

Lev 14 *Metzarah* Infected One

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Introduction

Tzur Yisrael Triennial Parasha 90 (#28.1) ^A

Lev 14:1-57 *Metzarah* Infected One ^B

The rites and sacrifices in cleansing the leper

¹ And YHVH spake unto Moses, saying, ² This shall be the law of the leper in the day of his cleansing: He shall be brought unto the priest: ³ And the priest shall go forth out of the camp; and the priest shall look, and, behold, *if* the plague of leprosy be healed in the leper הַצָּרוּעַ *hatz-tza-Ru-a'*; ^C ⁴ Then shall the priest command to take for him that is to be cleansed two ² birds צִפְרִים *tzip-po-Rim* ^D alive *and* clean טְהוֹרוֹת *te-ho-Rot*, and cedar אֶרֶז *'E-rez* [H730] wood יַעֲזִי *ve-'Etz*, and scarlet וְשָׁנִי *u-she-Ni* תּוֹלַעַת *to-La-'at*, ^E and hyssop וְאֵזֶב *ve-'e-Zo*: ⁵ And the priest shall command that one of the birds be killed in an earthen vessel over running חַיִּים *chai-Yim* water מַיִם *Ma-yim*: ⁶ As for the living bird, he shall take it, and the cedar wood, and the scarlet, and the hyssop, and shall dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird *that was* killed over the running water: ⁷ And he shall sprinkle upon him that is to be cleansed from the leprosy seven ⁷ times, and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let the living bird

^A <http://www.ahavta.org/Commentary%20Y-2/Y2-35.htm>.

^B Leviticus 13 is concerned with the diagnosis and discipline of the *metzora* – the one who is stricken for slander. Leviticus 14 deals with the healing and return of the *niddah* – the quarantined slanderer, who repents.

^C See Word-Study-H6879-tsara-H6884-tsaraath-G3015-lepros-leper, article #883.

^D H6833 tzip-pore From H6852; a little bird (as hopping): - bird, fowl, sparrow. ^{KJC:40} bird(s)(s)³¹, fowl(s)⁶, sparrow².

Compare to H6855 צִפְרָה *tsipporah* (meaning bird) ^{KJC:3} Exo 2:21, 4:25, 18:2.

^E Scarlet = H8144 + H8438 see Word-Study-H8144-shawnee-crimson-scarlet-G2847-kokkinos-scarlet, article #525.

loose וְשָׁלַח *ve-shil-Lach* into the open פְּנֵי *pe-Nei* field הַשָּׂדֶה *has-sa-Deh*. ⁸ And he that is to be cleansed shall wash his clothes, and shave off all his hair, and wash himself in water, that he may be clean: and after that he shall come into the camp, and shall tarry abroad out of his tent seven⁷ days. ⁹ But it shall be on the seventh^{7th} day, that he shall shave all his hair off his head and his beard and his eyebrows, even all his hair he shall shave off: and he shall wash his clothes, also he shall wash his flesh in water, and he shall be clean וְטָהַר *ve-ta-Her*. ¹⁰ And on the eighth^{8th} day he shall take two² he lambs כְּבָשִׂים *che-va-Sim* without blemish, and one¹ ewe lamb וְכִבְשָׂה *ve-chav-Sah* of the first^{1st} year without blemish, and three tenth^{3/10} deals of fine flour *for* a meat offering, mingled with oil, and one log וְלֶג *ve-Log* of oil. ¹¹ And the priest that maketh אֶת *et* him^F clean shall present the man that is to be made clean, and those things, before YHVH, *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation:

the וְהָאִישׁ *et* אֶת *et* *ham-ta-Her* that maketh [him] clean הַמְטַהֵר *hak-ko-Hen* And the priest הַכֹּהֵן *ve-he'e-Mid* shall present וְהַעֲמִיד *ve-he'e-Mid* ¹¹ and those things לְפָנָי *ve-o-Tam* and the aforesaid וְאֵתֵם *ham-mit-ta-Her* that is to be made clean הַמְטַהֵר *ha'Tsh* man מוֹ'עַד *mo'Ed* of the congregation מוֹעֵד *O-hel* of the tabernacle אֶתֵּל *Pe-tach* at] the door] פְּתַח *Yah-weh* God יְהוָה *lif-Nei* before

