

Torah Cycle 2018-19
Parshah: Acharei Mot
(Leviticus 16-18)

Outline of Leviticus thus far:

Ch.1-7 – The Sacrifices

Ch.8-9 – Consecration of the Priests & Their Service

Ch.10 – Death of *Nadav & Avihu*

Ch.11 – Kosher Laws

Ch.12-15 – The Laws of Leprosy & Purification

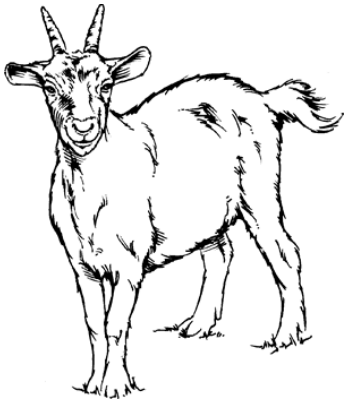
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Ch. 16 – The Yom Kippur Service

Ch. 17 – Laws concerning animal slaughter

Ch. 18 – Laws concerning sexual prohibitions

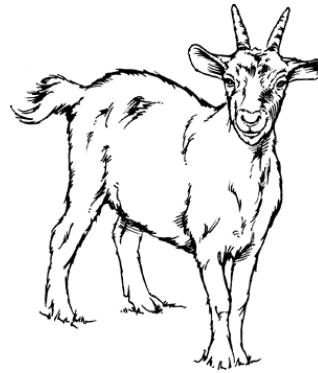
Lessons from Chapter 16



To **Azazel**



Cleanses the People



To **Adonai**



Cleanses God's House

Leviticus 16:21-22

Then Aaron shall lay both of his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over it all the **iniquities** of the sons of Israel and all their **rebellious sins** among all their **sins**, and he shall lay them on the head of the goat and send *it* away by the hand of an **ish iti** (אִישׁ עִזִּי) into the wilderness. The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to a solitary land, and he shall release the goat in the wilderness.

Leviticus 16:15-16

Then he shall slaughter **the goat of the sin offering** which is for the people, and bring its blood inside the veil and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it on the Ark cover and in front of the Ark cover. He shall make atonement for the holy place, because of the impurities of the sons of Israel and because of their transgressions in regard to all their sins, and thus he shall do for the tent of meeting which abides with them in the midst of their impurities.

John 20:17

Yeshua said to her, “Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to My brethren and say to them, ‘I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.’”

Ephesians 4:9-10

Now this *expression*, “He **ascended**,” what does it mean except that He also had **descended** into the lower parts of the earth? He who **descended** is Himself also He who **ascended** far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things.

Isaiah 6:1-3

... I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called out to another and said, **“Holy, Holy, Holy, is ADONAI of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory.”**

Habakkuk 2:14

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of ADONAI as the waters cover the sea.

Lessons from Chapter 17

- Sacrifices are forbidden outside the Tabernacle
 - Kosher slaughter is NOT that complicated!
(Also Deut. 12:20-25)
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Lessons from Chapter 18

Forbidden Sexual Relationships

1 – Incestuous Relationships (18:7-16)

- Father
- Mother
- Father's wife
- Sister
- Granddaughter
- Half-sister
- Aunt
- Uncle
- Daughter-in-law
- Sister-in-law

2 – Other Forbidden Relationships (18:17-20)

- A woman + her daughter
- A woman + her sister
- A woman during her menstrual period
- Wife of another man (adultery)

3 – Child Sacrifice (18:21)

- Sacrificing children to *Molech*

4 – Abomination & Perversion (18:22-23)

- Homosexuality
- Bestiality

Summary:

1 – Shameless Sexual Practices

2 – Greater Shamelessness

3 – Child sacrifice / Abortion

4 – Abomination / Perversion

5 – DESTRUCTION!

Lev. 18:24-29

“Do not defile yourselves by any of these things, **for by all these the nations which I am casting out before you have become defiled**. For the land has become defiled, therefore I have brought its punishment upon it,

so the land has spewed out its inhabitants. But as for you, you are to keep My statutes and My judgments and shall not do any of these abominations, *neither* the native, nor the alien who sojourns among you (for **the men of the land who have been before you have done all these abominations**, and the land has become defiled); so that the land will not spew you out, should you defile it, as it has spewed out the nation which has been before you. For whoever does any of these abominations, those persons who do so shall be cut off from among their people.

“I am Adonai, Your God”