



PARSHAH SEASONINGS

TAZRIA/METZORA – תזריע\מצורע

Leviticus 12-13/14-15

Leviticus 13:3

The priest shall examine **the diseased area on the skin** of his body...

את הנגע בעור הבשר
(*et ha'neiga b'or ha'basar*)

אהבה
(*ahavah*)
“love”

tzaraat (צרעת) ↔ (עצרת) *atzeret*
“leprosy” “to hold back”

netek (נתק) ↔ (תקן) *tikein*
“leprosy” “to restore”

neiga (נגע) ↔ (עגן) *eigen*
“affliction” “an anchor”

(ענג) *oneg*
“enjoyment”

נגע
↙ ↘
“affliction” “to touch”

Leviticus 13:33

Then he shall shave himself, but the *netek* he shall not shave. And the priest shall shut up the person with the *netek* for another seven days.

והתגלח ואת הנתק לא יגלח והסגיר
הכהן את הנתק שבעת ימים שנית:

והתגלח
(*v'hit'galach*)
ג = 3

There are three who are commanded to shave:

1. The Nazirite (Num. 6:1-21)
 2. The *metzora* (Lev. 14:8-9)
 3. The Levites (Num. 8:5-7)
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Leviticus 13:45

The leprous person who has the disease shall wear torn clothes **and his head** shall be “unruly”, and he shall cover his upper lip and cry out, “Unclean, unclean.”

וראשו
(*v'rosho*)
4x in Tanach

Genesis 11:4 Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower **and its head** in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.”

Genesis 28:12 And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, **and its head** reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it!

Job 20:5-6 That the exulting of the wicked is short, and the joy of the godless but for a moment? Though his height mount up to the heavens, **and his head** reach to the clouds.

Leviticus 15:26

Every bed on which she lies, all the days of her discharge, shall be to her as the bed of her impurity. And everything on which she sits shall be unclean, **as in the uncleanness** of her menstrual impurity.

כטמאת
(*ce'tumat*)
2x in Tanach

Ezekiel 36:17

“Son of man, when the house of Israel lived in their own land, they defiled it by their ways and their deeds. Their ways before Me were **as in the uncleanness** of a woman in her menstrual impurity.” [+ v25]

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Genesis 3:3 “But God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch [נג, *naga*] it, lest you die.’”

Leviticus 15:10 And whoever touches [נג, *naga*] anything that was under him shall be unclean until the evening. And whoever carries such things shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water and be unclean until the evening. [+ 15:19, 21, 22]

2 Corinthians 6:17 “Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them”, says the Lord, “and touch no unclean thing. Then I will welcome you.” [Quoting Isaiah 52:11]

Ezekiel 36:25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.