

## Gleanings from the Pentateuch

Cleanness, Uncleanness & *Easter* (?)  
(Leviticus 12-15)

## Clean & Unclean

### Introduction

#### ➤ *Clean and Unclean Categories*

1. These were not moral categories
  - uncleanness does not imply sinfulness
  - dealt with ritual impurity – restriction from entering the sanctuary (Lev. 15:31)

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### Introduction

#### ➤ *Clean and Unclean Categories*

2. These reflected God's order/holiness
  - *cleanness* reflected God's perfect or original order ("normal", "whole")
  - *uncleanness* reflected corruption of God's perfect order ("abnormal", "unhealthy")

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### Specific Cases

1. A woman after childbirth
2. A person with a prolonged bodily discharge
3. Persons or objects with various "skin" diseases

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### Specific Cases

#### ➤ *Various "skin" diseases*

- common skin diseases (not leprosy)
- these were an outward picture of the spread of decay and corruption in the world
- restoration required atonement to be made through a purification offering

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### Principles:

1. Nothing unclean can enter God's holy presence
2. Sacrificial atonement provides purification and restoration to God's holy presence

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### Fulfillment/Application

The ultimate fulfillment of these ritual purification laws will be...

the complete redemption of our bodies and the renewal of the earth

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### Fulfillment/Application

➤ Romans 8:18-25

#### 1. Redemption of Our Bodies

- All the effects of the Fall will be removed and we will be made new
- Our resurrection bodies will be glorious, imperishable, powerful and spiritual

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#### 2. Redemption of the Earth

- The curse and all its effects will be removed and creation will be renewed
- The renewed heavens and earth will be the realm of God's final kingdom

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### Fulfillment/Application

➤ The redemption of our bodies and the earth was inaugurated and secured by Jesus

- Christ's atonement removes sin and all of its corrupting effects
- Christ's resurrection is the guarantee of our resurrection and the earth's renewal

## Final Fulfillment

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth... And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying "Behold the tabernacle of God is among men, and He shall dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be among them, and He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall no longer be any death; there shall no longer be any mourning, or crying or pain; the first things have passed away"...

and nothing unclean...shall ever come into it..

– Revelation 21:1- 4, 27