

**Be Clean - Part X**  
**Lev. 12:1-8**

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ of Ceremonial \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Does this mean that there is something inherently \_\_\_\_\_ about bearing children?
  - b. No. Procreation is a mandate and \_\_\_\_\_ from God. (Gen. 1:28)
  - c. Conception, development, and delivery of human life is a cause for sacred \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen. 21; Judges 13; 1 Sam. 2)
  - d. Conception and delivery of human life is cause for celebration and not \_\_\_\_\_. (Psalm 127; Psalm 139; Matthew 2 vs. Luke 1)
  - e. In addition to the ceremonial separation, there was \_\_\_\_\_ of the woman during the period of her purification.
2. An \_\_\_\_\_ of Ritual \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Note that it wasn't the \_\_\_\_\_ that rendered the mother unclean, it was the flow of \_\_\_\_\_ that followed. (vv. 2, 4, & 5)
  - b. But why should there need to be a \_\_\_\_\_ at all?
  - c. A better translation is \_\_\_\_\_ due to the indirect effects of sin in the world.
  - d. The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of ancient childbirth highlighted the deep \_\_\_\_\_ of the human experience.
  - e. Because of the original sin, \_\_\_\_\_ have become laced with \_\_\_\_\_.
  - f. Now in Christ, our ritual purification ensures that there is no \_\_\_\_\_ and there can never be any \_\_\_\_\_ from God's saving love through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Rom. 8)
  - g. One day, those in Christ shall all, and forever, \_\_\_\_\_.

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1. A Period of Ceremonial Separation
  - a. Does this mean that there is something inherently defiling about bearing children?
  - b. No. Procreation is a mandate and blessing from God. (Gen. 1:28)
  - c. Conception, development, and delivery of human life is a cause for sacred celebration. (Gen. 21; Judges 13; 1 Sam. 2)
  - d. Conception and delivery of human life is cause for celebration and not termination. (Psalm 127; Psalm 139; Matthew 2 vs. Luke 1)
  - e. In addition to the ceremonial separation, there was physical restoration of the woman during the period of her purification.
2. An Offering of Ritual Purification
  - a. Note that it wasn't the child that rendered the mother unclean, it was the flow of blood that followed. (vv. 2, 4, & 5)
  - b. But why should there need to be a sin offering at all?
  - c. A better translation is purification offering due to the indirect effects of sin in the world.
  - d. The perils and pain of ancient childbirth highlighted the deep ambiguity of the human experience.
  - e. Because of the original sin, blessings have become laced with briars.
  - f. Now in Christ, our ritual purification ensures that there is no condemnation and there can never be any separation from God's saving love through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Rom. 8)
  - g. One day, those in Christ shall all, and forever, be clean.