

THE LAW OF THE NAZIRITE

(NUMBERS 6)

- V2 For both men & women.
 Voluntary.
 It's about separation.
- V3-4 Abstinence from wine & all grape products. It was for a period of time.
 - V5 No hair cuts.
 He/she shall be holy.
- V6-7 Shall not make oneself ritually-unclean by being near the dead, even if it's their own family members.





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V8 Emphasis on holiness.

V9-12 What to do should the Nazirite vow be broken.

V13-14 At the completion of the vow, 3 offerings are to be presented:

A burnt offering, a sin offering & a peace offering.

V18 His/her hair will be shaved& burned with the peace offering.





AMOS 2:11

"I raised up some of your sons as prophets,
And some of your young men as Nazirites.
Is it not so, O you children of Israel?"
says the Lord.





PRIEST

Abstain from alcohol when serving in the tabernacle.

Cannot defile
themselves except for closest of relatives.

Were not permitted extreme expressions

their bodies, cutting themselves or shaving bald spots.

HIGH PRIEST

Permanent abstinence from alcohol, because he was in **constant service** in the tabernacle.

Could not go near a dead body, even that of a loved one.

Was not permitted so much as to dishevel his hair when mourning.

NAZIRITE

Abstinence from all products of the grape.

A sudden death near him defiles him.

Not permitted to even cut his hair.



THE PURPOSE OF THE NAZIRITE LAW

It was a proviso for God to raise up men and women who were not part of the priesthood, to provide moral authority & to speak on God's behalf when the priesthood fails.





ASAINT

Someone who SEPARATES HIMSELF to God.

A SAGE

Someone who seeks
God by IMMERSING
HIMSELF IN SOCIETY.

2 WAYS OF LIFE THAT ARE MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE.

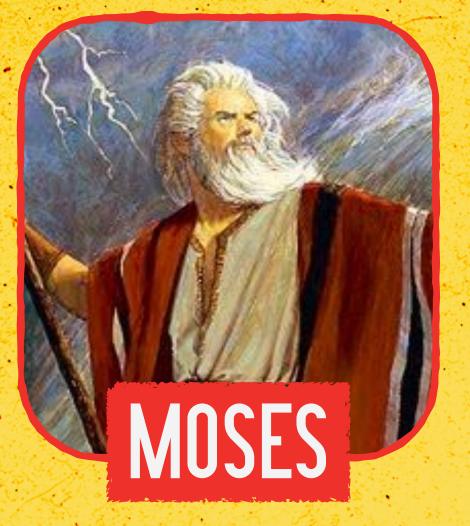




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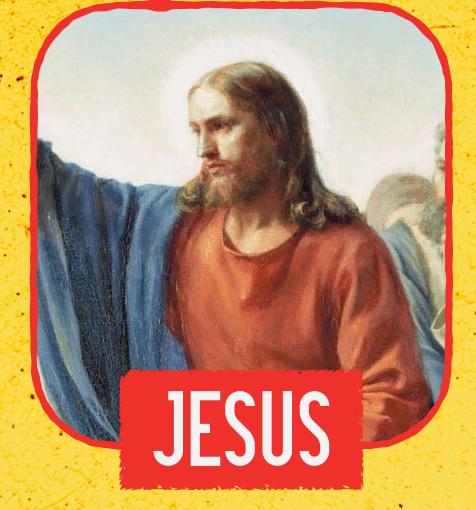




ii.











LUKE 7:33-34

For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, "He has a demon."

34 The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, "Look, a glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!"



