Leviticus 12:1-8 Childbirth and Purification

YeHoVaH's Instructions to His people were given to remind them that it was He who brought them up out of the land of Egypt to be their Elohim. He repeatedly reminded them that they were to be Holy as He is Holy and for them to make a difference between the unclean and the clean.

It was, and is, imperative for His people to follow His Instructions so that He may dwell amongst us, in harmony with us.

The ability to conceive and give birth to a child is a privilege given to mankind by YeHoVaH. YeHoVaH's Instructions on Childbirth and Purification were a continuation of the Laws that identified the clean and uncleanness amongst the people.

In this portion of Leviticus, YeHoVaH gives Instructions to families and the Priests what they are to do when a woman has conceived and gives birth to a male or a female child.

Lev 12:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

YeHoVaH Spoke. Moses wrote.

Lev 12:2 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, **If** a woman have <u>conceived seed</u>, and born a <u>man child</u>: then she shall be unclean <u>seven days</u>; according to the <u>days</u> of the <u>separation</u> for her infirmity shall she be unclean.

The women of the Scriptures recognized that the child they carried was from YeHoVaH and not from themselves.

Mrs. Adam said that the child she had was given by YeHoVaH, not from Adam.

Genesis 4:1 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.

Genesis 4:25 And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, [said she], hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.

The seed in Adam, like all seed producing plants and animals, was given by YeHoVaH!

A woman cannot produce a child without the seed of a man.

This is why gay men who marry one another, and lesbian women who marry one another, are an abomination before YeHoVaH because they cannot produce a child amongst themselves.

Homosexuality and lesbianism are unnatural and goes against creation. The acts they commit are crimes against YeHoVaH.

Homosexuals and lesbians have to adopt to have a family or have a man impregnate a woman for them to have a child.

Childbearing requires a male and a female to procreate. YeHoVaH created this order and anyone who violates the order commits sin against Him.

Today's men and women reject these requirements by their actions. They lay claim to the ownership of the child, while some of them confess the child is a blessing or gift from God.

A mother taking ownership of children she produces is like a field taking ownership of its crop.

If the woman and man confess or believe their child is from YeHoVaH, they show by their actions if that is true. Otherwise, they say one thing with their mouth and do something else, thus fulfilling what the Prophets and Yeshua said, "These people honor me with their lips but their hearts are far from me."

Matthew 15:8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with [their] lips; but their heart is far from me. 15:9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching [for] doctrines the commandments of men.

The man, the woman, and the children they produce ALL belong to YeHoVaH.

NO EXCEPTIONS.

The process in this passage is a reminder of who is responsible to whom.

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Unclean – **02930** טָמֵא tame' {taw-may'}

Meaning: 1) to be unclean, become unclean, become impure

Usage: AV - unclean 74, defile 71, pollute 14, uncleanness 1, utterly 1; 161

Separation – **05079** נדָה niddah {nid-daw'}

Meaning: 1) impurity, filthiness, menstruous, set apart 1a) impurity 1a1) of ceremonial impurity

Usage: AV - separation 14, put apart 2, filthiness 2, flowers 2, far 1, set apart 1, menstruous 1, removed 1, unclean thing 1, unclean 1, uncleanness 1, menstruous woman 1, removed woman 1; 29

Infirmity – **01738** דוה davah {daw-vaw'}

Meaning: 1) (Qal) to be ill, be unwell 2) (TWOT)infirmity

Usage: AV - infirmity 1; 1

Lev 15:19 And if a woman have an issue, *and* her issue in her flesh be blood, she shall be put apart seven days: and whosoever toucheth her shall be unclean until the even.

Lev 15:20 And every thing that she lieth upon in her separation shall be unclean: every thing also that she sitteth upon shall be unclean.

Lev 15:21 And whosoever toucheth her bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.

Lev 15:22 And whosoever toucheth any thing that she sat upon shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.

Lev 15:23 And if it *be* on *her* bed, or on any thing whereon she sitteth, when he toucheth it, he shall be unclean until the even.

Lev 15:24 And if any man lie with her at all, and her flowers be upon him, he shall be unclean seven days; and all the bed whereon he lieth shall be unclean.

Lev 12:3 And in the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.

