THE REASON A WOMEN HAS TO WAIT 80 DAYS AFTER THE BIRTH OF A DAUGHTER TO BE CONSIDERED CLEAN, AND ONLY 7 DAYS IF SHE HAS A SON



Lev. 12:2-4 "Tell the people of Isra'el: 'If a woman conceives and gives birth to a boy, **she will be unclean for seven days** with the same uncleanness as in niddah, (menstruation) when she is having her menstrual period. 3 On the eighth day, the baby's foreskin is to be circumcised. 4 **She is to wait an additional thirty-three days** to be purified from her blood; she is not to touch any holy thing or come into the sanctuary until the time of her purification is over".



Lev. 12:5 "But if she gives birth to a girl, she will be **unclean for two weeks**, as in her niddah; (menstruation) and **she is to wait another sixty-six days** to be purified from her blood."

Here we see the instruction, as given in Leviticus 12:1-8, on the requirements after the birth of our children. For a male child the mother is unclean for seven days and the isolation/separation for her recovery is 33 days. The total purification period is 40 days. The male child is circumcised on the eighth day.

For a female child, she is unclean for two weeks. Her rest, during the bleeding and cleansing period, is another 66 days, for a total of 80 days.

Why is the cleansing portion double for a daughter as compared to a son?

"After giving birth to a daughter the women bleeds for much longer. **The reason is that estrogen levels are much higher during gestation for females.** This causes an extended time of bleeding for the mother after birth".

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