

LEVITICUS 14

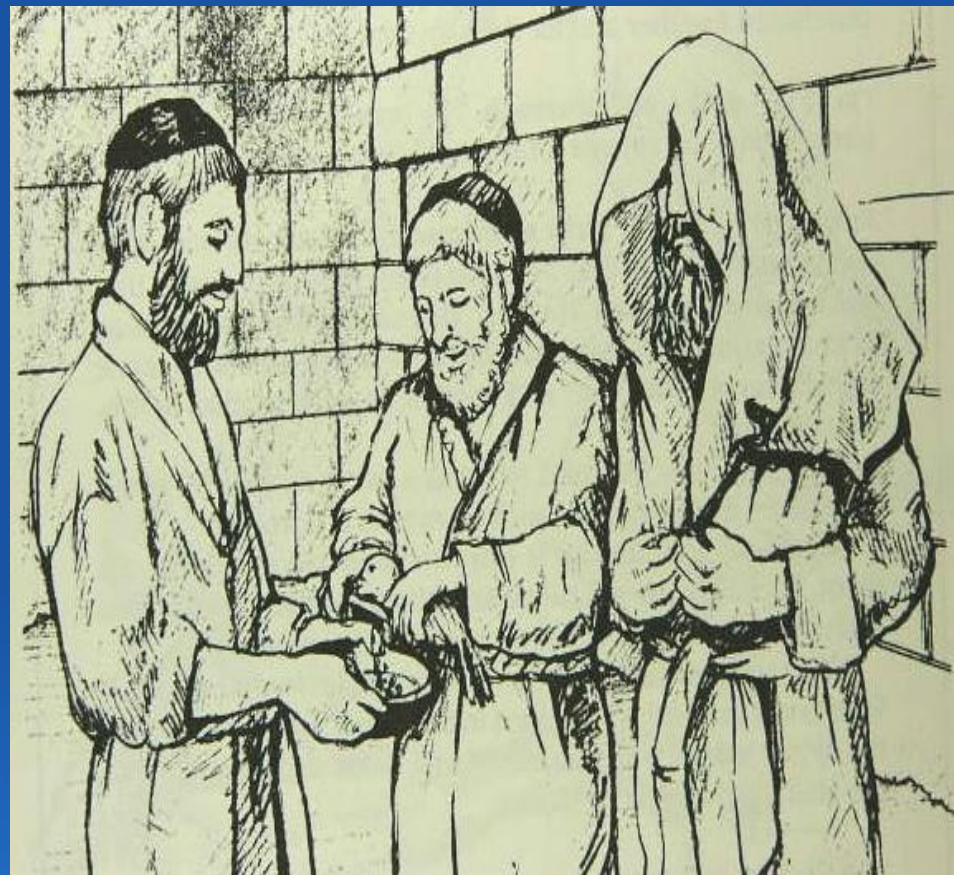
PURIFICATION RITUALS



- CHAPTER 13 *identified* Tzara'at
- Priest NOT a healer
- Identification NOT a medical diagnosis
- Tzara'at a SPIRITUAL disease
- *Tamei* = unclean

