

Torah Cycle 2018-19

Parshah: Vayikra

(Leviticus 1 - 5)

Outline of Vayikra:

- Ch. 1 - The **Korban** Offering Vol.
 - Ch. 2 - The **Minchah** Offering Vol.
 - Ch. 3 - The **Shalomim** Offering Vol.
 - Ch. 4 - The **Chatat** Offering
 - Ch. 5 - The **Asham** Offering
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Introduction to *Vayikra*

- Called “*The book of applied sanctity*” (R’ Steinsaltz)
- More commandments than any other book
- Hardly any narrative sections
- Exodus 19:6 explained it detail.

Exodus 19:6

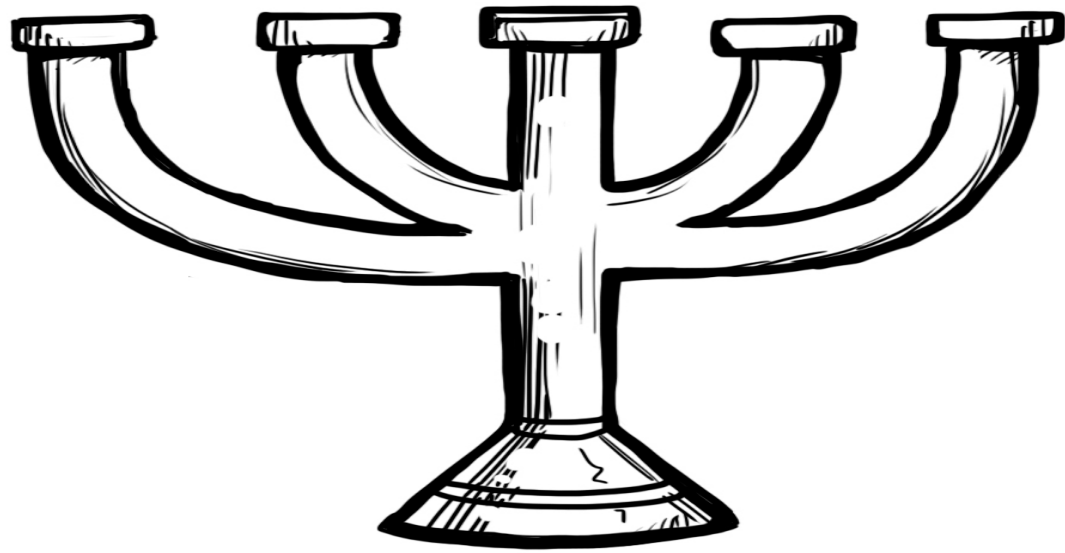
“And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.” ...

Revelation 1:6

And He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father – to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

- The “necessary things” of Acts 15 are derived directly from Leviticus.

Deut. Numbers Lev. Exodus Genesis



תורה
"Torah"

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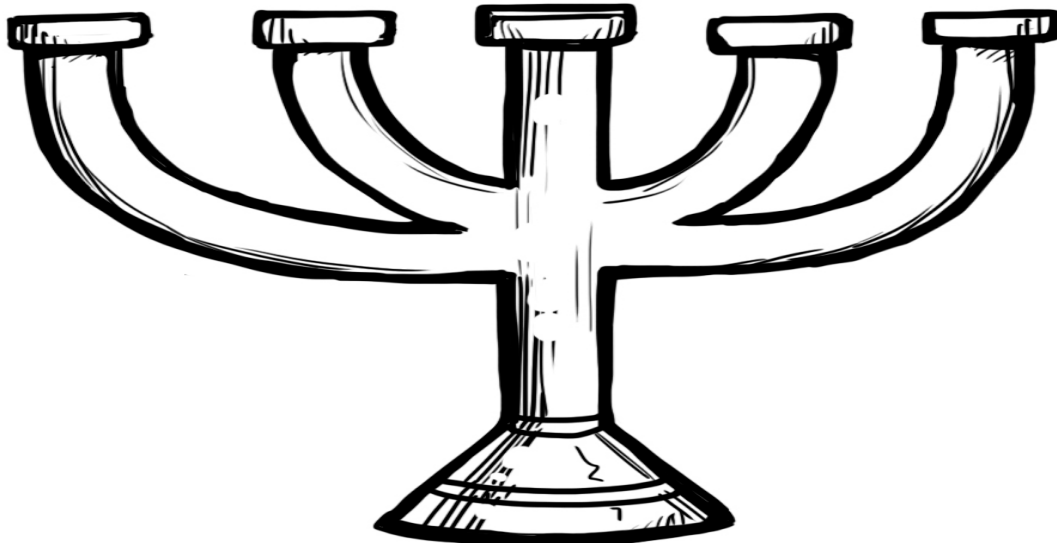
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Pagan Sacrifices vs. Torah Sacrifices

