

Leviticus 15:1-33 Male & Female Bodily Discharges

YeHoVaH's Instructions concerning clean and unclean issues have become obviously clear as revealed in our journey through Leviticus thus far. YeHoVaH warned His people that they could become unclean by touching unclean carcasses to eating unclean animals and thereby rendering others unclean which would prohibit them from serving Him in the capacity He desired of them.

YeHoVaH instructed the Priests to distinguish between the holy and the common, between the unclean and the clean, and to teach the Israelites all the decrees the LORD had given them through Moses.

In this portion of Leviticus, we will examine the various Instructions for the different male and female bodily discharges and how they could render others unclean.

Before we begin reading the first verse, we need to read the last two verses to get the full scope of the Chapter.

Lev 15:32 This is the law of him that hath an issue, and of him whose seed goeth from him, and is defiled therewith;

Lev 15:33 And of her that is sick of her flowers, and of him that hath an issue, of the man, and of the woman, and of him that lieth with her that is unclean.

Lev 15:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses and to Aaron, saying,

Running Issue

Lev 15:2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When any man hath a running issue out of his flesh, *because of his issue* he is unclean.

Running Issue – **02100** זרב zuwb {zoob}

Meaning: 1) to flow, gush, issue, discharge 1a) (Qal) 1a1) to flow, gush 1a2) to die, pine away (fig.) 1a3) to flow (of issue from woman), have an issue, flux 1a4) flowing (participle)

Usage: AV - flow 21, have an issue 14, gush out 3, pine away 1, hath 1, have 1, run 1; 42

Unclean – **02931** טמא tame' {taw-may'}

Meaning: 1) unclean, impure 1a) ethically and religiously 1b) ritually 1c) of places

Usage: AV - unclean 79, defiled 5, infamous 1, polluted 1, pollution 1; 87

Flesh – **01320** בשר basar {baw-sawr'}

Meaning: 1) flesh 1a) of the body 1a1) of humans 1a2) of animals 1b) the body itself 1c) male organ of generation (euphemism) 1d) kindred, blood-relations 1e) flesh as frail or erring (man against God) 1f) all living things 1g) animals 1h) mankind

Usage: AV - flesh 256, body 2, fatfleshed + 01277 2, leanfleshed + 01851 2, kin 2, leanfleshed + 07534 1, mankind + 0376 1, myself 1, nakedness 1, skin 1; 269

The flesh could refer to any area of the body where there is a discharge. The context of the passage seems to refer to the penis and vagina but could also refer to the anus.

So far, we have talked about touching unclean things in a variety of categories:

- Unclean beasts' carcasses

- Unclean creeping things
- Eating unclean animals
- Unclean fowl
- Unclean sea creatures
- Uncleanliness of males and females associated with childbearing
- Infectious skin disease and leprosy

In this Chapter, we will deal with male and female bodily discharges.

Knowing what is unclean according to YeHoVaH's Instructions gives definition to Paul's statement concerning things that are unclean and that are not to be touched.

^{2Co 6:17} Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

^{Lev 15:3} And this shall be his uncleanness in his issue: whether his flesh run with his issue, or his flesh be stopped from his issue, it *is* his uncleanness.

Bodily Discharges

A running issue is a discharge from either the male or female. Males and females can have similar issues that are not specifically mentioned in this passage but can be implied.

When it comes to female issues in this passage, it only mentions an issue of blood implying that the only female issues are the regular cycles of Niddah and an extended period of blood flow beyond the regular cycle.

In Chapter 12, we talked about the days of separation from giving birth to a male or a female child.

There are normal discharges from males and females and there are abnormal discharges from males and females.

Males

- Normal issues require bathing/washing
- Abnormal issues require atonement

Normal sexual issues of males and females that render them unclean require washing everything the semen touches, bathing, and being unclean until the evening after the washing.

If you don't wash until the next day that means you are unclean until the next day at evening.

There are abnormal bodily discharges that render people unclean.

Sexually Transmitted Diseases

The Big Three:

Gonorrhea

Chlamydia

Syphilis

Anal Abscess or Anal Fistula

An anal abscess is an infected sac of tissue filled with pus. Symptoms of an anal abscess include rectal discharge or bleeding.

Symptoms of an anal fistula include rectal bleeding or discharge.

Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) can spread to the rectum from the genital region or through anal sex.

