

Parasha 25: Tzav (Command or Give an Order) Vayikra/Leviticus 6:1 (8) – 8:36

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This week's parasha is one of 'special remembrance'. It is known as 'Shabbat HaGadol'... 'The Great Shabbat'! It is considered in Judaism as the 'Shabbat of Great Mystery' because it comes just before Pesach/Passover. Of course, the 'Great Mystery' for Yehudah/Judah ****[the 'corporate house']** is the coming of Mashiach Yeshua and His 'redemptive work'. Their eyes have been 'partially blinded' so they can't 'see the mystery' until YHWH's 'appointed time'. **(Romans 11- written by Rav Shaul/Paul)** May we continue to pray for that day to come quickly. ****[On the Hebrew calendar there are Regular and Leap Years. We are in a Regular year presently. During Hebrew 'leap years' an additional month of Adar is added. When this happens, the celebration of Pesach/Passover is delayed a few weeks]**

You will notice a 'great deal of similarity' between this week's and last week's parasha. The one thing that will immediately help us to recognize the 'distinction' between the two is the opening verses of each parasha. Last week we read...

"Speak unto the Bnei Yisroel [Sons/Children of Yisrael], and say unto them..."
(Wayikra/Leviticus 1:2a OJB- definitions mine)

Followed by the opening of this week's parasha,

"And Hashem [YHWH] spoke unto Moshe, saying,
Command Aharon and his Banim [Sons], saying..." (Wayikra/Leviticus 6:8-9a OJB-
definitions mine)

Last week's parasha was addressed to the 'B'nei Sons/Children of Yisrael'. This week's parasha is addressed to 'Aharon and his sons, the Levitical priests'. This is not the only difference. Last week the korban list was:

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| 1) Olah | 4) Chatat |
| 2) Mincah | 5) Asham |
| 3) Sh'lamim | |

This week the list is changed in its order:

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| 1) Olah | 4) Asham |
| 2) Mincah | 5) Sh'lamim |
| 3) Chata'at | |

What is the meaning? First, last week's portion, as we have noted, was directed toward the 'B'nei Sons/Children of Yisrael'. All the 'korbanot' were listed as almost a 'catalogue' of which ones were to be offered, depending upon a person's 'status and the reason' for their being given. This week it is 'Aharon and his sons', the Levitical priests that are in view. Both the 'chatat and the asham for unintentional sin and intentional sin' change place and are listed together. Also, the 'sh'lamim/peace korban' is listed last, why? Because...

- 1) It is the 'kohanim/priests' who were given the responsibility of overseeing the 'Mizbe'ach/Altar'. They must make sure that their hearts were right before YHWH in order that they could minister for the people of Yisrael in His Presence.
- 2) If all were done properly, then the result would be 'shalom/peace in the camp'. The 'Sh'khinyah/Manifest Presence' of YHWH would 'remain' upon the camp of Yisrael. This can be easily seen in the thoughts of Rav Sha'ul in the 'Messianic Writings'. (**Matthew-Revelation**)

*“And you being dead in your peysa'im [sins/rebellions] and your orlat basar (uncircumcision of flesh he made alive together, - ****[Remember, Rav Sha'ul was not merely writing to so-called 'Gentiles'... he was writing to those from among the 'northern house of Yisrael'- the 'house of Yosef-Ephraim' who had been 'scattered among the Goyim/Nations' - hence having been 'separated' from the Jewish house of Yisrael- lost to YHWH's Torah instructions, they were uncircumcised... and yet, in YHWH's mercies, were being brought to redemption through their believing upon Mashiach Yeshua's death, burial and resurrection... prepared to again be 'regathered' to YHWH's prophetic/redemptive/restored nation of Yisrael (Ephesians 2:11-19)] you together with Moshiach, having granted you selicha [forgiveness] for all your peysa'im [sins/rebellions]” (Colossians 2:13 OJB-commentary/definitions mine)***

Master Yeshua 'represents all the korbanot' and more. Specifically, He, as the 'chatat/sin and asham/guilt korban' was offered on the 'physical execution stake, the list of our offenses' for which we were guilty in transgressing YHWH's Torah was removed. ****[Please note- it was NOT the TORAH ITSELF THAT WAS TAKEN AWAY, But the 'list of our sinful offenses' which the Torah 'pointed out'. (Colossians 2:14/Yochanon Alef/1 John 3:4]** The result of His death on the 'physical execution stake' and the subsequent 'shedding of His precious/sinless blood', resulted in the 'list of our sinful offenses' against YHWH's Torah being 'erased/blotted out, wiped away' ****['exaleipho' Gk.- meaning to smear, erase, wipe away, obliterate or blot out]**. We now have 'shalom/peace' with YHWH and 'may approach Him without the sense of guilt, fear, or condemnation', but with **BOLDNESS!** (**Ivrim/Hebrews 4:16**)

*“Having ERASED the hand signed sefer of ****[the list/book of] guilt choiv (debt), the heavenly indictment against us in the maleh chukat HaTorah (full statute requirement of the Torah), which was against us. Moshiach has DONE AWAY with this opposing record, having nailed it ****[THE LIST/BOOK OF OUR RECORDED SINFUL OFFENSES... NOT THE TORAH ITSELF!]** to Moshiach's Etz [Messiah's Tree- Execution Stake].” (Colossians 2:14 OJB- commentary-emphasis/ definitions mine)***

