



Message 4-6-19

Tazria

Leviticus 12:1-13:59

Ezekiel 45:16-46:18

Isaiah 66:1, 23-24

John 11:47-52

Introduction

The role of the kohen or priest is non-magical: He does not “cure” anyone of the illness; he diagnoses it, and when it is already cured, restores the person’s ritual wholeness. In cases of acute *tzara’at*, the sufferer was banished from the camp for the duration of the illness, often for life.

Leviticus 13:45-46

45 "The leprous person who has the disease shall wear torn clothes and let the hair of his head hang loose, and he shall cover his upper lip and cry out, 'Unclean, unclean.' ⁴⁶ He shall remain unclean as long as he has the disease. He is unclean. He shall live alone. His dwelling shall be outside the camp. (ESV)

what else is *tazara't* talking about; have you ever given it any thought? What I mean is, most of the time, it is usually connected with the sin of *Lashon Hara* or gossip or slander. This is a sin against our Creator. Most of us do not give it a second thought, but it is there in the Torah. It is a sin, but we just keep on doing it without giving it a second thought. I am sure we do not believe we are doing anything wrong. Most of the time we think we are doing something good if we share how we feel about someone with others, but then the sin expands outward from being something we keep to ourselves, and we begin to share it with others. Sadly, most do not realize that to avoid this sin, we must keep in mind if we do not have something nice to say about someone, then we should not say anything at all.

I have been guilty of doing this, and when I realize what I have done, I have to ask for the Almighty’s forgiveness. Sometimes, if I have hurt someone, I need to apologize to them. I have learned after over twenty-three years in ministry that it is better to keep counsel with myself and keep my mouth shut when I am around the congregation, lest I say something I should not. Perhaps the sin of *Lashon Hara* is not just about slander but about the sins we have done against our fellow man and our Creator? This sin requires us to hide ourselves because of the sores that break out on one’s body and even in your clothing and home. We must be removed from the camp, which in our case would be our congregations, fellowships, and home groups. We are to cry out, “Unclean, unclean” and

avoid others. It is up to the priests of the Holy One to declare that we are unclean or clean and fit to come back into the camp. What if we cannot come back into the camp? Would that be like being cast into the outer darkness, being separated from our Messiah, unable to be redeemed? Are we cut off from the Father as well? Our Creator gave us a set of teachings and instructions that He called the covenant of Torah and desires that we walk in its ways rather than to walk in darkness following the Adversary.

Ezekiel 45:16-17

16 "All the people of the land shall give to this offering for the prince in Israel. ¹⁷ "It shall be the prince's part *to provide* the burnt offerings, the grain offerings and the drink offerings, at the feasts, on the new moons and on the sabbaths, at all the appointed feasts of the house of Israel; he shall provide the sin offering, the grain offering, the burnt offering and the peace offerings, to make atonement for the house of Israel." (NAU)

<05387a> נָשִׂיָא *nasi* or נְשִׂיָא *nasi* (672b)

Meaning: *one lifted up, a chief, prince*

In the later chapters of the book of Ezekiel, we see mention of what appears to be the third Temple. Many believe this Temple will be built before the Messiah returns because we see prophetic events taking place that show us how the Jewish people will be deceived by the anti-messiah since he will be the one who brings construction of the third Temple into reality. But what many do not consider is how he winds up revealing who he is by his desecration of the Temple as the Temple was desecrated in the time of the Maccabees. The false messiah will enter the third Temple, setting up a throne to make himself the god of this world, just like so many false messiahs who came before him. But he will be the last of the false messiahs because his appearance will bring about the false prophet and lead to the second coming of Yeshua, the rightful Messiah, the Son of the Most High Father, whose Son is also the High Priest of Israel by His right of being pre-Levitical and Aaronic, follows in the footsteps of Melchizedek, and a king and priest of the one true God.

He will provide the burnt offerings, the grain offerings, and the drink offerings at the *Moedim* (Appointed Times or Biblical Festivals), the new moons, and on the Sabbaths. He will also provide the sin offering, the grain offering, the burnt offering and the peace offerings, **to make atonement for the house of Israel**. He will be the nasi or chief or prince of Israel. This describes Yeshua who will take His rightful place on the throne of Israel ushering in the thousand year Messianic Age, which will close at the end of the thousand years when Satan will be released one last time to go about trying draw people away from God before he faces his final judgement and punishment in the Lake of Fire, a picture of hell, where the false messiah and the false prophet will be cast as well before the Messianic Age begins. In the end, there will be one last battle that will settle who is in control, God or Satan. The army of the Lord will be led by His Son Yeshua, and we know the outcome because the word of God tells us what happens. Satan is defeated once and for all!

John 11:47-52

47 So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. ⁴⁸ If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." ⁴⁹ But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. ⁵⁰ **Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish.**" ⁵¹ **He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Yeshua would die for the nation, ⁵² and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad.** (ESV)

The High Priest of Israel in the time of Yeshua was Caiaphas. Caiaphas was willing that one man be sacrificed to die for the nation of Israel, so the whole nation should not perish. He did not realize what it was he was saying because his words were prophetic, and through the death of one man, the Son of the Father who dwells in heaven, Yeshua would redeem the nation and all the children of God who are scattered around the world. You can take this prophecy any way you want to but, for me, it shows the redemption of mankind is a gift for all mankind and not just for Israel. Why, you may be asking? Because Israel is more than the sum of its native-born sons and daughters. Into Israel have always come those from the nations who placed their faith in the God of Israel and in His covenant – the Torah. Was Enoch, Noah, Shem, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and so many others Jewish? Of course not. They showed the way for the rest of us and so many others who followed them in the Bible like Caleb, Ruth, Rahab, Luke, etc.

Yeshua came to redeem Israel and those who joined themselves to Israel through faith in its God and His Son. It is through the Son we receive the gift of salvation, and we enter His covenant of Torah, which teaches us what God expects from His people. Israel had its ups and downs in the Bible, but so do we. We are far from perfect, but then again, if we were, then we would have not needed Yeshua to die for us. He did not die for any one particular group, but God plans to unite all of us under the banner of Israel, the nation with which He chose to be in covenant. It was to them He gave His covenant, and He has not taken it away from them or given it to another people. We are all one nation in Messiah and Torah – Israel. There is not two houses, but one kingdom – God's kingdom that he has placed into the hands of His Son Yeshua until the day comes when the New Jerusalem will descend from heaven to take its rightful place here on the earth, a redeemed earth and heaven. In the New Jerusalem, there will be no night because the glory that comes from the Father and Son will outshine the darkness, the sun, the moon, and the stars. The glory or *Shekinah* will be there to embrace us and love us as God has always loved us, no matter how imperfect we may be.

I'll close with this: *Torah Man says: "A sign in front of a funeral home said: "Drive carefully. We'll wait."*

Blessings in Messiah Yeshua,
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