

# Leviticus 15:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And whosoever toucheth any thing that she sat upon shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even.

## Analysis

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**And whosoever toucheth any thing that she sat upon shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even.**

This verse falls within the section on **Bodily Discharges**. Laws concerning various bodily discharges, emphasizing that approaching God's holy presence requires ritual purity.

Ritual purity laws taught Israel to distinguish between clean and unclean, holy and common, training them in discernment and reverence for God's presence.

The access to God's presence that Leviticus carefully regulated is now freely available through Christ's blood, tearing the veil and opening the way to God.

## Historical Context

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Laws concerning various bodily discharges, emphasizing that approaching God's holy presence requires ritual purity. 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

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How can you develop greater spiritual discernment in distinguishing what honors God from what defiles?
2. How does this verse point to Christ, and how does that deepen your faith and gratitude?
3. How does this verse help you understand both God's justice and His mercy in salvation?

## Interlinear Text

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וְכָל ל	הַנִּגַּע ע	בְּכָל	כָּל י	אֲשֶׁר	יָשָׁב	עַל יו
H3605	<b>And whosoever toucheth</b>	H3605	<b>any thing</b>	H834	<b>that she sat</b>	H5921
	H5060		H3627		H3427	
יִכְבֹּשׁ	בְּגָד יו	וְרָחַץ	בְּמַיִם	וְטָמֵא	עַד	
<b>upon shall wash</b>	<b>his clothes</b>	<b>and bathe</b>	<b>himself in water</b>	<b>and be unclean</b>	H5704	
H3526	H899	H7364	H4325	H2930		
הָעֶרֶב:						
<b>until the even</b>						
H6153						

