

Numbers 5-8

1. 5:11-31

While not exactly agreeable with the western mindset of today, in context, explain how, in opposition to the laws of other nations at the time, this procedure actually protects a woman from a jealous husband who might otherwise, want to punish her on the basis of suspicion alone.

Also, discuss other key points in this passage that relate to our walk today.

2. Talk about the nazirite vow. It seems to have very few restrictions (wine & alcohol, grapes, razors, and the dead). Is/Was this the way that the lay person could move from the regular to the holy? What else is involved (consider...what does the text say?)

3. From the priestly blessing: "Yahweh lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace." Numbers 6:26

Looking at the word translated countenance (paniym, in the plural), please expound on what this is and how it is more than just how one looks.

4.

Numbers 7

Twelve days of offerings were brought in the process of inaugurating the altar. If the 12 days were in succession, this would include at least one Sabbath and perhaps two. Does this shed any light toward our understanding of Sabbath activities?