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WITH THE
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PART 1

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What does the "issue of blood" represent Spiritually ?
What are some of the **results** of having an "issue of blood" for 12 years ?
Is there any other place in the Bible that it talks about a woman with an issue of blood ?

- 4 Was there anything significant about the woman "coming behind" Jesus instead of meeting Him face to face ?

- 5 What does the "garment" represent Spiritually ?

- 6 Was there anything significant about the "hem" of the garment ?

- 7 Was it necessary to "**touch**" the "**hem**" of the garment or was it insignificant Spiritually ?
What does it mean to "**touch**" ?

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- 11 What are the Real Objects and their Spiritual Meanings ?

REAL OBJECTS	SPIRITUAL MEANING
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The outer story presents the problem. (Woman Dead - Church Dead)

The inner story presents the **solution**. (Woman Healed - Church Healed)

2 What does a “**woman**” represent Spiritually ?

Key Word	
WOMAN = ? (Pure, dressed in white)	

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WOMAN= God's church (Pure) (True Church)
ISA 54:5,6 "Thy Maker is thy husband, the Lord of Hosts is His name. . .the Lord hath called <u>thee</u> , as a <u>woman</u> . . .and a <u>wife</u> . . ."
REV 19:7,8 ". . . the marriage of the Lamb is come and His <u>wife</u> . . .arrayed in fine linen, clean and white. . ."

THE “**WOMAN**” REPRESENTS THE “**CHURCH**”

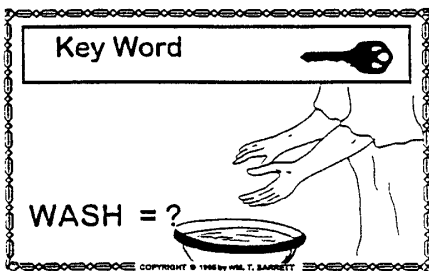
LEVITICUS 15

19 And if a woman have an issue, *and* her issue in her flesh be blood, she shall be put apart seven days : and whosoever toucheth her shall be unclean until the even. **25** And if a **woman** have an **issue of her blood many days** out of the time of her separation, or if it run beyond the time of her separation ; all the days of the issue of her uncleanness shall be as the days of her separation : **she shall be unclean.** **26** Every bed whereon she lieth all the days of her issue shall be unto her as the bed of her separation : and whatsoever she sitteth upon shall be unclean, as the uncleanness of her separation. **27** And whosoever toucheth those things shall be unclean, and shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even. **28** But **if she be cleansed of her issue**, then she shall **number to herself seven days**, and after that she shall be clean. **29** And **on the eighth day** she shall take unto her two turtles, or two young pigeons, and **bring them unto the priest**, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. **30** And **the priest shall offer the one for a burnt offering**, and the other *for* a burnt offering ; and the **priest shall make an atonement for her** before the LORD for the **issue of her uncleanness.** **31** Thus shall ye **separate the children of Israel from their uncleanness** ; that they die not in their uncleanness, when they **defile my tabernacle** that *is* among them.

- 3 What does a “**woman**” with an issue of blood running many days/years past normal of 7 days represent Spiritually ?

What does the “**issue of blood**” represent ?

UNCLEANNESS = SIN



WASH = Cleanse from sin

Isaiah 1:16 “Wash you, make you clean put away the evil of your doing from before mine eyes; cease to do evil.”

What are the **results** of having an “**issue of blood**” for a long time

- 1 **No** relationship with her **husband**.
- 2 **No** children.

What does a “**Woman**” with the “**issue of blood**” represent Spiritually ?

A **Church** that is **sinning** and having no relationship with **Jesus** and producing no converts !


4 Was there anything significant about the woman "coming behind"
Jesus instead of meeting Him face to face ?


Matthew 16 : 23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, get thee behind me, satan : thou art an offence unto me : for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

Genesis 19 : 17 And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life ; look not behind thee neither stay thou in all the plain : escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed. **26** But his wife looked back from **behind him**, and she became a pillar of salt.

SIN is to be "**BEHIND US**" !
The woman was **admitting** her SINFULNESS
BY COMING "**BEHIND JESUS**"


5 What does the "**garment**" represent Spiritually ?


Key Word 

GARMENT = ? 

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GARMENT = Character or life
Genesis 35:2 "... Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments."
Zechariah 3:4 "... Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment."

