

DIVERS WASHINGS

The following verses reveal the terms and words used in the O.T. Scriptures that deal directly with the 'divers washings' mentioned in Hebrews 9:10: "Which stood only in meats and drinks, and ***divers washings***, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation."

Ex	19:10	sanctify, wash	Lev	15: 5	wash, bath
	14	sanctified, washed		6	wash, bath
	29: 1	hallow		7	wash, bath
	4	wash		8	wash, bath
	9	consecrate		10	wash, bath
	17	wash		11	rinsed, wash, bath
	30:18	wash		12	rinsed
	19	wash		13	cleansing, wash, bath, running water
	20	wash		16	wash
	21	wash, statute		17	wash
	30	consecrate		18	bath
	40:12	wash		21	wash, bath
	30	wash		22	wash, bath
	31	washed		27	wash, bath
	32	washed		16: 4	wash
Lev	1: 9	wash		24	wash
	13	wash		26	wash, bath
	6:27	wash		28	wash, bath
	28	rinsed		17:15	wash, bath, clean
	8: 6	washed		16	wash, bath
	10	sanctified		22: 6	wash
	21	washed		9	ordinance
	9:14	wash	Num	8: 6	cleanse
	11:25	wash		7	cleanse, Sprinkle, purifying, wash, clean
	28	wash		21	purified, washed
	32	cleansed		19: 7	wash, bath
	40	wash, wash		8	wash, bath
	13: 6	wash, clean		9	water of separation, purification
	7	cleansing		10	wash
	34	wash, clean		12	purify, purify
	35	cleansing		13	purifieth, water of separation, sprinkled
	37	clean, clean		17	purification, running water
	54	wash		18	sprinkle
	55	washed		19	sprinkle, purify, wash, bath, clean
	56	washing		20	purify, water of separation, sprinkled
	58	wash, wash, clean		21	statute, sprinkleth, water of separation, wash, water of separation
	59	clean		31:23	purified, water of separation
	14: 2	cleansing		24	wash, clean
	4	cleansed	Dt	21: 6	wash
	5	running water		23:11	wash
	6	running water			
	8	cleansed, wash, clean			
	9	wash, clean			
	47	wash, wash			
	49	cleanse			
	50	running water			
	51	running water			
	52	cleanse, running water			

The 'divers washings' were as such:

Israel washed their clothes to sanctify themselves to the LORD:

Ex 19:10-14

Priests were washed prior to ministry before Jehovah:

Ex 29:1-9 Ex 40:31, 32 Lev 16:1-4, 24
Ex 30:18-21 Lev 8:1-10 Num 8:5-7

Priests washed clothes after sacrificing:

Lev 6:25-27 Lev 16:23-28

Priests washed legs and inwards of sacrifices:

Ex 29:17 Lev 8:21
Lev 1:9, 13 Lev 9:14

Lepers went through many ceremonial washings:

Lev 13:6, 7, 34-37, 54-59 Lev 15:5-27
Lev 14:1-9, 47

People were to wash after defilement:

Lev 11:20-28 Lev 17:15, 16 Num 19:1-21
Lev 14:8, 9 Lev 22:6 Deu 23:11
Lev 15:1-27

Pharisees observed religious ceremonies:

Mt 15:2 Mk 7:3-8 Lk 11:38

The significance of the element (water), which was used in the divers washings, can be seen in the ceremonial practices in which the water was used:

Sanctifying	Consecrating	Purifying
Hallowing	Cleansing	Separating

The modes (methods of application) by which the water was administered are as follows:

Washing	Rinsing	Bathing	Sprinkling
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(Note. II Kings 5:1-14; Under the instruction of Elisha, Naaman 'dipped himself' seven times in Jordan to wash himself, and be clean from his leprosy.)

The consequences for not submitting to these 'divers washings' were:

"So they shall wash their hands and their feet, that they die not:...they shall wash with water, that they die not;" Ex 30:20, 21

"But if he wash them not, nor bathe his flesh; then he shall bear his iniquity." Lev 17:16

"...that soul shall be cut off from My presence...lest they bear sin for it, and die therefore,..." Lev 22:3, 9

"...and that soul shall be cut off from Israel:...that soul shall be cut off from among the congregation..." Num 19:13, 20

Divers washings are classified as: Statute; Ordinance

Based on O.T. scripture, the Jews, priests, and Levites were expecting someone (Christ, Elias, or that prophet) to come *baptizing with water*; John 1:19-26. Moses, not John the Baptist, was the first to baptize with water (Exodus 19:10-14). The Greek word 'baptismos', translated *washings* in Hebrews 9:10, is also translated *baptisms* in Hebrews 6:2. The significance of the element water, in baptism w/water, finds its roots in Moses' baptism & Old Covenant's *divers' washings*.