

## ~THUMB (76)

[Hebrew, *bo'hen*]

- **The finger on the human hand that can be moved against each of the other fingers.** Human's can grasp things and perform many delicate operations that would be impossible if they did not have opposable thumbs. Anciently, a captive was sometimes incapacitated for military service by having his thumbs and big toes cut off.
- When Adoni-bezek took to flight, then they went chasing after him and got hold of him and cut off the **thumbs** of his hands and the great toes of his feet. (**Judges 1:6**)
- At this Adoni-bezek said; There have been seventy kings with the **thumbs** of their hands and the great toes of their feet cut off picking up food under my table. Just the way I have done, so God has repaid me. After that they brought him to Jerusalem and he died there. (**Judges 1:7**)
- The **Hebrew** word *bo'hen* is used to designate **both** the **thumb** and the **big toe**, the appendage that *bo'hen* has reference to in any given text is indicated by the accompanying expressions of the hand and of the foot. Whenever the **thumb** is mentioned in the Scriptures, the **big toe** is referred to in the same text.
- And you must slaughter the ram and take some of its blood and put it upon the lobe of Aaron's right ear and upon the lobe of his sons right ear and upon the **thumb** of their right hand and the **big toe** of their right foot, and you must sprinkle the blood round about upon the altar. (**Exodus 29:20**)
- And the priest must take some of the blood of the guilt offering, and the priest must put it upon the lobe of the right ear of the one cleansing himself and upon the **thumb** of his right hand and upon the **big toe** of his right foot. (**Leviticus 14:14**)
- And of the rest of the oil that is upon his palm the priest will put some upon the lobe of the right ear of the one cleansing himself and upon the **thumb** of his right hand and upon the **big toe** of his right foot over the blood of the guilt offering. (**Leviticus 14:17**)
- And he must slaughter the young ram of the guilt offering, and

the priest must take some of the blood of the guilt offering and put it upon the lobe of the right ear of the one cleansing himself and upon the **thumb** of his right hand and upon the **big toe** of his right foot. (**Leviticus 14:25**)

- And the priest must put some of the oil that is on his palm upon the lobe of the right ear of the one cleansing himself and upon the **thumb** of his right hand and upon the **big toe** of his right foot over the place of the blood of the guilt offering. (**Leviticus 14:28**)
- During the installation of Aaron and his sons as priests, a ram was killed, and Moses put some of its blood on the lobe of Aaron's right ear, the **thumb** of his right hand, and the **big toe** of his right foot. Then he did the same to each of Aaron's sons.
- After that Moses slaughtered it and took some of its blood and put it upon the lobe of Aaron's right ear and upon the **thumb** of his right hand and upon the big toe of his right foot. (**Leviticus 8:23**)
- Next Moses brought Aaron's sons near and put some of the blood upon the lobe of their right ear and upon the **thumb** of their right hand and upon the big toe of their right foot, but Moses sprinkled the rest of the blood round about upon the altar. (**Leviticus 8:24**)
- The blood on the right **thumb** figuratively represented that they should carry out their priestly duties with the best of their ability.