

Parsha Q&A



Parshas Tazria

For the week ending 5 Nissan 5757
11 & 12 April 1997

Parsha Questions

1. When does a woman who has given birth to a son go to the *mikveh*?
2. After a woman gives birth, she is required to offer two types of *Korbanos*. Which are they?
3. What animal does the woman offer as a *Chatas*?
4. Which of these *Korbanos* makes her *tahor* (gives ritual purity)?
5. Which of the *Korbanos* does the woman offer first, the *Olah* or the *Chatas*?
6. Who determines whether a person is a *metzora tamei* (person with ritually unpure *tzara'as*) or is *tahor*?
7. If the Kohen sees that the *tzara'as* has spread after one week, how does he rule?
8. What disqualifies a Kohen from being able to give a ruling in a case of *tzara'as*?
9. Why is the appearance of *tzara'as* on the tip of one of the 24 "limbs" that project from the body usually cannot be examined?
10. On which days is a Kohen not permitted to give a ruling on *tzara'as*?
11. In areas of the body where collections of hair grow (e.g., the head or beard), what color hair is indicative of *tumah*?
12. In areas of the body where collections of hair grow, what color hair is indicative of *tahara*?
13. If the Kohen intentionally or unintentionally pronounces a *tamei* person "*tahor*", what is that person's status?
14. What signs of mourning must a *metzora* display?
15. Why must a *metzora* call out, "*Tamei! Tamei!*"?
16. Where must a *metzora* dwell?
17. Why is a *metzora* commanded to dwell in isolation?
18. What sign denotes *tzara'as* in a garment?
19. What must be done to a garment that has *tzara'as*?
20. If after washing a garment the signs of *tzara'as* disappear entirely, how is the garment purified?

Bonus
Q:

What causes *tzara'as*? Why do people no longer contract it?

I Did Not Know That!

The *tzara'as* mentioned in the Torah is a spiritual condition that comes to help a person atone for his sins. Leprosy, a medical condition, comes as a result of inappropriate life styles.

Sfornos

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Recommended Reading List

	Ramban	167	Respect for <i>Kedusha</i>
12:2	Procreation	168	A Gift of Thanks
12:7	The "Sin" of Childbirth		
13:47	The Greatness of <i>Tzara'as</i>		

Sforno

12:8	Self Involvement
13:47	Garments

Sefer HaChinuch

Answers to this Week's Questions

All references are to the verses and Rashi's commentary, unless otherwise stated

TAZRIA

1. 12:2 - At the end of seven days.
2. 12:6 - An *Olah* and a *Chatas*.
3. 12:6 - A *tur* (turtle dove) or a *ben yona* (young pigeon).
4. 12:7 - The *Chatas*.
5. 12:8 - The *Chatas*.
6. 13:2 - A Kohen.
7. 13:5 - The person is *tamei*.
8. 13:12 - Poor vision
9. 13:14 - The *tzara'as* as a whole must be seen at one time. Since these parts are angular, they cannot be seen at one time.
10. 13:14 - During the festivals, and when the afflicted person was newly married, during the seven days of feasting after the marriage.
11. 13:29 - Golden.
12. 13:37 - Any color other than golden.
13. 13:37 - He remains *tamei*.
14. 13:45 - He must tear his garments, let his hair grow wild, and cover his lips with his garment.
15. 13:45 - So people will know to keep away from him.
16. 13:46 - Outside the camp in isolation.
17. 13:46 - Since *tzara'as* is a punishment for *Lashon Harah* (evil speech), which creates a rift between people, the Torah punishes "*mida k'neged mida*" (measure for measure) by placing a division between him and others.
18. 13:49 - A dark green or dark red discoloration.
19. 13:52 - It must be burned.
20. 13:58 - Through immersion in a *Mikveh*.

BONUS

A:

When a person commits certain sins, a spiritual impurity occurs. There is a spark of *Kedusha* within the person that cannot tolerate sin. At one time, the *Kedusha* within the person would reject this impurity by pushing it to the surface and the skin eruption of *Tzara'as* would appear. As time went on, the level of *Kedusha* within people decreased, so that a person no longer has the power to reject the spiritual impurities caused by sin and *tzara'as* ceased.

Alshech HaKadosh