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Parshah: Acharei Mot

(Leviticus 16-18)

Leviticus 10:10-11

You are to **[A]** distinguish between the holy and the common, and **[B]** between the unclean and the clean, and **[C]** you are to teach the people of Israel all the **statutes** [חֻקִּים, *chukim*] that Adonai has spoken to them by Moses.

Leviticus 18:3-4

You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their **statutes** [חֻקֹּת, *chukot*]. You shall follow My rules and keep My **statutes** [חֻקֹּת, *chukot*] and walk in them. I am Adonai your God.

Leviticus 18:26

But you shall keep My **statutes** [חֻקֹּת, *chukot*] and My rules and do none of these abominations, either the native or the stranger who sojourns among you.

The commandment to send a “scapegoat” to Azazel is described by the Sages as a חֻק, a decree that is beyond human intelligence. Indeed, the concept of an animal carrying away all the sins of a nation does seem incomprehensible.

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4 Pictures of Messiah:

- **Goat “to Adonai”** – Sin Offering
- **Goat “to Azazel”** – Sin Bearer
- **“Designated man”** – (אִישׁ עֵתִי, *ish ity*)
- **High Priest**

Leviticus 16:21-22

And Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat and confess over it all the **iniquities** of the people of Israel, and all their **transgressions**, all their **sins**. And he shall put them on the head of the goat and send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a **timely man**. The goat shall bear all their iniquities on itself to a remote area, and he shall release the goat in the wilderness.

Sin	=	חַטָּאת (<i>chatat</i>)	Error
Iniquities	=	עוֹן (<i>avon</i>)	Violation
Transgression	=	פֶּשַׁע (<i>pesha</i>)	Rebellion

John 20:17

Yeshua said to her, “Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to My brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God.’”

Ephesians 4:9-10

In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower regions of the earth? He who descended is the One who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.

Summary of Chapter 18

- A. 10 Incestuous Relationships (7-16)
- B. 4 Other Lewd Relationships (17-20)
- C. **Child Sacrifice** (21)
- D. An Abomination & a Perversion (22-23)
DESTRUCTION (24-29)

Discussion Questions:

- Our portion begins with the words “after the death of Aaron’s two sons”. So why wasn’t this chapter placed immediately after Chapter 10?
- Read Psalm 119:1-8. Describe and discuss each of the six terms used for God’s instructions.
- Review and identify from memory the three major categories of sin.
- Identify the two major consequences of sexual sin in a society.

NOTES:

Psalm 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.

Proverbs 18:1 Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire; he breaks out against all sound judgment.

Isaiah 53:6-8 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned – every one – to his own way; and Adonai has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so He opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment He was taken away; and as for His generation, who considered that He was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?

Leviticus 18:24-29 Do not make yourselves unclean by any of these things, for by all these the nations I am driving out before you have become unclean, and the land became unclean, so that I punished its iniquity, and the land vomited out its inhabitants. But you shall keep My statutes and My rules and do none of these abominations, either the native or the stranger who sojourns among you (for the people of the land, who were before you, did all of these abominations, so that the land became unclean), lest the land vomit you out when you make it unclean, as it vomited out the nation that was before you. For everyone who does any of these abominations, the persons who do them shall be cut off from among their people.