



# Preparing to March

(Numbers 1-10)

**Class 4:  
The Law of  
Jealousy**

# Contact between Holy and Unclean

Lev 6:25-27

This is the law of the sin offering: in the place where the burnt offering is slain the sin offering shall be slain before the LORD; it is most **holy**...Anyone who touches its flesh will become **consecrated**...

Lev 7:19-21

Also the flesh (of a peace offering) that touches anything **unclean** shall not be eaten; it shall be burned with fire...the person who eats **the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings** which belong to the LORD, in his **uncleanness**, **that person shall be cut off from his people**.

Lev 15:31

Thus you shall **keep the sons of Israel separated** from their **uncleanness**, so that they will not die in their **uncleanness** by their defiling **My tabernacle** that is among them.

Num 19:13

Anyone who touches a corpse, the body of a man who has died, and does not purify himself, defiles **the tabernacle of the LORD**; and **that person shall be cut off from Israel**.

Lev 22:3

If any man among all your descendants throughout your generations approaches the **holy gifts** which the sons of Israel dedicate to the LORD, while he has an **uncleanness**, **that person shall be cut off from before Me**; I am the LORD.

# Holy touches the Unclean

Luke 5:12-14

Behold, there was **a man covered with leprosy**; and when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and implored Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, **You can make me clean.**" And He **stretched out His hand and touched him**, saying, "I am willing; **be cleansed.**" And immediately the leprosy left him. And He ordered him to tell no one, "But go and show yourself to the priest and make an offering for your cleansing, just as Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

Luke 8:43-48

And a woman who had **a hemorrhage for twelve years**, and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind Him and **touched** the fringe of His cloak, and immediately her **hemorrhage** stopped. And Jesus said, "Who is the one who **touched Me?**"...But Jesus said, "Someone **did touch Me**, for I was aware that **power had gone out of Me.**" When the woman saw that she had not escaped notice, she came trembling and fell down before Him, and declared in the presence of all the people the reason why she had **touched Him**, and how she had **been immediately healed.**

Luke 8:53-55

...he said, "Stop weeping, for she has not **died**, but is asleep...He, however, **took her by the hand** and called, saying, "Child, arise!" And **her spirit returned**, and she got up immediately; and He gave orders for something to be given her to eat.

### Numbers 5:5-8

### Leviticus 6:1-7

When a man or woman commits any of the sins of mankind, acting unfaithfully against the LORD,

When a person sins and acts unfaithfully against the LORD, and deceives his companion in regard to a deposit or a security entrusted to him, or through robbery, or if he has extorted from his companion, or has found what was lost and lied about it and sworn falsely, so that he sins in regard to any one of the things a man may do; then it shall be, when he sins

and that person is guilty, then he shall confess his sins which he has committed,

and becomes guilty,

and he shall make restitution in full for his wrong and add to it one-fifth of it, and give it to him whom he has wronged.

that he shall restore what he took by robbery or what he got by extortion, or the deposit which was entrusted to him or the lost thing which he found, or anything about which he swore falsely; he shall make restitution for it in full and add to it one-fifth more. He shall give it to the one to whom it belongs...

But if the man has no relative to whom restitution may be made for the wrong, the restitution which is made for the wrong must go to the LORD for the priest,

besides the ram of atonement, by which atonement is made for him.

...on the day he presents his guilt offering. Then he shall bring to the priest his guilt offering to the LORD, a ram without defect from the flock, according to your valuation, for a guilt offering, and the priest shall make atonement for him before the LORD, and he will be forgiven for any one of the things which he may have done to incur guilt.”

# Law of Jealousy – Numbers 5

v12-14a	Case A	Woman has committed adultery
v14b	Case B	Woman is innocent
v15	Step 1	Man brings wife to priest with grain offering
v16	Step 2	Priest presents her before the LORD
v17		Priest prepares the water – Holy water (from the laver?) + tabernacle dust
v18		Priest presents her before the LORD <b>AND lets her hair go loose</b>
v19a	Step 3	Priest shall have her take an oath
v19b		Innocence will lead to immunity
v20		Guilt will lead to...
v21-23		Priest shall have her take an oath <b>AND details of the oath AND adds oath to water</b>
v24	Step 4	Priest makes her drink the water
v25-26a		Priest offers grain offering
v26b-28		Priest makes her drink the water <b>AND the effects of the water</b>
v29	Case A	Woman has committed adultery
v30	Case B	Woman is innocent
V31		Man is free from guilt regardless of outcome

