

BE SET-APART FOR I AM SET-APART

SHABBAT MESSAGE 02/11/12

SCRIPTURES

Bemidbar (Numbers) 5:1-4

Shophetim (Judges) 13:2-25

Kepha Alef (1 Peter) 1:1-16

Bemidbar 5:1 *And Yahweh spoke to Mosheh, saying,*

Bemidbar 5:2 *“Command the children of Yisrael to send out of the camp every leper, and everyone who has a discharge, and whoever becomes defiled for a being.*

Bemidbar 5:3 *“Send out both male and female, send them outside the camp, so that they do not defile their camps in the midst of which I dwell.”*

Bemidbar 5:4 *And the children of Yisrael did so, to send them outside the camp. As Yahweh had spoken to Mosheh, so the children of Yisrael did.*

Shophetim 13:3 *And a Messenger of Yahweh appeared to the woman and said to her, “See now, you are barren and have not borne, but you shall conceive, and you shall bear a son.*

Shophetim 13:4 *“And now, please guard, and do not drink wine or strong drink, and do not eat any unclean food.*

Shophetim 13:5 *“For look, you are conceiving and bearing a son. And let no razor come upon his head, for the youth is a Nazirite to Elohim from the womb on. And he shall begin to save Yisrael out of the hand of the Philistines.”*

Shophetim 13:13 *And the Messenger of Yahweh said to Manowah, “Let the woman guard all that I said to her.*

Shophetim 13:14 *“Let her not eat any food that comes from the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, or eat any unclean food. Let her guard all that which I have commanded her.”*

Kepha Alef 1:1 *Kepha, an emissary of Yahshua Messiah, to the chosen, strangers of the dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Kappadokia, Asia, and Bithunia,*

Kepha Alef 1:2 *chosen according to the foreknowledge of Elohim the Father, set apart by the Spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Yahshua Messiah: Favour and peace be increased to you.*

Kepha Alef 1:13 *Therefore, having girded up the loins of your mind, being sober, set your expectation perfectly upon the favour that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Yahshua Messiah,*

Kepha Alef 1:14 *as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts in your ignorance,*

Kepha Alef 1:15 *instead, as the One who called you is set-apart, so you also should become set-apart in all behaviour,*

Kepha Alef 1:16 *because it has been written, “Be set-apart, for I am set-apart.”*

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES

Vayikrah11:44 *For I am Yahweh your Elohim, and you shall set yourselves apart. And you shall be set-apart, for I am set-apart. And do not defile yourselves with any creeping creature that creeps on the earth.*

Vayikrah11:45 *For I am Yahweh who is bringing you up out of the land of Mitsrayim, to be your Elohim. And you shall be set-apart, for I am set-apart.*

Vayikrah20:7 *'And you shall set yourselves apart, and shall be set-apart, for I am Yahweh your Elohim,*

Vayikrah (Leviticus) 20:7

וְהִתְקַדְּשִׁיתֶם וְהִיִּיתֶם קְדוֹשִׁים כִּי אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם

And-you-consecrate-selves and-you-be set-apart-ones for I Yahweh Elohim-of-you-all

Vayikrah20:8 *and you shall guard My laws and do them. I am Yahweh, who sets you apart.*

Vayikrah20:25 *'And you shall make a distinction between clean beasts and unclean, and between unclean birds and clean. And do not make yourselves abominable by beast or by bird, or whatever creeps on the ground, which I have separated from you as unclean.*

Vayikrah20:26 *'And you shall be set-apart to Me, for I Yahweh am set-apart, and have separated you from the peoples to be Mine.*

Devarim 23:14 *"For Yahweh your Elohim walks in the midst of your camp, to deliver you and give your enemies over to you. Therefore your camp shall be set-apart, so that He does not see unclean matter among you, and shall turn away from you.*

Unclean = טָמֵא

Clean, pure = טָהוֹר

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YAHWEH DWELLS IN THE MIDST OF OUR CAMP



In Bemidbar 5:3 and Devarim 23:14 we see that Yahweh walks in the midst of the camp. We are Israel and Yahweh is in the midst of our camp and He expects our camp to be clean – pure – tahor. We are not to have any unclean matter in it.

From these two scriptures and others we see that the unclean matters are, in many cases, normal body functions. They were created into us and are a part of our being human.

Yahweh considers those matters to be unclean and they are to be taken out of our camp. They are not sin related. The Hebrew has not disobeyed Yahweh's commands.

The commands dealing with “ritual purity” are chok חֻק type commands. They are difficult to understand and the reasons for them are difficult to understand. These commands we obey because Yahweh said so.

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CLEAN AND UNCLEAN

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Tahor - טָהוֹר טָהַר to be clean, pure, innocent; to clean, to purify

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Tahmay - טָמֵא טָמַא to be unclean, to defile, to profane.

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SAMSON’S MOTHER WAS TO KEEP HERSELF CLEAN



In the account of Manowach and his wife we read that she was to keep herself clean, pure, set-apart by not coming in contact with the fruit of the vine and not eating anything unclean.

Her son was to be a nazir or nazirite which is a person that is set-apart to Yahweh for some purpose.

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MANOWACH AND HIS WIFE MEET YAHSHUA



We read in Shophetim 13:22 that Manowach and his wife came face to face with Yahweh and lived. They, in fact, were set-apart because of the task before them and Yahweh treated them as though they were set-apart.

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KEPHA'S LETTER TO THE DISPERSED EPHRAIMITES



Kepha opens his letter, Kepha Alef (1 Peter) 1:1 with “...*to the chosen, strangers of the dispersion...*”.

This letter is not written to Judah or to gentiles but to the dispersed Ephraimites outside of Eretz Israel.

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He further says of those Ephraimites, “...*chosen according to the foreknowledge of Elohim the Father, set apart by the Spirit unto obedience...*”

He is saying that those Ephraimites are known by Yahweh and they are specifically set-apart **unto obedience**.

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OBEDIENCE TO WHAT?

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Obedience to Yahweh's Torah.

Part of that obedience is keeping themselves clean, pure, undefiled – tahor.

In Kepha Aleph 1:13 he says, “...*having girded up the loins of your mind...*”. What do we “gird up the loins of our mind” with?

Rav Sha'ul says in Ephsiyah (Ephesians) 6:14 “...*having girded your waist [loins] with truth...*”.

What truth? Torah is truth. (this is proved in another message).

Kepha says in verse 15, “...*as the One who called you is set-apart, so you also should become set-apart in all behavior,*”

He is telling the Ephraimites that by being obedient to Yahweh's Torah their behavior or lifestyle will become set-apart or clean, pure, undefiled – tahor.

In verse 15 Kepha quotes Vayikrah (Leviticus) 20:7, “*because it has been written, “Be set-apart, for I am set-apart.”*”

Written where? → Torah

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CONCLUSION

Yahweh expects the camp of His people Israel to be clean, pure, undefiled – tahor.

Yahweh expects His people Israel to be clean, pure, undefiled – tahor.

If His people Israel are obedient to His Torah then they will be clean, pure, undefiled – tahor.