** ‘This is the Torah for one who has a discharge, and for him who emits semen and is unclean thereby,

**Lev 15:33** and for her who is sick in her monthly separation, and for one who has a discharge, either man or woman, and for him who lies with an unclean woman.’ ”