



TZAV - COMMAND

Leviticus 6:8 to 8:36
Jeremiah 7:21- 8:3; 9:22-23
Hebrews 13:10-16
1 Timothy 2:1-8
Romans 12:1-2

*Continued from the last study: Vayikra
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The last study, *Vayikra*, introduced the five offerings God's/*Elohim* people are to present before Him. *Tzav* continues with the protocol for these offerings beginning with the brazen altar. The offerings are designed to keep the Bride's heart clean coming into Yahweh's presence. They initiate a structure of holiness for life in the Tabernacle – the dwelling place of the Bridegroom. The offerings are offered by the twelve tribes of Israel and those who choose to dwell in one accord with the God/*Elohim* of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. They too are seen as native-born Israelites and given full citizenship status as part of Israel through the Covenant given to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

🦁 **Zechariah 8:23** “Thus saith the LORD/*Yahweh* of hosts/*Tzva'ot* in those days *it shall come to pass*, that ten men [*reference to the scattered ten tribes from the House of Israel*] shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt [*the tzitzit that is attached to the hem of the talet*] of him that is a Jew, saying, we will go with you: for we have heard *that God/Elohim is with you* (KJV).

🦁 **Ezekiel 47:21-23** “Thus you shall divide this land among yourselves according to the tribes of Israel. It shall be that you will divide it by lot as an inheritance for yourselves, and for the strangers who dwell among you and who bear children among you. They shall be to you as native-born among the children of Israel; they shall have an inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel. And it shall be *that* in whatever tribe the stranger dwells, there you shall give *him* his inheritance,” says the Lord/*Adonai* GOD/*Elohim*.”

The purpose of the book of Leviticus is not only to reveal Yahweh's holy moral conduct for His people through the restoration of the priesthood but also where His people learn to walk in Covenant understanding of their eternal heavenly calling (Hebrews 3:1). The

Tabernacle / *Mishkan* is the pattern of *Yeshua's image and Kingdom*. This image is the pattern of our redeemed lifestyle and walk.

🦁 **2 Timothy 1:9** "...who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus /*Yeshua Ha Mashiach* before time began."

In the last lesson, we learned that of the five offerings three were volunteer and two were required. In this lesson, we will learn of Yahweh's eternal plan through the *regulations* of these offerings.

1. The Elevation - *Olah* Offering Leviticus 6:8-13

Yeshua is *our volunteer olah offering* who willingly offered Himself on our behalf. The *olah* was offered for impure thoughts or failing to perform a required action. This offering is to remain while the fire continuously burned throughout the night. This offering is a picture of how our hearts are to be open, willing and ready to walk in His will.

🦁 **Exodus 13:21-22** "And the LORD/*Yahweh* was going before them in a pillar of cloud by day to lead them on the way, and in a pillar of fire by night to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. He did not take away the pillar of cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people."

🦁 **Isaiah 4:4 - 5:1** "When the Lord/*Adonai* has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and purged the blood of Jerusalem from her midst, by the *spirit of judgment* and by the *spirit of burning*, then the LORD/*Yahweh* will create above every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and above her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night. For over all the glory there *will be* a covering. And there will be a tabernacle for shade in the daytime from the heat, for a place of refuge, and for a shelter from storm and rain. Now let me sing to my Well-beloved a song of my Beloved regarding His vineyard: My Well-beloved has a vineyard on a very fruitful hill..."

The priest, dressed in white linen garments, would receive the *olah*. After the offering was consumed, he would change his clothes and leave to dispose of the ashes in a ceremonially clean place outside the camp. This scripture prophetically describes the very procedure *Yeshua* would travel on our behalf. *Yeshua*, our High Priest, receives our *olah* offerings in the same way. Our *willing* offering becomes holy to Him. When *Yeshua* takes our sin offering, He covers our transgression and disposes of it.

🦁 **Psalms 103:8-12** "The LORD/*Yahweh* is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy. He will not always strive *with us*, nor will He keep *His anger* forever. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, *so great* is

His mercy toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, *so* far has He removed our transgressions from us.”