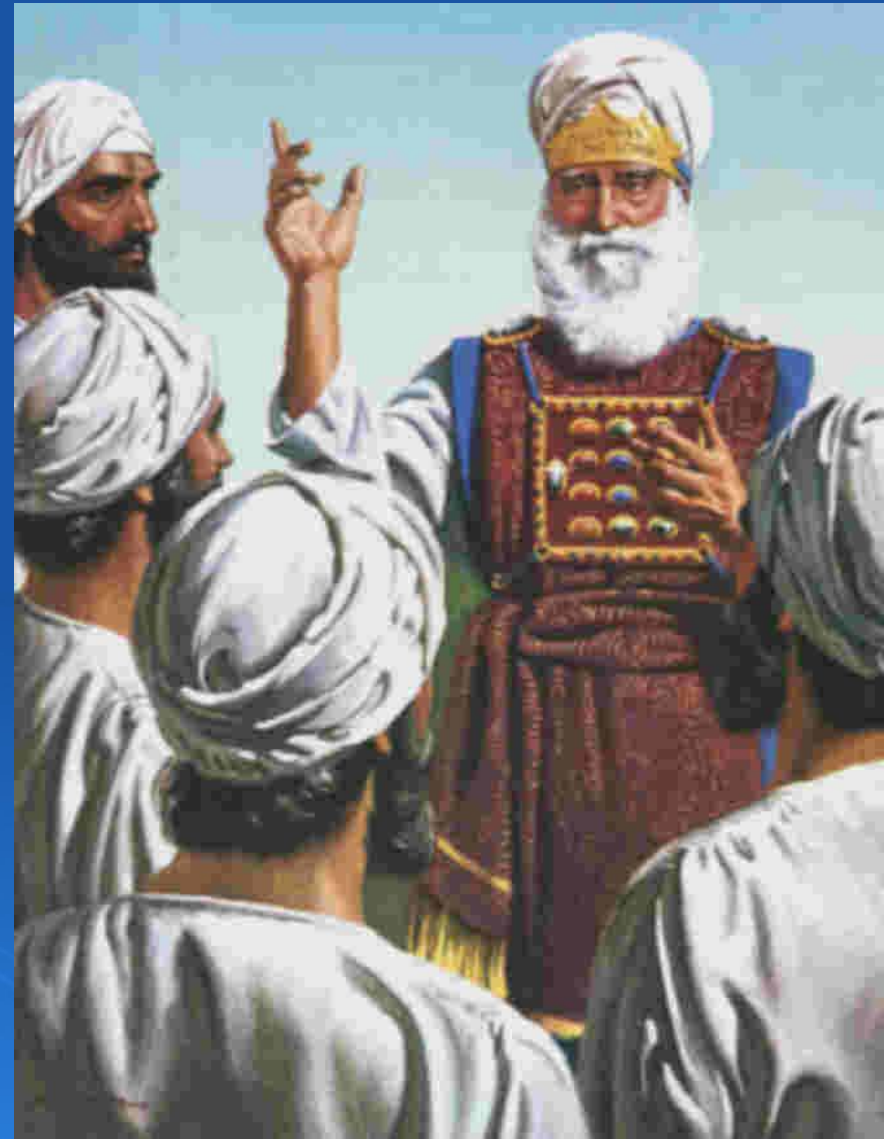
RITUAL PURIFICATION PROCEDURES

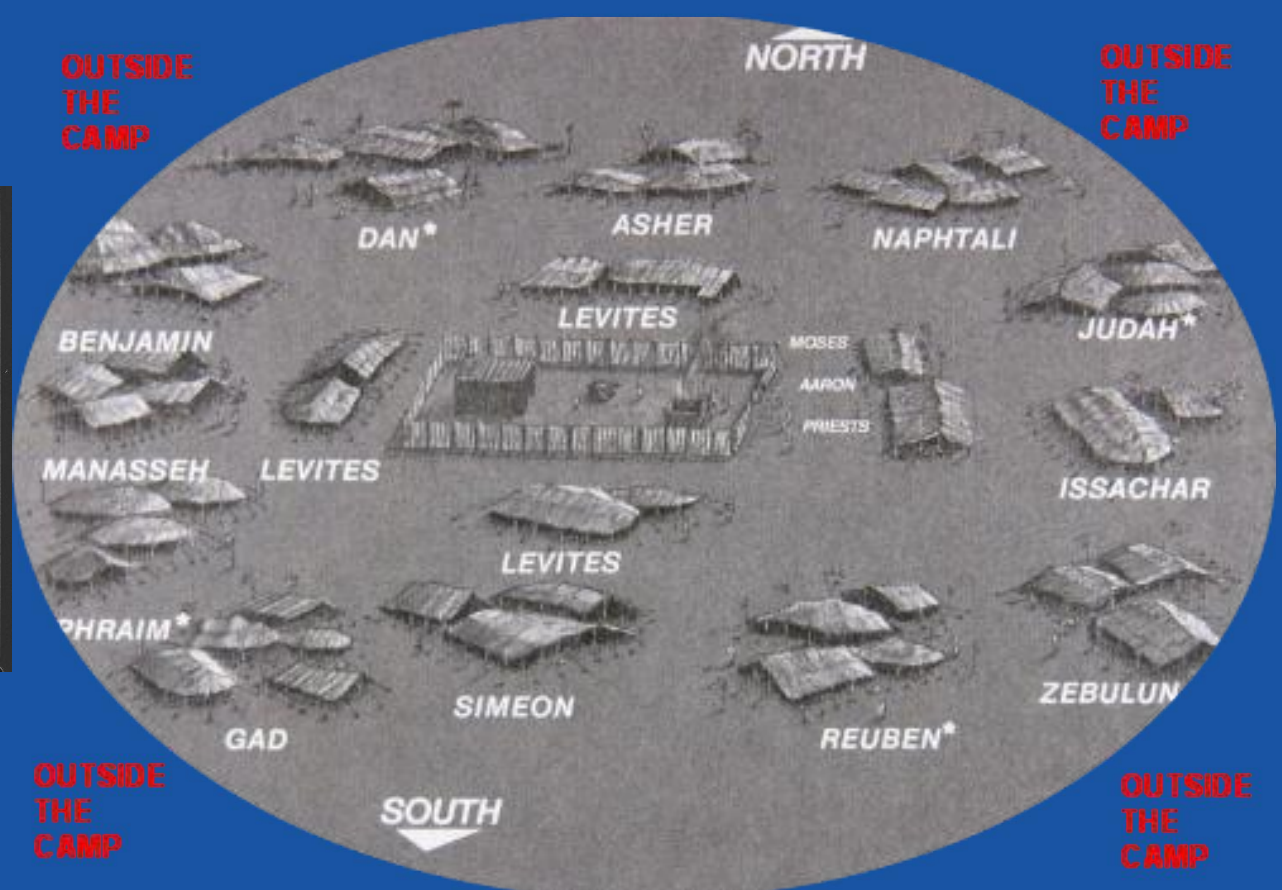
- **Metsora** = what a person with Tzara'at is called
- Rituals take a person from unclean to clean, then clean to holy (sanctified)
- Verses 1-32 purification rites
- Verses 33-53 Tzara'at on a house
- Does NOT take effect until they live in Canaan



