

## ~THIGH (365)

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- **That part of the leg that extends from the hip to the knee.** Since it is on a persons side, the **Hebrew** word also may refer to the side of something, as, the side, of the tabernacle, or of an altar.
- Then he placed the lampstand in the tent of meeting in front of the table, on the side of the tabernacle to the south. (**Exodus 40:24**)
- And the copper altar that was before Yehowah he now brought near from in front of the house, from between his altar and the house of Yehowah, and put it at the north side of his altar. (**2 Kings 16:14**)
- The sword was worn **at the side**, on the **thigh**.
- He now said to them; This is what Yehowah the God of Israel has said; Put each one of you his sword **on his side**. Pass through and return from gate to gate in the camp and kill each one his brother and each one his fellow and each one his intimate acquaintance. (**Exodus 32:27**)
- Meanwhile Ehud made a sword for himself, and it had two edges, its length being a cubit. Then he girded it underneath his garment upon his **right thigh**. (**Judges 3:16**)
- Then Ehud thrust in his left hand and took the sword off his **right thigh** and plunged it into his belly. (**Judges 3:21**)
- All of them in possession of a sword, being taught in warfare, each one with his sword upon his **thigh** because of dread during the nights. (**Song of Solomon 3:8**)
- Gird your sword upon your **thigh**, O mighty one, with your dignity and your splendor. (**Psalms 45:3**)
- And I saw the heaven opened, and, look! A white horse. And the one seated upon it is called Faithful and True, and he judges and carries on war in righteousness. (**Revelation 19:11**)

- His eyes are a fiery flame, and upon his head are many diadems. He has a name written that no one knows but he himself. **(Revelation 19:12)**
- And he is arrayed with an outer garment sprinkled with blood, and the name he is called is The Word of God. **(Revelation 19:13)**
- Also, the armies that were in heaven were following him on white horses, and they were clothed in white, clean, fine linen. **(Revelation 19:14)**
- And out of his mouth there protrudes a sharp long sword, that he may strike the nations with it, and he will shepherd them with a rod of iron. He treads too the winepress of the anger of the wrath of God the Almighty. **(Revelation 19:15)**
- And upon his outer garment, even upon his **thigh**, he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords. **(Revelation 19:16)**
- I saw also an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice and said to all the birds that fly in midheaven; Come here, be gathered together to the great evening meal of God. **(Revelation 19:17)**
- That you may eat the fleshy parts of kings and the fleshy parts of military commanders and the fleshy parts of strong men and the fleshy parts of horses and of those seated upon them, and the fleshy parts of all, of freemen as well as of slaves and of small ones and great. **(Revelation 19:18)**
- And I saw the wild beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage the war with the one seated on the horse and with his army. **(Revelation 19:19)**
- And the wild beast was caught, and along with it the false prophet that performed in front of it the signs with which he misled those who received the mark of the wild beast and those who render worship to its image. While still alive, they both were hurled into the fiery lake that burns with sulphur. **(Revelation 19:20)**
- But the rest were killed off with the long sword of the one seated on the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth. And all

the birds were filled from the fleshy parts of them. (**Revelation 19:21**)

- Christ Jesus is portrayed as riding a white war mount into the battle against the wild beast and the kings of the earth with their armies. His title **King of kings and Lord of lords** is plainly announced in writing on his **outer garment at the thigh**, where usually the sword of authority is worn.
- The drawers of the priests in Israel extended from the hips and to the **thighs**, that is, to where the **thighs** ended, so that their nakedness was well covered when they served at the sanctuary and Yehowah's altar. Otherwise, they would die.
- And make drawers of linen for them to cover the naked flesh. From the hips and to the thighs they are to extend. (**Exodus 28:42**)
- And they must be upon Aaron and his sons when they come into the tent of meeting or when they go near to the altar to minister in the holy place, that they may not incur error and certainly die. It is a statute to time indefinite for him and his offspring after him. (**Exodus 28:43**)
- When swearing an oath, a custom occasionally followed was for the swearer to put his hand under the thigh of the person to whom it was sworn.
- Hence Abraham said to his servant, the oldest one of his household, who was managing all he had; Put your hand, please, under my **thigh**. (**Genesis 24:2**)
- As I must have you swear by Yehowah, the God of the heavens and the God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites in among whom I am dwelling. (**Genesis 24:3**)
- But you will go to my country and to my relatives, and you will certainly take a wife for my son, for Isaac. (**Genesis 24:4**)
- With that the servant put his hand under the **thigh** of Abraham his master and swore to him concerning this matter. (**Genesis 24:9**)