In all our considerations, what we do, who we come in contact with, through our speech and in our actions, our words are to be fortified with *olah* (elevation and encouragement) as a sweet aroma ascending to Yahweh’s throne. How we approach others and interact with them is how we approach God/*Elohim*. This action is considered holy. In learning the offerings, we are consciously choosing to separate from unclean thoughts, actions, speech, associations and relationships to walk in an upright, holy lifestyle in our desire to fulfill this offering.

2. The Meal - *Minchah* Offering Leviticus 6:14-23

The regulation for the volunteer meal offering was given in two parts. First, the *minchah* was made of fine flour, along with oil and incense. No yeast or honey was added to this offering. Its form was either as a baked cake or wafer (called *challah*), fried, cooked in a griddle or pan, and then broken. Secondly, this offering had a tenth portion of the flour removed (called the *memorial portion*). This tenth was then placed on the altar and completely burned. The memorial portion represented Yeshua, who is our memorial offering before Yahweh. The remainder of the offering, the ninety percent, was for the priests and considered *most holy*. The holiest portion was only consumed by those consecrated.

🍷 **1 Corinthians 11:24** “And when He [*Yeshua*] had given thanks, He broke it and said, ‘Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in *remembrance of Me*’” (Luke 22:17-19).

🍷 **1 Corinthians 11:27** “Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord/*Adonai* in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.”

🍷 **John 6:51** Yeshua said, “I am the *living bread* that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he shall live forever; and the bread also which I shall give for the life of the world is My flesh.”

Today, we the Bride, *the royal priesthood* of Yeshua, may eat the remaining portion of the *holy minchah* offering because Yeshua is our *memorial portion* who offered Himself completely, thus, has made the remaining part of the offering *holy*.

🍷 **Romans 12:1** “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God/*Elohim*, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God/*Elohim*, which is your reasonable service.”

In Yeshua’s memorial offering, He redeemed, renewed, and restored the Covenant made initially with His people at Mount Sinai. It is only through our repentance and obedience

to our Marriage Covenant that allows His people to partake in the *holy portion/minchah* today. The memorial is our reminder always to keep our Covenantal vows with Him *holy* (Hebrews 8:8-10; Jeremiah 31:31-34; John 5:46-47).

- ✠ **Leviticus 6:18, 27** “Whatever touches [*the minchah offering and the sin offering*] will become holy.”

- ✠ **Psalm 116:12-17** “What shall I render to the LORD/*Yahweh* for all His benefits toward me? I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD/*Yahweh*. I will pay my vows to the LORD/*Yahweh* now in the presence of all His people. Precious in the sight of the LORD/*Yahweh* is the death of His saints. O LORD/*Yahweh*, truly I *am* Your servant; I *am* Your servant, the son of Your maidservant; You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD/*Yahweh*.”

- ✠ **Acts 10:11-16, 24, 28** At the sixth hour of prayer (*12 noon*) Peter “saw heaven opened and an object like a great sheet [*talet/torah scroll*] bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth. In it were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air. And a voice came to him, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ But Peter said, ‘Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean.’ And a voice spoke to him again the second time, ‘What God/*Elohim* has cleansed you must not call common.’ This was done three times. And the object was taken up into heaven again. And the following day they entered Caesarea. Now Cornelius was waiting for them, and had called together his relatives and close friends. Then he [*Peter*] said to them, ‘You know how unlawful it is [*in rabbinic law*] for a Jewish man to keep company with or go to one of another nation. *But God/Elohim has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean.*”

4. The Sin – *Chatas* Offering Leviticus 6:24-30

The sin offering regulation was required for those who recognized any dishonoring or offending traits within themselves. Before they could participate in the fellowship offering again, repentance was necessary. It was to be offered by a willing, open, and honest heart. Once presented, the offering was seen as *holy* before *Yahweh*. Humble people who confess their sins regularly know that repenting is not an act of punishment or judgment. It is an act of deliverance and restoration that brings healing and wholeness. The offering also restores a right relationship with their heavenly Father.

The *chatas* offering, which represented sin, was not for consumption. It was taken outside the camp and wholly burned. *Yeshua* became our *chatas* offering and crucified outside the camp for the sins of the *whole Israelite community*. He is the Red Heifer offering (Numbers 19).

✠ **Hebrews 13:10-16** “We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus/*Yeshua* also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God/*Elohim*, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God/*Elohim* is well pleased.”