1.

P: Offered to appease and manipulate their god.

T: Offered to acknowledge God's character and their own sinfulness.

2.

P: Pagan gods cared nothing for righteous behavior.

T: Righteousness is of utmost importance to Adonai. Sacrifices = a way to express repentance.

3.

P: Male animals offered to male deities.

Female animals offered to female deities.

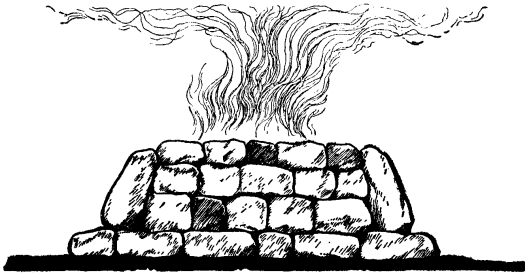
T: Adonai accepts both. (3:1)

4.

P: Kidneys & liver used for divination.

T: Kidneys & liver offered on the altar to God. (3:41)

Death & Dying in the Animal Kingdom



SACRIFICE

Attack

Sickness

Injury

Starvation

Leviticus 1:2 (*Literal translation*)

“When any man brings, of you, an offering to Adonai...”

“This alludes to the idea that when one brings an offering it is as though he sacrifices himself; the offering is ‘of you’.”

∞ R' Adin Steinsaltz (1937-)

“The Torah thus alludes to the obligations to present oneself with all one’s power and mental force, intellect and desires to serve God and cleave to Him.”

∞ Nehama Lebowitz (1905-1997)

Some Basic Vocabulary

קרב (v.)
(karav)

קרבן
"Korban"

"to approach / draw near"

עלה
(olah)

"to go up"

נפר (v.)

(caphar)

"to cover"

"redeem"

Leviticus 1:1-9

Then Adonai called to Moses and spoke to him from the tent of meeting, saying,² “Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘When any man of you **brings** (קרב) an **offering** (קרבן) to Adonai, you shall **bring** (קרב) your **offering** (קרבן) of animals from the herd or the flock.³ If his **offering** (קרבן) is an **elevation offering** (עלה) from the herd, he shall **offer** (קרב) it, a male without defect. He shall **bring** (קרב) it to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting before Adonai.⁴ He shall lay his hand on the head of the **elevation offering** (עלה), that it may be accepted for him to make atonement (כפר) on his behalf.⁵ He shall slay the young bull before Adonai, and Aaron’s sons the priests shall **offer** (קרב) up the blood and sprinkle the blood around on the altar that is at the doorway of the Tent of Meeting.⁶ He shall then skin the **elevation offering** (עלה) and cut it into its pieces.⁷ The sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire on the altar and arrange wood on the fire.⁸ Then Aaron’s sons the priests shall arrange the pieces, the head and the fat over the wood which is on the fire that is on the altar.⁹ Its **entrails** (קרב), however, and its legs he shall wash with water. And the priest shall offer up in smoke all of it on the altar for an **elevation offering** (עלה), an offering by fire of a soothing aroma to Adonai.”