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Clean Living

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Clean Living

- Why be concerned about these ancient practices?
- Question:
 - IF Choice has Consequence
 - THEN how do we know what can injure us?
- 2 Types of Threats in life:
 - Macro Threats The Evil you can see
 - Micro Threats The Evil you cannot see
- Which of these two present the biggest danger?

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Clean Living

- The danger of unseen threats
- Life Mines under the surface of the sea
- Or Microbial Pathogens that are too small to see

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Clean Living

- We become aware of them by:
 - Education Proactive Prevention
 - Experience Reactive Remorse
- Israel is given a lesson in voiding unseen dangers

Psalm 119

9 How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.

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The Dietary Laws

- The Dietary Laws
- Cleanness = Ceremonial Only?
- Laws were given for their protection
- What are the Egyptian Laws Concerning Health Practices?

Acts 7

22 And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and deeds.

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The Papyrus Ebers, 1552 B.C.



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- Going gray?
"To prevent the hair from turning grey, anoint it with the blood of a black calf which has been boiled in oil, or with the fat of a rattlesnake."



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The Papyrus Ebers, 1552 B.C.

- Losing hair?
"When it falls out, one remedy is to apply a mixture of six fats, namely those of the horse, the hippopotamus, the crocodile, the cat, the snake, and the ibex. To strengthen it, anoint with the tooth of a donkey crushed in honey."



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The Papyrus Ebers, 1552 B.C.

- Embedded splinters?
"To be treated with worms' blood and asses' dung."



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The Papyrus Ebers, 1552 B.C.

- The properly outfitted medical supply cabinet
"Included lizards' blood, swine's teeth, putrid meat, stinking fat, moisture from pig's ears, milk goose grease, asses' hoofs, animal fats from various sources, excreta from animals, including human beings, donkeys, ante-lopes, dogs, cats, and even flies."



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The Dietary Laws

- Dietary Laws not New to Israel
- Unclean and Clean Animals were known to Noah

Genesis 7

2 "You shall take with you seven each of every **clean animal**, a male and his female; two each of animals that are **unclean**, a male and his female;

3 also seven each of birds of the air, male and female, to keep the species alive on the face of all the earth.

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The Dietary Laws

- Benefit to Israel?

Exodus 15

26 and said, "If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the LORD who heals you."

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The Dietary Laws

- Benefit to Israel?

Proverbs 3

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;

6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil.

8 It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones.

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The Dietary Laws

- In this section we encounter a radical change in subject:
- From the priests to the people
- From offerings to God to food for man
- From worship before God to the walk in this world

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The Dietary Laws

Leviticus 11

1 Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying to them,

2 "Speak to the children of Israel, saying, 'These are the animals which you may eat among all the animals that are on the earth:

3 'Among the animals, whatever divides the hoof, having cloven hooves and chewing the cud—that you may eat.

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Clean Animals

- Their characteristic?
- They are all grain & grass eating
- They do not eat "other" animals
- Not to be fed "animal by-products"
 - 1980s – 1990s Mad Cow (BSE) Epidemic in the UK
 - 1994 BSE spread to humans through meat products
- Anyone in the UK in the 1980s to 1990s can never give blood
- The danger is "Blood Borne Diseases" can be carried without your knowledge

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Clean Animals

- Avoiding Decease passed on "in the blood"

Leviticus 17

12 "Therefore I said to the children of Israel, 'No one among you shall eat blood, nor shall any stranger who dwells among you eat blood.'

13 'Whatever man of the children of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell among you, who hunts and catches any animal or bird that may be eaten, he shall pour out its blood and cover it with dust;

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Clean Animals

- Avoiding Decease passed on "in the blood"

Leviticus 17

14 "for it is the life of all flesh. Its blood sustains its life. Therefore I said to the children of Israel, 'You shall not eat the blood of any flesh, for the life of all flesh is its blood. Whoever eats it shall be cut off.'

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v:4-8 Unclean Animals

- Defines whatever doesn't satisfy Chapter 11:1-3
- Plus, these animals:
 - Camel, Coney, Hare, & Swine
- Why? They all can carry disease
- Due to the presence of low forms of parasitic life in them

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v:9-12 Clean & Unclean Fish

- YES = with scales
- NO = without scales (lobster, shrimp, etc)
- Today we know that:
 - There are benefits of eating fish
 - However, Shellfish are scavengers and can contain toxins

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v:13-19 Unclean Birds

- Don't eat the birds that are carnivorous (Meat Eaters)
- Scriptural Typology?
- Noah sent forth 2 birds from the Ark Genesis 8:7-11
- A Raven (Unclean) who "kept going to and fro"
- A Dove (Clean) who brought him an "olive leaf"

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v:20-23 Clean & Unclean Insects

- All are forbidden (They are carnivorous)
- Except: Locust, Crickets & Grasshoppers
- Note that these insects eat only herbs

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v:20-23 Clean & Unclean Insects

- The Jews took this commandment to an extreme

Matthew 23

23 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.

