

The impurity and the purity Laws among the Samaritans

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The Samaritans fulfill the Laws of the purity and the impurity exactly following the Torah. The Torah commands The People of Israel to save themselves from the impurity, and from unfulfill the commands of the impurity. “thus shall warn the children of Israel from their uncleanness”(according to the Samaritan version Leviticus 15:31)

The woman Impurity

Every girl, since her first menstruation, must follow the menstrual period laws which every woman must follow, married and singles as well.” and if 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” (Leviticus 15,19). From this reason every woman, who had a blood issue is impure seven days.

The Samaritans women are separated from the rest of house in their menstrual period, they have their own room or their own seat in the house. They use only tools, which dedicated, only for them in their menstrual period. Every other tool which the woman touch shall be purify in water, like the torah said “And the vessel of earth that he touchth which have the issue, shall be broken: and every vessel of wood shall be rinsed in water.”(Leviticus 15,12). The woman in her menstrual period, does not do anything to her household, and doesn't touch the rest of the people in the home and doesn't touch anyone else, except her babies who still suckling, the baby shall be purify by water like the woman.

The Samaritan women also fulfill the Birth menstrual period (after the birth) as written: “if a woman have conceived seed, and born a man child: then she shall be unclean seven days` according to the days of the separation for her infirmity shall she be unclean. And in the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised. 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 oher purifying be fulfilled. 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.”(Leviticus 12,2). At the end of the menstrual period the women dip in the bath, which his law is the same as a water pit, as written : “ Nevertheless a fountain or pit, where in there is plenty of water, shall be clean “ (Leviticus 11,36), at the days of the tabernacle , the woman used to fulfill the sacrifice commandment, at the day of the catharsis.

The Man Impurity

“And if any man's seed of copulation go out from him, then he shall wash all hi flesh in water, and be unclean until the even”(Leviticus 15,16).

The Samaritans also fulfill the laws of man's purity. Every man who seed of copulation went out from him, become unclean , shall wash all his flesh with water, and considered as unclean till the evening of that day. If it happen after the evening he considered as unclean till the next evening. If he is from the priesthood family he can “serve in the holy”. The purity of the men different from the women, in that way that they aren't separate from the whole house, and do not unclean every thing the touch on.