¹² And the priest shall take וְלָקַח *ve-la-Kach* אֶת־ *'et-* one הָאֶחָד *ha'e-Chad* he lamb הַכֹּבֵשׁ *hak-Ke-ves*, and offer וְהִקְרִיב *ve-hik-Riv* him for a trespass offering לְאָשָׁם *le'a-Sham*, and the log of oil, and wave וְהִנִּיף *ve-he-Nif* them *for* a wave offering before YHVH: ¹³ And he shall slay וְשָׁחַט *ve-sha-Chat* אֶת־ *'et-* the lamb in the place where he shall kill the sin offering הַחֲטָאת *ha-chat-Tat* and the burnt offering הָעֹלָה *ha'o-Lah*, in the holy place הַקֹּדֶשׁ *hak-Ko-desh*: for as the sin offering כַּחֲטָאת *Ka-chat-tat* is the priest's, *so is* the trespass offering הָאָשָׁם *ha'a-Sham*: it *is* most holy קֹדֶשׁ *Ko-desh* קְדָשִׁים *ka-da-Shim*: ¹⁴ And the priest shall take *some* of the blood of the trespass offering, and the priest shall put *it* upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot: ¹⁵ And the priest shall take *some* of the log of oil, and pour *it* into the palm of his own left hand: ¹⁶ And the priest shall dip his right finger in the oil that *is* in his left hand, and shall sprinkle of the oil with his finger seven⁷ times before YHVH: ¹⁷ And of the rest of the oil that *is* in his hand shall the priest put upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot, upon the blood of the trespass offering: ¹⁸ And the remnant of the oil that *is* in the priest's hand he shall pour upon the head of him that is to be cleansed:^G and the priest shall make an atonement וְכָפַר *ve-chip-Per* for him before YHVH. ¹⁹ And the priest shall offer the sin offering, and make an atonement for him that is to be cleansed from his uncleanness; and afterward he shall kill the burnt offering: ²⁰ And the priest shall offer the burnt offering and the meat offering upon the altar: and the priest shall make an atonement for him, and he shall be clean וְטָהַר *ve-ta-Her*.

The leper who is poor

²¹ And if he *be* poor, and cannot get so much; then he shall take one lamb *for* a trespass offering to be waved, to make an atonement for him, and one tenth^{1/10th} deal of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering, and a

^F Is Yeshua this man, like in Mat 4:1-4 who makes the leper clean?

^G The leper is anointed

log of oil; ²² And two² יִשְׁתִּי u-she-Tei turtledoves תְּרִים to-Rim, or two² young בְּנֵי be-Nei pigeons יוֹנָה yo-Nah,^H such as he is able to get; and the one shall be a sin offering, and the other a burnt offering. ²³ And he shall bring them on the eighth^{8th} day for his cleansing unto the priest, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, before YHVH. ²⁴ And the priest shall take the lamb of the trespass offering, and the log of oil, and the priest shall wave them *for* a wave offering before YHVH: ²⁵ And he shall kill the lamb of the trespass offering, and the priest shall take *some* of the blood of the trespass offering, and put *it* upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot:¹ ²⁶ And the priest shall pour of the oil into the palm of his own left hand: ²⁷ And the priest shall sprinkle with his right finger *some* of the oil that *is* in his left hand seven⁷ times before YHVH: ²⁸ And the priest shall put of the oil that *is* in his hand upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot, upon the place of the blood of the trespass offering: ²⁹ And the rest of the oil that *is* in the priest's hand he shall put upon the head of him that is to be cleansed, to make an atonement for him before YHVH. ³⁰ And he shall offer the one of the turtledoves, or of the young pigeons, such as he can get; ³¹ אֶת Even such as he is able to get, the one *for* a sin offering, and the other *for* a burnt offering, with the meat offering: and the priest shall make an atonement for him that is to be cleansed before YHVH.

for] a j חֶטְאֵת ha'e-Chad the one הָאֶחָד et, אֶת- ,ya-Do Even] such as he j יָדוּ tas-Sig is able to get תְּשִׁיג a-Sher, what אֶת- ,et, אֶת 31
with the meat הַמִּנְחָה al, together עַל o-Lah, for] a burnt offering] עִלָּה and the other ha'e-Chad הָאֶחָד ve-'Et אֶת- chat-Tat sin offering
for him that is to be הַמִּטְהָר al, behalf עַל hak-ko-Hen and the priest הַכֹּהֵן ve-chip-Per shall make an atonement וְכָפַר ham-min-Chah offering
. Yah-weh the LORD יְהוָה lif-Nei before לְפָנַי ham-mit-ta-Her cleansed

³² This *is* the law *of* him in whom *is* the plague of leprosy, whose hand is not able to get *that which pertaineth* to his cleansing.

