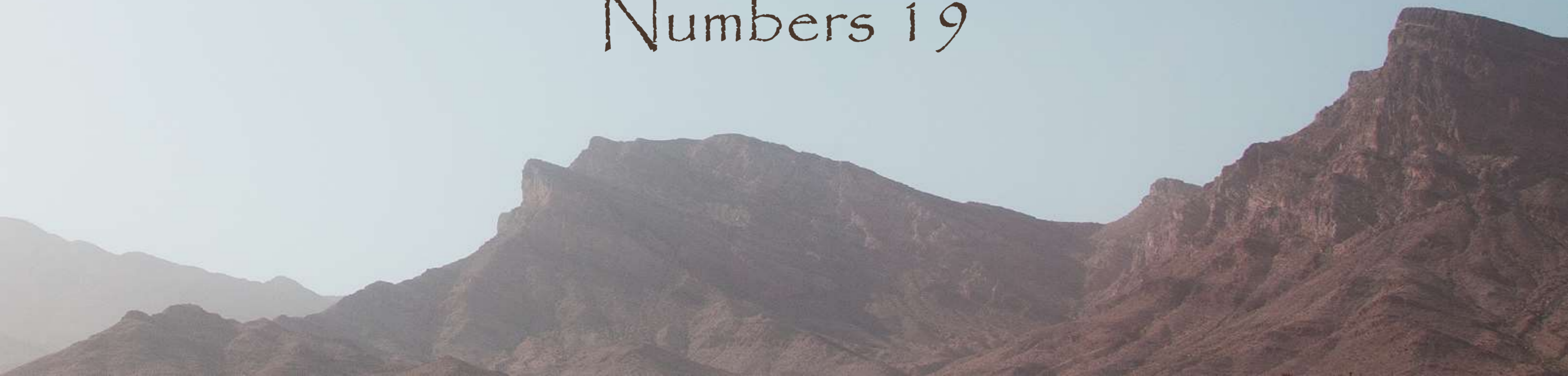


# NUMBERS

Walking with God Through the Wilderness

Lessons from the Past for Life in the Present

Numbers 19



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- B1 Complaint about Hardship, Manna and No Food (21:4-9)
- A1 Journey Ends: Arrival at Plains of Moab (21:10-20)



This is a Cow! This is where we get milk!

Numbers 19,



What type of milk would you guess?

Numbers 19,



This is a Brown Cow! Where we get chocolate milk!

Numbers 19,



# The Septenary Principle

1. Seven References to the Cow and its Ashes
2. Seven Items to Burn - skin, flesh, blood, dung, cedar, hyssop, scarlet
3. Seven Times Sprinkle the Blood - 19:4
4. Seven Persons who Wash
5. Seven Items Ceremonially Contaminated
6. Seven Items Purified
7. Seven References to Priests



# The Chiastic Structure of the Chapter

- A “This is the ordinance (chuqqah) of the law” - 19:2
  - B Preparation of the Ashes
    - C Renders Impure - 19:2b-10
      - D Purification Procedure - 19:11-12
        - X Penalty for Non-Purification (19:13)  
“that soul shall be cut off from Israel”
          - D1 Purification Procedure - 19:17-19
            - C1 Renders Impure - 19:14-16
              - B1 Application of the Ashes
                - A1 “And it shall be a perpetual statute (chuqqah) unto them” - 19:21

# I. The Significance of The Red Heifer

Numbers 19:1-10



## A. The Selection of the Red Heifer

Numbers 19:1-2,

And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

<sup>2</sup> This is the ordinance of the law which the LORD hath commanded, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring thee a red heifer without spot, wherein is no blemish, and upon which never came yoke:

## B. The Slaughter of the Red Heifer

Numbers 19:3,

And ye shall give her unto Eleazar the priest,  
that he may bring her forth without the camp,  
and one shall slay her before his face:



# C. The Sprinkling of the Blood of the Red Heifer

Numbers 19:4,

And Eleazar the priest shall take of her blood with his finger, and sprinkle of her blood directly before the tabernacle of the congregation seven times:



## D. The Seven Items Involved in the Burning of the Red Heifer

Numbers 19:5-6,

And one shall burn the heifer in his sight;  
her skin, and her flesh, and her blood, with her dung, shall he burn:

<sup>6</sup> And the priest shall take cedar wood, and hyssop, and scarlet,  
and cast it into the midst of the burning of the heifer.



