

Midrash V'Yikra ("And He Called")
Leviticus 1:1 – 5:26

"If it were possible to get the message of this book (Leviticus) into the hearts of all people who are trying to be religious, all cults and 'isms' would end."

J. Vernon McGee

V'Yikra – "The Called Out Ones". Compare with *ekklesia*.

The Theme of Leviticus: "Be Holy, for I AM Holy"

Lev 11:44&45; 19:2; 20:7&26; 21:8; 22:23

..... expressed in 5 ways: A Holy God
 A Holy Priesthood
 A Holy People
 A Holy Land
 A Holy Savior

"If I had my choice of all the blessings I can conceive of, I would choose perfect conformity to the Lord Jesus, or, in one word, holiness."

Charles Spurgeon

Exodus:

Offers Pardon
God's Approach to Man
Yeshua as the Messiah
Man's Guilt is Prominent
God Speaks Out of Sinai
Man is Made Nigh unto God

Leviticus:

Offers Purity
Man's Approach to God
Yeshua as the Sanctifier
Man's Defilement is Prominent
God Speaks Out of the Tabernacle
Man is Kept High unto God

The Book of Leviticus is the Priests' Procedure Manual

The Voluntary Offerings:

The Burnt Offering עֹלָה *Olah* – ("Go up")

Leviticus 1

A male without blemish from the herd (cattle) or flock (sheep) – no animals of prey
Laying on of Hands - offered voluntarily ("that he may be accepted by the LORD")
Killed at the Door of the Tabernacle = Threshold Covenant
Who kills the animal? Who cuts it up? Who washes the pieces?
Completely consumed

Of the fowls (doves or pigeons) – again no animals of prey
Who kills the animal? Who cuts it up?

The Meal Offering מִנְחָה *Mincha* ("Oblation"),

Leviticus 2

KJV= "meat", only one that's not meat

Flour, oil (anointing, sanctification), frankincense (Ex 30:34) & salt
no leaven nor honey!

A memorial (portion) is burned; also a sweet savor unto the LORD
The remnant is for Aaron & his sons – to eat!

Baked in the oven, a pan (griddle) or frying pan (deep pan)
Memorial is burned; the remnant for Aaron & sons

Firstfruits Offering is not burnt on the altar
Green ears of corn + oil & incense

The Salt Covenant:

Salt is a preservative = an everlasting covenant

II Chron 13: 5 & II Sam 7:10-17

The Peace (Fellowship) Offering שְׁלָמִים *Shlamim*

Leviticus 3

Any remarkable favor

Male or female without blemish from the herd (cattle) or flock (lamb or goat)

Laying on of Hands
 Killed at the Door of the Tabernacle
 Only the choicest parts are offered to the LORD
 Breast & shoulder is for Aaron to be eaten with the offerer Psalm 23:5
 Offerer eats the remainder
 God is the host of this meal & the offerer is the guest!
 Prohibited to eat the fat – it is the best & therefore the LORD's
 Prohibited to drink blood Lev 17:10-14

Abel's Sacrifice Accepted / Cain's was Not Genesis 4:1-5
 Cain: Fruit of the Ground
 Abel: **Also** brought first fruits of flock & the fat

All Sins are Atoned For! Matthew 12:31
 & Rom 6:1-14

The Mandatory Offerings:

The Sin Offering חטאת Chata'at ("Miss the Mark") **Leviticus 4:1-5:13**

Mandatory Offering for unintentional sins against God
 You must atone for your own sins before you can offer anything else
 Sins of Ignorance

A bull for the sins of the Priest (the head of the household!) Lev 4:3-12
 Killed at the Door of the Tabernacle
 Sprinkled the blood 7X on the veil
 Only the choicest parts are offered to the LORD
 All the rest (skin, flesh, head, legs, innards & dung) burnt outside camp
 Hebraic Thought: Head = Life
 Heart = Morals
 "Kishkahs" = Emotions
 The Priest is the offerer & does the killing

A bull for the sins of National Israel Lev 4:13-21
 The Elders kill it
 A male goat for a Leader of Israel Lev 4:22-26
 A female goat or lamb for a Common Person of Israel Lev 4:27-5:13
 A dove or pigeon for the poor Lev 5:7
 The offering that Joseph & Mary brought!

The Guilt (Trespass) Offering חטאת Asham ("Mixed Pots") **Leviticus 5:14-6:7**

Mandatory Offering for unintentional sins against your fellow man
 For trespass (or fraud) against your fellow man - sins requiring restitution
 Bring a ram + restitution+20% in shekels of silver

The role of Repentance:

"restore" = שׁוּב shoov = "repent" Leviticus 6:4
 "recompense" = שׁוּב shoov = "repent" Numbers 5:6-8

The Mandatory Offerings are for Unintentional Sins Only
.... but repentance "turns" intentional sins, making them eligible for sacrifices
 "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Luke 23:34

Haftarah: Isaiah 43:22-44:23 Israel's Sin of Ingratitude / God Blesses them anyway!

Brit Chadashah: Heb 10:1-18 The Blood of Bulls & Goats – The Commentary on Leviticus