

## CHUKAT חֻקָּה (STATUTE) NUM 19:1-20:13, EZEK 44:29-31, MATT 6:19-24

After the rebellion of Korah, a massive amount of death ensued, and the death that is about to ensue in the next chapter **YHWH** made a way for the people to become clean in the midst of death, keeping the covenant alive. Water alone is not enough, but rather a water-ash mixture, or a “Holy Alkali” This is all a shadow of what happened to Humanity or “Man/Adam” and points to what Messiah did and will do. The “Red Heifer” is extremely Messianic in its symbolism, but lets not forget this is a commandment forever!

**Num 19:1** **YHWH** said to Moshe and Aharon,

The very first verse reads... “יהוה דבר אל משה אל אהרן אמר” “**YHWH** DAVAR EL MOSHE EI AHARON AMAR” literally... “**YHWH's** word unto Moses, unto Aaron saying” This is a great and awesome thing! Yet the Rabbi's tell us that even if **YHWH** says something their authority trumps, no man can usurp his word or authority! The next Statute/Ordinance/regulation חֻקָּה is from **YHWH** and his commands are forever!

**Num 19:2-13** "This is the regulation חֻקָּה from the Torah which **YHWH** has commanded. Tell the people of Isra'el to bring you a young red אדם female cow without fault or defect and which has never borne a yoke. You are to give it to El'azar the cohen; it is to be brought outside the camp and slaughtered in front of him. El'azar the cohen is to take some of its blood with his finger and sprinkle this blood toward the front of the tent of meeting seven times. The heifer is to be burned to ashes אפר before his eyes — its skin, meat, blood and dung is to be burned to ashes אפר. The cohen is to take cedar-wood, hyssop and scarlet yarn and throw them onto the heifer as it is burning up. Then the cohen is to wash his clothes and himself in water, after which he may re-enter the camp; but the cohen will remain unclean until evening. The person who burned up the heifer is to wash his clothes and himself in water, but he will remain unclean until evening. A man who is clean is to collect the ashes אפר of the heifer and store them outside the camp in a clean place. They are to be kept for the community of the people of Isra'el to prepare water for purification from sin. The one who collected the ashes אפר of the heifer is to wash his clothes and be unclean until evening. For the people of Isra'el and for the foreigner staying with them this will be a permanent regulation. "Anyone who touches a corpse, no matter whose dead body it is, will be unclean for seven days. He must purify himself with [these ashes] on the third and seventh days; then he will be clean. But if he does not purify himself the third and seventh days, he will not be clean. Anyone who touches a corpse, no matter whose dead body it is, and does not purify himself has defiled the tabernacle of **YHWH**. That person will be cut off from Isra'el, because the water for purification was not sprinkled on him. He will be unclean; his uncleanness is still on him.

- Thought this parsha you see similarities between what happened to Israel, is the same thing that happened to Adam and our “Adam” condition. And also this ritual foreshadows what Messiah did, the first of which is the Hebrew word for red... Aleph-Dalet-Mem אדם pronounced “adam”, which is spelled exactly like “Adam” the first man, so the sacrifice must be “ADAM” ~ Yeshua, son of man...

**Mat 9:6** But look! I will prove to you that the **Son of Man** has authority on earth to forgive sins." He then said to the paralyzed man, "Get up, pick up your mattress, and go home!"

- **v11** "Anyone who touches a corpse, no matter whose dead body it is, will be unclean for seven days" Now because of the sin of “Adam” there is now death, and uncleanness on earth. If we are following the

pattern set by **YHWH** in Genesis, and following the Apostles words... "A day is like a thousand years" (**Psa 90:4, Peter 3:8**) we know that we will be in this state for "Seven Days"!

- **v12-13** "He must purify himself with [these ashes] on the third and seventh days; then he will be clean. But if he does not purify himself the third and seventh days, he will not be clean." **v13** "Anyone who touches a corpse, no matter whose dead body it is, and does not purify himself has defiled the tabernacle of **YHWH**. That person will be cut off from Isra'el, because the water for purification was not sprinkled on him. He will be unclean; his uncleanness is still on him." So because of our sinful unclean "Adam" state, we have to be purified on the third and seventh days...

