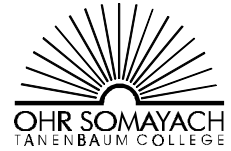


Parsha Q&A



Parshas Tazria/Metzora

For the week ending 1 Iyar 5756
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Parsha Questions

TAZRIA

1. A woman after giving birth is *tamei* (has a ritual impurity). What is the status of a woman who has a miscarriage?
2. After a woman gives birth, she is required to offer two types of *Korbanos*. Which are they?
3. Who determines whether a person is a *metzora tamei* (person with ritually impure *tzara'as*) or is *tahor*?
4. If the *Kohen* sees that the *tzara'as* has spread after one week, how does he rule?
5. What disqualifies a *Kohen* from being able to give a ruling in a case of *tzara'as*?
6. In areas of the body where collections of hair grow (e.g., the head or beard), what color hair is indicative of *tumah*?
7. What signs of mourning must a *metzora* display?
8. Why must a *metzora* call out, "Tamei! Tamei!"?
9. Why is a *metzora* commanded to dwell in isolation?
10. What must be done to a garment that has *tzara'as*?

METZORA

1. When may a *metzora* not be pronounced *tahor*?
2. In the *Midbar*, where did a *metzora* dwell while he was *tamei*?
3. Why does the *metzora* require birds in the purification process?
4. In the purification process of a *metzora*, what does the cedar wood symbolize?
5. In the *Beis Hamikdash*, when the *metzora* was presented "before Hashem" (14:11), where did he stand?
6. How was having *tzara'as* in one's house sometimes advantageous?
7. What happens to the vessels that are in a house which was found to have *tzara'as*?
8. When a person enters a house that has *tzara'as*, when do his clothes become *tamei*?
9. A *yav sat* or slept on the following: a) a bed; b) a plank; c) a chair; d) a rock. If a *tahor* person touches these things what is his status?
10. What does the Torah mean when it refers to a *yav* who "has not washed his hands" (15:11)?

Bonus
Q:

During the purification process, the *metzora* must shave off the hair on his head, eyebrows and beard. Why?

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.

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Recommended Reading List

TAZRIA

Ramban

- 12:2 Procreation
 12:7 The "Sin" of Childbirth
 13:47 The Greatness of *Tzara'as*

Sefer HaChinuch

- 167 Respect for *Kedusha*
 168 A Gift of Thanks

Sforno

- 12:8 Self Involvement
 13:47 Garments

METZORA

Ramban

- 14:2 Compulsive Cleanliness
 15:11 The *Zav*

Sefer HaChinuch

- 174 Purification and Rebirth
 175 Cleansing Waters

Sforno

- 14:12 The *Asham* of the *Metzora*
 14:36 The Reason for Waiting
 15:2 The *Zav*

Answers to this Week's Questions

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

TAZRIA

1. 12:2 - She is also *tamei*.
2. 12:6 - An *Olah* and a *Chatass*.
3. 13:2 - A *Kohen*.
4. 13:5 - The person is *tamei*.
5. 13:12 - Poor vision
6. 13:29 - Golden.
7. 13:45 - He must tear his garments, let his hair grow wild, and cover his lips with his garment.
8. 13:45 - So people will know to keep away from him.
9. 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.
10. 13:52 - It must be burned.

METZORA

1. 14:2 - At night.
2. 14:3 - Outside the three camps.
3. 14:4 - *Tzara'as* comes as a punishment for *Lashon Harah*. Therefore, the Torah requires the *metzora* to offer birds, who chatter constantly, to atone for his sin of chattering.
4. 14:4 - The cedar is a lofty tree. It alludes to the fact that *tzara'as* comes as a punishment for haughtiness.
5. 14:11 - At the gate of Nicanor.
6. 14:34 - The Amorites concealed treasures in the walls of their houses. After the conquest of the Land, *tzara'as* would afflict these houses. The Jewish owner would tear down the walls and find the treasures.
7. 14:36 - They become *tamei*.
8. 14:46 - When he remains in the house long enough to eat a small meal.
9. 15:4-5 - Only a type of object that one usually lies or sits upon becomes a transmitter of *tumah* when a *zav* sits or lies on it. A *tahor* person who subsequently touches the object becomes *tamei* and the clothes he is wearing are also *tme'im*. Therefore: a) *tamei*; b) *tahor*; c) *tamei*; d) *tahor*.
10. 15:11 - One who has not immersed in a *mikveh*.

BONUS

A:

The punishment for haughtiness, *Tzarus Ayin* (selfishness: literally - "narrow vision") and *Lashon Harah* is *tzara'as*. The *metzora* must atone for holding his head high, for looking upon his possessions with selfishness and for not guarding his speech. Thus, he must shave his head, his eyebrows and his beard.

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