

Leviticus 13:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The flesh also, in which, even in the skin thereof, was a boil, and is healed,

Analysis

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This verse falls within the section on **Diagnosing Skin Diseases**. Detailed procedures for priests to diagnose skin diseases (צִרְעָת, tzaraat), often translated 'leprosy' but covering various conditions.

What Leviticus portrayed through types and shadows, Christ fulfilled in reality through His incarnation, perfect life, atoning death, and resurrection.

Historical Context

Detailed procedures for priests to diagnose skin diseases (צִרְעָת, tzaraat), often translated 'leprosy' but covering various conditions. Chapters 11-15 address ritual purity, teaching Israel to distinguish clean from unclean. These laws served multiple purposes: promoting health, teaching spiritual lessons about sin's defilement, and separating Israel from pagan practices. Archaeological evidence shows Canaanite worship involved practices Israel's laws explicitly prohibited. Israel received these laws while encamped at Sinai, before entering Canaan. The laws prepared them for life in the promised land, distinguishing them from Canaanite practices and establishing their identity as God's holy nation. The portable tabernacle, central to Levitical worship, accompanied them through wilderness wanderings and eventually found permanent form in Solomon's temple.

Ancient texts like the Code of Hammurabi show that law codes were common in the ancient Near East, but biblical law uniquely grounded ethics in God's character rather than merely social convention.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. What does this verse teach about the seriousness of sin, the cost of redemption, or the beauty of holiness?
2. In what ways does this verse challenge contemporary cultural values or your personal attitudes?
3. How does this verse point to Christ, and how does that deepen your faith and gratitude?

Interlinear Text

וּבֶשֶׁר	כִּי	בּוֹ	יְהִי הָ	בְּעֹר וְ	שָׁחַ יִן
The flesh	also in which			even in the skin	thereof was a boil
H1320	H3588	H1961	H0	H5785	H7822

וְנִרְפָּא:
and is healed
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Additional Cross-References

Exodus 9:9 (Parallel theme): And it shall become small dust in all the land of Egypt, and shall be a boil breaking forth with blains upon man, and upon beast, throughout all the land of Egypt.

