

From the lubavitcher rebbe

Posted by Moshiach5777 - 24 May 2017 16:51

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WHEN YOU COME TO THE LAND OF CANAAN... AND I WILL PLACE A LESION OF
TZORA'AS UPON A HOUSE IN THE LAND OF YOUR POSSESSION. (VAYIKRA 14:34)

Treasure Land

When tzora'as appeared on a person's skin, its initial and most obvious effect was an impurity so severe that the person must "dwell isolated, outside the camp" (13:46), separate even from other impure people. At the same time, however, the Rambam (Laws of Tum'as Tzora'as 16:10) explains tzora'as as a G-d-given "sign and wonder prevalent among the Jewish people, to warn them against lashon hora, undesirable speech," and to motivate them to repent from such behavior. Hence, despite the lowliness of its impurity, tzora'as ultimately facilitated the great ascent of teshuva, of which our sages say, "Where penitents stand, even the wholly righteous do not stand!" (Talmud, Berachos 34b)

In a similar vein, the occurrence of tzora'as on the walls of a person's home, which required the house to be demolished, signified the presence of both extraordinary spiritual filth and astonishing wealth. On the one hand, the Zohar (vol. 3, 50a) attributes the tzora'as to an exceedingly impure spirit brought upon the home by the idolatrous inhabitants who dwelled there previously. G-d caused tzora'as to appear there, because only total demolition of the house would drive away that particularly impure spirit. Yet paradoxically, Rashi (on Vayikra 14:34) writes that, "The Amorites had hidden away treasures of gold inside the walls of their houses throughout the forty years that the Jews were in the desert. As a result of a lesion of tzora'as [appearing on the walls of the home], one would demolish his house and find the treasures." Spiritually, this means that the homes most affected by idolatry were actually home to troves of spiritual wealth so abundant that it became manifest even in physical wealth—golden

treasures that were discovered upon the homes' destruction.

These paradox-laden phenomena of tzora'as demonstrate that precisely in the lowest of situations lies the potential—through teshuva—for the greatest heights.

—Likutei Sichos, vol. 27, pp. 107-110

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Re: From the lubavitcher rebbe
Posted by Moshiach5777 - 19 Sep 2017 11:01

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Re: From the lubavitcher rebbe
Posted by shyster090 - 20 Dec 2017 06:20

[Moshiach5777 wrote on 19 Sep 2017 11:01:](#)

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You're nothing but a Christian.

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