RITUALS FOR METSORA ARE DEMANDING AND COMPLEX

- Rituals for cleansing Metsora similar to consecration of priest Lev.8
- Purification from Tzara'at an enormously serious matter
- These rites of purification are a SHADOW, TYPE, and PATTERN of Yeshua's ministry





- Metsora lives “outside the camp”
- Priest must go to the Metsora
- Priest never attempts to cure or comfort Metsora
- Metsora’s purification rituals **TOOK PLACE** “outside the camp”

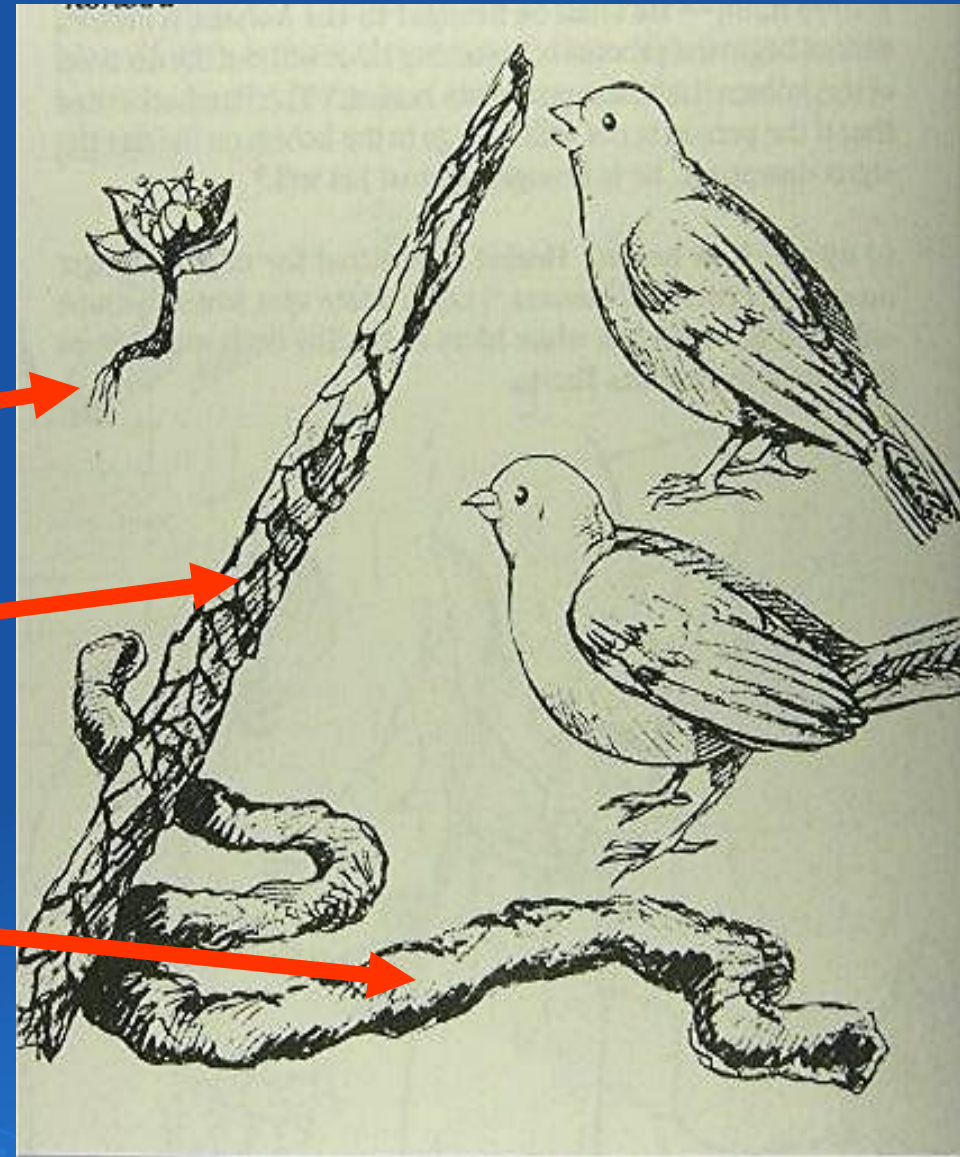
➤ OBJECTS NEEDED FOR THE RITUAL

➤ Two Birds

➤ Hyssop

➤ Cedar Wood

➤ Scarlet



THE PROCEDURE



- One bird killed, and blood drained into clay bowl
- Bowl to have water in it
- Live bird, cedar wood, scarlet, hyssop dipped into bowl
- Blood/water mixture sprinkled on Metsora 7 times

WATER USED WAS “MAYIM CHAYIM”

- Means “living water”
- Term didn’t originate in New Testament
- **Living water** is water that flows or runs
- IS REQUIRED for purification ceremony water
- Yeshua is described as source of “living water”



KILLING OF BIRD IS NOT CONSIDERED A SACRIFICE

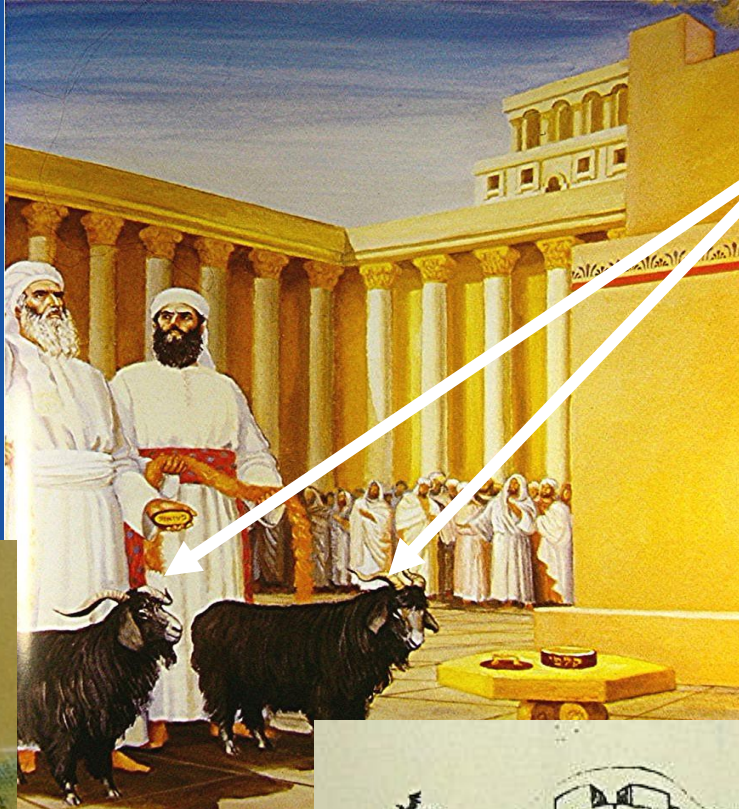
- In Metsora's purification ritual, bird's neck is cut
- In a technical sacrifice, bird's brain stem severed by fingernail
- ALL sacrificial rituals had to be done at the Tabernacle (or Temple)
- This purification ritual was performed "outside the camp" and therefore could not be a sacrifice
- Water the medium for purification from unclean
- Blood the medium for atonement, to become holy

