

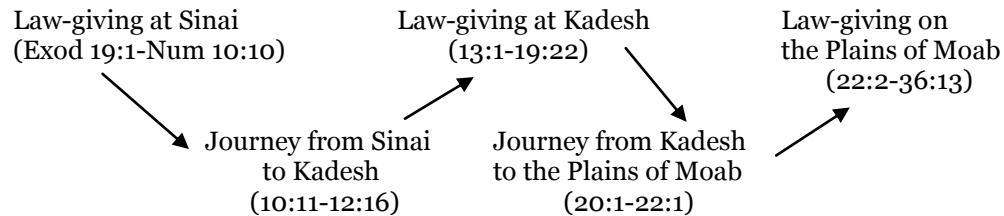
Numbers 19

Lesson 19: Wash with the Death-Defying Water God Prescribes

(Don't Stiff-Arm the Sanitizing Agent)

A. Mapping the Big Picture

1. Theme – The Wilderness: Extreme Lessons that Count
2. Chronological Outline of Numbers
 - a. Num 1-10 ... 20 days ... 1446/5 BC
 - b. Num 11-25 ... 38 Years, 3 Months, 10 Days ...
 - c. Num 26-36 ... 5-6 Months ... 1406/5 BC
3. Geographic Outline of Numbers



4. Some Keys to the Book
 - a. “God is not a man, that he should lie,
or a son of man, that he should change his mind.
Has he said, and will he not do it?
Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?”
Num 23:19 (ESV) / Emphasis: God’s faithfulness
 - b. “And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron,
‘Because you did not believe in me,
to uphold me as holy in the eyes of the people of Israel,
therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land
that I have given them.’”
Num 20:12 (ESV) / Emphasis: man’s unfaithfulness

B. Scouting Out Some Details in Num 19

Numbers 1 – Delegate -- and Take Stock of God’s Blessing
 Numbers 2 – Place What’s Most Important in the Center – God!
 Numbers 3 – Identify People who Love God’s Holiness as Leaders
 Numbers 4 – Count Capable Men – And Delegate Duties to Them
 Numbers 5 – Keep the Camp Clean
 Numbers 6 – A Vow of Dedication Demands More
 Numbers 7 – Wise Leaders Dedicate Their People & Resources
 Numbers 8 – Give Top Helpers a Bright, Clean Start
 Numbers 9 – Watch the Clock of God’s Commands
 Numbers 10 – Clearly Signal What You’re Doing
 Numbers 11 – Complaining Can Be a Grave Offense
 Numbers 12 – Handle Hostile Takeovers on Your Knees
 Numbers 13 – Seek to Capture the Fruit God Promises
 Numbers 14 – Delaying a Right Action is Deadly
 Numbers 15 – Live Like You Love Your Lord
 Numbers 16 – The Almighty Hates Mutiny
 Numbers 17 – God Devastates Rebellion – but Honors Obedience
 Numbers 18 – Treasure the Gifts God Gives for Cleansing

1. (19:1-10) Water Can Purify – the Ashes of a Red Heifer!
 - a. “Recipe”?
 - b. Who’s Involved?
2. (19:11-13) Touching a Dead Body Defiles
3. (19:14-16) A Dead Body Defiles. . . .
 - a. Open Containers in Closed Spaces
 - b. Anyone Touching It Even in the Open
4. (19:17-19) For Whom/What is Cleansing Possible?
 - a. For the Person
 - b. For the Vessel
 - c. For the Tent
 - d. From the Bone

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- e. From the Slain
 - f. From the Dead
 - g. From the Grave
5. (19:20-22) Wrap-up of Death's Defilement
- a. Refused Cleansing Results in a Cutoff Rebel
 - b. The Cleansing Person
 - c. Defiled Objects

6. Some Correlation

What Can Corrupt?

- a. 1 Cor 15:33 – Bad company
- b. Prov 20:19 – A talebearer
- c. Prov 22:24 – An angry man
- d. Jer 17:9 – The heart
- e. Matt 15:16-20 – Out of the heart, ... unwashed hands do not defile anyone

How Deal with Spiritual Dirt in Ourselves?

- f. Prov 28:13
- g. 1 Jn 1:8-2:1

How Deal with Spiritual Dirt in Others?

- h. 1 Thess 5:14-16
- i. Matt 7:1-5
- j. Matt 18:15-17
- k. 2 Thess 3:6, 13-15

The Ultimate Cleansing

- l. Hebrews 9:13, 19-28
- m. (ebc) The cleansing water of the ashes of the red heifer is specifically related to the cleansing property of the blood of Christ in the NT (Heb 9:13).
- n. Eph 5:26-27
- o. 1 John 3:1-3

Other Thoughts

C. Undertaking Application

1. A Word to the Wise, Who Do Memorize – See a verse to memorize?

(18:6, NAS95) “Behold, I Myself have taken your ifellow Levites from among the sons of Israel; they are a gift to you, dedicated to the LORD, to perform the service for the tent of meeting.”

(18:14, NKJV) – “Every devoted thing in Israel shall be yours.”

(18:29, ESV) – “Out of all the gifts to you, you shall present every contribution due to the LORD; from each its best part is to be dedicated.”

2. Shiny Imprints & Digging for Gold – List a great truth you noticed.
3. Praying to the Lord for Wisdom – Write out a prayer.
4. Gearing Up for the Next Adventure (Num 19)
 - a. (19:1-10) What are the purpose and placement of the red heifer?
 - b. (19:11-19) What are some situations in which a dead body contaminates (defiles) living persons?
 - i. Vv. 11-13
 - ii. Vv. 14-16
 - iii. Vv. 17-19
 - c. (19:20-22) What happens if someone defiled by a dead body refuses to be cleansed?
 - d. Why might these practices have been so crucial in Israel's day?

D. Further Insight