The signs of leprosy in a house

³³ And YHVH spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, ³⁴ When ye be come into the land of Canaan, which I give to you for a possession, and I put the plague of leprosy in a house בְּבַיִת be-Veit of the land of your possession; ³⁵ And he that owneth the house shall come and tell the priest, saying, It seemeth to me *there is* as it were a plague in the house: ³⁶ Then the priest shall command that they empty the house, before the priest go *into it* to see the plague, that all that *is* in the house be not made unclean: and afterward the priest shall go in to see the house: ³⁷ And he shall look on the plague, and, behold, *if* the plague *be* in the walls of the house with hollow strakes, greenish or reddish, which in sight *are* lower than the wall; ³⁸ Then the priest shall go out of the house to the door of the house, and shut up the house seven⁷ days: ³⁹ And the priest shall come again the seventh^{7th} day, and shall look: and, behold, *if* the plague be spread in the walls of the house; ⁴⁰ Then the priest shall command that they take away the stones in which the plague *is*, and they shall cast them into an unclean

^H See Word-Study-H3123-Yonah-H3124-G2495-Ionas-Jonah, #171.

¹ **Right Ear, Thumb and Toe: Exo 29:20** Ram's blood on Aaron's son, **Lev 8:23** Ram's blood on Aaron, **Lev 14:14** Lamb's blood on him to be cleansed, **Lev 14:17** oil on him to be cleansed, **Lev 14:25** Lamb's blood (plus other things) on him who is poor to be cleansed, **Lev 14:28**

place without the city:^J **41** And he shall cause the house to be scraped within round about, and they shall pour out the dust that they scrape off without the city into an unclean place: **42** And they shall take other stones, and put *them* in the place of those stones; and he shall take other mortar וְעִפָּר *ve-'a-Far*, and shall plaister חֹטֵם *ve-Tach* אֶת- *'et-* the house. **43** And if the plague come again, and break out in the house, after that he hath taken away the stones, and after he hath scraped the house, and after it is plaistered; **44** Then the priest shall come and look, and, behold, *if* the plague be spread in the house, it *is* a fretting מִמְאֶרֶת *mam-'E-ret* leprosy in the house: it *is* unclean טָמֵא *ta-Me*. **45** And he shall break down the house, the stones of it, and the timber thereof, and all the mortar of the house; and he shall carry *them* forth out of the city into an unclean place. **46** Moreover he that goeth into the house all the while that it is shut up shall be unclean until the even. **47** And he that lieth in the house shall wash his clothes; and he that eateth in the house shall wash his clothes.

The cleansing of that house

48 And if the priest shall come in, and look *upon it*, and, behold, the plague hath not spread in the house, after the house was plaistered: then the priest shall pronounce the house clean, because the plague is healed. **49** And he shall take to cleanse the house two² birds, and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop: **50** And he shall kill the one¹ of the birds in an earthen vessel over running water: **51** And he shall take the cedar wood, and the hyssop, and the scarlet, and the living bird, and dip them in the blood of the slain bird, and in the running water, and sprinkle the house seven⁷ times: **52** And he shall cleanse the house with the blood of the bird, and with the running water, and with the living bird, and with the cedar wood, and with the hyssop, and with the scarlet: **53** But he shall let go the living bird out of the city into the open fields, and make an atonement for the house: and it shall be clean.

Law of leprosy conclusion i.e. for scab, garment & house

54 This *is* the law for all manner of plague of leprosy, and shall וְלִנְתֵק *ve-lan-Na-tek*,^K **55** And for the leprosy of a garment, and of a house, **56** And for a rising, and for a scab, and for a bright spot: **57** To teach when *it is* unclean, and when *it is* clean: this *is* the law of leprosy הַצִּרְעָת *hatz-tza-Ra'at*.

^J Living stones: 1Pe 2:4-8.

^K **H5424** *netech* is mentioned 13 times in Lev 13:30-37, and one more time in Lev 14:54.

Lev 14:4-7 Cleansing the leper	Lev 14:49-53 Cleansing of the house
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two birds • Concoction: cedar wood, scarlet, hyssop • 1 bird killed earthen vessel running water • Living bird get's dipped into the concoction • Sprinkle concoction on the leper 7 times • Pronounce him clean • Bird set free into open field • Wash his clothes, shave off all hair, wash himself to be clean <small>told this twice</small> • Come into the camp but outside his tent 7 days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two birds • Concoction: cedar wood¹, scarlet², hyssop³ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentioned twice, different order ¹⁻³⁻² • 1 bird killed earthen vessel running water • Living bird get's dipped into the concoction • Sprinkle concoction on the house 7 times <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleanse the house with the concoction • Concoction mentioned a 3rd time ¹⁻³⁻² • Let go the living bird out of city into open fields • Make atonement for the house • And it shall be clean

CB Notes – a chiastic structure

| s | 51-. Cedar wood, hyssop, and scarlet,
| t | -51-. And the living bird,
| u | -51-. Blood of the bird and running water,
| v | - 51. The house.
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| u | -52-. Blood of the bird and running water.
| t | -52- And the living bird.
| s | 52. Cedar wood, hyssop, and scarlet.