PATTERNS, PATTERNS, PATTERNS



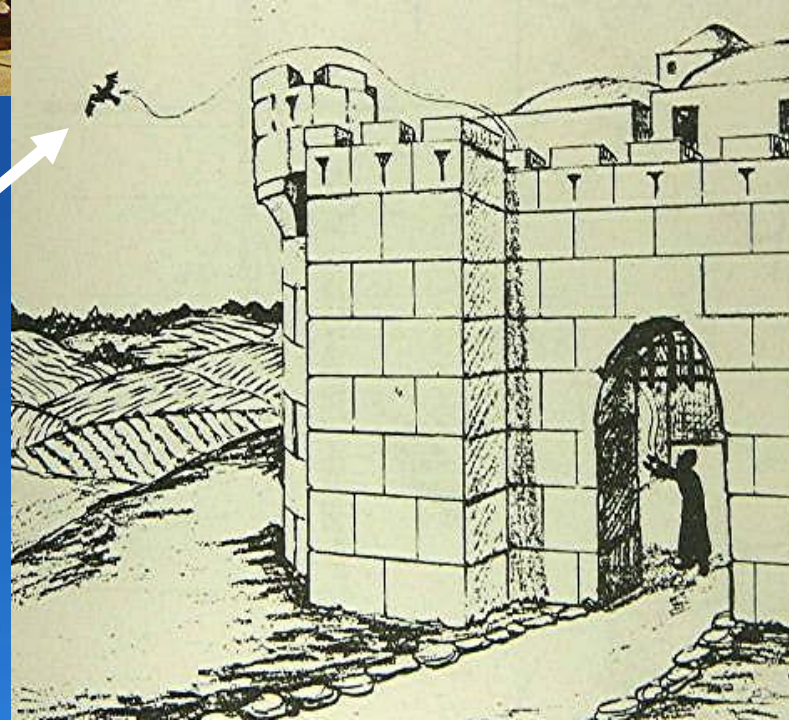
- Torah pattern: water makes clean, blood makes holy
- Still applies TODAY
- NAS John 19:34 *but one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately there came out blood and water. believe.*
- The water out of Yeshua was “living water”the specific KIND of water used for purification from uncleanness.....”
- KJG Zechariah 13:1 *In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David”*
- “for sin and uncleanness” = “for Hatta’at and nidda”

