

PARSHAS TAZRIA METZORA

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PARSHAH OVERVIEW

The Torah discusses the laws of defilement associated with human beings, including childbirth and the tzara'as affliction which was manifested on skin, garments, or homes.



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QUOTABLE QUOTE

"History does not give rise to hope; hope gives rise to history."

Rabbi Lord J. Sacks zt"l

PARSHAH STATS

Tazria	Metzora
Pesukim - 67	Pesukim - 90
Words - 1,010	Words - 1,274
Letters - 3,667	Letters - 4,697
Mitzvos - 7	Mitzvos - 11



GEMATRIA



The numerical value of טמא טמא is 100, the same as לך לך - go for yourself. Connecting with the "quick vort," when a person realizes he is in a state of impurity, it is then when he can truly leave the grasp of sin. But so long he doesn't know he is טמא, he will remain impure.

THOUGHTS IN CHASSIDUS

The Rebbe MiKoznitz, in his *Sefer Avodas Yisroel*, says something fascinating pertaining to exile. He says that the lengthiness of exile and the fact that we don't know when Moshiach is coming, is what will enable us to feel so much joy and happiness when the geulah finally occurs!



DID YOU KNOW



According to Psychology Today, acceptance starts with a person perceiving reality as it is right now. Acceptance is an active process. When we resist and reject reality, we create unnecessary additional suffering and pain.

QUICK VORT

The Torah tells us that when a person goes into isolation for his tzara'as affliction, he should call out (13:45) - טמא טמא - "I am impure. I am impure!"

Sometimes, the greatest setbacks we have in life result from the mere fact that we were not aware that we were amidst a setback. The Yetzer Hara (see Likkutei Moharan 1, and Mesilas Yesharim 3) tries to cover up impurity and evil inside of good.

He tries to make us believe that what we are doing is great and wonderful, when in actuality, we are sinning and experiencing a setback.

The Torah tells a person who is enveloped in sin to call out, "I am impure. I am impure." Perhaps, because knowledge of the bad - knowing that what you are doing is not good - is a crucial step in honestly being able to leave its grasp. When we know where we are holding, we can move on!

Have a holy Shabbos!