

THE OLD TESTAMENT IN THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER

Lecture # 10

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The last time we discussed the O T in the life of the Christian we were dealing with d. The assignment of tasks to the Levites, and we noticed how these men were specially selected, and how they were numbered for two different purposes. They numbered all of them from a month old and up for the redemption of the firstborn, and they numbered them from the age of 30 up for the service of the tabernacle. And they had the service to do in the tabernacle and the caring carrying of the sacred things. Then No. 3 was

3. The Special Work of the Priest. In ch. 3:1-10 it dealt particularly with the special things assigned to them which we glanced at very briefly. Ch. 4, the whole chapter deals with the work of the Levites. We will not go into detail on this now. There is -- Theirs was a very special task dealing with special conditions at that time. We today have individuals set apart for special tasks but not in an hereditary way. This was due to the particular circumstances of the time that it was best to put them aside in an hereditary way like this. We go on now to

E. The Removal of the Unclean from the Camp/ This is Num. 5, only the first 4 verses. Num. 5:1-4 removal of the unclean from the camp. Let me read those four verses: (read text). Here we note as No. 1

1. The Importance of isolation of contagion. Here of course they were dealing with a physical situation. God was leading the people out from Egypt and the circumstances were such that contagion could easily spread, spread very widely. God didn't ~~not~~ choose to send down from Heaven a big encyclopedia of medicine giving everything that has been discovered up to the present time and perhaps twice as much. He took the people as they were. He was dealing with them in a spiritual way. But physical conditions had to be dealt with and so these physical requirements in the OT for the pilgrimage journey deal with the situation in the light of the knowledge which they had then, and thus we have rather blanket measures ^{often} ~~possibly~~. He does not