



Parashah 27: Tazria

Leviticus 12:1 - 13:59

“She conceives”

“and the priest shall pronounce him clean.”

Leviticus 13:23 b

1. Purification after Childbirth - 12:1-8

a) Why do you think a woman was considered ceremonially unclean after giving birth? What was the length of the period of purification if the baby was a boy? What about a baby girl? Why do you think it was different?

b) What process was to be followed at the end of the purification period for her to be ceremonially clean? What if the woman was particularly poor? What was the purpose for this process and what was the result?

2. Regulations about Infectious Skin Diseases - 13:1-46

a) Whose job was it to determine if a person had an infectious skin disease? What specifically did he look for? What were the possible outcomes after examination?

b) What happened to a person if a skin disease covered his entire body?

c) When does a skin boil qualify as an infectious skin disease? What about a burn?