24 "Blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel!

- Both the Gnat & Camel were "unclean"

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v:24-26 Uncleaness by Contact

- Things that you CANNOT touch
- The dead carcass of anything
- Today, Israel have special Rabbis who care for the dead
- They wear special protective covering
- After the terrorist bombings they scrapped the wall and streets to remove ALL flesh.

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v:24-26 Uncleaness by Contact

- Spiritual Typology?
- Cleanness and holiness are NOT transferred by contact
- But Uncleaness and unholiness ARE transferred by contact

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v:29-38 Unclean Rodents/Reptiles

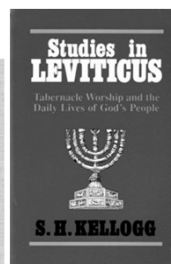
- When they are alive = Unclean
- When they are dead = Unclean

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v:29-38 Unclean Rodents/Reptiles

- Benefit during the Black Plague
 - From Dr S. H. Kellogg, *The Book of Leviticus*, p. 303.

"When the plague was desolating Europe—one out of four was stricken—the Jews so universally escaped infection that, this their exemption, the popular suspicion was excited into fury, and they were accused of causing the fearful mortality among the Gentile neighbours by poisoning wells and springs."



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V:39-47 Consecration to Cleanness

- Israel was given these laws to Separate them and Save them from the Physical pollution of the World

Leviticus 11

46 'This is the law of the animals and the birds and every living creature that moves in the waters, and of every creature that creeps on the earth,

47 'to distinguish between the unclean and the clean, and between the animal that may be eaten and the animal that may not be eaten.' "

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Consecration to Cleanness

- God gives us laws today to protect us:
 - "Abstain from every form of evil." 1 Thessalonians 5:22
 - "Flee youthful lusts" 2 Timothy 2:22
 - "Don't be unequally yoked with unbelievers" 2 Corinthians 6:14
 - "Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits. Awake to righteousness, and do not sin; for some do not have the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame." 1 Corinthians 15:33-34

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Rituals After Childbirth

Leviticus 12

- 1 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
- 2 "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'If a woman has conceived, and borne a male child, then she shall be unclean seven days; as in the days of her customary impurity she shall be unclean.
- 3 'And on the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.

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Rituals After Childbirth

Leviticus 12

4 'She shall then continue in the blood of her purification thirty-three days. She shall not touch any hallowed thing, nor come into the sanctuary until the days of her purification are fulfilled.

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Rituals After Childbirth

- Postpartum Purification. Why is this necessary?
- Obvious Medical reasons for isolation after the birth experience
- But notice: "*she shall be unclean*"
- The woman is the vessel through whom sinners enter the world

Psalms 51

5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity
And in sin my mother conceived me.

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Rituals After Childbirth

- Eighth-day Circumcision
- Obvious Medical reasons for male circumcision
 - Optimal clotting: Vitamin K and prothrombin are at their peak on the 8th day, reducing bleeding and promoting faster healing.
- Carried out in accordance with Abraham's Covenant
Genesis 17:10-12

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Rituals After Childbirth

- Total time of being "unclean"?
 - 7 Days + 33 Days = 40 Days
- Meaning of "40 Days" = Completion of Purification
- It rained for 40 Days & 40 Nights Genesis 7
- Israel spent 40 Years in the Wilderness Numbers 32:13
- Jesus spent 40 Days in the Wilderness before His public ministry Matthew 4:2
- Jesus spent 40 Days after His resurrection with His disciples Acts 1:3

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Rituals After Childbirth

Leviticus 12

5 'But if she bears a female child, then she shall be unclean two weeks, as in her customary impurity, and she shall continue in the blood of her purification sixty-six days.

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Rituals After Childbirth

- Bearing a Female Child
- 14 Days + 66 Days = 80 Days of Isolation
- Why Double?
- No Medical reason for the added time of Isolation
- Perhaps this is a double blessing

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Rituals After Childbirth

Leviticus 12

6 'When the days of her purification are fulfilled, whether for a son or a daughter, she shall bring to the priest a lamb of the first year as a burnt offering, and a young pigeon or a turtledove as a sin offering, to the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

7 'Then he shall offer it before the LORD, and make atonement for her. And she shall be clean from the flow of her blood. This is the law for her who has borne a male or a female.

