

# TORAH STUDY TEXTS

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*Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech HaOlam  
asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu  
la'asok b'divrei Torah.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe  
who gives us opportunities to experience holiness  
as we immerse ourselves in words of Torah.

## **Leviticus 12:6-8**

(6) On the completion of her period of purification, for either son or daughter, she shall bring to the priest, at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, a lamb in its first year for a burnt offering (*olah*), and a pigeon or a turtledove for a purification offering (*chattat*). (7) He shall offer it before the Lord and make expiation on her behalf; she shall then be pure from her flow of blood. Such are the rituals concerning her who bears a child, male or female. (8) If, however, her means do not suffice for a sheep, she shall take two turtledoves or two pigeons, one for a burnt offering and the other for a purification offering. The priest shall make expiation on her behalf, and she shall be pure.

## **Leviticus 13:1-8**

(1) The Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying: (2) When a person has on the skin of his body a swelling, a rash, or a discoloration, and it develops into a scaly affection on the skin of his body, it shall be reported to Aaron the priest or to one of his sons, the priests. (3) The priest shall examine the affection on the skin of his body: if hair in the affected patch has turned white and the affection appears to be deeper than the skin of his body, it is a *tzara'at* affection; when the priest sees it, he shall pronounce him impure. (4) But if it is a white discoloration on the skin of his body which does not appear to be deeper than the skin and the hair in it has not turned white, the priest shall isolate the affected person for seven days. (5) On the

seventh day the priest shall examine him, and if the affection has remained unchanged in color and the disease has not spread on the skin, the priest shall isolate him for another seven days. (6) On the seventh day the priest shall examine him again: if the affection has faded and has not spread on the skin, the priest shall pronounce him pure. It is a rash; he shall wash his clothes, and he shall be pure. (7) But if the rash should spread on the skin after he has presented himself to the priest and been pronounced pure, he shall present himself again to the priest. (8) And if the priest sees that the rash has spread on the skin, the priest shall pronounce him impure; it is *tzara'at*.

### **Leviticus 13:45-46**

(45) As for the person with a *tzara'at* affection, his clothes shall be rent, his head shall be left bare, and he shall cover over his upper lip; and he shall call out, "Impure! Impure!" (46) He shall be impure as long as the disease is on him. Being impure, he shall dwell apart; his dwelling shall be outside the camp.