**R826 - Rumination for November 29, 2020 by K.C. Ung**

The **T**heme: **The** **Ashes of the Red Heifer**[berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com/)

The **T**ext: *-* *For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and* ***the******ashes of an heifer*** *sprinkling the unclean,*

*sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:* Heb. 9:13

The **T**hots:

Intro. A two-fold **C**leansing **C**eremony of the unclean is referred to here – *sprinkling* and *purifying*. Heb. 9:13

**C**ompare the **C**onditions for Drawing near to God: Heb. 10:22

*Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith,*

1. *having our hearts* ***sprinkled*** *from an evil conscience,*

Initi**al** Cleansing of the **S**inner from **D**amnation - The *Sprinkling* by Blood. Cf. Heb. 11:28; 12:24

1. *and our bodies* ***washed*** *with pure water.*

**C**ontinu**al C**leansing of the **S**aint from **D**efilement - ***W****ashing* by **W**ater for the *Purifying of the Flesh.*

Hence the need for the Ashes of a Red Heifer:

1. **The Purpose of the Ashes of the Heifer.**
2. For the **C**leansing of those in **C**ontact with **D**eath. Num. 19:11
3. *He that toucheth the dead body of any man shall be unclean seven days.*
4. *When a man dieth in a tent: all that come into the tent, and all that is in the tent,*

*shall be unclean seven days.* Num. 19:14

1. For the **C**ontinual **C**leansing of the **C**ontaminated from **D**efilement. Num. 19:17

*For an unclean person they shall take of the ashes of the burnt heifer of purification for sin,*

*and running water shall be put thereto in a vessel:*

1. **The Preparation of the Ashes of the Heifer. Num. 19:2-8**
2. The **C**ommandment: *Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring thee…* 19:1
3. The **C**hoosing of the Heifer: Num. 19:2
4. The **C**ow: *a heifer*, a young **C**ow that never has had a **C**alf.
5. Its **C**olour: *a red heifer*, i.e. reddish-brown.
6. The **C**ondition: *without spot, wherein is no blemish*.
7. And *upon which never* ***C****ame yoke*.
8. The **C**eremony in slaying the Heifer: Num. 19:3-8
9. The **P**riest’s Duty: To Witness the **S**laying of the Heifer outside the Camp. Num. 19:3-4
10. *Eleazar the priest…may bring her forth without the camp, and one shall* ***S****lay her before his face:*
11. *The priest shall…****S****prinkle of her blood directly before the tabernacle…****S****even times:* Num. 19:6-7

*…take cedar wood…hyssop, and* ***S****carlet, and cast it into the midst of the burning of the heifer.*

1. *Then the priest shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in water,*

*and afterward he shall come into the camp, and the priest shall be unclean until the even.*

1. Another **P**erson’s Duty in the **S**acrifice of the Heifer Witnessed by the **P**riest: Num. 19:5

*One shall burn the heifer in his sight; her skin…flesh…blood, with her dung, shall he burn:*

*and he…shall wash his clothes…bathe his flesh in water, and shall be unclean until the even.* 19:8

1. **The Preservation of the Ashes of the Heifer for Purification.** **Num. 19:9, 10**
2. Its **S**torage: The ash is stored in a clean place outside the camp for use until and when needed;

*A man that is* ***C****lean shall gather up the ashes…and lay them up without the* ***C****amp in a* ***C****lean place…*

1. It is a Water of **S**eparation for the Purification for **S**in:

*and it shall be kept for the* ***C****ongregation of the* ***C****hildren of Israel for a water of separation:*

*it is a* ***P****urification for sin…and unto the stranger that sojourneth among them, for a statute for ever.*

1. **The Purification Ceremony with the Ashes of the Heifer. Num. 19:11-14**
2. Its **P**urpose: to **R**emove **R**itual impurity **C**ontracted through **C**ontact with a **C**orpse, bones, or a grave.
3. The **P**urification: **P**repared by mixing running water with the ash. Impure persons and objects were sprinkled on the third and seventh days after contamination to remove uncleanness.
4. The **P**icture of the **W**ashing by **W**ater compared

to the **S**prinkling of the **S**hed Blood of Christ to **S**anctify. Heb. 9:13-14

*For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the* ***ashes of an heifer*** *sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:* ***How much more*** *shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*

1. **The Profitable Cleaning of the Blood Of Christ:**
2. Initial**ly**, it **C**lears us from Sin **D**amnation once for all. Rev. 1:5b

*Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood.*

1. **C**ontinual**ly** it **C**leans us of Sin **D**efilement **D**ay by **D**ay. I Jn. 1:7

*And the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*

1. **C**ommemorative**ly**, Let us Remember Him in the **D**rinking of the Cup today. Lk. 22:20

*This cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you.*

*He gives me joy in place of sorrow; He gives me love that casts out fear;*

*He gives me sunshine for my shadow, And beauty for ashes here.* J. G. Crabbe

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK. R. 826**

1. The Red Heifer is a type of the Lord Jesus Christ. Its ashes mixed in running water points to the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross and His shed blood used to cleanse the Sinner from Sin. When it is Sprinkled on the Saved person it Sanctifies him in ensuring his purification from spiritual defilement when contaminated from the dead world of sin.

Jesus’ Sprinkled blood is definitely more profitable and precious than the ashes of the red heifer or any other sacrifice. Thus, the challenge in Heb. 9:13, 14:

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***How much more shall the blood of Christ****, Who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*

Go over the requirements God laid down in the choice of the Red Heifer and its use. See the Rumination above. Then compare the areas how the Red Heifer is a type or a picture of Christ in relation to His Person and His blood being of more effective value to us for our cleansing rather than the ashes of a red heifer dipped in “running” water. **REFLECT**.

For those interested in reading more about the Red Heifer you can refer to the Wikipedia link below: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red_heifer>

1. There are a number of write-ups in connection with The Red Heifer being associated with the Construction of the Third Temple with respect to the Last Days End-time Prophecies by many Jewish scholars and Bible teachers

Here is an interesting read. Its veracity is not vouchsafed.

**The Third Temple: Finding the Red Heifer**

In order for a cow to qualify as a red heifer for this holy purpose of purification, it must meet the following requirements, as outlined in Numbers 19, and also in the writings of the oral tradition of the Talmud:

1. The red heifer must be absolutely perfect in its redness. Even two hairs of any other

color will disqualify it. Even its hooves must be red.

1. It was to be three or four years old. Although older animals could be used, younger

could not.

3. It must be free of any kind of internal or external defect or blemish.

4. It must not have been used for any type of physical labor and never have been placed

under a yoke – not even once!

Only an animal that meets all these requirements may be used to provide the ashes of the purification process in fulfillment of the commandment.

But the Temple service can’t begin without the [parah adumah (red heifer)](https://free.messianicbible.com/feature/the-red-heifer-the-deepest-mystery-of-the-torah/).

What does a cow have to do with the rebuilding of the Holy Temple?  How could a simple animal play a vital role in the success or failure of such a monumental event?

<https://free.messianicbible.com/feature/the-red-heifer-and-the-third-temple-in-end-time-prophecy/>

Read the above article and consider whether the search for the Red Heifer by some orthodox Jews today justifies a deeper study of its relevance to us. **REFLECT**

**POINTS TO PONDER:**

*We need the* ***A****toning Blood of* ***C****hrist to* ***C****leanse us from all* ***D****amnation and the “****A****shes of the Heifer in Running* ***W****ater” to* ***W****ash us from all* ***D****efilement from* ***D****ead* ***W****orks to serve the Living God!*