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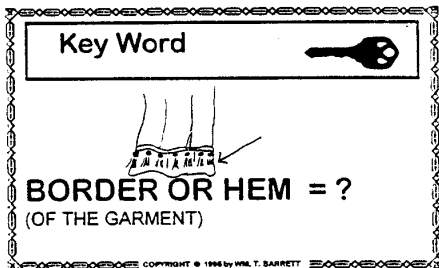
NEW GARMENT = ?
(Clean, White) 

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NEW GARMENT = New righteous life
(Clean, White)
Isaiah 61:10 "... My soul shall be joyful in my God for He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness..."
Revelation 19:8 "And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints."

A persons "**LIFE**" or "**CHARACTER**"
In this case the "**LORDS RIGHTEOUS LIFE**"

6 Was there anything significant about the “hem” of the garment ?



BORDER OR HEM = GOD'S LAW
(10 Commandments)
Numbers 15:37-40 "And the Lord spake unto Moses saying speak unto the children of Israel. . . that they make. . . **borders** of their garments. . . that they put upon the . . . **borders** a ribband of blue. . . that ye may look upon it and **remember all the commandments** of the Lord, and do them. . ."

THE “HEM” or “BORDER” REPRESENTS “GOD’S LAW

LUKE 8

43 And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any, **44** came behind *him*, and touched the **border** of his garment : and immediately her issue of blood stanchd.

7 Was it necessary to “touch” the “hem” of the garment or was it just an accident and **insignificant** Spiritually ?

What does it mean to “touch” ?

It was necessary to “touch” the **hem** of garment because it **symbolized** a willingness to keep **God’s Law** (10 commandments).

MATTHEW 14

34 And when they were gone over, they came into the land of Gěn-něs’-a-rět. **35** And when the men of that place had knowledge of him, they sent out into all that country round about, and **brought** unto him **all that were diseased** ; **36** And besought him that **they** might only **touch** the **hem** of his garment : and as many as touched were made perfectly whole.

What does it mean to “touch”

TOUCH

If I may but *t* his garment..... Mt 9:21 # 680 to attach oneself to touch

From # 681 to fasten to

To “touch” means to “fasten oneself” or attach oneself to. It implies a determination to “not let go” of the 10 commandment Law, but rather to continue “holding on to it” or **keeping it** !

8 What did the woman have to do in order to “touch” the hem of Jesus garment ?

What does this imply ?

 The woman had to **get down on her knees**.
 This implies she was **humble** and had a **prayerful** attitude.

9 What did the woman **have** that allowed Jesus to heal her ?

 The woman had **faith** !

10 What does it mean to be made “whole” ?

WHOLE

thy faith hath made thee **whole**.... Mt 9:22 #4982 safe to save, deliver, protect, make whole

To be “made **whole**” means to be made “**safe to save**”. It also means to be “**delivered**” (from sin) and to be “**protected**” (from satan) as well as to be made Physically well or **healed** !!

REAL OBJECTS

WOMAN

ISSUE OF BLOOD

(no relationship with her husband)
(no children)

CAME BEHIND HIM

HEM OR BORDER

Luke 8:43 Mat 14:35,36

GARMENT (of Jesus)

TOUCH # 680-Strongs Concordance

WHOLE # 4982-Strongs Concordance

SPIRITUAL MEANING

CHURCH Isa 54:6, Rev 19:7,8

NO RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

Lev 15:25-27 Isa 54:5,6

NO CONVERTS Gal 4:19

THE PLACE FOR SIN (behind us)

Gen 19:17,26 Mat 16:23

GOD’S LAW (10 commandments)

Numbers 15:38,38

CHARACTER (of Jesus-RIGHTEOUS)

Rev 19:7,8 Zec 3:3,4

TO ATTACH ONESELFS TO

SAFE TO SAVE

BIBLE VERSE

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PARAPHRASE

Behold a **Church** (woman) which for a long time (12 years) had people in it who were **willfully sinning** (issue of blood) against the Lord. During this time they did **not** have a **relationship with Jesus**, nor were they bringing **new converts** into the church.

Then, the **Church** (woman) realized her condition and went to Jesus with a prayerful and humble attitude and admitted her **sinfulness** (came behind him).

Individuals in the **Church** (woman) wanted to be RIGHTEOUS like Jesus, (reached for His garment), and to keep His **Commandments (Hem** of His garment). Because of the **faith** of these individuals in the **Church** (woman), God granted their wish and they were made "Safe to Save" (whole).