# E. The Steps Needed for Becoming Ceremonially Clean

Numbers 19:7-8,

<sup>7</sup> Then the priest shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp, and the priest shall be unclean until the even.

<sup>8</sup> And he that burneth her shall wash his clothes in water, and bathe his flesh in water, and shall be unclean until the even.



## F. The Solution Needed for Purification

Numbers 19:9,

⁹ And a man that is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and lay them up without the camp in a clean place, and it shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel for a water of separation: it is a purification for sin.





# G. The Substitution - the Pure One for the Impure

Numbers 19:10,

And he that gathereth the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: and it shall be unto the children of Israel, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among them, for a statute for ever.



# Christ Seen in Numbers 19

1. The “red” heifer - the color points to the blood of Christ as the cleansing agent for our sins.
2. “Without spot” or “blemish” speaks of Christ’s perfection - without sin
3. “Which never came a yoke” - this animal was set apart solely for one purpose - sacrifice
4. Christ was slaughtered outside the camp - Jerusalem
5. Christ’s death was before the face of the priests - seen



# Christ Seen in Numbers 19

6. The application of the blood - available for all the camp. Christ the propitiation for all
7. Sprinkle the blood seven times - seven is the number of completion. It is done, but also the number of perfection. Perfect atonement pleasing the Father, available to all sinners.
8. The total sacrifice of the Savior with a special focus on His life-giving blood being presented
9. The focus on the blood and the cleansing provided

# Christ Seen in Numbers 19

10. The Results/Standing of being cleansed, purified

11. The pure Son of God to cleanse impure sinners needed to become unclean as the sin offering to purify us.



## II. The Situations when the Solution was to be Applied

Numbers 19:11-22



# A. Applying the Solution After Touching a Dead Body

Numbers 19:11,

11 He that toucheth the dead body of any man shall be unclean seven days.



## B. Applying the Solution on Day 3 and Day 7

Numbers 19:12,

<sup>12</sup> He shall purify himself with it on the third day, and on the seventh day he shall be clean: but if he purify not himself the third day, then the seventh day he shall not be clean.



## C. Applying the Solution or Being Judged by Death

Numbers 19:13-14,

<sup>13</sup> Whosoever toucheth the dead body of any man that is dead, and purifieth not himself, defileth the tabernacle of the LORD; and that soul shall be cut off from Israel: because the water of separation was not sprinkled upon him, he shall be unclean; his uncleanness is yet upon him. <sup>14</sup>

This is the law, when a man dieth in a tent: all that come into the tent, and all that is in the tent, shall be unclean seven days.





## D. Applying the Solution - Just Add Water and Sprinkle

Numbers 19:15-17,

<sup>15</sup> And every open vessel, which hath no covering bound upon it, is unclean.

<sup>16</sup> And whosoever toucheth one that is slain with a sword in the open fields, or a dead body, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days.

<sup>17</sup> And for an unclean person they shall take of the ashes of the burnt heifer of purification for sin, and running water shall be put thereto in a vessel:



## E. Applying the Solution Leads to Complete Cleansing

Numbers 19:18-19,

<sup>18</sup> And a clean person shall take hyssop, and dip it in the water, and sprinkle it upon the tent, and upon all the vessels, and upon the persons that were there, and upon him that touched a bone, or one slain, or one dead, or a grave: <sup>19</sup> And the clean person shall sprinkle upon the unclean on the third day, and on the seventh day: and on the seventh day he shall purify himself, and wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and shall be clean at even.

## F. Applying the Solution Protects the Sanctuary

Numbers 19:20-22,

<sup>20</sup> But the man that shall be unclean, and shall not purify himself, that soul shall be cut off from among the congregation, because he hath defiled the sanctuary of the LORD: the water of separation hath not been sprinkled upon him; he is unclean. <sup>21</sup> And it shall be a perpetual statute unto them, that he that sprinkleth the water of separation shall wash his clothes; and he that toucheth the water of separation shall be unclean until even. <sup>22</sup> And whatsoever the unclean person toucheth shall be unclean; and the soul that toucheth it shall be unclean until even.

