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## **THE BIBLE AND THE DEADLY**

**(HOW TO PREPARE)**

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**TEXT: Ecclesiastes 9:2** All things come alike to all: there is one event to the righteous, and to the wicked; to the good and **to the clean, and to the unclean...**  
8 Let thy garments be always white; and let thy head lack no ointment.

**Revelation 17:4** And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet...having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and **filthiness of her fornication:**

**Isaiah 28:8** For all tables are full of vomit and **filthiness**, so that there is no place clean.

**2 Samuel 19:24** And Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king, and had neither dressed his feet, nor trimmed his beard, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he came again in peace.

"It is hardly possible to imagine any fever, or any sickness, that forbids your **daily bathing...**"

(Samuel Sheldon Fitch, 1856)

"Decency requires that the accumulated filth should be **daily washed** from the

whole surface of the body. Strange that civilized beings can neglect it." (*The Organic Laws*, 1851)

"...do not neglect your **daily washing** and anointing, and put on a dirty and slovenly appearance..."

(*The Bible Class Assistant*, 1840)

"**Daily bathing** is indispensable." (Alcott, 1839)

"...**daily bathing** is nowhere so generally practised as in England."

(*The Toilette of Health, Beauty, and Fashion*, 1833)

"...a person going on board a vessel where **daily bathing** by the people is practised, may observe them clean...and lively; whereas, perhaps on board the next ship, where no such...practice is observed, he may perceive the crew pale, dirty, and having the sad aspect of prisoners."

(*On the Preservation of the Health of Seamen*, 1798)

"...slovenliness is no part of religion...neither this, nor any text of Scripture, condemns neatness of apparel...'Cleanliness is, indeed, next to godliness'..." (John Wesley, 1778)

"Be we never so well cleaned, yet every day we gather new filth, and need cleansing still, againe and againe." (Thom. Taylor, 1653)

**Proverbs 5:22** His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins.

**Romans 1:24** Wherefore God also gave them up to **uncleanness**...

27...men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

"The meaning of this doubtless is, that the effect of such base and unnatural passions was to enfeeble the body, to produce premature old age, disease, decay, and an early death." (Barnes)

**Psalms 119:9** Wherewithal shall a young man **cleanse** his way? by taking heed thereto according to **thy word**.

**John 15:3** Now ye are **clean** through **the word** which I have spoken unto you.

**Leviticus 15:11** And whomsoever he toucheth that hath the issue, and hath **not rinsed his hands in water**, he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even.

13...then he shall number to himself seven days for his cleansing, and wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in **running water**, and shall be clean.

"The year was 1846, and our would-be hero was a Hungarian doctor named Ignaz Semmelweis...Semmelweis wanted to figure out why so many women in maternity wards were dying from...childbed fever...he discovered that women in the clinic staffed by doctors and medical students died at a rate nearly five times higher than women in the midwives' clinic...The big difference between the doctors' ward and the midwives' ward is that the doctors were doing autopsies and the midwives weren't...What Semmelweis had discovered is something that still holds true today: Hand-washing is one of the most important tools in public health...Semmelweis - he lost his job..." (NPR, Jan 12, 2015)

**Exodus 15:26** And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will **put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians**: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.

**Matthew 24:7** For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and **pestilences**, and earthquakes, in divers places.

*Pestilence*: "Any wide-spread and fatal infectious malady; a raging epidemic; also the influence causing such an epidemic." (*Standard Dictionary*, 1895)

**2 Samuel 24:15** So the LORD sent **a pestilence** upon Israel from the morning even to the time appointed: and there died of the people from Dan even to Beersheba seventy thousand men.

**Leviticus 26:25**...and **when ye are gathered together within your cities**, I will send **the pestilence** among you; and ye shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy.

**Ezekiel 7:15**...**he that is in the city**, famine and **pestilence** shall devour him.

**Ezekiel 33:27**...him that is in the open field will I give to the beasts to be devoured, and **they that be in the forts and in the caves shall die of the pestilence.**

*"Empty shelves in Target, Walmart early as April..." (Drudge)*

**Song of Solomon 7:2**...thy belly is like an heap of wheat **set about with lilies.**

"Why are infections from the viruses that cause West Nile fever, dengue and even Zika deadly for some people but mild in others? The answer thus far has been chalked up to being mostly a matter of human genetics. But a major factor in whether these viruses wreck your health may come down to the profile of bacteria that inhabit your intestines, a new study in mice suggests. The study, published today (March 27) in the journal *Cell Reports*, found that these particular viral infections were more likely to be deadly if the infected mice had been treated in advance with antibiotics...The reason is that antibiotics wipe out the gut microbiome, and this weakened microbiome somehow 'impairs your immune system,' senior study author Dr. Michael Diamond, a professor of medicine, molecular microbiology, pathology and infectious disease at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis...**The presence of healthy bacteria seems to improve the body's ability to produce T cells, a type of white blood cell that attacks and destroys viruses** and other disease-causing microbes..."  
*(LiveScience)*

"The use of antibiotics in food animals selects for bacteria resistant to antibiotics used in humans, and these might spread via the food to humans and cause human infection...How often they [resistant bacteria or superbugs] colonize the human gut, and transfer resistance genes is not known..."  
*(Journal of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy, Volume 53, Issue 1, January 2004)*

"Several observational human studies as well as many rodent studies have pointed to an obesogenic effect of antibiotics in humans even in tiny doses found in food..." (BMJ 2018;361:k2179)

"...some researchers predict that antibiotic resistance will cause 10 million deaths every year, surpassing cancer...Using antibiotics in animals may raise the risk of transmitting drug-resistant bacteria to humans...In humans, studies have shown that

antibiotics raise the risk of weight gain and obesity, as they wipe out beneficial gut bacteria that help regulate weight. In animals...several countries [are] still using antibiotics as growth promoters."

(Medicalnewstoday.com, Nov. 9, 2018)

"...some research has also linked the use of antibiotics in food production to new-onset allergies."

(*Fox News*, September 27, 2017)

"For decades, researchers sought evidence that antibiotics fed to farm animals transferred super bacteria to humans. Now a single study has provided a much needed smoking gun...[Researchers] found E. coli...on almost 82 percent of the meat samples and 72 percent of the samples from patients...'This shows clearly that people are getting UTIs from E. coli that originate in poultry'...antibiotic use on farms creates resistant bacteria that cross to humans..." (*Wired*, 2018)

**Psalms 91:5** Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

6 Nor for **the pestilence that walketh in darkness...**

"'There have been past studies to indicate that sunlight and indeed ultraviolet light kills bacteria and viruses,' Schaffner said. 'The major takeaway from this study [*Microbiome*, volume 6, 2018] is that even if the sunlight goes through conventional panes of glass, **it retains a substantial capacity to kill bacteria and viruses.** We did not know whether the sunlight passing through panes of glass would retain some of this capacity to **disinfect**, and it does. So that's a great thing.'" (healthline.com/)

"Sunlight offers surprise benefit: It energizes infection fighting T cells...Sunlight, through a mechanism separate than vitamin D production, energizes T cells that play a central role in human immunity...low levels of blue light, found in sun rays, makes T cells move faster..."

(sciencedaily.com/ Georgetown University Medical Center, 2016)

**2 Corinthians 7:1** Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us **cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit**, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

