

## The Levitical Sacrifices

Sacrifice	Category	Scripture References	Elements	Purpose
Burnt Offering עֹלָה <i>Olah</i>	Commitment to God	Lev 1:6:8-13; 8:18-21; 16:24	Bull, ram or male bird (dove or young pigeon for the poor); no defect. Completely consumed.	<b>Voluntary</b> act of worship; expression of devotion, commitment and complete surrender to God.
Grain Offering מִנְחָה <i>Minchah</i>	Commitment to God	Lev 2; 6:14-23	Grain, fine flour, olive oil, incense, baked bread (cakes or wafers), salt; no yeast or honey; accompanied burnt offering and fellowship offering (along with drink offering).	<b>Voluntary</b> act of worship; recognition of God's goodness and provisions; devotion to God.
Peace Offering שְׁלָמִים <i>Shl'mim</i>	Communion with God	Lev 3; 7:11-34	Any animal without defect from herd or flock; variety of breads.	<b>Voluntary</b> act of worship; thanksgiving and fellowship (it included a communal meal - worshipper & priest together).
Sin Offering חַטָּאת <i>Chata'at</i>	Cleansing from God	Lev 4:1-5:13; 6:24-30; 8:14-17; 16:3-22	1.Young bull: for high priest and congregation 2. Male goat: for leader 3. Female goat or lamb: for common person. 4. Dove or pigeon: for the poor 5.Tenth of an ephah of fine flour: for the very poor	<b>Mandatory</b> atonement for specific unintentional sin; confession of sin; forgiveness of sin; cleansing from defilement.
Guilt Offering אֲשָׁם <i>Asham</i>	Cleansing from God	Lev 5:14-6:7; 7:1-6	Ram or lamb + restitution	<b>Mandatory</b> atonement for unintentional sin requiring restitution; cleansing from defilement; make restitution; pay 20% fine.

When more than one kind of offering was presented (as in Num 7:1 6,1 7), the procedure was usually as follows: **(1) Sin Offering** or **Guilt Offering**, **(2) Burnt Offering**, **(3) Peace Offering** and **Grain Offering** (along with a **Drink Offering**). This sequence furnishes part of the spiritual significance of the sacrificial system. First, sin had to be dealt with (**Sin Offering** or **Guilt Offering**). Second, the worshipper committed himself completely to God (**Burnt Offering** and **Grain Offering**). Third, fellowship or communion between the LORD, the priest and the worshiper (**Peace Offering**) was established. To state it another way, there were sacrifices of **Expiation** (**Sin Offering** or **Guilt Offering**), **Consecration** (**Burnt Offering** and **Grain Offering**), and **Communion** (**Peace Offering** - including **Vow Offerings**, **Thank Offerings** and **Freewill Offerings**).