

Highlights of Leviticus

- **What provisions were made for the poor?**
 - **Were they *excused*? (See Lev 5:7, & 11)**
 - **How does this tie into the NT?**
 - **Jesus: Luke 2: 22-24**
 - **Ex 22:25-27 Special lending provisions.**

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- **Lev 6 – Trespass offering**
 - **Weakness & ignorance**
 - **Heb 10:26-27 willful sins!**
 - **For robbery/finder's keepers.**
 - **Must make restitution -- pay a 20 % fine.**
 - **Ex 22:1-6 If steal and kill an Ox and sheep then pay 5x for Ox, 4x for sheep.**
 - **Special provision for widows/orphans – Ex 22:22-24**

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- **Lev 7-9 – Dedication of the priests**
 - **Priests taught, sacrificed, blessed!**
 - **Judge righteously - Lev 19: 13-18**

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- **Lev 10:1-7 Nadab & Abihu**
 - What was *strange fire* (Lev 9:24)?
 - Vs 6 Don't mourn! Why?
 - Vs 8 No strong drink
 - Vs 10-11 "Clean vs Unclean."
 - **CRITICAL PRINCIPLE!** (Heb 5:14, Phil 1:9-10, I Cor 2:14, John 7:24).
- **Lev 11:45 - Why be Holy? (Lev 19:2).**

The Cleansing of a Leper

Lev 14: 1-7



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An Offering to the Lord

A Striking and Beautiful Picture of Salvation

Leprosy as a Disease

- *“A slowly progressing and intractable disease characterized by nodules, scabs, and white shining spots appearing to be deeper than the skin. In the later stages the victim is possessed of raw flesh all over the body and parts of limbs often fall off before death occurs.” ISBE*

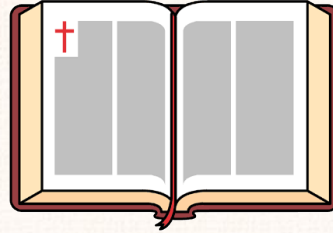
Hansen's Disease

- The medical name for leprosy is **Hansen's disease**.
- Dr. *Armauer Hansen* of Norway was the first to see the leprosy germ under a microscope in 1873.
- The evidence was clear: a germ (*mycobacterium leprae*) causes leprosy.
- It was not hereditary, a curse, or from sin.

How is leprosy spread?

- Spread through long-term contact with a person who has the disease but has not been treated.
- 95% of today's population has natural immunity.
- In South Louisiana and Texas, some armadillos carry this bacteria.

Bible times



- Is leprosy in the Bible the same as it is today?
 - No. The Hebrew word for leprosy refers to many types of skin diseases. However, the worse forms of leprosy were **incurable**.
- ISBE

Why have a ritual for cleansing a leper?

- “This is in reality a ritual not for cleansing the true leper because there was no cure. Instead this was the ritual for declaring one ceremonially free from *suspicion* of having the disease.” ISBE
- This gives added force to the words: **“The lepers are cleansed!”**



The Two Birds

Lev 14:1-7



- Leprosy = Type of **SIN**
- *Characteristics:*
 - **Terminal** = Death!
 - **Highly contagious** (Leaven)
 - *Unclean! Unclean!* **Separation**
 - Pain and suffering – **despair!**



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Parallel Elements:

- Wood (cedar) ---
- Blood & Water *connection*
- Hyssop— involved in the sacrifice.
- The Cross!
- Jn 19:34
- I John 5:6-8
(Spirit, Water, Blood)
- Jn 19:29

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- A living Bird released
- Ascends up into the air as a witness!
- Leper sprinkled – 7 x!
- Cleansed leper—becomes a living witness.

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- **Next week:**
 - **Lev 16 -19**
 - **The day of atonement (Lev 16)**
 - **The significance of “Outside the camp.”**