✠ **John 6:53 –58** “Jesus/*Yeshua* said to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man [*supreme Messianic name for Yahweh in the flesh, Yeshua*] and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me. This is the bread which came down out of heaven; not as the fathers ate, and died, he who eats this bread shall live forever.’”

5. The Guilt – *Asham* Offering Leviticus 7:1-10

The regulation for the fifth offering, the *asham*, was also considered most holy. If a believer walked in any dishonoring thoughts or actions, those unclean ways would bring contamination incurring guilt that would bring a consequence for their action. *Yeshua* fulfilled the *asham* requirements past, present and future, **however**, He asks His people to be *accountable for their sin* so that guilt will not come upon them. Many people, even though they are *born again*, still walk under the condemnation of guilt, as many do not understand how to be accountable or how to repent. This is particularly the case if believers have sinned *after* becoming *born again*.

Throughout Leviticus, Scripture instructs *believers* how to walk a holy priestly lifestyle. Why? Remember, the Levites served *in the outer court*, but only the Levitical *priests* were allowed to serve *inside the Tabernacle*. The Tabernacle is all about holiness. Paul in his letters taught that believers represent the temple today. He continually exhorted believers not to be carnally minded. They are to take *off* corruption, as they are a *holy* people. Believers are sanctified and redeemed by the blood of *Yeshua*; *therefore*, they must not *mix* unholy dishonoring ways (thoughts or lifestyle) with holiness (1 Corinthians 3:16).

Yeshua's salvation was gifted to the Bride as a Wedding Covenant, which cannot be broken, stolen, or lost. Through His death and resurrection, *Yeshua* has been faithful to keep the Covenant on our behalf. Throughout the New Testament/*Brit Chadasha*, Paul urged *believers* to walk in that holy lifestyle patterned by Moses. Why would he teach this to *saved* believers? Man's theology teaches that salvation and eternal life are

interchangeable. However, this is not true. They are two separate matters in Scripture. We cannot lose our salvation (covenant), but we can lose our positioning in eternal life. Thus, Paul's teaching is not about salvation but *sanctification* and *redemption*. The sin and guilt offerings were not for salvation purposes but sanctification and redemption leading to holiness and eternal life. That is why the offerings are still applicable today. In Galatians, this point is made very clear to believers (Exodus 19:5-6; 1 Peter 2:9; Galatians 6:7-8; Revelation 1:6; 5:10; 20:6).

Galatians 6:7-8 “[*Believers*] Do not be deceived: God/*Elohim* cannot be mocked. A man [*believer*] reaps what he sows. The one [*believer*] who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap *destruction*; the one [*believer*] who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap *eternal life*” (NIV); Romans 2:7-8; 6:19-23; 1 Timothy 6:11-12; Titus 1:1-3; 3:1-7; 1 John 3:15).

The same Torah principle that caused Esau to cry out as he gave up his birthright is seen here again in Hebrews. Scripture reveals that Yahweh's word never changes, even over the generations (Genesis 27:34-35).

🌿 **Hebrews 12:14-17** “[*Believers*] Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God/*Elohim*; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled; lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright. For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.”

🌿 **Hebrews 6:4-6** “For it is impossible for those [*believers*] who were once enlightened [*born again*], and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God/*Elohim* and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God/*Elohim*, and put Him to an open shame.”

Hebrews 6:4-6 is taught to Yeshua's people. The Scripture takes us beyond salvation into the walk of redemption and holiness. Believers need to be finished mixing the profane with holiness. Our eternal position is at stake. A trespass could be for handling the holy in an ordinary or a profane way, thinking of a fellow man in an incorrect manner or for sharing negative judgments of a neighbor with others. Or it could simply be body language that gives a negative implication. Acting in this way will bring guilt upon ourselves. To cleanse, we need to be accountable and offer up an offering of repentance. Yeshua paid the price in full for our guilt. He took our place and died our death for our initial salvation and any future sins. If we do not apply His offering for that new sin, it is still active and not covered, until we repent.

🌿 **1 Corinthians 11:27-30** Paul said to believers, “Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of

sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep.”

