

## Leviticus ויקרא 21

- א** 1 The Eternal said to Moses: Speak to the priests, the sons of Aaron, and say to them: None shall defile himself for any [dead] person among his kin,
- ב** 2 except for the relatives that are closest to him: his mother, his father, his son, his daughter, and his brother;
- ג** 3 also for a virgin sister, close to him because she has not married, for her he may defile himself.
- ד** 4 But he shall not defile himself as a kinsman by marriage, and so profane himself.
- ה** 5 They shall not shave smooth any part of their heads, or cut the side-growth of their beards, or make gashes in their flesh.
- ו** 6 They shall be holy to their God and not profane the name of their God; for they offer the Eternal's offerings by fire, the food of their God, and so must be holy.
- ז** 7 They shall not marry a woman defiled by harlotry, nor shall they marry one divorced from her husband. For they are holy to their God
- ח** 8 and you must treat them as holy, since they offer the food of your God; they shall be holy to you, for I the Eternal who sanctify you am holy.
- ט** 9 When the daughter of a priest defiles herself through harlotry, it is her father whom she defiles; she shall be put to the fire.

- י** וְהַכֹּהֵן הַגָּדוֹל מֵאַחֵיו  
 אֲשֶׁר-יִצַק עַל-רֹאשׁוֹ | שֶׁמֶן הַמִּשְׁחָה  
 וּמִלָּא אֶת-יָדָיו  
 לְלִבֵּשׁ אֶת-הַבְּגָדִים  
 אֶת-רֹאשׁוֹ לֹא יִפְרֹעַ וּבִגְדָיו לֹא יִפְרֹם:
- 10** The priest who is exalted above his  
 fellows, on whose head the anointing oil has  
 been poured and who has been ordained to  
 wear the vestments, shall not bare his head or  
 rend his vestments.
- יא** וְעַל כָּל-נַפְשׁוֹת מֵת לֹא יֵבֵא  
 לְאִבּוֹ וּלְאִמּוֹ לֹא יִטְמָא:
- 11** He shall not go in where there is any dead  
 body; he shall not defile himself even for his  
 father or mother.
- יב** וּמִן-הַמִּקְדָּשׁ לֹא יֵצֵא וְלֹא יִחַלֵּל  
 אֶת מִקְדָּשׁ אֱלֹהָיו כִּי  
 גִזַּר שֶׁמֶן מִשְׁחַת אֱלֹהָיו עָלָיו אֲנִי יְהוָה:
- 12** He shall not go outside the sanctuary and  
 profane the sanctuary of his God, for upon  
 him is the distinction of the anointing oil of  
 his God, Mine the Eternal's.
- יג** וְהָיָא אִשָּׁה בְּתוּלִיָּה יִקַּח:
- 13** He may marry only a woman who is a  
 virgin.
- יד** אִלְמָנָה וְגֵרוּשָׁה וְחַלְלָה זֹנֶה  
 אֶת-אִלְמָנָה לֹא יִקַּח  
 כִּי אִם-בְּתוּלָה מֵעַמּוּי יִקַּח אִשָּׁה:
- 14** A widow, or a divorced woman, or one  
 who is degraded by harlotry—such he may  
 not marry. Only a virgin of his own kin may  
 he take to wife—
- טו** וְלֹא-יִחַלֵּל זֶרְעוֹ בְּעַמּוּי  
 כִּי אֲנִי יְהוָה מְקַדְּשׁוֹ:
- 15** that he may not profane his offspring  
 among his kin, for I the Eternal have  
 sanctified him.
- טז** וַיְדַבֵּר יְהוָה אֶל-מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר:
- 16** The Eternal One spoke further to Moses:
- יז** דַּבֵּר אֶל-אַהֲרֹן לֵאמֹר  
 אִישׁ מִזֶּרְעֶךָ לְדוֹרֹתֶם  
 אֲשֶׁר יִהְיֶה בּוֹ מוֹם  
 לֹא יִקְרָב לְהִקְרִיב לִחֵם אֱלֹהָיו:
- 17** Speak to Aaron and say: No man of your  
 offspring throughout the ages who has a  
 defect shall be qualified to offer the food of  
 his God.
- יח** כִּי כָל-אִישׁ אֲשֶׁר-כּוּ מוֹם לֹא יִקְרָב  
 אִישׁ עִוֵּר אִוּ פֶּסֶם אִו חֲרָם אִו שְׂרוּעַ:
- 18** No one at all who has a defect shall be  
 qualified: no man who is blind, or lame, or  
 has a limb too short or too long;
- יט** אִו אִישׁ אֲשֶׁר-יִהְיֶה בּוֹ שֶׁבֶר רֵגֶל אִו שֶׁבֶר יָד:
- 19** no man who has a broken leg or a broken  
 arm;
- כ** אִו-גִּבָּן אִו-דָּמָק אִו תִּבְלָל בְּעֵינָיו  
 אִו גֶּרֶב אִו יִלְפַת אִו מְרוֹס אֲשָׁד:
- 20** or who is a hunchback, or a dwarf, or who  
 has a growth in his eye, or who has a boil-  
 scar, or scurvy, or crushed testes.

**כא 21** כָּל־אִישׁ אֲשֶׁר־בּוֹ מוֹם מִזֶּרַע אַהֲרֹן הַכֹּהֵן  
לֹא יֵגֵשׁ לְהַקְרִיב אֶת־אֲשֵׁי יְהוָה  
מִיּוֹם בּוֹ אֵת לֶחֶם אֱלֹהֵיוֹ לֹא יֵגֵשׁ לְהַקְרִיב:  
No man among the offspring of Aaron the  
priest who has a defect shall be qualified to  
offer the Eternal's offering by fire; having a  
defect, he shall not be qualified to offer the  
food of his God.

**כב 22** לֶחֶם אֱלֹהֵיוֹ מִקְדָּשֵׁי הַקְּדוֹשִׁים  
וּמִן־הַקְּדוֹשִׁים יֹאכַל:  
He may eat of the food of his God, of the  
most holy as well as of the holy;

**כג 23** כִּי יֵבֵא אַחַר אֵל־הַפָּרֹכֶת לֹא יָבֹא  
וְאֵל־הַמִּזְבֵּחַ לֹא יֵגֵשׁ כִּי־מוֹם בּוֹ  
וְלֹא יַחְלִל אֶת־מִקְדָּשֵׁי  
כִּי אֲנִי יְהוָה מְקַדְּשָׁם:  
but he shall not enter behind the curtain or  
come near the altar, for he has a defect. He  
shall not profane these places sacred to Me,  
for I the Eternal have sanctified them.

**כד 24** וַיְדַבֵּר מֹשֶׁה אֶל־אַהֲרֹן וְאֶל־בָּנָיו  
וְאֶל־כָּל־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל:  
Thus Moses spoke to Aaron and his sons  
and to all the Israelites.