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Rituals After Childbirth

Leviticus 12

8 'And if she is not able to bring a lamb, then she may bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons—one as a burnt offering and the other as a sin offering. So the priest shall make atonement for her, and she will be clean.'

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Rituals After Childbirth

- Offerings for Purification
 - Notice the tiered types of sacrifices
- | | <u>Burnt Offering</u> | <u>Sin Offering</u> |
|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| • For the Wealthy | Lamb | Pigeon or dove |
| • For the Poor | Pigeon or Dove | Pigeon or Dove |
- The Purification of Mary the mother of Jesus?
"A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Luke 2:24

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Law Concerning Leprosy

Leviticus 13

1 And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying:
2 "When a man has on the skin of his body a swelling, a scab, or a bright spot, and it becomes on the skin of his body like a leprous sore, then he shall be brought to Aaron the priest or to one of his sons the priests.
3 "The priest shall examine the sore on the skin of the body; and if the hair on the sore has turned white, and the sore appears to be deeper than the skin of his body, it is a leprous sore. Then the priest shall examine him, and pronounce him unclean.

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Law Concerning Leprosy

- Leprosy – The Disease
Discovered in 1874, the infectious agent, *Mycobacterium leprae*, is a bacillus in the same family as the one that causes tuberculosis.
The resulting insensitivity can lead to unnoticed and therefore neglected injuries; this accounts for many of the deformities such as loss of fingers that occur in leprosy.
Paralysis may also result; in advanced cases, numbness of the eyes may lead to blindness through trauma or infection.

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Law Concerning Leprosy

- Leprosy as a Type of Sin:
– Is generally contracted by close contact

Galatians 6
7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.
8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

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Law Concerning Leprosy

- Leprosy as a Type of Sin:
– Can have a Long incubation period

James 1
14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.
15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

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Law Concerning Leprosy

- Leprosy as a Type of Sin:
– The organism invades the peripheral nervous system

Ephesians 4
17 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind,
18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart;

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Law Concerning Leprosy

- Leprosy as a Type of Sin:
– The organism invades the peripheral nervous system

Ephesians 4
19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

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v:4-8 Law of Isolation

- This section reads like a doctor's manual
- Obvious Medical reasons for isolation
- If the Priest is unsure = 7 days of isolation
- This is for the Protection of the People
- No "patient protection" politics here

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v:9-19 Duty of Correct Diagnosis

- The Priest is to "call it as he sees it"
- There is no benefit in being "tolerant & liberal" here

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v:20-28 Diagnosis of Boils & Burns

- Every acquired blemish of the flesh is to be examined
- Boils generally occur because of poor hygiene or diet
- Burns generally occur because of being too close to heat

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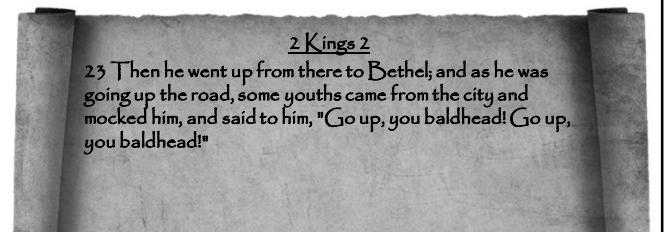
v:29-37 Diagnosis of Scaly Leprosy

- Literally "dry scall"
- Notice the instruction if found "clean"
"He shall wash his clothes and be clean."

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v:38-44 Baldness & Leprosy

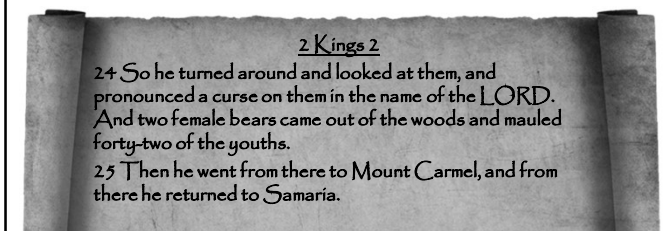
- Careful about cursing those who are bald
- The Reaction of Elisha



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v:38-44 Baldness & Leprosy

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v:45-59 The Fate of the Leper

- Their clothes are to be torn & head bare
- They are to cry out "Unclean! Unclean!"
- They are to dwell outside of the camp
- This is NOT to be seen as a Penalty
- Rather as a logical step in protection of the other people

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Cleansing a Leper?