Watching Our Thoughts and Words - *We Reap What We Sow*

When we first came into Yeshua’s Kingdom, as newly born believers, we learned that what we say has a tremendous impact on our lifestyle and environment. As Yahweh’s disciples and Bride’s in waiting, we are learning through sanctification that we are also representatives of His word. Therefore, we are not to represent any other kingdom, especially the old kingdom He delivered us from (the realm of death, *the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil*). James goes on to great detail helping believers understand that what they sow they will inherit – either eternal life or destruction. The choice is ours. The instructions are there for us to follow. If we sow good seed, we reap a harvest of blessings. If we sow weeds we choke Yeshua’s life and wonder where His blessings are.

✠ **James 2:5-13** “Listen, my dear brother [*believer*]: has not God/*Elohim* chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? But you have insulted the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? Are they not the ones who are slandering the noble name of him to whom you belong? If you really keep *the royal law* found in Scripture [*Torah, the instructions of Yeshua’s gospel given at Mount Sinai*], ‘Love your neighbor as yourself’, you are doing right. But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. For he who said, ‘Do not commit adultery’, also said, ‘Do not murder’. If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker. Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives “freedom,” because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment!” (Leviticus 19:18, Exodus 20:14; Deuteronomy 5:18, Exodus 20:13; Deuteronomy 5:17).

Torah (God/Elohim ’s teaching and instruction) is mercy.

The Covering

Yeshua, as our High Priest, has made offerings on our behalf. Therefore, His life covers our life. Thus, we are seen in His Image. This testimony was witnessed in Adam and Eve (Leviticus 7:8).

✠ **Genesis 3:21** “Also for Adam and his wife the LORD/*Yahweh* God/*Elohim* made tunics of *skin*, and clothed them.”

🌿 **Leviticus 7:8** “The priest who offers a burnt offering for anyone may keep its *hide* for himself.”

Yeshua’s covering His Betrothed with garments of His sacrifice are prophetic. When Yeshua redeemed His people, they were covered in *His* righteousness. Therefore, if a believer sins, they need to *appropriate* Yeshua’s covering through repentance otherwise they will die in their sin.

🌿 **John 8:24** “Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe [*be doers of His word*] that I am *He*, you will die in your sins.”

🌿 **Hebrews 10:19-22** “Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus/*Yeshua*, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God/*Elohim*, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil [*guilty*] conscience and our bodies washed with pure water [*so they will not die in their sins*].”

🌿 **1 Peter 2:24** “who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness - by whose stripes [*reference to His instructions for life that are written on a Torah scroll*] you were healed.”

3. The Fellowship – *Shalam* Offering Leviticus 7:11-21

The instruction regarding the *shalam* or shalom *voluntary* offering was placed last in the regulation section, after the directives for the required sin and guilt offerings. The *shalam* offering is for the restoration of fellowship between Yahweh and man. This offering is an expression of thanksgiving for His Faithfulness. The sin of dishonor, whether intentional or unintentional, separates man from his Heavenly Father. For a properly restored reunion, *after every sin, man needs to be established once again, especially after having become born again*. The rules and regulations for restoration are in the *shalam* instructions. The *fellowship* offering also incorporates the *thanksgiving* offering. Both are served together. One is without yeast (the fellowship offering), and the other is with yeast (the thanksgiving offering) and both are served with salt.

There has been some question among fellowships as to which bread to serve on Shabbat. Firstly, believers gather to remember the cup of the *Blood Covenant of Yeshua’s offering*. This is served with the *grain or meal offering*. The meal offering is unleavened bread (*matzo*) made without yeast or honey and served with salt representing the Salt Covenant. The grain offering is for those with consecrated hearts who bear the Fruit of the Spirit as a witness (born again) (Galatians 5:22-26; Ephesians 5:9).



🦁 **Exodus 23:18** “You shall not offer the blood of My sacrifice with leavened bread”

🦁 **Luke 22:19** “And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.’”

🦁 **Leviticus 2:11** “No grain offering which you bring to the LORD/Yahweh shall be made with leaven, for you shall burn no leaven nor any honey in any offering to the LORD/Yahweh made by fire.”

Secondly, the *fellowship* or *peace offering* is also presented on Shabbat. Within the fellowship offering is the *thanksgiving offering*. The thanksgiving offering is made with yeast usually in the shape of a braided baked loaf.