Red Heifer Sacrifice



Pairs of animals used

Animal carries away sin



MIKVAH

RITUAL BATH

Metsora
having
head
shaved



Metsora's
clothes
being
washed



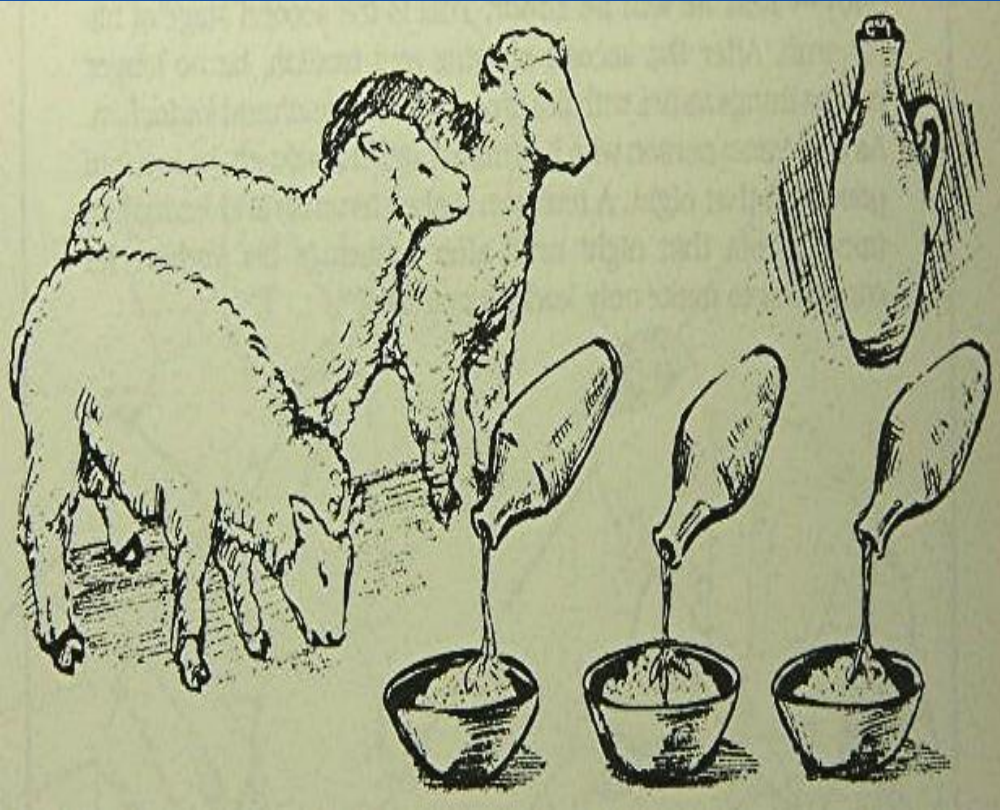
STAGES AND LEVELS OF PURITY

- V7 stage ONEV8 stage TWO....V9 stage THREE
- Re-socialization into Israel (physical)
- Re-acceptance by Yahweh (spiritual)
- On 8th day the sacrifices may start because Metsora is now CLEAN
- Parallel to circumcision on the 8th day after birth
- God sees unclean people (those outside the camp) as spiritually dead
- Metsora had life RETURNED to him (resurrection)
- “Born again” an OT concept
- “Circumcision of the heart” also OT Deut.10:16