Some STIs that can affect the anal area include:

Gonorrhea

Chlamydia

Syphilis

Human Papillomavirus

Herpes Simplex Virus Type 2

Some common symptoms of STIs in the anal region may include rectal discharge pain, bleeding, or both during bowel movements.

Proctitis is a condition characterized by a persistent or frequent need to empty the bowels. Rectal pain, abdominal pain, and bloody stools are common symptoms of proctitis. Occasionally, if there is a fistula or uncontrollable diarrhea, rectal discharge may also be present.

Some people have unclean issues and keep them to themselves and do not tell anybody and become a spreader of disease.

Some people have an unclean infectious disease, don't know it, and unintentionally pass it on to other people.

If what I'm saying is stirring up old painful memories that you have worked through and resolved, don't go back to that place, keep moving forward in your healing and deliverance.

If what I'm saying is stirring up memories of unresolved issues that have not been dealt with and may need to be dealt with, then you pray and ask Father how to deal with these unresolved issues so you can move forward and heal.

Lev 15:4 Every bed, whereon he lieth that hath the issue, is unclean: and every thing, whereon he sitteth, shall be unclean.

Lev 15:5 And whosoever toucheth his bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.

Lev 15:6 And he that sitteth on *any* thing whereon he sat that hath the issue shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.

Lev 15:7 And he that toucheth the flesh of him that hath the issue shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.

Lev 15:8 And if he that hath the issue spit upon him that is clean; then he shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.

Lev 15:9 And what saddle soever he rideth upon that hath the issue shall be unclean.

Lev 15:10 And whosoever toucheth any thing that was under him shall be unclean until the even: and he that beareth *any of* those things shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.

Lev 15:11 And whomsoever he toucheth that hath the issue, and hath not rinsed his hands in water, he shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.

Lev 15:12 And the vessel of earth, that he toucheth which hath the issue, shall be broken: and every vessel of wood shall be rinsed in water.

Lev 15:13 And when he that hath an issue is cleansed of his issue; then he shall number to himself seven days for his cleansing, and wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in running water, and shall be clean.

Lev 15:14 And on the eighth day he shall take to him two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, and come before the LORD unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and give them unto the priest:

Lev 15:15 And the priest shall offer them, the one *for* a sin offering, and the other *for* a burnt offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for him before the LORD for his issue.

Normal Semen Discharge

Lev 15:16 And if any man's seed of copulation go out from him, then he shall wash all his flesh in water, and be unclean until the even.

Lev 15:17 And every garment, and every skin, whereon is the seed of copulation, shall be washed with water, and be unclean until the even.

Lev 15:18 The woman also with whom man shall lie *with* seed of copulation, they shall *both* bathe *themselves* in water, and be unclean until the even.

Niddah

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.

Put Apart – **05079** נִדָּה niddah {nid-daw'}

Meaning: 1) impurity, filthiness, menstruous, set apart 1a) impurity 1a1) of ceremonial impurity 1a2) of menstruation 1b) impure thing (fig.) 1b1) of idolatry, immorality

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

Does “put apart” means putting out of the community like a leper where she has to dress a certain way and cry, “Unclean”, when she comes near someone?

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.

A man is not supposed to have sex with a woman who is Niddah.

Lev 18:19 Also thou shalt not approach unto a woman to uncover her nakedness, as long as she is put apart for her uncleanness.

Woman with an Issue of Blood

Lev 15:25 And if a woman have an issue of her blood many days out of the time of her separation, or if it run beyond the time of her separation; all the days of the issue of her uncleanness shall be as the days of her separation: she *shall be* unclean.

Lev 15:26 Every bed whereon she lieth all the days of her issue shall be unto her as the bed of her separation: and whatsoever she sitteth upon shall be unclean, as the uncleanness of her separation.

Lev 15:27 And whosoever toucheth those things shall be unclean, and shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.

Lev 15:28 But if she be cleansed of her issue, then she shall *number to herself seven days*, and after that she shall be clean.

Lev 15:29 And on the eighth day she shall take unto her two turtles, or two young pigeons, and bring them unto the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

Lev 15:30 And the priest shall offer the one *for* a sin offering, and the other *for* a burnt offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for her before the LORD for the issue of her uncleanness.

Lev 15:31 Thus shall ye separate the children of Israel from their uncleanness; that they die not in their uncleanness, when they defile my tabernacle that *is* among them.

Lev 15:32 This *is* the law of him that hath an issue, and *of him* whose seed goeth from him, and is defiled therewith;

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