🦁 **Leviticus 7:11-13** “This is the law of the sacrifice of *peace offerings* which he shall offer to the LORD/Yahweh: If he offers it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer, with the sacrifice of thanksgiving, unleavened cakes mixed with oil, unleavened wafers anointed with oil, or cakes of blended flour mixed with oil. Besides the [*unleavened*] cakes, as his offering he shall offer *leavened* bread with the sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace offering.”



In our home, we serve unleavened bread/*matzoh* (no yeast or honey) for the *remembrance sacrifice* and *grain offering* on the Friday night/*Erev Shabbat*. On Shabbat day, if there is a mixed crowd of believers, none believers, or those who have yet to consecrate themselves we serve the *thanksgiving offering* made with *leavened* bread, which includes a side dish of sweet honey butter to dip.

The only time the *grain offering* is made with *leaven* is during the Feast of *Shavuot*/Pentecost. There, two leavened loaves are required for the wave offering (Leviticus 23:16-17).



Eat No Fat

🦁 **Leviticus 7:22-25** “And LORD/Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ‘speak to the children of Israel, saying: ‘You shall not eat any fat, of ox or sheep or goat [*biblically clean animals*]. And the fat of an animal that dies *naturally*, and the fat of what is torn by wild beasts, may be used in any other way; but you shall by no means eat it. For whoever eats the fat of the animal of which men offer an offering made by fire to LORD/Yahweh, the person who eats *it* shall be cut off from his people.’”

Fat in Scripture represents not only the physical fat but also what produces fat such as spiritual sickness. If our thoughts dwell on sin long enough, they can become one with our flesh.

🦁 **Proverbs 23:7** “For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he” (KJV).

Impure thoughts can poison the body by producing over-secretions of chemicals that can lead to an imbalance, which in turn produce fat. Fear, stress and anxiety can be underlying causes of obesity and disease. When Scripture instructs us not to eat fat or blood, it speaks of not only the physical abstinence but also the end of spiritual abuse, including emotional, psychological and verbal. Fat can references pride in Scripture.

🦁 **Proverbs 16:17-19** “The highway of the upright is to depart from evil; he who keeps his way preserves his soul. Pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall. Better to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.”

Fat contains critical elements. There are good and bad fats. Yahweh has designed our bodies to function on His foods. Our bodies represent living temples of Yahweh thus; we are responsible for their upkeep. These instructions are to bless and give us a long life. If we bring contamination into our temples, we leave ourselves open to sickness, disease and even death. The choice is ours. Obedience brings the blessings.

🦁 **Proverbs 3:1-2, 4:20-27** “My son, do not forget my law [*instruction*], but let your heart keep my commands; for length of days and long life and peace they will add to you. My son, give attention to my words [*they are wisdom, understanding and knowledge to you*]; Incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart; for they *are* life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh. Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it *spring* the issues of life. Put away from you a deceitful mouth, and put perverse lips far from you. Let your eyes look straight ahead, and your eyelids look right before you. Ponder the path of your feet, and let all your ways be established. Do not turn to the right or the left; remove your foot from evil.”

🦁 **Proverbs 15:30** “The light of the eyes rejoices the heart, and a good report makes the bones healthy.”

🦁 **Proverbs 16:24** “Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.”


🦁 **Proverbs 17:22** “A merry heart does good, like medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones.”

Blood Forbidden

🦁 **Leviticus 7:26-27** “Moreover you shall not eat any blood in any of your dwellings, *whether* of bird or beast. Whoever eats any blood, that person shall be cut off from his people.”

Blood in Scripture is for atonement. If believers consume blood, they go against its created purpose. In Leviticus 17:11 *life or the DNA, is in the blood*. The organs of the body contain blood, but Scripture is only referring to the *circulator blood* that circulates

through the arteries and veins. This circulatory blood acts as a cleanser that processes the removal of debris and at the same time takes vital nutrients to the organs and members of the body. Thus, the blood is both clean and unclean, containing the *life source*. If the *lifeblood* is not drained, it will remain. That is why, in pagan rituals, they drink the blood of their offerings so that life will continue to live through them. Thus, if believers ingest animals/birds, and the *circulatory* blood has not been removed, they may be exposed to animalistic characteristics, mindsets, fears, instincts and behaviors that can lead to idolatry. Therefore, believers are not to consume the blood, or *they* will render *themselves* unclean.