- Gradually the days approached for Israel to die. So he called his son Joseph and said to him; If, now, I have found favor in your eyes, place your hand, please, under my **thigh**, and you must exercise loving-kindness and trustworthiness toward me. Please, do not bury me in Egypt. (**Genesis 47:29**)
- And I must lie with my fathers, and you must carry me out of Egypt and bury me in their grave. Accordingly he said; I myself shall do in keeping with your word. (**Genesis 47:30**)
- Then he said; Swear to me. So he swore to him. At that Israel prostrated himself over the head of the couch. (**Genesis 47:31**)
- As to the significance of this,

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- The practice of slapping the **thigh** denoted grief, sorrow, or remorse.
- For after my turning back I felt regret, and after my being led to know I made a **slap upon the thigh**. I became ashamed, and I also felt humiliated, for I had carried the reproach of my youth. (**Jeremiah 31:19**)
- Cry out and howl, O son of man, for it itself has come to be against my people, it is against all the chieftains of Israel. The very ones hurled to the sword have come to be with my people. Therefore make a **slap on the thigh**. (**Ezekiel 21:12**)

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- The **thigh** being in the general area of the body in which the reproductive organs are located, offspring are said to **issue out of the upper thigh**.
- All the souls who came to Jacob into Egypt were those who issued out of his **upper thigh**, aside from the wives of Jacob's sons. All the souls were sixty-six. (**Genesis 46:26**)
- And all the souls who issued out of Jacob's **upper thigh** came to be seventy souls, but Joseph was already in Egypt. (**Exodus 1:5**)
- And Gideon came to have seventy sons that issued out of his

**upper thigh**, for he came to have many wives. (**Judges 8:30**)

- This sheds light on the nature of the punishment to come upon a woman found guilty of secret adultery.
- In case a husband suspected his wife of unfaithfulness, he was to bring her to the priest. The priest made the woman stand before Yehowah, took some holy water, evidently pure, fresh water, sprinkled into it some dust from the tabernacle floor, and washed or wiped into it the cursings he had written down.
- After swearing to her innocence, she was required to drink the water. If guilty, her **thigh fell away** and her belly swelled. If she was innocent, no harm would come upon her.
- Speak to the sons of Israel, and you must say to them; In case any man's wife turns aside in that she does commit an act of unfaithfulness against him. (**Numbers 5:12**)
- And another man actually lies down with her and has an emission of semen, and it has been hidden from the eyes of her husband and has remained undiscovered, and she, on her part, has defiled herself but there is no witness against her, and she herself has not been caught. (**Numbers 5:13**)
- And the spirit of jealousy has passed upon him, and he has become suspicious of his wife's faithfulness, and she in fact has defiled herself, or the spirit of jealousy has passed upon him, and he has become suspicious of his wife's faithfulness, but she in fact has not defiled herself. (**Numbers 5:14**)
- Then the man must bring his wife to the priest and bring her offering along with her, a tenth of an ephah of barley flour. He must not pour oil upon it nor put frankincense upon it, because it is a grain offering of jealousy, a memorial grain offering bringing error to remembrance. (**Numbers 5:15**)
- And the priest must bring her forward and make her stand before Yehowah. (**Numbers 5:16**)
- And the priest must take holy water in an earthenware vessel, and the priest will take some of the dust that happens to be on the floor of the tabernacle, and he must put it in the water. (**Numbers 5:17**)