**Hos 6:2** After two days, he will revive us; on the third day, he will raise us up; and we will live in his presence.

**Luke 9:20-22** "But you," he said to them, "who do you say I am?" Kefa answered, "The Mashiach of Elohim!" However, he, warning them, ordered them to tell this to no one, adding, "The **Son of Man** has to endure much suffering and be rejected by the elders, the head cohanim and the Torah-teachers; and he has to be put to death; but on the third day, he has to be raised to life."

So the "Third Day" represents Yeshua's defeat of death, the seventh is the last "Day" of the earth, so we need to take the Red ~Adam (Son of Man) before the "End". If you don't do this **verse 13** says "you will be put outside the camp of Israel" the camp of Israel represents heaven, being outside is not a good thing...

**Mat 8:12** But those born for the Kingdom will be thrown outside in the dark, where people will wail and grind their teeth!"

**Mat 22:13-14** Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him outside in the dark!' In that place people will wail and grind their teeth, for many are invited, but few are chosen."

- Now if you drop the "Aleph" א off of "Adam" אדא then you have... "Dalet-Mem" דמ or "dom" which is blood, so the word "blood" is found within the word "red", and the word "man" amazing! Hebrew is a perfect language. Also this points to what the sacrifice is pointing to....

"The **Blood דמ** of Yeshua son of **Adam אדא**"

Even more interesting is **v6** "The cohen is to take **cedar-wood, hyssop and scarlet yarn** and throw them onto the heifer as it is burning up". This is also a shadow of what Yeshua did on the Tree...

Yeshua's death was on a **tree**...

**Deut 21:22-23** "If someone has committed a capital crime and is put to death, then hung on a tree, his body is not to remain all night on the tree, but you must bury him the same day, because a person who has been hanged has been cursed by Elohim - so that you will not defile your land, which **YHWH** your Elohim is giving you to inherit.

**Gal 3:13** The Messiah redeemed us from the curse pronounced in the Torah by becoming cursed on our behalf; for the Tanakh says, "Everyone who hangs from a tree comes under a curse."

The **hyssop** is the vehicle in which the blood is transferred...

**Exo 12:22-23** Take a bunch of **hyssop leaves** and dip it in the blood which is in the basin, and smear it on the two sides and top of the door-frame. Then, none of you is to go out the door of his house until morning. For **YHWH** will pass through to kill the Egyptians; but when he sees the blood on the top and on the two sides, **YHWH** will pass over the door and will not allow the Slaughterer to enter your houses and kill you.

And Yeshua took the cup of the unfaithful spouse (**Num 5**) on our behalf...

**John 19:28-30** After this, knowing that all things had accomplished their purpose, Yeshua, in order to fulfill the words of the Tanakh, said, "I'm thirsty." A jar full of cheap sour wine was there; so they soaked a sponge in the wine, upon a branch of **hyssop** and held it up to his mouth. After Yeshua had taken the wine, he said, "It is accomplished!" And, letting his head droop, he delivered up his spirit.

**Psa 51:7 (51:9)** Sprinkle me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Scarlet cloth is the robe of Yeshua...

**Mat 27:27-29** The governor's soldiers took Yeshua into the headquarters building, and the whole battalion gathered around him. They stripped off his clothes and put on him a scarlet robe, wove thorn-branches into a crown and put it on his head, and put a stick in his right hand. Then they knelt down in front of him and made fun of him: "Hail to the King of the Jews!"

When he returns, the scarlet robe will not be from his own blood, but rather that of His enemies...

**Isa 63:1-8** Who is this, coming from Edom, from Botzrah with clothing stained crimson, so magnificently dressed, so stately in his great strength? "It is I, who speak victoriously, I, well able to save." Why is your apparel red, your clothes like someone treading a winepress? "I have trodden the winepress alone; from the peoples, not one was with me. So I trod them in my anger, trampled them in my fury; so their lifeblood spurted out on my clothing, and I have stained all my garments; for the day of vengeance that was in my heart and my year of redemption have come. I looked, but there was no one to help, and I was appalled that no one upheld me. Therefore my own arm brought me salvation, and my own fury upheld me. In my anger I trod down the peoples, made them drunk with my fury, then poured out their lifeblood on the earth." I will recall the grace of **YHWH** and the praises of **YHWH**, because of all that **YHWH** has granted us and his great goodness toward the house of Isra'el, which he bestowed on them in keeping with his mercy, in keeping with the greatness of his grace. For he said, "They are indeed my people, children who are not disloyal." So he became their Savior.