 **Ezekiel 33:25** “Therefore say to them, thus says the Lord/*Adonai* GOD/*Elohim*: ‘You eat meat with blood, you lift up your eyes toward your idols, and shed blood. Should you then possess the land?’”

“Does This Mean We Cannot Eat Meat?”

People can purchase Biblically Koshered meats if available. Kosher labeled meat is processed under rabbinic supervision and biblically butchered and bled. People can also buy a good quality meat like grass-fed organic and soak in cold salted water, drain, rinse and dry well before using (Acts 15:20-21, 29; 21:25).

Halal versus Biblical Kosher



Halal is not Biblically Kosher. As the Muslim population expands, Halal grocery products and animal slaughters are becoming more widely circulated throughout the western world. Halal is a slaughter similar to kosher but with an added difference. Firstly, during the slaughter, sharia law states that the animal must be blessed by an Islamic priest/*Imam*, who dedicates the kill to their Muslim god Allah and says, ‘*Bismillah Allah-hu-Akbar.*’ This Islamic prayer means ‘*In the name of Allah, who is the greatest.*’ Secondly, the religion of Islam declares, “*There is no God/Elohim but Allah, who never produced a son, nor had a companion, nor needed a protector. Praise his greatness.*” Therefore, sharia law is not compatible with *Yeshua Ha Mashiach*, as He is the Son of God/*Elohim* and the Spirit of the Holy One/*Ruach Ha Kodesh*. Thirdly, after the halal prayer has been pronounced over the animal, the meat then becomes *ritually* slaughtered. Therefore, *a sacrifice made to an idol*. Scripture states eating anything dedicated to another god other than Yahweh (the God/*Elohim* of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob), is idolatry and an abomination before Him. Fourthly, consuming halal products is in effect submitting, accepting, and surrendering (giving power) to Allah, the god of the Muslims and being in agreement with Islamic sharia law. Islam means *submission* or *slave of Allah*. Lastly, purchasing and consuming a halal product is in effect agreeing with sharia law, giving it power over and above Yahweh’s law in you. This includes the sanctioning of *all* Islamic ideologies.



There are a growing numbers of meat markets, supermarkets, restaurant chains and even

schools selling or using halal/sharia law certified products *unknown* to the consumer. Whole Foods, Trader Joes, Subway restaurants, McDonald's, KFC, Campbell soups, Costco, Walmart, Nando's, Domino's Pizza are among the growing number of companies selling Islamic controlled halal products on their premises, many *without* the consumer's knowledge, as labeling is not mandatory (*For a fuller list see reference below*).

- ✠ **Exodus 20:3** “You shall have no other gods before Me.”
- ✠ **Act 15:20-21** “...write to them to abstain from things polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from things strangled, and from blood. For Moses has had throughout many generations those who preach him in every city, being read in the synagogues every Sabbath” (Acts 15:29; 21:25).
- ✠ **1 Corinthians 10:19-21** “What am I saying then? That an idol is anything, or what is offered to idols is anything? Rather, that the things which the Gentiles [*Nations*] sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God/*Elohim*, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord's table and of the table of demons.”
- ✠ **Revelation 2:14** “But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality.”
- ✠ **Revelation 2:20** “Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.”
- ✠ **Zechariah 13:2** “It shall be in that day,” says the LORD/*Yahweh* of hosts, “*that* I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they shall no longer be remembered. I will also cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to depart from the land.”

The Meat Board of New Zealand

Over thirty years ago, to help bolster their export sales, the Meat Board of New Zealand made an agreement with Iran. At the time European markets were slow and Iran was looking for a halal source. From an economic and business standpoint, New Zealand decided Iran would be a good match and offered their services. The farmer had no choice. The Board agreed to supply Iran 200,000 tons of lamb over a four year period and began converting freezers licensed for halal slaughtering for their use. Iran in response sent Muslim Imams and slaughter men proficient in sharia law to process all New Zealand lamb. When Iran failed in their obligations, the Meat Board exported halal meat to other Muslim countries in the Middle East, Africa, and Asia. Now New Zealand is one of the largest exporters of halal lamb and beef in the world today.