PURIFICATION PROCEDURE

3 LAMBS

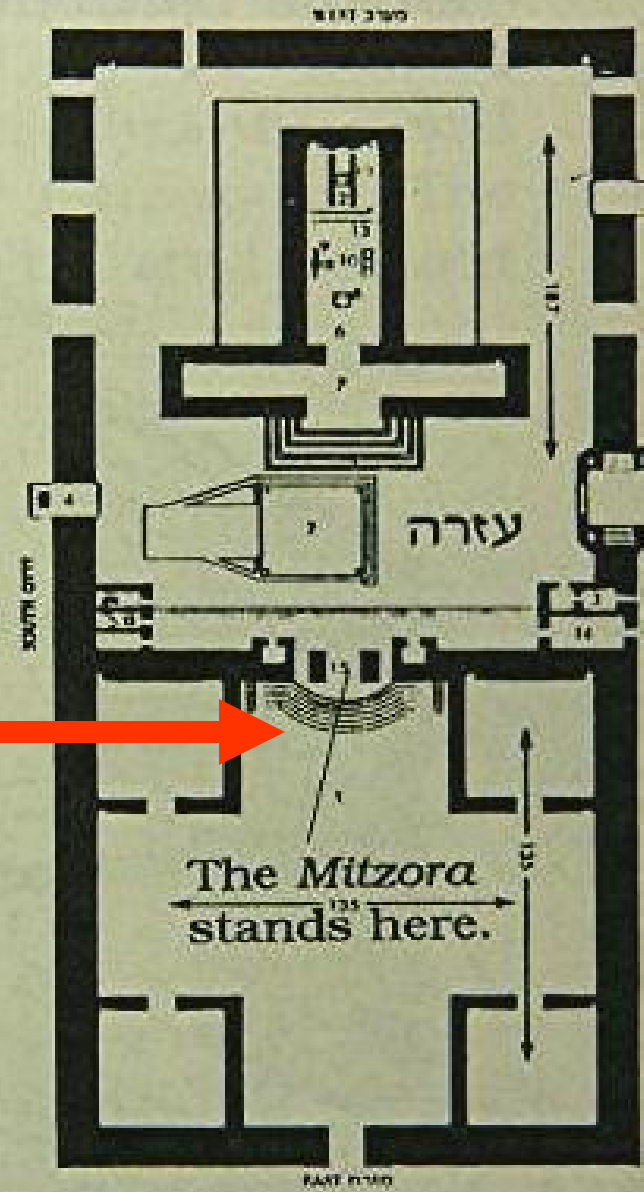
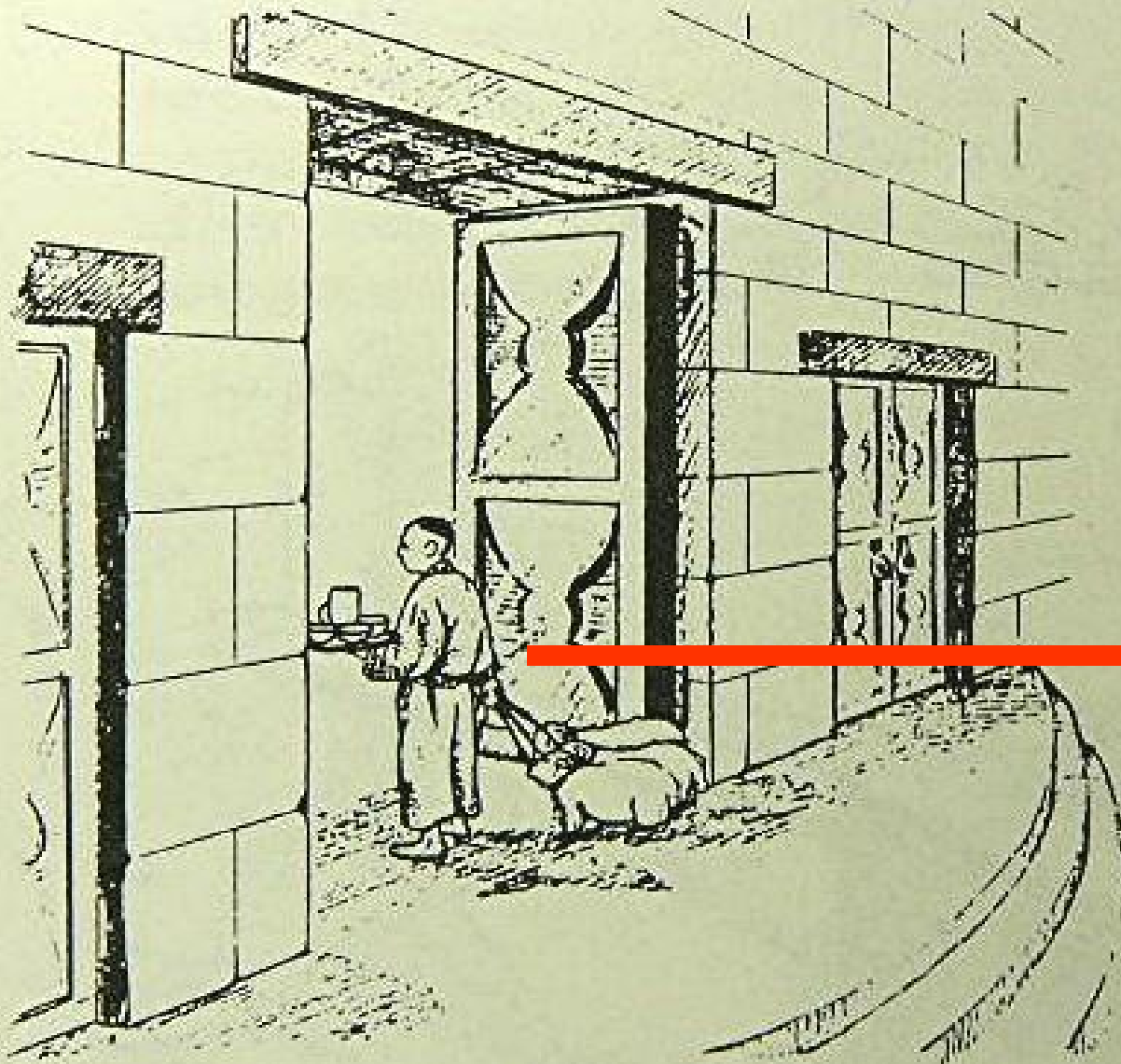
LOG OF
OLIVE OIL



GRAIN MIXED
WITH OIL

- Several types of sacrifices were to be performed:
- 1) 'Olah Burnt Offering
- 2) Minchah Grain offering
- 3) Hatta'at Purification offering
- 4) Asham Reparation offering

METSORA AT THE TEMPLE



THE SACRIFICES



- 1st, the Asham (Reparation Offering)
- Done in the “tenufah” manner (a wave offering)
- Unusual.....normally a sacrifice for trespassing against Holy Property
- Tzara’at a “spiritual disease”.....Metsora by definition has trespassed against Yehoveh
- ***Lashon Hara*** = slander

