

Veritas Class

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I. Guarding the Purity of the Camp of Israel (23:9-14)

Introduction

- a. The Context
 - b. The Structure
- 1. Theme: A Call for Purity (v. 9)**
- a. The Context
 - b. The Danger
- 2. Exposition: The Threats to the Purity of the Camp (vv. 10–13)**
- a. The First Problem (vv. 10–11)
 - (1) The Nature of the Problem
 - (2) The Effect of the Problem
 - (3) The Solution
 - b. The Second Problem (vv. 12–13)
 - (1) The Nature of the Problem
 - (2) The Effect of the Problem
 - (3) The Solution
- 3. The Rationale (v. 14)**
- a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.

Conclusion: The Significance of 23:9–14

- a. “Cleanliness is next to godliness.”
- b. The camp of Israel as a microcosm of Eden and Israel as the restored holy people of YHWH (cf. 7:6; 14:1, 21; 26:17).
- c. The new Israel as microcosm of Eden and the holy residence of God.
 - (1) Individually (1 Cor 6:18–20)
 - (2) Collectively (2 Cor 6: 14–18)
4. It is not what enters that defiles us, but what comes out (Mark 7:14–23).

II. Guarding the Well-being of Refugees (23:15–16)

Introduction

- a. The Context
 - b. The Background (chapter 15)
 - c. The Ancient Near Eastern Context
- 1. The Negative Command (v. 15a)**
 - 2. The Positive Commands (vv. 15b–16)**
 - a.
 - b.
 - 3. The Significance of the Policy**
 - a. The whole land of Israel is to be treated as a sacred place of asylum.
 - b. The policy calls for extra-ordinary generosity and compassion, without asking about the rightness or wrongness of the refugee’s flight from his master.
 - c. For a New Testament counterpart, see Onesimus in Philemon.