2Ki 7:1-16 *Haftorah* - Elisha Promises Plenty in Samaria; Siege Lifted

Elisha prophesies incredible plenty in Samaria

¹ Then Elisha אֵלִישָׁע ^{'e-li-Sha'} said, Hear ye the word of YHVH; Thus saith YHVH, To morrow about this time shall a measure of fine flour be sold for a shekel, and two² measures of barley for a shekel,^L in the gate of Samaria שָׁמְרוֹן ^{sho-me-Ron}. ² Then a lord הַשְּׁלִישׁ ^{hash-sha-Lish} on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God, and said, Behold, if YHVH would make windows אַרְבוֹת ^{'a-rub-bOt} in heaven בְּשָׁמַיִם ^{bash-sha-Ma-yim}, might this thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat תֹּאכַל ^{to-Chel} thereof.

four lepers, venturing on the host of the Syrians, bring tidings of their flight

³ And there were four^{4 M} leprous מְצַרְעִים ^{me-tzo-ra-'Im} men at the entering in of the gate: and they said one to another, Why sit we here until we die? ⁴ If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine וְהָרָעַב ^{ve-ha-ra-'Av} is in the city בְּעִיר ^{ba-'Ir}, and we shall die וּמָתְנוּ ^{va-Mat-nu} there: and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host מַחֲנֵה ^{ma-cha-Neh} of the Syrians אֲרָם ^{'a-Ram}: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die.

⁵ And they rose up in the twilight בְּנֶשֶׁף ^{van-Ne-shef}, to go unto the camp מַחֲנֵה ^{ma-cha-Neh} of the Syrians: and when they were come to the uttermost part of the camp of Syria, behold, there was no man there. ⁶ For YHVH had made the host of the Syrians to hear הַשְּׁמִיעַ ^{hish-Mi-a'} a noise קוֹל ^{Kol} of chariots רָכָב ^{re-chev}, and a noise of horses סוּס ^{Sus}, even the noise of a great גְּדוֹל ^{ga-Dol} host חַיִּל ^{Cha-yil}: and they said one to another,

“Lo, the king מֶלֶךְ ^{Me-lech} of Israel יִשְׂרָאֵל ^{Yis-ra-'El} hath hired against us the kings of the Hittites הַחִתִּים ^{ha-chit-Tim}, and the kings of the Egyptians מִצְרַיִם ^{mitz-Ra-yim}, to come upon us.”

⁷ Wherefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, even the camp as it was, and fled for their life. ⁸ And when these lepers came to the uttermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence silver, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid it; and came again, and entered into another tent, and carried thence also, and went and hid it. ⁹ Then they said one to another,

^L **Rev 6:6** And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three³ measures of barley for a penny; and *see* thou hurt not the oil and the wine.

^M **Four leprous men.** Four⁴ beasts are mentioned in Rev 6:6

“We do not well | כֵּן ^{chen}: this day is a day of good tidings בְּשִׂרָה ^{be-so-Rah}, and we hold our peace מַחֲשִׂים ^{mach-Shim}: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's הַמֶּלֶךְ ^{ham-Me-lech} household בֵּית ^{beit}.”

10 So they came and called unto the porter שַׁעַר ^{sho'Er} of the city: and they told them, saying,

“We came to the camp of the Syrians, and, behold, there was no man there, neither voice of man, but horses tied, and asses tied, and the tents as they were.”

11 And he called the porters; and they told it to the king's house within.

The king, finding by spies the news to be true, spoils the tents of the Syrians.

12 And the king arose in the night, and said unto his servants,

“I will now show you אֵת what the Syrians have done to us. They know that we be hungry; therefore are they gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, ‘When they come out of the city, we shall catch them alive, and get into the city.’”^N