METSORA LAYS ON HANDS SEMICHAH

- 1) Identifies and transfers animal to God
- 2) Guilt of the Metsora is laid onto the animal
- Lamb then slaughtered on North side of the Altar
- Lamb's blood dabbed on ear lobe, thumb, and big toe
- Same procedure used for consecrating priests



OIL APPLIED TO HEAD

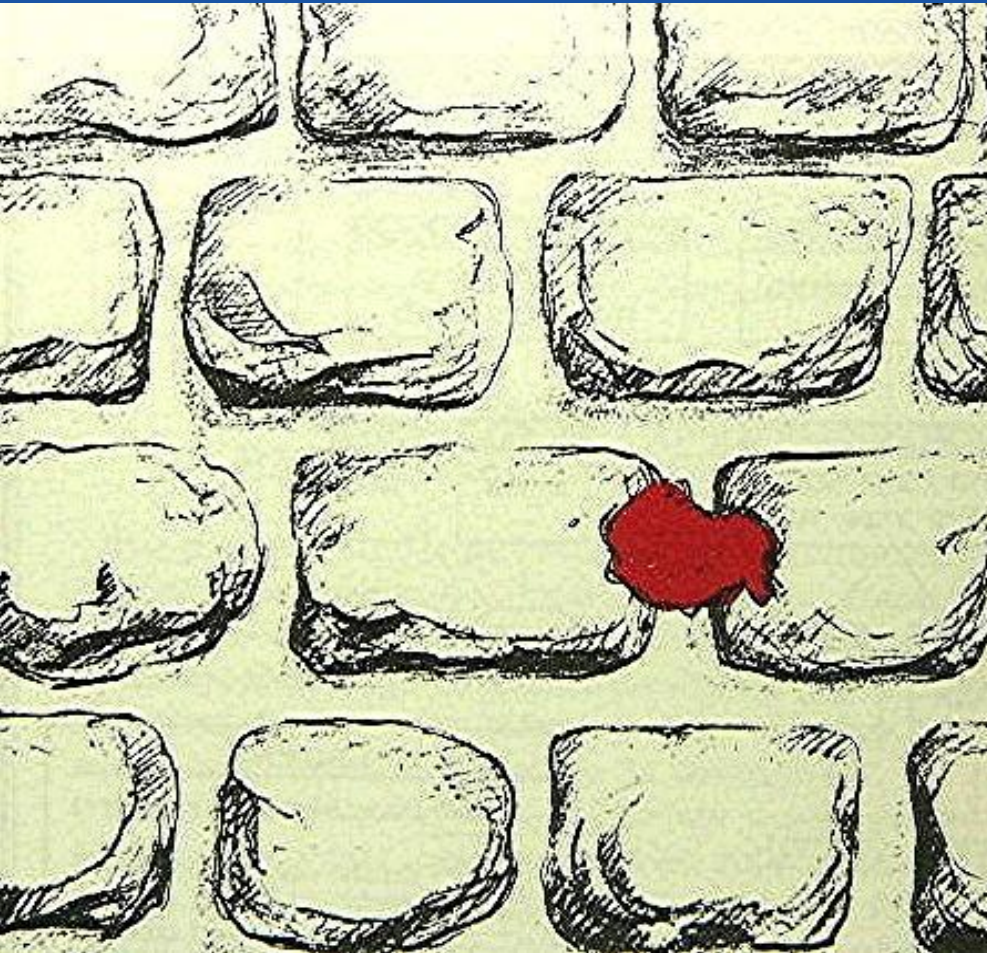


HATTA'AT AND 'OLAH



LEVITICUS 14:33 – 53

TZARA'AT ON A HOUSE



- Anticipates a future time, when in land of Canaan
- At time of Leviticus, Israel gone from Egypt a little over a year
- All of Torah is a preparation for a future time
- Still so today
- Yeshua brought much Torah to fruition, but much remains to happen

ISRAEL STRUGGLED WITH GOD'S PRINCIPLES

- To Israel, and to us, the future is hazy. They lived for the now.
- Faced with constant RE-APPLICATION of God's principles
- NOT RE-INTERPRETATION!
- Israel's leaders tried to change, dismiss Yehoveh's principles as no longer relevant
- Tragic consequences
- Modern Christians are faced with the same responsibility to re-apply God's principles