



# GATEWAY EQUIP

## Keep Camp Clean

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Notes

Numbers 5:1-31 (NKJV)

### ***Ceremonially Unclean Persons Isolated***

<sup>1</sup> And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>2</sup>“Command the children of Israel that they put out of the camp every leper, everyone who has a discharge, and whoever becomes defiled by a corpse. <sup>3</sup> You shall put out both male and female; you shall put them outside the camp, that they may not defile their camps in the midst of which I dwell.”

<sup>4</sup> And the children of Israel did so, and put them outside the camp; as the LORD spoke to Moses, so the children of Israel did.

### ***Confession and Restitution***

<sup>5</sup> Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>6</sup>“Speak to the children of Israel: ‘When a man or woman commits any sin that men commit in unfaithfulness against the LORD, and that person is guilty, <sup>7</sup> then he shall confess the sin which he has committed. He shall make restitution for his **trespass** in full, plus one-fifth of it, and give it to the one he has wronged. <sup>8</sup> But if the man has no relative to whom restitution may be made for the wrong, the **restitution** for the wrong *must go* to the LORD for the priest, in addition to the ram of the atonement with which atonement is made for him. <sup>9</sup> Every offering of all the holy things of the children of Israel, which they bring to the priest, shall be his. <sup>10</sup> And every man’s holy things shall be his; whatever any man gives the priest shall be his.’”

### ***Concerning Unfaithful Wives***

<sup>11</sup> And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>12</sup>“Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘If any man’s wife goes astray and behaves unfaithfully toward him, <sup>13</sup> and a man lies with her carnally, and it is hidden from the eyes of her husband, and it is concealed that she has defiled herself, and *there was* no witness against her, nor was she caught—<sup>14</sup> if the **spirit of jealousy** comes upon him and

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he becomes **jealous** of his wife, who has defiled herself; or if the spirit of **jealousy** comes upon him and he becomes **jealous** of his wife, **although she has not defiled herself**—<sup>15</sup> then the man shall bring his wife to the priest. He shall bring the **offering required** for her, **one-tenth of an ephah of barley meal**; he shall pour **no oil** on it and put **no frankincense** on it, because it *is* a **grain offering of jealousy**, **an offering for remembering**, for **bringing iniquity to remembrance**.

<sup>16</sup> ‘And the priest shall bring her near, and set her before the LORD. <sup>17</sup> The priest shall take **holy water** in an earthen vessel, and take some of the **dust that is on the floor of the tabernacle** and put *it* into the water. <sup>18</sup> Then the priest shall stand the woman before the LORD, uncover the woman’s head, and **put the offering for remembering in her hands, which is the grain offering of jealousy**. And the priest shall have in his hand the bitter water that brings a curse. <sup>19</sup> And the priest shall **put her under oath**, and say to the woman, “If no man has lain with you, and if you have not gone astray to uncleanness *while* under your husband’s *authority*, be free from this bitter water that brings a curse. <sup>20</sup> But if you have gone astray *while* under your husband’s *authority*, and if you have defiled yourself and some man other than your husband has lain with you”—<sup>21</sup> then the priest shall put the woman under the oath of the curse, and he shall say to the woman—“**the LORD make you a curse and an oath among your people, when the LORD makes your thigh rot and your belly swell; <sup>22</sup> and may this water that causes the curse go into your stomach, and make *your* belly swell and *your* thigh rot.**”

‘Then the woman shall say, “**Amen, so be it.**” “אָמֵן אָמֵן”

<sup>23</sup> ‘Then the priest shall **write these curses in a book**, and he shall **scrape them off into the bitter water**. <sup>24</sup> And he shall make the **woman drink the bitter water** that brings a curse, and the water that brings the curse shall enter her *to become* bitter. <sup>25</sup> Then the priest shall take the **grain offering of jealousy from the woman’s hand**, shall **wave the offering** before the LORD, and bring it to the altar; <sup>26</sup> and the priest shall take a **handful of the offering, as its memorial portion, burn it on the altar**, and afterward make the **woman drink the water**. <sup>27</sup> When he has made her drink the water, then it shall be, if she has defiled herself and behaved unfaithfully toward her husband, that the water that brings a curse will enter her *and become* bitter, and **her belly will swell, her thigh will rot**, and the woman will become a curse among her people. <sup>28</sup> But if the

woman has not defiled herself, and is clean, then **she shall be free and may conceive children.**

<sup>29</sup> ‘This *is* the law of **jealousy**, when a wife, *while* under her husband’s *authority*, goes astray and defiles herself, <sup>30</sup> or when the spirit of **jealousy** comes upon a man, and he becomes **jealous** of his wife; then he shall stand the woman before the LORD, and the priest shall execute all this law upon her. <sup>31</sup> Then the man shall be free from iniquity, but that woman shall bear her guilt.’ ”

### Get Death Out of the Camp (Num. 5:1-4)

There are 3 kinds of people that God says to keep out of the camp (15:2):

- **The leper**; Lev. 13-14 – Dying!
- **The person with a discharge**; Lev. 15 – Symbols of Death!
- **The person who has been defiled by a corpse**; Lev. 21:1, 1 – Death!

