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## THE MANY FACES OF MOLD IN HISTORY

The written history of contaminated housing and its health effects can be traced back thousands of years. Leviticus Chapter 13:1-47 and 14:33-47 is one of the oldest known references to ill health effects and contaminated housing. Some archaeologists believe that individuals referred to as “Lepers” were actually people with fungal infections. The bible speaks of isolation and purification of people with skin diseases and

mold clean up. In biblical times, the priest acted in a similar fashion to today’s home inspector. If mildew was found in the homes, the priest would order the contaminated stones to be torn out, the inside walls be scraped clean, old stones to be replaced with new ones, and the walls be replastered. The home was then to be monitored for re-growth. Mold remediation back then was not much different from what is done today.