# Christ Seen in Numbers 19

1. The Solution is related to the Problem of Death and Defilement - only needed if we come in contact with death - otherwise no need. If not going to die, you don't need Christ's atoning death and bodily resurrection
2. The Solution is associated with Day 3 and Day 7, Resurrection and Rest themes
3. If one comes in contact with death and one does not apply the solution then that person is judged by death and cut off

# Christ Seen in Numbers 19

4. The contagious nature of death - one man sinned and passed it on to the entire human race, all mankind made unclean and defiled by someone else's sin - Romans 5:12, Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed (i.e. spread) upon all men, for that all have sinned:

5. Hebrews 10:22, Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

6. The application of the blood and living water (John 3 and 4)

# Christ Seen in Numbers 19

7. If No living water applied then there is no living solution - one dies

8. Leviticus 14:51-52 And he shall take the cedar wood, and the hyssop, and the scarlet, and the living bird, and dip them in the blood of the slain bird, and in the running water, and sprinkle the house seven times: <sup>52</sup> And he shall cleanse the house with the blood of the bird, and with the running water, and with the living bird, and with the cedar wood, and with the hyssop, and with the scarlet:

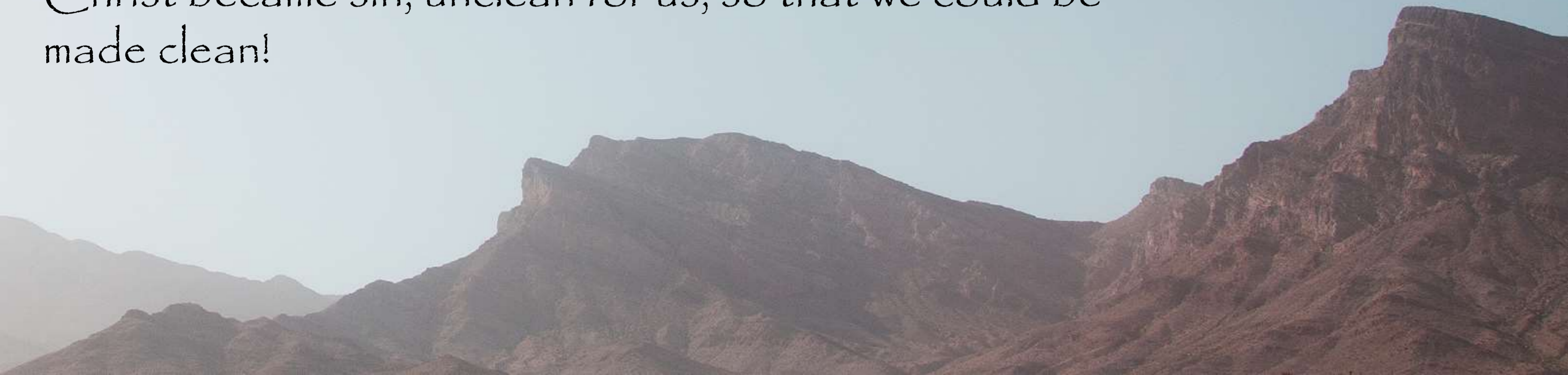
9. John 7:38, He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly (i.e. innermost being) shall flow rivers of living water.

# Christ Seen in Numbers 19

10. || Corinthians 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

This is the mystery of the Ashes of the Red Heifer that the Jewish rabbis could not get. How does the clean one applying the water of separation to the defiled become unclean.

Christ became sin, unclean for us, so that we could be made clean!



# Christ Seen in Numbers 19

11. The Typology of the Tabernacle, High Priest and the offerings including the ashes of the red heifer - Hebrews 9:8-10, The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: <sup>9</sup> Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; <sup>10</sup> Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation.



# Christ Seen in Numbers 19

Hebrews 9:11-12,

But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; <sup>12</sup> Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.



# Christ Seen in Numbers 19

Hebrews 9:13-14,

<sup>13</sup> For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:

<sup>14</sup> How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

# Christ Seen in Numbers 19

## **Psalm 51:7,**

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

## **Hebrews 10:22,**

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

## **1 John 1:7,**

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.



# Prayer to Receive Salvation from the Lord

Dear God,

I know that I am sinner and that the wages of sin is death. I humbly come to the cross and ask for your blood to cleanse me from all my sin. I believe your Son was raised from the dead. I ask you Lord to give me everlasting life.

Amen.

