

Impurity Transmitted to Clothes (Parah Adumah)

Ref: *Sefer Taharah, Hilchot Parah Adumah, Chapter 5*

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Whenever Torah mentions that garments become impure, it includes any garment or implement that the impure person is touching while he is still in contact with the impurity.

When he separates from the impurity, he no longer imparts impurity to his clothes or other objects. This is because he is now regarded as a *rishon of tumah*, and a *rishon* does not impart impurity to objects.

Reminder

Pack on Impurity of Human Body



There are cases when this impurity can occur even when one is only involved in a procedure. An example of this is *Parah Adumah*.

Similarly, with the Sin Offerings which are burnt i.e. the bulls and goats of *Yom Kippur*, and the sending of goat of *Azazel* to be pushed off the cliff.

	Period when activity causes impurity to clothes (and other objects) of participants	Animal itself does not convey impurity	After activity	Purification
<i>Parah Adumah</i>	All activities from slaughtering until collection of ashes completed	If heifer touched it does not convey impurity	Those who distribute ashes no longer transmit impurity to clothes	Participant goes to <i>mikveh</i> and is pure after sunset
Sin Offerings which are burnt i.e. goats and bulls of Yom Kippur	After slaughter in the Temple the bulls and goats were carried to ash heap outside the Temple to be burnt. Impurity to clothes started while carrying from outside the Courtyard until offering was reduced to ashes	Bulls and goats are pure always and do not impart impurity if touched	After reduced to ashes, no longer transmits impurity to clothes	<i>Mikveh</i> plus waiting until sunset
Goat of <i>Azazel</i> on Yom Kippur	One who accompanies goat from after Yerushalayim until it is pushed off cliff	Goat itself does not make impure if touched	After pushed off cliff, person who accompanied no longer conveys impurity to clothes	<i>Mikveh</i> plus waiting for sunset

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Pack on Purification
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