

Leviticus 14:33-57 **Leprosy in a house**

The Plague is from Yehowah

33 And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying: 34 "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, 35 and he who owns the house comes and tells the priest, saying, 'It seems to me that there is some plague in the house,'

Symptoms and Remedy

36 "then the priest shall command that they empty the house, before the priest goes into it to look at the plague, that all that is in the house may not be made unclean; and afterward the priest shall go in to examine the house. 37 And he shall examine the plague; and indeed if the plague is on the walls of the house with ingrained streaks, **greenish** or **reddish**, which appear to be deep in the wall, 38 then the priest shall go out of the house, to the door of the house, and shut up the house seven days. 39 And the priest shall come again on the seventh day and look; and indeed **if the plague has spread** on the walls of the house, 40 then the priest shall command that they take away the stones in which is the plague, and they shall cast them into an unclean place outside the city. 41 And he shall cause the house to be scraped inside, all around, and the dust that they scrape off they shall pour out in an unclean place outside the city. 42 Then they shall take other stones and put them in the place of those stones, and he shall take other mortar and plaster the house.

Recurrence of the Plague – Unclean – Break down and Remove the House

43 "Now **if the plague comes back and breaks out in the house**, after he has taken away the stones, after he has scraped the house, and after it is plastered, 44 then the priest shall come and look; and indeed **if the plague has spread in the house, it is an active leprosy in the house. It is unclean.** 45 And **he shall break down the house, its stones, its timber, and all the plaster of the house, and he shall carry them outside the city to an unclean place.** 46 Moreover he who goes into the house at all while it is shut up shall be unclean until evening. 47 And he who lies down in the house shall wash his clothes, and he who eats in the house shall wash his clothes.

Plague has not spread – House is Clean

48 "But if the priest comes in and examines it, and indeed **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.**

Sacrificial procedure for cleansing the house

49 And he shall take, to cleanse the house, **two birds, cedar wood, scarlet, and hyssop.** 50 Then he shall kill one of the birds in an earthen vessel over running water; 51 and he shall take the cedar wood, the hyssop, 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 seven times. 52 And he shall cleanse the house with the blood of the bird and the running water and the living bird, with the cedar wood, the hyssop, and the scarlet. 53 Then he shall let the living bird loose outside the city in the open field, and make atonement for the house, and it shall be clean.

54 "This is the law for any leprous sore and scale, 55 for the leprosy of a garment and of a house, 56 for a swelling and a scab and a bright spot, 57 to teach when it is unclean and when it is clean. This is the law of leprosy." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

Procedure for cleansing the house in which leprosy is found

- ✧ The law applies to the houses when the Children of Israel have come into the land of Canaan.
- ✧ **God Himself puts the plague in the house.**
- ✧ The owner of the house notifies the priest of the plague in the house.
- ✧ The priest commands them to empty the house before he comes to examine it so the items in the house are not made unclean.
 - ◇ When the house is declared unclean everything in it is also declared unclean.
- ✧ The appearance of leprosy in a house is identified by ingrained streaks of reddish or greenish color which appear to be deep in the wall.
- ✧ The house is shut up for seven days and reexamined.
- ✧ If then the plague has spread in the house:
 - ◇ The remedy is to remove the infected stones to an unclean place outside the city, scrape the remaining walls and remove the dust to the unclean place outside the city, replace the stones and re-mortar and re-plaster the house.
- ✧ If the plague breaks out in the house after it has been repaired and plastered, the priest shall come and look, and if the plague has indeed spread in the house, it is an active leprosy, it is unclean.
 - ◇ Whoever goes into the house while it is shut up, or lays down in the house, or eats in the house, that person shall be unclean until evening and must wash his cloths.
- ✧ If on examination of the house after it was plastered, the plague has not spread in the house, then the plague is healed and the house is clean.

Sacrificial procedure for cleansing the house

- ✧ Even our place of dwelling is cleansed by the same cleansing as the individual.
- ✧ The Priest commands to take two living and clean birds, cedar wood, scarlet, and hyssop.
 - ◇ These all speak of the Cross of Christ.

The two birds speak of His death and resurrection as Christ **died** for the sins of the world and **rose** again taking the cleansing blood to Heaven where it is reserved for our cleansing.

Cedar Wood = enduring significance of the Cross.
Scarlet = Blood of Christ which was shed for our cleansing from the sickness of sin.
Hyssop = Bitterness of sin and cleansing power of God's grace. Hyssop was the branch used to give Jesus a drink of vinegar just before He died for the sins of the World.
Blood and Water = the blood and water that flowed from the side of Jesus when pierced on the cross.
 - ◇ One bird was killed over running water significant of the blood and water that flowed from the side of Jesus when His side was pierced by the Roman soldier. [John 19:34]
 - ◇ The living bird was dipped in the blood and set free to fly away significant of the ascension of Christ to the throne of Heaven bearing the blood that sanctifies us all. [Hebrews 9:11-14]
 - ◇ Before the living bird is set free, it is dipped in the blood along with the cedar, the scarlet, and the hyssop and sprinkled on the healed House seven times which is the number of completeness signifying that the bitterness of the cup of suffering (hyssop) Jesus drank when He shed His blood (scarlet) on the cross (cedar) is sufficient for our cleansing from the Leprosy of sin.
 - ◇ After being sprinkled by the blood, the House is pronounced clean and the living bird is released to fly away.

- ✧ For the cleansing of our dwelling from the Leprosy of sin and to be acceptable to God we must realize our total dependency on the cleansing power of the sacrifice that God gave for the sins of the world when He sent Jesus to the cross to die for our sins.

The purpose of the Law concerning Leprosy, is to teach when it is unclean and when it is clean. It is expressed in [\[Leviticus 14:54-57\]](#)

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