# Magic?

v11	Then <b>the LORD spoke</b> to Moses, saying,
v16 v18 v30	Then the priest shall bring her near and have her <b>stand before the LORD</b> The priest shall then have the woman <b>stand before the LORD</b> He shall then make the woman <b>stand before the LORD</b>
v21	<b>the LORD make you</b> a curse and an oath among your people by <b>the LORD'S making</b> your thigh waste away and your abdomen swell;

# Done in secret

Num. 5:13

and a man has intercourse with her and **(1) it is hidden from the eyes of her husband** and **(2) she is undetected**, although she has defiled herself, and **(3) there is no witness** against her and **(4) she has not been caught in the act**,

# Joseph

Matt. 1:18-20

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she **was found to be with child** by the Holy Spirit. And Joseph her husband, **being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly**. But **when he had considered this**, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.



Deuteronomy		Numbers 5	
27:2-3	...set up for yourself large stones and <b>coat them with lime</b> and <b>write on them all the words of this law</b>	v23	The priest shall then <b>write these curses on a scroll</b> , and he shall <b>wash them off...</b>
27:15-26	<b>Cursed</b> is he who does not confirm the words of this law by doing them.' And all the people shall say, ' <b>Amen.</b> ' (12X)	v22	this water that brings a <b>curse</b> shall go into your stomach..." And the woman shall say, " <b>Amen. Amen.</b> "
28:37	You shall become <b>a horror, a proverb, and a taunt among all the people...</b>	v21	the LORD make you <b>a curse and an oath among your people</b>
29:10-11	<b>You stand today, all of you, before the LORD</b> your God: your chiefs, your tribes, your elders and your officers, even all the men of Israel...	v16	Then the priest shall bring her near and have her <b>stand before the LORD</b>
29:12	that you may enter into... His <b>oath</b>	v19	The priest shall have her take an <b>oath...</b>
29:18	that there will not be among you a root bearing poisonous fruit and <b>wormwood</b> .	v18	Water of <b>bitterness</b>
29:20	the anger of the LORD and His <b>jealousy</b> will burn against that man,	v14	if a spirit of <b>jealousy</b> comes over him and he is <b>jealous</b> of his wife
29:20	and <b>every curse</b> which is written in this book will rest on him	v23	The priest shall then write <b>these curses</b> on a scroll...
29:20	the LORD will <b>blot out his name...</b>	v23	and he shall <b>wash them off...</b> 9

# A faithless wife

Jer. 2:2	"I remember concerning you <b>the devotion of your youth, the love of your betrothals</b> , Your following after Me in the wilderness, through a land not sown.
Jer. 3:8-9	And I saw that for all the <b>adulteries</b> of faithless Israel, I had sent her away and given her a writ of divorce, yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear; but she went and was a <b>harlot</b> also. Because of the lightness of her <b>harlotry</b> , she polluted the land and committed <b>adultery</b> with stones and trees.
Ezek. 16:38-43	Thus I will judge you like women who commit <b>adultery</b> ...I will bring on you the blood of wrath and <b>jealousy</b> ...Then I will stop you from playing the <b>harlot</b> , and you will also no longer pay your lovers. So I will calm My fury against you and My <b>jealousy</b> will depart from you, and I will be pacified and angry no more. Because you have not remembered <b>the days of your youth...</b>
Jer. 23:14-15	Also among the prophets of Jerusalem I have seen a horrible thing: The committing of <b>adultery</b> and walking in falsehood... Behold, I am going to feed them wormwood and <b>make them drink poisonous water</b> , (See also Jer. 8:14; 9:15; Isa. 51:17-23 etc.)
Jer. 24:9	'I will make them a terror and an evil for all the kingdoms of the earth, <b>as a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse</b> in all places where I will scatter them. (Jeremiah 29:18; 42:18)

# We are all the bride

2 Cor 11:2-3

For I am **jealous** for you with a **godly jealousy** (lit. “**the jealousy of God**”); for I betrothed you to one husband, so that to Christ I might present you as a pure virgin. But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.

