

SUMMARY NOTE ON UNCLEANNES FROM TSARAATH
Leviticus 14:54-57

Introduction

This note is a concluding statement concerning the principles related to tsaraath. It summarizes the contents of three messages spoken by Jehovah (MESSAGES 16, 17, and 18 in Lev. 13-14). This reference to three messages strongly indicates that this note is an editorial note written by Moses as he recorded the messages he had received from Jehovah. The fact that this note is clearly an editorial comment indicates that the other summary notes of the book (see references cited in comments on Lev. 11:46-47 in MESSAGE 14), also were not parts of the messages spoken by Jehovah but comments added by Moses to explain the origin and subject matter of the messages.

CHAPTER 14

Verses 54 **This is the law for every striking of the tsaraath according to an itch**

This type of tsaraath is described in Leviticus 13:29-37.

55 And for tsaraath of the clothing or according to the house.

This type of tsaraath is described in Leviticus 13:47-58.

56 And according to the swelling and according to the eruption and according to the bright spot,

This type of tsaraath is described in Leviticus 13:2-28;38-44.

57 To show when it is unclean and when it is clean. This is the law for the tsaraath.

The purpose of the MESSAGES on tsaraath was to clearly define when tsaraath was present and when it made a person or object unclean. The requirements of a person or object with tsaraath were serious. They needed to be applied only when the priest was sure the condition was present.