

~KIDNEYS (207)

[Hebrew, *kela-yohth'*]

- Twin organs located in the lower back. Their function is to filter impurities from the blood. Regarding the Hebrew word *kela-yohth'* kidneys, J. N. Oswalt wrote; When used figuratively, the term refers to the innermost aspects of personality. [Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament, edited by R. Laird Harris, 1980, Vol. 1, p.]
- As with all the organs of the body, the kidneys were directly designed by Yehowah God the Creator.
- For you yourself produced my kidneys. You kept me screened off in the belly of my mother. (Psalms 139:13)
- In sacrificial animals, the fat around the kidneys was considered especially choice and was specifically mentioned as something that was to be made to smoke on the altar along with the kidneys in communion sacrifices.
- And the two kidneys and the fat that is upon them, the same as that upon the loins. And as for the appendage upon the liver, he will remove it along with the kidneys. (Leviticus 3:10)
- And the priest must make it smoke on the altar as food, an offering made by fire to Yehowah. (Leviticus 3:11)
- As for the fatty pieces of the bull and the fat tail of the ram and the fat covering and the kidneys and the appendage of the liver. (Leviticus 9:19)
- They now placed the fatty pieces upon the breasts, after which he made the fatty pieces smoke upon the altar. (Leviticus 9:20)
- Sin offerings.
- As to all the fat of the bull of the sin offering, he will lift up from it the fat that covers over the intestines, even all the fat that is over the intestines. (Leviticus 4:8)
- And the two kidneys and the fat that is upon them, the same as that upon the loins. And as for the appendage upon the liver, he

will remove it along with the **kidneys**. (**Leviticus 4:9**)

- Then he led up the bull of the sin offering and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the bull of the sin offering. (**Leviticus 8:14**)
- After that he took all the fat that was upon the intestines, and the appendage of the liver and the two **kidneys** and their fat and Moses made them smoke upon the altar. (**Leviticus 8:16**)
- And he made the fat and the **kidneys** and the appendage of the liver from the sin offering smoke upon the altar, just as Yehowah had commanded Moses. (**Leviticus 9:10**)
- **And guilt offerings.**
- And this is the Law of the guilt offering; It is something most holy. (**Leviticus 7:1**)
- And the two kidneys and the fat that is upon them the same as that upon the loins. And as for the appendage upon the liver, he will remove it along with the **kidneys**. (**Leviticus 7:4**)
- In the installation of the priesthood, the **kidneys** of the ram of installation were first waved and then burned on the altar.
- And you must take from the ram the fat and the fat tail and the fat that covers the intestines, and the appendage of the liver, and the two kidneys and the fat that is upon them, and the right leg, for it is a ram of installation. (**Exodus 29:22**)
- And you must place them all upon the palms of Aaron and upon the palms of his sons, and you must wave them to and fro as a wave offering before Yehowah. (**Exodus 29:24**)
- And you must take them off their hands and make them smoke upon the altar upon the burnt offering as a restful odor before Yehowah. It is an offering made by fire to Yehowah. (**Exodus 29:25**)
- Then he took the fat and the fat tail and all the fat that was upon the intestines, and the appendage of the liver and the two kidneys and their fat and the right leg. (**Leviticus 8:25**)

- After that he put all of them upon the palms of Aaron and the palms of his sons and began to wave them to and fro as a wave offering before Yehowah. (**Leviticus 8:27**)
- Then Moses took them off their palms and made them smoke upon the altar on top of the burnt offering. They were an installation sacrifice for a restful odor. It was an offering made by fire to Yehowah. (**Leviticus 8:28**)
- In this significance of choiceness, Moses spoke of Yehowah as feeding his people Israel with, the **kidney** fat of wheat.
- Butter of the herd and milk of the flock together with the fat of rams, and male sheep, the breed of Bashan, and he-goats together with the **kidney** fat of wheat, and the blood of the grape you kept drinking as wine. (**Deuteronomy 32:14**)
- Because of their position deep in the body, the **kidneys** are among the most inaccessible organs. With good reason, therefore, the Bible uses the term to represent the deepest thoughts and emotions of one's personality. A wound in the **kidneys** would be a very deep wound, either literally or figuratively considered.
- His archers encircle me, he splits open my **kidneys** and feels no compassion, he pours out my gallbladder to the very earth. (**Job 16:13**)
- For my heart was soured and in my **kidneys** I was sharply pained. (**Psalms 73:21**)
- He has brought into my **kidneys** the sons of his quiver. (**Lamentations 3:13**)
- At times **kidneys** are mentioned in close connection with the heart, which is used figuratively for the total inner person.
- But Yehowah of armies is judging with righteousness. He is examining the **kidneys** and the heart. O may I see your vengeance on them, for it is to you that I have revealed my case at Law. (**Jeremiah 11:20**)
- I, Yehowah, am searching the heart, examining the kidneys, even to give to each one according to his ways, according to the fruitage of his dealings. (**Jeremiah 17:10**)

- But you, O Yehowah of armies, are examining the righteous one; You are seeing the **kidneys** and the heart. May I see your vengeance upon them, for to you I have revealed my case at Law. (**Jeremiah 20:12**)

See HEART

- Our Creator knows the makeup of man in the most thorough and intimate way. Therefore, Jehovah is said to test out heart and kidneys, even as his Son also searches the kidneys and hearts.
- Please, may the badness of wicked ones come to an end, and may you establish the righteous one, and God as righteous is testing out heart and kidneys. (**Psalms 7:9**)
- And her children I will kill with deadly plague, so that all the congregations will know that I am he who searches the kidneys and hearts, and I will give to you individually according to your deeds. (**Revelation 2:23**)
- Just as one refines silver, Yehowah can **refine** the **kidneys** and heart of a person so he may become right before God, being made more sensitive to Yehowah's ways.
- Examine me, O Yehowah, and put me to the test. Refine my **kidneys** and my heart. (**Psalms 26:2**)
- For you have examined us, O God. You have refined us as when refining silver. (**Psalms 66:10**)
- At;
- I shall bless Yehowah, who has given me advice. Really, during the nights my **kidneys** have corrected me. (**Psalms 16:7**)
- God's advice reached the innermost recesses of David's being as a worshiper of the true God. Because it had settled so deeply within, the **advice** was identified with the **kidneys**, and thus it could be said that the **kidneys** corrected David.
- God's Word, although it might be on the lips of the wicked ones, does not reach down to the innermost aspects of their personality. Thus, regarding the wicked ones,

- You have planted them, they have also taken root. They keep going ahead, they have also produced fruit. You are near in their mouth, but far away from their **kidneys**. (**Jeremiah 12:2**)
- Says; They keep going ahead, they have also produced fruit. You are near in their mouth, but far away from their **kidneys**. This parallels the scripture at;
- And Yehowah says; For the reason that this people have come near with their mouth, and they have glorified me merely with their lips, and they have removed their heart itself far away from me, and their fear toward me becomes men's commandment that is being taught. (**Isaiah 29:13**)
- Quoted by Jesus at;
- You hypocrites, Isaiah aptly prophesied about you, when he said; (**Matthew 15:7**)
- This people honors me with their lips, yet their heart is far removed from me. (**Matthew 15:8**)
- Which says the same thing about the heart of the wicked, thus showing that at times heart and **kidneys** are used in a corresponding way.