James 4:4-5

You **adulteresses**, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose: “**He jealously desires** the Spirit which He has made to dwell in us”?

**The Message: “He’s a fiercely jealous lover”**

1 Kings		Numbers 5	
17:8-12	“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and stay there; behold, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you...I have no bread, only <b>a handful of flour</b> in the bowl...	v15	one-tenth of an ephah of barley <b>meal</b>
17:18	So she said to Elijah, “What do I have to do with you, O man of God? You have come to me <b>to bring my iniquity to remembrance</b> and to put my son to death!”	v26	the priest shall take <b>a handful</b> of the grain offering as its memorial offering
17:24	“Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.”	v15	...for it is a grain offering of jealousy, a grain offering of memorial, <b>a reminder of iniquity.</b>
19:9	Then he came there to <b>a (or “the”) cave</b>		
19:20	...and behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and He said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He said, “ <b>I have been very zealous</b> for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the sons of Israel <b>have forsaken Your covenant...</b>	v16	<b>stand before the LORD</b>
19:18	7,000 in Israel, all the knees <b>that have not bowed</b> to Baal and every <b>mouth that has not kissed him.</b>	v14	if <b>a spirit of jealousy comes over him</b> and <b>he is jealous</b> of his wife when she <b>has defiled herself</b>
		v14	he is jealous of his wife when <b>she has not defiled herself,</b>

John 4		Numbers 5	
v5	So he came to a city of Samaria called <b>Sychar (Shechem)</b>	Deut. 27:12-13	“When you cross the Jordan, these shall stand <b>on Mount Gerizim</b> ... these shall stand <b>on Mount Ebal</b>
Josh 24:19	He is a holy God. He is a <b>jealous</b> God	v14	a spirit of <b>jealousy</b> comes over him and he is <b>jealous</b>
v7	There came a woman of Samaria <b>to draw water.</b>	v17	in <b>an earthenware vessel</b>
v11	“Sir, You have nothing <b>to draw with</b> ”		
v10	“...you would have asked Him, and He would have given you <b>living water.</b> ”	v17	the priest shall take holy water LXX: “ <b>living water</b> ”
v17-18	You have correctly said, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and <b>the one whom you now have is not your husband</b>	V12-13	If any man’s wife <b>goes astray</b> and is <b>unfaithful</b> to him, and a man <b>has intercourse with her</b> and it is hidden from the eyes of her husband and she is undetected, although she has <b>defiled herself</b>
v19	“Sir, <b>I perceive that You are a prophet.</b> ”	1Kings 17:24	“Now <b>I know that you are a man of God...</b> ”
v29	“Come, see a man who <b>told me all the things that I have done</b> ”	v15	a grain offering <b>of memorial, a reminder</b> of iniquity.

John 8		Numbers 5	
7:38	He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ' <b>From his innermost being (lit. out of his belly/womb)</b> will flow rivers of <b>living water.</b> ' "	v17 v22	LXX: " <b>living water</b> " this water that brings a curse <b>shall go into your stomach (or womb)</b> , and make your abdomen swell...
v4	this woman has been caught in adultery, <b>in the very act</b>	v13	and she <b>has not been caught in the act</b>
v6	But Jesus <b>stooped down</b> and with His finger wrote <b>on the ground</b> (v2 Jesus was in the temple)	v17	he shall take <b>some of the dust that is on the floor</b> of the <b>tabernacle</b>
v6	But Jesus stooped down and <b>with His finger wrote on the ground</b>	v23	<b>write these curses</b> on a scroll, and he shall <b>wash them off</b> into the water
V7, 9	" <b>He who is without sin</b> among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." When they heard it, <b>they began to go out one by one...</b>	v15 v24	a grain offering of <b>memorial</b> , a <b>reminder of iniquity.</b> LXX: "waters <b>of conviction</b> "

# Law of Hammurabi

131	If a man's wife is <b>accused by her husband</b> , but she was <b>not caught</b> while lying with another man, she shall <b>make an oath</b> by the god and return home.
132	If a finger has been pointed at a man's wife because of another man, but she has <b>not been caught</b> lying with the other man, she shall <b>leap into the River</b> for the sake of her husband.