Hebrews 13:11-13 (NKJV) – <sup>11</sup> For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. <sup>12</sup> Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. <sup>13</sup> Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach.

### Get Death Out of Relationships (Num. 5:5-10); Trespass Offering

- Leviticus 1 – Whole Burnt Offering – Jesus died for all of you. He accepts you.
- Leviticus 2 – Grain Offering – Since He accepts you, He accepts what you do. He died for your works.
- Leviticus 3 – Peace Offering – He died that you might have perfect fellowship in His presence.
- Leviticus 4 – Sin Offering – He died for your sins of commission.
- Leviticus 5 – Trespass Offering – He died for your sins that of omission and for sins that require restitution.

Leviticus 5:1 (NKJV) – <sup>1</sup> ‘If a person sins in hearing the utterance of an oath, and *is* a witness, whether he has seen or known *of the matter*—if he does not tell it, he bears guilt.

Trespass Offering (‘asham; אֲשָׁמָה) requires restitution (Lev. 5:14-6:7) while sin (chatta ‘ah, חַטָּאת) offerings do not require restitution (Lev.

4). The word for trespass offerings is used in Num. 5:7 & 8 as well as in Lev. 5:6, 7, 15, 16, 18, 19; 6:6. Numbers adds to Leviticus' stipulations about Trespass Offerings.

- Although a Trespass Offering is also against a human, it is always against the Lord (Num. 5:5).

Psalm 51:1-2, 5-6 (TLV) – <sup>1</sup>For the music director: a psalm of David, <sup>2</sup>when Nathan the prophet came to him, after he went to Bathsheba. <sup>5</sup>For I know my transgressions and my sin is ever before me. <sup>6</sup>Against You, You only, have I sinned.

Beyond Hebrew culture, throughout the ancient Near East, adultery was considered a crime that was also against the gods (Gen. 20:6; 26:10; 39:9).

- Restitution in full plus 1/5<sup>th</sup> (Num. 5:7).  
1/5<sup>th</sup> with confession. But, 4 or 5 if caught (Ex. 22:1).
- Confession must precede restitution (Num. 5:7)!
- The repentant sinner gets to pick the priest who oversees the Trespass Offering. The priest gets to eat the meat of the guilt offering (Lev. 7:6). Priests that are skilled at overseeing confession will be chosen more often and eat better!

### Get Death Out of Marriage (Num. 5:11-31)

- The hardest confessions to deal with are those that violate a marriage.
- This wayward spouse is unrepentant and uncaught (Num. 5:13).
- This husband has no evidence, just a “spirit of jealousy” (5:14) – רִיחַ קְנָאָה.
- Justice will require a miracle. This is the only case in the Bible where a judicial decision depends upon a miracle. Milgrom, J. (1990). *Numbers* (p. 348). Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society.
- The process:
  - Dust from the floor of the Tabernacle is put in holy water (Num. 5:17).  
“The officiating priest was chosen by lot (Tosef. Sot. 1:2); he prepared the potion by mixing the holy water from the laver with dust taken from the Temple court, from beneath a slab one cubit square, located at the right of the entrance; the slab was affixed with a ring so that it could be easily lifted (Mish. Sot. 2:2); the verses containing the imprecation were inscribed on a golden tablet hung on the Temple wall so that it

was visible from the court (Tosef. Sot. 2:1).” Milgrom, J. (1990). [Numbers](#) (p. 348). Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society.

- A grain offering is used as a wave offering (Num. 5: 25).
- Most of it is eaten by the priest. A handful or memorial portion is burned up.
- A curse containing the Lord’s name is written on a parchment (Num. 5:21-22).

Exodus 34:14 (NKJV) – You shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.

- The writing is scraped off the parchment into the water. The lady drinks the water.
- If guilty: she becomes permanently sterile. She is not killed. Her justice is entirely placed in God’s hands.
- If innocent: she is unharmed. Josephus said that she would “bear a male child in the tenth month.” (Josephus, F., & Whiston, W. (1987). [The Antiquities of the Jews](#), Book 6 in [The works of Josephus: complete and unabridged](#) (p. 97). Peabody: Hendrickson.)

### Let’s consider the grain offering?

- It’s enough to feed the priest.
- “one-tenth of an ephah of barley meal” (5:15) – about 1.08 gallons; barley is bread of Passover.
- It is an offering for remembering” (Num. 5:15)

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (NKJV) – <sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the *same* night in which He was betrayed took bread; <sup>24</sup> and when He had given thanks, He broke *it* and said, “**Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.**” <sup>25</sup> In the same manner *He* also *took* the cup after supper, saying, “**This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me.**”

<sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:27-32 (NKJV) – <sup>27</sup> Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks *this* cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup> But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup> For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body. <sup>30</sup> For this



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reason many *are* weak and sick among you, and many sleep. <sup>31</sup> For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. <sup>32</sup> But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.

When the body and blood / cup are mentioned together, it clearly indicates communion. But, when the “body” is mentioned apart from the blood / cup, the word body indicates the church – or the bride.

The body refers to the church: 1 Cor. 12:12-27 & Romans 12:3-5.