**2024 Parashah Reading #27 Name: Tazria Torah Reading:**  **Vayikra (Leviticus) 12:1-13:59**

**Haftarah Reading: 2 Melakim (Kings) 4:42-5:19 Gospel Reading: Luqas (Luke) 2:22-33**

**Torah Portion**   **Haftarah and Gospel Portions**

 **Chapter 12:1-8 “Purification After Childbirth” Haftarah Reading: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Chapter 13:1-59 “Laws About Leprosy” Chapter 4:42-44 “Elisha Purifies the Deadly Stew” cont.**

 **Chapter 5:1-14 “Naaman Healed of Leprosy”**

 **Chapter 5:15-19 “Gehazi's Greed and Punishment”**

**Gospel Parashah \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Chapter 22:22-33 “Jesus Presented at the Temple”**

**Scholar Review**

As we have discussed in prior years, the theme of Vayikra (Leviticus) is for us to be holy as YHWH is holy. Six times it is stated, in Leviticus 11:44-45, 19:2, 20:7, 20:26, and 21:8. Depending on your translation, the word “holy” appears in Leviticus up to 94 times. Keeping this in mind, this week’s Vayikra section has several chapters devoted to cleansing from being unclean, with more next week as well.

Questions to ask ourselves while reading each of these sections:

* Why is uncleanness and the cleansing process discussed so much?
* Why did they Israelites need to cleanse themselves and their possessions?
* Can you think of various Biblical examples of people who were unclean?
* Today, can we or our possessions be unclean unto YHWH?
* If so, what do we do about it?
* Do all these sections apply to us or do only some of them apply to only some of us?

We covered these next questions last year but not everyone was necessarily here, and review is often good for us all!

* In Vayikra 12:2 and 12:5 the times of purification are different based on the baby’s gender. Why is that?
* Is leprosy in the Bible the same as we understand it today? Please explain your findings.
* After the purification is complete, why does the woman have to bring a sin offering? That hardly seems fair!

New questions based on our new schedule of reading and discussing the Haftarah and Gospel Parashot.

* In what ways is the Haftarah reading related to the other readings for this week?
* **Scholar Research Opportunity**-In some translations, in 5:1 of the Haftarah we read in Hebrew the word Aram (some English translations say Syria). Research and discuss what or who Aram is and their effect on us today.
* 5:15-19 we read of Elisha refusing reward from Naaman. Why do you think he did that? Can you think of another biblical instance this story reminds you of? (Hint-Think Genesis)
* Though not in this week’s Haftarah Parashah, when we read the rest of this account (verses 20-27), how do you compare Elisha’s behavior with his servant Gehazi?
* In Luke 2:23-24 which parts of Torah were Yoseph and Miriam fulfilling when they brought Yeshua to the Temple?
* **Scholar Research Opportunity**-In Luke 2:32, which two prophecies were fulfilled? (Hint- they are both in one of the major prophets’ books.)

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