have ^{el} to his אֵל ^{vai-Yo-mer} and said וַיֹּאמֶר ^{Lay-lah} in the night לַיְלָה ^{ham-Me-lech} And the king הַמֶּלֶךְ ^{vai-Ya-kom} arose וַיָּקָם ¹²
 what אֵשֶׁר ^{et} אֵת ^{la-Chem} לָכֵם ^{na} will now נָא ^{ag-gi-dah} I will now shew אֶגִּידָהּ ^{a-va-Dav} unto his servants עַבְדָּיו
 that we [be] רַעֲבִים ^{ki} When כִּי ^{ya-de'U} to us They know יָדְעוּ ^{a-Ram} you what the Syrians אָרָם ^{La-nu} לָנוּ ^{A-su} done
 of the הַמַּחֲנֶה ^{min} from מֵן ^{therefore} are they gone out וַיֵּצְאוּ ^{vai-ye-tze'U} וַיֵּצְאוּ ^{a-Nach-nu} we אֲנַחְנוּ ^{re'e-Vim} hungry
 When they come וַיָּצְאוּ ^{ki} When כִּי ^{le-Mor} saying לְאֹמֵר ^{vas-sa-Deh} country בְּהַשְׂדֵּה ^{le-he-cha-Veh} to hide לְהַחְבֶּה ^{ham-ma-cha-Neh} camp
 into הָעִיר ^{ve'el} of וְאֵלֶּי ^{chai-Yim} them alive חַיִּים ^{ve-nit-pe-Sem} we shall catch וְנִתְפְּסִים ^{ha'Tr} of the city הָעִיר ^{min} out מִן ^{ye-tze'U} out
 נָבֵא ^{na-Vo} and get נָבֵא ^{ha'Tr} the city

13 And one of his servants answered and said,

“Let some take, I pray thee, five⁵ of the horses that remain, which are left in the city, (behold, they are as all the multitude of Israel that are left in it: behold, I say, they are even as all the multitude of the Israelites that are consumed:)^O and let us send and see.”

14 They took therefore two² chariot horses; and the king sent after the host of the Syrians, saying, Go and see. **15** And they went after them unto Jordan: and, lo, all the way was full of garments and vessels, which the Syrians had cast away in their haste. And the messengers הַמְּלָאכִים ^{ham-mal'a-Chim} returned, and told the king. **16** And the people went out, and spoiled אֵת the tents of the Syrians. So a measure of fine flour was sold for a¹ shekel, and two² measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of YHVH.^P

^N The king is showing his lack of faith of the prophecy given to him by Elisha.

^O that are left . . . Israelites. These words are repeated by Homoeoteleuton (instead of omitted, as is usually the case with Homoeoteleuton). They are not in many codices, or Septuagint, Syriac, or Vulgate. This accounts for the parenthesis in Authorized Version. Source CB Notes

^P **2Ki 7:17-20** - and now for the rest of the story...

¹⁷ And the king appointed the lord on whose hand he leaned to have the charge of the gate: and the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died, as the man of God had said, who spoke when the king came down to him. ¹⁸ And it came to pass as the man of

of the אָרָם *ma·cha·Neh* the tents מַחֲנֵה *et·* אֵת *vai·ya·Voz·zu* and spoiled וַיִּבְזוּ *ha'Am* And the people הָעָם *vai·ye·Tze* went out וַיֵּצֵא ¹⁶
 and וְסֵאֲתֵימָם *be·She·kel* was [sold] for a shekel בְּשֶׁקֶל *So·let* of fine flour סֵלֶת *-se'ah* So a measure סֵאֵה *vay·Hi* Then וַיְהִי *a·Ram'* Syrians
 of the יְהוָה *kid·Var* according to the word כַּדָּבָר *be·She·kel* for a shekel בְּשֶׁקֶל *se'·o·Rim* of barley שְׁעָרִים *ve·sa·Ta·yim* two measures
.Yah·weh LORD

Brit

Mat 8:1-4 – Yeshua heals the leper with instructions to show the priest per Torah

¹ When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him. ² And, behold, there came a leper (*lepros* ^{G3015}) and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. ³ And Jesus put forth *his* hand, and touched him, saying, **I will; be thou clean.** And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. ⁴ And Jesus saith unto him, **See thou tell no man; but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.**

Luk 5:12-16 Second witness to Mat 8:1-4

¹² And it came to pass, when he was in a certain city, behold a man full of leprosy: who seeing Jesus fell on *his* face, and besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. ¹³ And he put forth *his* hand, and touched him, saying, **I will: be thou clean.** And immediately the leprosy departed from him. ¹⁴ And he charged him to **tell no man: but go, and shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing, according as Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.** ¹⁵ But so much the more went there a fame abroad of him: and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by him of their infirmities. ¹⁶ And he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed.

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See Eph-04, article #145.

God had spoken to the king, saying, Two measures of barley for a shekel, and a measure of fine flour for a shekel, shall be to morrow about this time in the gate of Samaria: ¹⁹ And that lord answered the man of God, and said, Now, behold, *if* the LORD should make windows in heaven, might such a thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof. ²⁰ And so it fell out unto him: for the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died.