Just as the blood of a bull, hyssop, and scarlet yarn sealed the covenant of the Torah, so also Yeshua's blood seals the Brit Chadesha...

**Heb 9:15-22** It is because of this death that he is mediator of a new covenant [or will]. Because a death has occurred which sets people free from the transgressions committed under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promised eternal inheritance. For where there is a will, there must necessarily be produced evidence of its maker's death, since a will goes into effect only upon death; it never has force while its maker is still alive. This is why the first covenant too was inaugurated with blood. After Moshe had proclaimed every command of the Torah to all the people, he took the blood of the calves with some water and used scarlet wool and hyssop to sprinkle both the scroll itself and all the people; and he said, "This is the blood of the covenant which Elohim has ordained for you." Likewise, he sprinkled with the blood both the Tent and all the things used in its ceremonies. In fact, according to the Torah, almost everything is purified with blood; indeed, without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

Also Yeshua dying on the tree, with a cross beam that he carries (**Mat 27:32**) is the beginning of reuniting the "Two Sticks" and making them one **Ezek 37**

- Note the similarities between this between what is commanded here with the "Red Heifer" for cleanliness from the dead, compared to the commandments for Yom Kippur, a covering for sin...

- Performed by Cohen Gadol only **Num 19:3**
- Blood sprinkled seven times towards the Tent **v4**
- Uncleanliness of the people from sin/death **v9**
- Red Heifer is completely burned up (all of it) **v5**
- **Num 19:8** The person who did the burning is unclean and must wash **Lev 16:28**
- Performed by Cohen Gadol only **Lev 16:11**
- Blood sprinkled seven times on Ark **Lev 16:14**
- Uncleanliness of the people from sin **Lev 16:16**
- Bull is completely burned up (all of it) **Lev 16:27**

Back to the parsha...

**Num 19:14-22** "This is the law: when a person dies in a tent **אהל**, everyone who enters the tent and everything in the tent will be unclean for seven days. Every open container without a cover closely attached is unclean. Also whoever is in an open field and touches a corpse, whether of someone killed by a weapon or of someone who died naturally, or the bone of a person, or a grave, will be unclean for seven days. "For the unclean person they are to take some of the **ashes אפר** of the animal burned up as a purification from sin and add them to **living** **chayim חיים** **water** **mayim מים** in a container. A clean person is to take a bunch of hyssop leaves, dip it in the water and sprinkle it on the tent, on all the containers, on the people who were there, and on the person who touched the bone or the person killed or the one who died naturally or the grave. The clean person will sprinkle the unclean person on the third and seventh days. On the seventh day he will purify him; then he will wash his clothes and himself in water; and he will be clean at evening. The person who remains unclean and does not purify himself will be cut off from the community because he has defiled the sanctuary of **YHWH**. The water for purification has not been sprinkled on him; he is unclean. This is to be a permanent regulation for them. The person who sprinkles the water for purification is to wash his clothes. Whoever touches the water for purification will be unclean until evening. Anything the unclean person touches will be unclean, and anyone who touches him will be unclean until evening."

- Remember **מים חיים** "Chayim Mayim" or "Living Water" we will see this living water in the next portion...
- **אהל** O'hel (or tent) can also be used to refer to creation, or the heavens and earth **Psa 19:4** & **Isa 40:22** Which again shows the overall theme of this parsha, a way for us, the unclean from sin and death to enter his tent...

**Psa 15** [A psalm of David:] **YHWH**, who can rest in your **tent אהל**? Who can live on your holy mountain? Those who live a blameless life, who behave uprightly, who speak truth from their hearts and keep their tongues from slander; who never do harm to others or seek to discredit neighbors; who look with scorn on the vile, but honor those who fear **YHWH**; who hold to an oath, no matter the cost; who refuse usury when they lend money and refuse a bribe to damage the innocent. Those who do these things never will be moved.

For those who kill **YHWH's** two witnesses Ephraim and Judah, there is no sacrifice of the "Red Heifer" to make them clean, but rather the destruction of the earth falls upon them!

