

Leviticus 13:57

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And if it appear still in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin; it is a spreading plague: thou shalt burn that wherein the plague is with fire.

Analysis

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

The New Testament reveals that Christ's sacrifice accomplishes what the Levitical system could only symbolize—complete forgiveness and restoration of relationship with God.

Historical Context

Detailed procedures for priests to diagnose skin diseases (צִרְעָה, 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. The Israelite dietary laws in Leviticus 11 have no exact parallel in surrounding cultures, though some ancient cultures had food taboos, suggesting unique revelation rather than borrowed customs.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How can you use this verse to worship God more fully, obey Him more faithfully, or love others more sacrificially?
2. How does this verse help you understand both God's justice and His mercy in salvation?
3. How does this verse point to Christ, and how does that deepen your faith and gratitude?

Interlinear Text

וְאִם	תִּרְאֶה	עֹד	בְּבִגְד	אֹ	בִשְׂתֵי	אֹ
H518	And if it appear	still	in the garment	H176	either in the warp	H176
	H7200	H5750	H899		H8359	
בְּעֵרֶב	אֹ	בְּכֹל	כְּלִי	עֹר	פֶּרֶחַת	הָוָא
or in the woof	H176	H3605	or in any thing	of skin	it is a spreading	H1931
H6154			H3627	H5785	H6524	
בְּאֵשׁ	תִּשְׂרֹף	אֵת	אֲשֶׁר	בּוֹ	הַנֶּגַע:	
is with fire	plague thou shalt burn	H853	H834	H0	that wherein the plague	
H784	H8313				H5061	

