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Rituals for Levitical Offerings

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		DEDICATORY			COMMUNAL	EXPIATORY	
		BURNT	GRAIN	DRINK	FELLOWSHIP	SIN	GUILT
	REFERENCES	(Lev. 1:3-17; 6:8-13)	(Lev. 2; 6:14-23)	(Num. 15:1-10; Lev. 23)	(Lev. 3; 7:11-36)	(Lev. 4:1-5:13; 6:24-30)	(Lev. 5:14-6:7; 7:1-10)
L RITUALS	PRESENTATION: Selection of Offering	Bull (1:3), male sheep (1:10), male goat (1:10), or dove or young pi- geon (1:14)	Grain or barley could be prepared in one of five ways: 1. Basic flour with oil; incense mixed with the part burned on the altar 2. Oven-baked cakes/ wafers mixed or served with oil 3. Griddle-baked cakes, with oil 4. Pan-baked cakes 5. If firstfruits: crushed heads of new grain	With a bull—1/2 hin With a ram—1/3 hin With a lamb—1/4 hin (Note: one hin = ca. 1 quart)	Bull, lamb, or goat, male or female (3:1, 6, 12) (In the freewill of- fering, minor imperfec- tions were permitted in animal, 22:23)	1. Young bull (for priest or nation) 2. Male goat (for tribal leader) 3. Female goat or lamb (for layperson) 4. Dove, young pigeon (for poor person) 5. Flour (½0 ephah) (for very poor)	Usually a ram (a male lamb in the case of a cleansed leper or de- filed Nazirite)
SACRIFICIAL RITUALS	LAYING ON OF HANDS	1:4 (except for bird) (see under "Sin offer- ing")			(3:2, 8, 13—see "Burnt offering")	Sinner's identification with animal or subse- quent symbolic transfer of sin and legal trans- fer of guilt	Confession (Num. 5:7 apparently accompa- nied by laying on of hands
3,	SLAYING OF ANIMAL	Done by worshiper except that a bird was killed by the priest (cf. 1:15)			At sanctuary entrance (see "Burnt offering")	1. At sanctuary en- trance for priest/nation 2. North of altar for others (see "Burnt of- fering")	North of altar (Lev. 7:
	PREPARATION OF OFFERING	Skinning, dismember- ing, washing (cf. 1:6, 12, 16-17)	Worshiper normally prepared it in advance. Priest separated a memorial portion for burning on the altar	7	e .		2

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Priest's Actions		MANIPULA BLOOD		1. Blood caught in a bowl and splashed against sides of the altar (1:5, 11) 2. Bird's blood drained out on side of the altar (1:15)			Blood caught in a bowl and splashed against sides of the altar (3:2, 8, 13)	Ritual varied according to the position of the worshiper (but in- volved "sprinkling" rather than "splashing" of blood), the occasion of sacrifice, or the type of animal (e.g., differ- ent if a bird)	Blood caught in a bow and splashed against the sides of the altar (7:2)
	INCINERA ALTAR	INCINERA' ALTAR	TION ON	All the animal burned on the altar (1:8-9, 12- 13, 15, 17)	Memorial portion burned on the altar by the priest (all was burnt if it was the priest's own offering)	Entire libation poured out to the Lord at the sanctuary (Num. 28:7)	Choice viscera (includ- ing "fat tail" of sheep) burned on altar	Choice viscera burned on the altar	Choice viscera burned on the altar
	Friest	DISTRIBU- TION OR DISPOSAL OF CAR- CASS	Priest's dues	Skin (7:8)	Accompanying burnt offering: the priest ate unburned portion		Breast of animal was to be "wave offering" and eaten by priests	Priest received carcass of offering by leader or layperson	Priest received carcass
			Worship- er's portion	None	Accompanying fellow- ship offering: the wor- shiper ate unburned portion, but a small portion went to the priest		Communal meal for the worshiper's family at proper time and place		
			Remainder	Bird's crop to ashpit (1:16)	10 m2	Signal Signal Signal	Remainder burned	Carcass burned outside the camp for priest or nation	

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OCCASION	Voluntary worship; certain prescribed rit- uals and calendrical of- ferings	An auxiliary offering accompanying burnt and always accompa- nying fellowship offer-	An auxiliary offering normally accompany- ing burnt or fellowship offerings, but never	THANK OFFERING: for unexpected deliver- ance or blessing al- ready granted	Unintentional sin against divine com- mand by an individual or the entire nation	Misappropriation or denial of rightful du to God or man, nor- mally assessable in
		ings; could be sin of- fering for the very poor	with sin or guilt offer- ing alone	VOTIVE OFFERING: for blessing or deliver- ance granted in answer to prayer which had accompanying vow		monetary compensation
				FREEWILL OFFERING: to express thankful de- votion without regard to specific blessing		
DISTINCTIVENESS	Wholly burned on the altar (Lev. 1:9)	As a nonbloody offer- ing, it accompanied bloody offerings	Wine was probably a deliberate substitute for blood of pagan li- bations	Most parts eaten be- fore the Lord by the worshiper (and his family)	(See "Occasion" above)	Sacrifice (see "Occa sion" above) was us ally accompanied by compensation plus to wronged party
OLD TESTAMENT THEOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE	Signified the worship- er's act of total dedica- tion to God	Signified dedication of everyday life to God in recognition of His cov- enant mercies		The worshiper recog- nized the meat eaten as a token of God's cov- enant faithfulness	Provided atonement and forgiveness for specific unintentional sins where no restitu- tion was involved	The ram was for ex ation, accompanied payment of restituti to the wronged part
TYPOLOGY	Christ died as the Lamb of God in com- plete dedication to the accomplishment of God's will	Christ's perfect person is associated with His sacrificial death		Christ's death is the basis of fellowship with God and other be- lievers	Christ died as a satis- factory substitutionary sacrifice to provide the forgiveness of sins	Christ's death atone for the damage or i jury caused by sin

				Special S	acrificial Rit	tuals		
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	Consecration	1. Of priests (Ex. 29; Lev. 8)	Ram			Ram for the ordination	Bull (special ritual)	
		2. Of temple (2 Chron. 29)	70 bulls, 100 rams, 200 male lambs			Numerous bulls, sheep, and goats	Seven bulls, seven rams, seven male lambs, seven male goats	
	Decon- secration	Fulfillment of Nazirite vow (Num. 6:14-17)	Year-old male lamb	Regular grain offering, special bread offering		Ram	Year-old ewe lamb	
	Purification rituals	1. Broken vow (Num. 6:9-12)	Dove and young pigeon				Dove and young pigeon	Year-old male lamb
IIOALS		2. Cleansing of leper (Lev. 14:12-20)	Year-old male lamb (dove or pigeon for poor)	Grain offering			Year-old ewe lamb	Year-old male lamb (plus log of oil)
SPECIAL KITUALS		3. Man (15:14-15) or woman with hemorrhage (15:29-30)	Dove or young pigeon		(a)		Dove or young pigeon	
2		4. Woman after childbirth (12:6-8)	Year-old lamb (or dove or pigeon)		- ,		Dove or young pigeon	
	Other	1. Jealousy ritual (Num. 5:15-26)		1/10 ephah barley meal, no oil or incense (Note: one ephah = 1/2 bushel, ca. 8 quarts)				
		2. Priest's daily grain offering (Lev. 6:19-23)		1/10 ephah fine flour				
		3. Sin offering of very poor (5:11-13)					1/10 ephah fine flour (no oil or incense)	