**Rev 11:7-12** When they finish their witnessing, the beast coming up out of the Abyss will fight against them, overcome them and kill them; and their dead bodies will lie in the main street of the great city whose name, to reflect its spiritual condition, is "S'dom" and "Egypt" — the city where their Lord was executed on a stake. Some from the nations, tribes, languages and peoples see their bodies for three-and-a-half days and do not permit the corpses to be placed in a tomb. The people living in the Land rejoice over them, they celebrate and send each other gifts, because these two prophets tormented them so. But after the three-and-a-half days a breath of life from Elohim entered them, they stood up on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. Then the two heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here!" And they went up into heaven in a cloud, while their enemies watched them.

The parsha...

**Num 20:1-13** The people of Isra'el, the whole community, entered the Tzin Desert in the first month, and they stayed in Kadesh. There **Miryam died**, and there she was buried. Because the community had no water, they assembled themselves against Moshe and Aharon. The people quarreled with Moshe and said, "We wish we had died when our brothers died before **YHWH**. Why did you bring **YHWH**'s community into this desert? To die there, we and our livestock? Why did you make us leave Egypt? To bring us to this terrible place without seed, figs, grapevines, pomegranates or even water to drink?" Moshe and Aharon left the assembly, went to the entrance of the tent of meeting and fell on their faces; and the glory of **YHWH** appeared to them. **YHWH** said to Moshe, "Take the staff, assemble the community, you and Aharon your brother; and before their eyes, tell the rock to produce its water. You will bring them water out of the rock and thus enable the community and their livestock to drink." Moshe took the staff from the presence of **YHWH**, as he had ordered him. But after Moshe and Aharon had assembled the community in front of the rock, he said to them, "Listen here, you rebels! Are we supposed to bring you water from this rock?" Then Moshe raised his hand and hit the rock twice with his staff. Water flowed out in abundance, and the community and their livestock drank. But **YHWH** said to Moshe and Aharon, "Because you did not trust in me, so as to cause me to be regarded as holy by the people of Isra'el, you will not bring this community into the land I have given them." This is M'rivah Spring [Disputation Spring], where the people of Isra'el disputed with **YHWH**, and he was caused to be regarded as holy by them.

- This is the place where they spent a majority of their time in the desert, Kadesh-Barnea, which means: desert of a fugitive. Miryam dies here, and her name means bitterness or rebellion, so **verse 1** can read...

*"The people of Israel, the whole community, entered the Tzin desert in the first month and stayed as fugitives in the desert. There bitter rebels died, and there she (Israel) was buried."*

Also MIRYAM dies here, and after her came living water, so also after BITTERNESS or REBELION came Yeshua, the living water... **Mat 1:16** *Ya`akov was the father of Yosef the husband of **Miryam**, from whom was born the Yeshua who was called the Messiah.*

- **v8** The Rock that gave them water, was Yeshua. This connects well with the **water** and **ashes** of the "Red Heifer"...

**1Co 10:1-6** *For, brothers, I don't want you to miss the significance of what happened to our fathers. All of them were guided by the pillar of cloud, and they all passed through the sea, and in connection with the cloud and with the sea they all immersed themselves into Moshe, also they all ate the same food from the Spirit, and they all drank the same drink from the Spirit — for they drank from a Spirit-sent Rock which followed them, and that Rock was the Messiah. Yet with the majority of them Elohim was not pleased, so their bodies were strewn across the desert. Now these things took place as prefigurative historical events, warning us not to set our hearts on evil things as they did.*

So the living waters of Yeshua are mixed with the **אפר** Ayfer (Ashes) of the Red Heifer, another use of the word Ayfer "Aleph-Pe-Reish" is "dust", as in...

**Gen 2:7** *Then **YHWH**, Elohim, formed a person [Hebrew: adam] from the Awfer **dust** **אפר** of the ground [Hebrew: adamah] and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, so that he became a living being.*

So the only difference between the “dust of man,” and the “ash of the heifer,” is replacing the א “Aleph” with a א “Ayin”. Remember the “Aleph” in the original palaeo Hebrew is a bull or ox. Replacing it with an “Ayin” is replacing it with a part of Yeshua’s name... “Yud-Shin-Vav-Ayin” יְשׁוּעַ

Remember above in **Num 19:17** it said...

