

Midrash *Tazria* ("Conceive (Gives Seed"))  
Leviticus 12:1 – 13:59

Last week's Portion focused on clean & unclean animals – symbolically representing the external characteristics of sin.

This week's Portion deals with the internal nature of sin – a genetic defect that we inherit.

*"Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me."*

Psalm 51:5

**Purification After Childbirth**

**Leviticus 12:1:8**

**Birth of a Son:**

Woman is Unclean 7 Days (related to her monthly cycle)

Leviticus 15:19

Then Circumcision on 8<sup>th</sup> Day

Maximum levels of Vitamin K & Prothrombin for blood clotting

Unclean for 33 more Days ... Total of 40 Days Unclean

The Rabbis speculate that Adam & Eve remained Un-fallen for only 40 days

The only holy time on earth?????

The Second Adam was only 40 days on the earth!

Possibly 40 represents "Paradise Lost"!

**Birth of a Daughter:**

Woman is Unclean 14 Days

And for 66 more days .... Total of 80 Days Unclean

**The mother is Unclean because she has brought a sinful child into the world**

..... **Not from the process of childbirth!**

Eve probably thought she bore the Messiah with Cain but .... a sinner instead!

Period of Purification is to remind all women that they are bringing the same kind of baby into the world that Eve did!

Why is the Period of Purification for a female 2X that for a male??

The Rabbis rationale:

A female has greater capacity to produce life than a male

More of the mother's "virtue" is transferred from mother to daughter in her womb

Therefore, more "recovery" is required for mother to regain her "lost virtue"

Are we born "in the image of God"?

Adam (before the fall) was made in God's Image

Genesis 1:27

Perhaps more accurately: "made as God's Image"

Seth (after The Fall) was not

*"Adam... begot a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth"*

Gen 5:3

**The Sacrifices:**

**Burnt Offering:** Lamb

**Sin Offering:** Pigeon or Turtle Dove

Or, if poor: 2 Pigeons or 2 Turtle Doves

Mary & Joseph: Giving birth to the Messiah did not save her  
...only faith and repentance

Luke 2:21-23  
II John

If Yeshua was born in the midst of Tabernacles (Tishri 18)

then His dedication (40 days later) was 27<sup>th</sup> day of 2<sup>nd</sup> month

Genesis 8:14

**No offering was ever made for Yeshua nor by Yeshua...He was, and is, Sinless!**

## Diagnosis of New Diseases (Leprosy Symbolically Represents Sin)

Leviticus 13:1-8

Symptoms: Swelling, Scab or Bright Spot  
Diagnosis is by Priest; 7 Day waiting period  
2<sup>nd</sup> Diagnosis: If improved, then another 7 days  
3<sup>rd</sup> Diagnosis: If improved, then wash and release  
If not improved, then he is Unclean

## Diagnosis of a Chronic Case

Leviticus 13:9-17

The Priest continues to monitor  
If it worsens, quarantine from the healthy  
If it improves, then declare “unclean”

The external condition is the only way that man can judge the internal .....  
...but no case is hopeless:

*“Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;  
though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”*

Isaiah 1:18

Our flesh (our Old Nature – before salvation) can never please God:

*“It is the spirit that quickens, the flesh profits nothing...”  
“For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells”  
“That no flesh should glory in His Presence.”  
For we..... have no confidence in the flesh.”*

John 6:63

Romans 7:18

I Corinth 1:29

Phil 3:3

But Our Old Nature has been crucified on the Tree of Sacrifice!!

## Diagnosis from Boil or Burn

Leviticus 13:18-28

A boil or burn can become cancerous – or trouble beneath the skin  
Our Old Nature can return and become malignant.

Our flesh must be kept under close observation:

*“I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh.  
For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness,  
and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your  
members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.”*

Romans 6:19

*“But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have  
preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.”*

I Corinth 9:27

## Disease in Head or Beard

Leviticus 13:29-46

The Priest continues to monitor for 7 Days  
Can break out in some unlikely places  
Discolored hair could mean the infection is beneath the skin  
... but it may not be leprosy ... be careful with your accusations!

## Disposal of Infected Garments

Leviticus 13:47-59

An infected garment could spread the disease – regardless of its quality  
*“all our righteousness are as filthy rags...”*

Isaiah 64:6

Plagues of Leprosy and the Black Death killed millions during the Dark Ages in Europe.  
How were they stopped?

*“He shall be unclean. All the days he has the sore he shall be unclean. He is unclean,  
and he shall dwell alone; his dwelling shall be outside the camp.”*

Leviticus 13:46

## Miriam’s Leprosy

Numbers 12

What was the cause of Miriam’s Leprosy?  
How does that apply to us today??

### Haftarah:

II Kings 4:42 – 5:19

Healing Na’aman the Leper

### Shabbat HaChodesh

Ezekiel 45:18 - 46:15

The First New Moon of the Year

### Brit Chadashah:

Mark 1:40-44 & I John 1:8-9 Yeshua Heals a Leper & Our Healing Today