

# PARASHAT TAZRIA-METZORA

## *Leviticus 12:1–15:33*

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*Parashat Tazria-Metzora* is one of seven designated Torah portions that, depending upon the number of Sabbaths in a year, is either read as two separate portions or combined to assure the reading of the entire Torah. While this volume will combine them, it will present an interpretation on each of their most important themes.

*Parashat Tazria* presents the rituals of purification for a woman after childbirth and the methods for diagnosing and treating a variety of skin diseases.

*Parashat Metzora* continues the discussion of skin diseases and the purification rituals for a person cured of them. Attention is given also to the appearance and treatment of fungus or mildew in the home and to the ritual impurity resulting from contact with the discharge of sexual organs.

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