

Purifying Metzora

Ref: *Sefer Taharah, Hilchot Tumat Tzaraat, Chapter 11*





 Purifying a *metzora*⁵, Metzora should shave off hair as part of purification process.⁶

Reminder

Pack on Weights and Measures
Pack on Purification



Procedure

-  • New earthenware container – *Mipi Kabalah*
-  • Mayim chayim ('living waters') as *Parah Adumah* ¼ *log*
 - 2 sparrows that are kosher.
 - 1 slaughtered over the water in earthenware vessel.
 - 1 set free.
-  • *Etz Erez* (cedar branch) 1 *amah* long – *Mosheh Misinai*
- *Ezov* (hyssop – regular) not less than 1 *tefach* long – *Mosheh Misinai*
- *Shani Tolaat* (crimson strand) weighing – 1 *shekel* – *Mosheh Misinai*
 - One bird slaughtered and blood poured onto living waters in earthenware container.
-  • This bird is now buried in the presence of afflicted person – *Kabalah Misinai*.
 - Tie cedar and hyssop together with the crimson strand and place tips of wings and tail of living bird next to them.
 - Dip all 4 in water and blood.
 - Sprinkle 7 times on back of hand of afflicted person.
 - Send away living bird.
 - Priest shaves all the hair of the afflicted person, using only a razor, until entire flesh is smooth.
 - *Metzora* garments are laundered.

4 fundamental items
dependant on each
other

Reminder

Pack on Impurity of Clothes



- *Metzora* goes to *mikveh*. (Now some of his restrictions are lifted.)
- Counts 7 days. (At this stage is allowed back into town.)
- On 7th day Priest shaves him a second time. He then launders his garments and goes to *mikveh* again. (Further restrictions removed.)
- Waits till evening (further restrictions removed).
- Next day brings his Offering and is then pure.

Reminder

Mechusrei Kaparah (period after mikveh and sunset, before achieving atonement with Sacrifices)
Sefer Korbanot, Hilchot Mechusrei Kaparah, Chapter 1



The purification of a *metzora* takes place in *Eretz Yisrael* and Diaspora, whether *Bet Hamikdash* standing or not. (This is because the purification is independent of the Offerings).