Foreskin – **06190** עָרְלָה `orlah {or-law'} **Meaning:** 1) foreskin, uncircumcised

Usage: AV - foreskin 13, uncircumcised 3; 16

Circumcised – **04135** מול [mool]

Meaning: 1) to circumcise, let oneself be circumcised, cut, be cut off 1a) (Qal) to circumcise 1b) (Niphal) to be circumcised, circumcise oneself 1c) (Hiphil) to cause to be circumcised 1c1) of destruction (fig.) 1d) (Hithpolel) to be cut off 1e) (Polel) cut down Usage: AV - circumcise 30, destroy 3, cut down 1, needs 1, cut in pieces 1; 36

Circumcision was only required for the male, for the male was the seed producer. Women conceived seed, but could not produce seed.

The flesh of the foreskin shall be circumcised to enter into the Covenant of Abraham.

^{Ge 17:1} And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I *am* the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

Ge 17:2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

Ge 17:3 And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,

Ge 17:4 As for me, behold, my covenant *is* with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

^{Ge 17:5} Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

^{Ge 17:6} And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.

^{Ge 17:7} And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

Ge 17:8 And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

^{Ge 17:9} And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations.

^{Ge 17:10} This *is* my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised.

Ge 17:11 And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.

^{Ge 17:12} And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which *is* not of thy seed.

^{Ge 17:13} He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

^{Ge 17:14} And the **uncircumcised** man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.

One cannot become the offspring, seed of Abraham by faith, without entering into the Covenant of Abraham.

The foreskin of the heart is also to be circumcised as a requirement, according to the Torah.

^{Dt 10:15} Only the LORD had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, *even* you above all people, as *it is* this day.

Dt 10:16 Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked.

Dt 10:17 For the LORD your God *is* God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward:

On the eighth day of a male child, she transitions from the seven (7) days of niddah to the purification period of thirty three (33) days for a total of forty (40) days.

Luke makes reference to this commandment pertaining to Mary.

Lk 2:21 And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called YESHUA, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Lev 12:4 And she shall then continue in the blood of her purifying three and thirty days; she shall touch no hallowed thing, nor come into the sanctuary, until the days of her purifying be fulfilled.

Purifying – **02893** טָהֶרָה tohorah (toh-or-aw')

Meaning: 1) purifying, cleansing, purification, purity, cleanness 1a) purifying, menstruation 1b)

cleansing, purification

Usage: AV - cleansing 7, purifying 3, purification 2, cleansed 1; 13

During the period of purification/cleansing, every Commandment required was a reminder of who they were responsible to. There were Commands given to the man, the woman, and the child.

The woman was impure, the man could not touch the woman without becoming impure, and the child had to be circumcised on the eighth day and could not be presented to YeHoVaH until after the purification process. All of these Commandments had to be completed as required by YeHoVaH.

If she bear a maid/female she would be niddah for two weeks, at which time she transitions to sixty six (66) days of purification for a total of eighty (80) days.

Lev 12:5 But if she bear a maid child, then she shall be unclean two weeks, as in her separation: and she shall continue in the blood of her purifying threescore and six days.

Lev 12:6 And when the days of her purifying are fulfilled, <u>for a son, or for a daughter</u>, she shall bring a lamb of the first year for a <u>burnt offering</u>, and a young pigeon, or a turtledove, for a <u>sin</u> offering, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, unto the priest:

Lev 12:7 Who shall offer it before the LORD, and make an atonement for her; and she shall be cleansed from the issue of her blood. This is the law for her that hath born a male or a female.

Lev 12:8 And if she be not able to bring a lamb, then she shall bring two turtles, or two young pigeons; the one for the burnt offering, and the other for a sin offering: and the priest shall make an atonement for her, and she shall be clean.

Luke also makes reference to this Commandment pertaining to Mary.

Lk 2:22 And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present *him* to the Lord;

Lk 2:23 (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;)

People, who reject YeHoVaH's Law, pay no attention to the Commandments surrounding childbirth and purification.

Some argue these laws are no longer valid because there is no Temple and the Laws in this category are for Ceremonial Cleanness for Temple purposes, but the Laws were given without a Tabernacle or a Temple.

Others argue these Laws are for the prevention of spreading potential infections or diseases.

No matter the argument, the truth is simple, YeHoVaH said it, and that settles it!