

## Chapter 12

*The law of womens purification that beare children.*

**A**nd our Lord spake to Moyfes, saying: <sup>2</sup> Speake to the children of Ifrael, and thou shalt say to them: A woman, if <sup>a</sup>)receiving feede she beare a man child, shall be uncleane seven daies, according to the daies of the separation of her floures. <sup>3</sup> And the eighth day the little infant shall be circumcised: <sup>4</sup> but her self shall remaine three & thirtie daies in the blood of her purification: No holie thing shall she touch, neither shall she enter into the Sanctuarie, vntill the daies of her purification be expired. <sup>5</sup> But if she beare a woman child, she shall be uncleane two weekes, according to the custome of the fluxe of her floweres, and fixtie six daies she shall remaine in the blood of her purification. <sup>6</sup> And when the daies of her purification are expired, for a sonne, or for a daughter, she shall bring a lambe of a yeare old for an holocaust, and a young pigeon or a turtle for sinne, to the dore of the tabernacle of testimony, and shall deliuer them to the priest, <sup>7</sup> who shall offer them before our Lord, and shall pray for her, and so she shall be cleansed from the fluxe of her blood. This is the lawe for her that beareth a man child or a woman child. <sup>8</sup> And if her hand finde not, neither is able to offer a lambe, she shall take two turtles, or two young pigeons, one for an holocaust, and an other for sinne, and the priest shall pray for her, and so she shall be cleansed.

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<sup>a</sup> The most pure virgin mother, was not subiect to this law. For she conceived not by the feede of man, yet obserued the custome of other women *Luc. 2.* as Christ also would be baptized by S. Iohn Baptist *Mat. 3.* to geue example of humilitie. *S. Cyril. li. 8. in Leuit. S. Bernard. Ser. 3. de Purific.*