Scripture warns against slaughtering animals to a false god. The New Zealand Meat Board used legal authority to institutionalized idolatry through the means of a levy required by the farmer on all meat for export. Living on an island meant they would have to comply with the tax. This action perpetuated the infrastructure for the New Zealand Meat Board while eliminating trade barriers to promote New Zealand beef and sheep meat. Since initiating the program, New Zealand suffered setbacks with farmers needing subsidies to keep their industry viable, notwithstanding the severe droughts they have had to endure. 2013 was reported as the worst drought in thirty years. Young people have left the land in droves in search for a better life.

When people submit to a *religion*, they give the god of that religion power over them. Yahweh warns us not to do mix with other gods, and their practices or curses will come upon them and overtake their land.

🌿 **Deuteronomy 28:15-16, 20-22** “But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD/Yahweh your God/Elohim, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you: ‘Cursed *shall you be* in the city, and cursed *shall you be* in the country. The LORD/Yahweh will send on you cursing, confusion, and rebuke in all that you set your hand to do, until you are destroyed and until you perish quickly, because of the wickedness of your doings in which you have forsaken Me. The LORD/Yahweh will make the plague cling to you until He has consumed you from the land which you are going to possess. The LORD/Yahweh will strike you with consumption, with fever, with inflammation, with severe burning fever, with the sword, with scorching [*droughts*], and with mildew; they shall pursue you until you perish.’”

This Scripture in Deuteronomy sets the background to Yahweh’s instruction on cleaning the land as written in Joshua 3:10.

🌿 “And Joshua said, ‘By this you shall know that the living God/Elohim is among you, and that He will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Hivites and the Perizzites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Jebusites” (Joshua 3:10).

As believers committed their hearts and minds solely unto Yahweh, cleansing the land is vital if they chose to obey the vow they made to Him. What we put into our bodies by way of thought, deed, action or even in an association, is key to the priesthood of Yeshua. His priesthood will be a *holy* priesthood that serves Him in His *Holy House/Tabernacle*. If the intended Bride of Yeshua eats or produces fat and blood in her food or consumes food offered to idols, they must ask themselves: “*Is this the bride the Groom will return for?*” The Groom is looking for a Bride made in His Image and not the likeness of another god. We will see how important this issue is as we continue through the book of Leviticus. The very fact that every time we read of *fat* and *blood* in Scripture, the instructions for the priesthood follow. In Leviticus, these two teachings on fat and blood go hand in hand and become the pattern throughout the book. Believers will come to

learn that there is a correlation between what they feed their minds and put in their mouths that decides the outcome of their *eternal* walk. Believers must decide if what they are eating and participating in is priesthood material or not, *as it is all about sanctification.*

🦁 **Malachi 4:4-6** “Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD/*Yahweh*. And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.”

The Ordination of Aaron and His Sons Leviticus 8

After the rules and regulations for the offerings, Yahweh directed Moses to bring Aaron and Aaron’s four sons, along with the anointing oil, the bull for the burnt offering, the two rams and a basket containing bread made without yeast, to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting. Moses then gathered the whole assembly to witness as he washed and dressed Aaron in his High Priest garments and Aaron’s sons in their linen robes. The required bull was offered for any sin of dishonor/*chattas*, and when its blood had consecrated and made atonement for the Altar, they took the bull with its hide, flesh, and offal and burned it outside the camp. Moses took the anointing oil and anointed the Tabernacle, the altar then Aaron and his two sons.

Two rams were presented next. The first ram was for the elevation/*olah*/burnt offering, which was completely burned on the altar. The second was called the ram of consecration. Its blood was applied to Aaron and his son’s right ear, right thumb, and right big toe. The *minchah* was offered along with a cake (*challah*) made of unleavened bread and waved as a waved offering along with the right thigh and breast. Moses sprinkled Aaron and his sons with blood from the Altar and anointing oil. At the completion of their ordination, a meal of the holy offerings was served. They stayed at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting *a full seven days*.

🦁 **1 Timothy 2:1-8** Paul said, “I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God/*Elohim* our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God/*Elohim* and one mediator between God/*Elohim* and men, the Man Christ Jesus /*Yeshua Ha Mashiach*/the Messiah, who gave himself as a ransom for all men - the testimony given in its proper time. And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle - I am telling the truth, I am not lying - and a teacher of the true faith to the Nations. I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing.”

✠ **Romans 12:1-2** “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God / *Elohim*, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God/*Elohim*, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God/*Elohim*.”

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