

# The Laws of Birth & Leprosy

## Leviticus 11:46-13:59

### Reading Questions

1. What was the sin offering for in Leviticus 12:6?

### Reading Answers

1. Verse 7 states that atonement is made for her and she is cleansed from the flow of her blood. But what sin did she do? All she did was give birth right? Isn't it a commandment to bear fruit and increase? Where is the sin? This reminds me of Psalms 51:5. It also makes me think that perhaps our understanding of "sin" is not exactly correct or that there is something deeper here to think about. I don't ultimately know for certain what the sin is, but I will share my thoughts.

This makes me think of Genesis where the woman was told her conception would be increased (Genesis 3:16). I do see at the end in Leviticus 12:8, the end result after atonement is being made clean. Why is the blood seeming to cause her to be unclean? Perhaps childbirth would otherwise have been without the blood if we were never kicked out of the Garden in Genesis? Is the blood due to the fall of man? It does say "atonement was made for her", so is this all somehow related to some kind of inherent sin that exists simply because we are imperfect and have fallen short of the esteem of Elohiym? Or is this somehow related to the fact that the flesh is corrupted and flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of Elohiym (1 Corinthians 15:50)? I do not know.

### Reading Notes

- I wonder if the time period of the one with a leprous infection being shut up is a time for personal reflection and/or repentance? Is it possible if it is due to sin that perhaps the person, if they repented to יהוה within the first or second set of seven day segregations that they would be healed, and if not, it would spread further? I do not know. Just sharing my thoughts. I'm not saying leprosy was always due to sin, but certainly it is possible sometimes it could be as in 2 Chronicles 26:19-21.
- "Cover the upper lip" in Leviticus 13:45 could mean how we put our hands in a way near our mouth to yell loudly far away better, but another understanding is to let your mustache grow long and not trim it (2 Samuel 19:24), or it could mean both in this case. I'm not sure.
- Notice the garment with the infection is burned in Leviticus 13:52 and 13:57. We do not want to have garments with an infection; we want pure clean white wedding

garments. We want to be ready when **יהושע** returns. We do not want to let bitterness spread, or anything else against **יהוה**'s word spread, through the body of Mashiach; just as the spreading leprosy was on him who was unclean, other things can defile us also (Mark 7:21-23).

### **Related Verses**

**Leprosy:** Leviticus 14, Deuteronomy 24:8, 2 Kings 5:3-27, 2 Chronicles 26:19-21, Matthew 8:3, Mark 1:42, Luke 5:12-13

**Garment Defiled By Flesh:** Jude 1:23

**Offering After Birth:** Luke 2:22-24