*"For the unclean person they are to take some of the ashes אפר of the animal burned up as a purification from sin and add them to living chayim חיים water mayim מים in a container (earthen vassal)*

**John 7:38** *Whoever puts his trust in me {Yeshua}, as the Scripture says, rivers of living water will flow from his inmost being!"*

**Jer 17:13** *Hope of Isra'el, YHWH! All who abandon you will be ashamed, those who leave you will be inscribed in the dust, because they have abandoned YHWH, the source of living water.*

So in the midst of all of our rebellion, YHWH in His grace, gave them living water! Yeshua!

**Rev 7:17** *"For the Lamb at the center of the throne will shepherd them, will lead them to springs of living water, and Elohim will wipe every tear from their eyes."*

**Rev 21:6** *And he said to me, "It is done! I am the א and the ת,' the Beginning and the End. To anyone who is thirsty I myself will give water free of charge from the Fountain of Life.*

**Rev 22:1** *Next the angel showed me the river of the water of life, sparkling like crystal, flowing from the throne of Elohim and of the Lamb.*

**Rev 22:17** *The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!' Let anyone who hears say, 'Come!' And let anyone who is thirsty come — let anyone who wishes, take the water of life free of charge."*

Just like the Lamb song by Joel Chernoff, “The set time has come” When YHWH pours out His spirit (Yeshua ~ **John 7:38-39**) on Zion it will then be time to rebuild the walls! Because at that time Jerusalem will be covered with “Living Water” and the “Adam” sacrifice, and it cleansing Jerusalem from sin and death...

**Joel 2:27-32** *You will know that I am with Isra'el and that I am YHWH your Elohim, and that there is no other. Then my people will never again be shamed. "After this, I will pour out my Spirit on all humanity. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions; and also on male and female slaves in those days I will pour out my Spirit. I will show wonders in the sky and on earth — blood, fire and columns of smoke. The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the coming of the great and terrible Day of YHWH." At that time, whoever calls on the name of YHWH will be saved. For in Mount Tziyon and Yerushalayim there will be those who escape, as YHWH has promised; among the survivors will be those whom YHWH has called.*

**Ezek 43:5-9** *Next, a spirit took me up and brought me into the inner courtyard, and I saw YHWH's glory fill the house. I heard someone speaking to me from the house, and a man was standing by me. He said, "Human being, this is the place for my throne, the place for the soles of my feet, where I will live among the people*

*of Isra'el forever. The house of Isra'el, both they and their kings, will never again defile my holy name by their prostitution, **by [burying] the corpses** of their kings [on] their high places, or by placing their threshold next to my threshold and their door-frames next to my door-frames, with only a common wall between me and them. Yes, they defiled my holy name by the disgusting practices they committed; which is why I destroyed them in my anger. So now, they should put their prostitution at a distance **and the corpses of their kings far away from me; then I will live among them forever.***

**Jer 31:38-40 (31:37-39)** "Look, the days are coming," says **YHWH**, "when the city will be rebuilt for **YHWH** from the Tower of Hanan'el to the Corner Gate. The measuring line will be stretched straight to Garev Hill, then turn to Go`ah. The whole valley of **corpses** and **ashes**, including all the fields as far as Vadi Kidron, and on to the corner of the Horse Gate to the east, will be separated out for **YHWH**; it will never be uprooted or destroyed again."

- Because of Moses' disobedience he will not enter the land, the command was to tell the Rock (Yeshua) to produce it's water, but instead Moses strikes Yeshua twice...

**Num 20:7-8 YHWH** said to Moshe, "Take the staff, assemble the community, you and Aharon your brother; and before their eyes, **tell the rock to produce its water**. You will bring them water out of the rock and thus enable the community and their livestock to drink."

What Moses actually did...

**Num 20:11** Then Moshe raised his hand and **hit the rock twice with his staff**. Water flowed out in abundance, and the community and their livestock drank.

**Deut 32:50-52** On the mountain you are ascending you will die and be gathered to your people, just as Aharon your brother died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his people. The reason for this is that both of you broke faith with me there among the people of Isra'el at the **M'rivat-Kadesh Spring, in the Tzin Desert**; you failed to demonstrate my holiness there among the people of Isra'el. So you will see the land from a distance, but you will not enter the land I am giving to the people of Isra'el."

This spring was named M'rivah or disputation, Jews to this day still dispute this living water of Yeshua, but they will see Him! **Zech 12:10, Rom 11:11**

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