- And the priest must make the woman stand before Yehowah and loosen the hair of the woman's head and put upon her palms the memorial grain offering, that is, the grain offering of jealousy, and in the hand of the priest there should be the bitter water that brings a curse. (**Numbers 5:18**)
- And the priest must make her swear, and he must say to the woman; If no man has lain down with you and if while under your husband you have not turned aside in any uncleanness, be free of the effect of this bitter water that brings a curse. (**Numbers 5:19**)
- But you, in case you have turned aside while under your husband and in case you have defiled yourself and some man has put in you his seminal emission, besides your husband. (**Numbers 5:20**)
- The priest must now make the woman swear with an oath involving cursing, and the priest must say to the woman; May Yehowah set you for a cursing and an oath in the midst of your people by Yehowah's letting your **thigh fall away**, and your belly swell. (**Numbers 5:21**)
- And this water that brings a curse must enter into your intestines to cause your belly to swell and the **thigh to fall away**. To this the woman must say; Amen! Amen! (**Numbers 5:22**)
- And the priest must write these cursings in the book and must wipe them out into the bitter water. (**Numbers 5:23**)
- And he must make the woman drink the bitter water that brings a curse, and the water that brings a curse must enter into her as something bitter. (**Numbers 5:24**)
- And the priest must take the grain offering of jealousy from the woman's hand and wave the grain offering to and fro before Yehowah, and he must bring it near the altar. (**Numbers 5:25**)
- And the priest must grasp some of the grain offering as a remembrancer of it and must make it smoke upon the altar, and afterward he will make the woman drink the water. (**Numbers 5:26**)
- When he has made her drink the water, it must also occur that if

she has defiled herself in that she committed an act of unfaithfulness toward her husband, the water that brings a curse must then enter into her as something bitter, and her belly must swell, and her **thigh must fall away**, and the woman must become a cursing in among her people. (**Numbers 5:27**)

- However, if the woman has not defiled herself but she is clean, she must then be free from such punishment, and she must be made pregnant with semen. (**Numbers 5:28**)
- This is the Law about jealousy, where a woman may turn aside while under her husband, and she does defile herself. (**Numbers 5:29**)
- Or in the case of a man where the spirit of jealousy may pass upon him, and he does suspect his wife of unfaithfulness, and he must make the wife stand before Yehowah, and the priest must carry out toward her all this Law. (**Numbers 5:30**)
- And the man must be innocent of error, but that wife will answer for her error. (**Numbers 5:31**)

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- The **thigh** is apparently used as an inoffensive substitution in this passage to refer to the sexual organs.
- All the souls who came to Jacob into Egypt were those who issued out of his **upper thigh**, aside from the wives of Jacob's sons. All the souls were sixty-six. (**Genesis 46:26**)
- Logically the punishment affected those organs that were involved in committing the wrong.
- And if ever your hand makes you stumble, cut it off, it is finer for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go off into Gehenna, into the fire that cannot be put out. (**Mark 9:43**)
- And if your foot makes you stumble, cut it off, it is finer for you to enter into life lame than with two feet to be pitched into Gehenna. (**Mark 9:45**)
- And if your eye makes you stumble, throw it away, it is finer for you to enter one-eyed into the kingdom of God than with two

eyes to be pitched into Gehenna. (**Mark 9:47**)

- The expression, **fall away**, is understood to mean, **waste away**, [The Holy Bible, translated by the Catholic Biblical Association of America], **shrink**, **DA**, or **shrivel**, **MO**, and may suggest that the sex organs atrophied and that there was a loss of fertility and ability to conceive.
- The fact that the innocent wife was to be made pregnant by her husband would seem to indicate that future pregnancy would be denied the adulterous woman.
- However, if the woman has not defiled herself but she is clean, she must then be free from such punishment, and she must be made pregnant with semen. (**Numbers 5:28**)
- Moreover, the belly of the guilty wife would swell because of the curse, but not as a result of the blessing of pregnancy.
- This was by no means a trial by ordeal that sometimes required a virtual miracle to survive, such as those practiced in the Dark Ages. There was nothing in the water itself to cause the affliction. However, it was holy water and had in it holy ground or dust and the writing of the cursings washed off in it.
- Therefore, it contained powerful symbolisms, and it was drunk before Yehowah and with a solemn oath to him. There was no uncertainty as to the outcome of matters. If the woman was guilty, Yehowah caused the drink to have miraculous potency to produce the deserved results, for he of all participants actually knew the truth respecting the woman.
- Adultery carried the death penalty, but in this instance there were not the required two witnesses.
- Every fatal striker of a soul should be slain as a murderer at the mouth of witnesses, and one witness may not testify against a soul for him to die. (**Numbers 35:30**)
- No single witness should rise up against a man respecting any error or any sin, in the case of any sin that he may commit. At the mouth of two witnesses or at the mouth of three witnesses the matter should stand good. (**Deuteronomy 19:15**)



- **Also, usually in this case the identity of the guilty man, who would likewise be worthy of death, had not been revealed.**