

## Chapters 11, 12

The people were told which animals were "clean" and which were "unclean".

Only "clean" animals were allowed to be eaten.

Regulations were also made for when a woman had a baby: a lamb or two turtledoves or two young pigeons were to be offered as a prayer for mother and baby.

Dear God, please give me a clean heart

## Chapters 13 – 15

Instructions for hygiene:

People with skin diseases, suspected leprosy, boils and burns should be carefully examined and isolated if necessary.

The clothing and homes of people with leprosy should be put out of use.

During and after seminal or illness discharges and menstruation, people should show extra concern for hygiene.

Dear God, please help me take good care of my health

## Chapters 16, 17

Instructions for the annual Day of Atonement:

Once a year Aaron or his successor must wear special vestments and enter the sanctuary past the veil.

Then he is to offer two goats to pray for atonement for the whole community of Israel.

One goat will be sacrificed in the Temple; the other is to be set free to go out into the desert - a symbol of the people's sins being carried away. (*this story gives us the English word: "scapegoat"*)

Dear God, please forgive us, and help us to forgive others