Leviticus 14

- 1 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
- 2 "This shall be the law of the leper for the day of his cleansing: He shall be brought to the priest.
- 3 "And the priest shall go out of the camp, and the priest shall examine him; and indeed, if the leprosy is healed in the leper,
- 4 "then the priest shall command to take for him who is to be cleansed two living and clean birds, cedar wood, scarlet, and hyssop.

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Cleansing a Leper?

- Seeing that Leprosy is Incurable, why this chapter?
- Old Testament Occurrences of Leprosy:
 - As proof to Moses Exodus 4:6
 - As a 7-day curse on Miriam Numbers 12:10
 - Naaman, commander of the Syrians 2 Kings 5:1-15

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Cleansing a Leper?

- Sacrifices:
- 2 Living Birds - Freedom
- Earthen Vessel - Jesus in His human form
- Cedar Wood - The Cross of Christ
- Scarlet - Blood of the Lamb
- Hyssop - Used to apply the "blood of the lamb" on the door posts and lintel" Exodus 12:21

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Cleansing a Leper?

- This is here in anticipation of Jesus Christ

Matthew 8

- 1 When He had come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him.
- 2 And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."
- 3 Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

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Cleansing a Leper?

- This is here in anticipation of Jesus Christ

Matthew 8

- 4 And Jesus said to him, "See that you tell no one; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

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Cleansing a Leper?

- 1st bird is Killed "*in an earthen vessel*"
 - Jesus came to die "in His earthen vessel"
- Over running water
 - Blood & Water came from the pierced side of Jesus
- 2nd Bird = New life
 - Dipped in the blood with the Cedar wood, Scarlet, Hyssop
- Then sprinkle the "one who was cleansed" 7 times
 - Seven is the number of completion and rest

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Cleansing a Leper?

- v:8-9 Cleaning of the clothes, shaving the head, and washing = This symbolizes a New Beginning
- v:10-13 After 8 days = Trespass offering Leviticus 5
- v:14-18 Anointing of the cleansed leper
 - Same as the High Priest: Leviticus 8
 - Right Ear = What we listen to = Council
 - Right Thumb = What we handle = Service
 - Right Toe = Where we walk = Direction

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Cleansing a Leper?

- v:19-32 Law of the Poor Leper
 - God does not ask us to give what we do not have
 - This is to be a time of Rejoicing
 - If they are poor, they are given no less attention or treatment

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Cleansing a Leper?

- v:33-44 Toxic Waste Disposal
 - God says, "When you have come into the land of Canaan, which I give you as a possession, and I put the leprous plague in a house in the land of your possession..."
 - The Israelites were going to inherit the homes of the inhabitants of the Promise Land which may be polluted
 - Amazing insight into handling of dangerous materials
 - Still a valid Today?

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Cleansing a Leper?

- v:45-53 Declaration of Safety
 - The same items are offered as sacrifices
 - 2 Living Birds - Freedom
 - Earthen Vessel - Jesus in His human form
 - Cedar Wood - The Cross of Christ
 - Scarlet - Blood of the Lamb
 - Hyssop - Applying the Blood

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Personal Hygiene

Leviticus 15

1 And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,
2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When any man has a discharge from his body, his discharge is unclean.'

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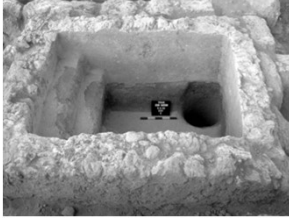
Personal Hygiene

- Human nature is not only defiled, it is defiling
- All bodily fluids are considered "unclean" as they exit the body
- Type and Shadow here?
- All by-products of the Flesh are Unclean
- The Threat of Infection is REAL
- Notice the Methods of Cleansing
- The vessels are Broken or Cleansed with Water

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Personal Hygiene

- v:13-15 Offerings from the Cleansed
- The Jewish place of Cleaning is the Miqvah



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Personal Hygiene

Leviticus 15

31 'Thus you shall separate the children of Israel from their uncleanness, lest they die in their uncleanness when they defile My tabernacle that is among them.

32 'This is the law for one who has a discharge, and for him who emits semen and is unclean thereby,

33 'and for her who is indisposed because of her customary impurity, and for one who has a discharge, either man or woman, and for him who lies with her who is unclean.' "

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Spiritual Hygiene

- The Christian's bar of soap?

1 John 1

8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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