The Fire Of The Altar And The Ashes

The fire on the 'Mizbe'ach/Altar' was to be overseen by the 'kohanim/priests'. It was their duty to make sure that the 'flame' never went out. It was a 'mitzvah/command' of YHWH. In fact, we are

told historically the flame burned for 116 years before it ever went out! ****[Vayikra Rabbah 7:5-Second Midrashim Volumes]**

Beloved, the 'Mizbe'ach/Altar' was a 'primary piece of the furnishings of the Mishkan/Tabernacle in the outer court'. It, in essence, 'blocked the way' from proceeding further into each 'compartment of the Mishkan/Tabernacle'. The 'Mizbe'ach/Altar' speaks of our 'heart and our need to **DAILY** take up our execution stake to deny ourselves/our soul-life and follow after' our Adon/Lord Yeshua. As we have already seen, the 'heart is of primary concern in the eyes of YHWH'. All of the Mishkan/Tabernacle and its 'furniture may be internalized' for us, because we, according to the 'Messianic Writings' (Matthew-Revelation) are '**little composites, in fact, extensions of the Mishkan/Tabernacle**'. (1 Corinthians 6:19) ****[We must correct the 'erroneous thought' portrayed by Christian theology that we are each an mishkan/tabernacle; a heikal/temple on our own. Such thinking promotes the unwitting 'sense of fragmentation'. The independent idea that we can be something within our own selves is the product of the 'Greek mind'. The 'Hebrew mindset' sees ALL the truths of YHWH through the 'eyes of UNITY'. We are therefore EXTENSIONS (SPIRITUALLY) of the PHYSICAL HEIKAL/TEMPLE of YHWH itself. We are a UNIT within the WHOLE.]**

It is very easy in this world to become 'distracted' in our daily relationship with YHWH. If we are not careful, the 'fire on the altar of our heart' may dissipate and before we know it can go completely out. Then, though we may 'go through the motions of prayer, reading the Scriptures, gathering with the body/congregation'... etc. **THERE IS NO REAL FERVENCY**'. The Hebrew word is 'kavanah'. It means 'to have passion, determination or intention'. It is why the rabbis say, 'No matter what we do when it comes to the Torah and our obedience, it should be as though it was our **FIRST TIME EVER DOING IT!**' No matter how many times or years we have done it. **ALL THINGS BEFORE YHWH SHOULD BE KEPT FRESH AND ALIVE**. This is the meaning of the 'placement of the Mizbe'ach/Altar' **FIRST** in the 'outer courtyard' of the 'Mishkan/Tabernacle and attending its fire'.

There is also, the 'issue of the ashes'. Every day the 'ashes' had to be removed from the 'Mizbe'ach/Altar'. If this didn't happen, then over time the 'ashes' would build up and 'smother out the flame'. In thinking about this, I want to draw your minds over to the 'Messianic Writings' (Matthew-Revelation). There is a 'parallel principle' given to us by Rav Sha'ul. First, we are told to 'put off the old man', and to 'put on the new man'.

"If indeed you heard about Him and took shiurim [instruction in torah] in Him, as HaEmes [The Truth] is in Yehoshua [Yeshua- shortened Aramaic form].

For the torah [instructions] you received was that you must disrobe from your former derech [path/way] of your old self, the one being corrupted according to the ta'avot [lusts] of AKOV [deceitful] remiyah [deceptions]

And to be renewed by the Ruach Hakodesh [YHWH's Spirit of Holiness] controlling your machashavot (thoughts)

And to enrobe yourself in the Adam HeChadash (the new Man, humanity) having been created according to the demut Hashem [image of YHWH] in tzidkat Eloheinu [righteousness of our Mighty One] and in the kedushah [holiness] of HaEmes [of The Truth/true holiness]."
(Ephesians 4:21-24 OJB- definitions mine)

You see, contrary to what most 'Christian theology' teaches, we **DO NOT** carry around an 'old man nature and a new man nature simultaneously. ****[See Ya'akob/James 1:8... the result of**

being *'double-minded'*] The *'old man nature was put to death'* **WITH** our blessed Mashiach **ON THE HISTORICAL/PHYSICAL EXECUTION STAKE**. We died **WITH** Mashiach *'in spirit'* there. **(Romans 6:6-7)** It is a biblical, *'Hebraic principle'* known as *'identification'*. ****[We don't have the space here to give a full account of this principle, but it is the way the 'Hebraic mind' sees the 'interconnectedness' of humankind]** In other words, *'Hebraically'*, what happened to my father, to his father and his father etc. ****[my generations]** can be said to have *'happened to me'*. Why? Because, I was *'in him'* ****[in union]** with him *'generationally'* when he lived his life. It can work for us *'positively'* as well as *'negatively'*. On the *'positive'*, it's what Moshe was *'hinting toward'* when giving the *'Second Generation of Yisrael their final marching orders'* prior to their going into the Land of Promise. Remember, he told them the *'words of the covenant'* YHWH was *'renewing'* with them ****[the 'second renewal' of the 'original one' given to the 'First Generation' at Mt. Sinai]** was **NOT** just for those Yisraelites *'present and hearing'* his voice. It was **ALSO FOR ALL THOSE WHO WERE NOT** *'physically present/in existence'* that day **BUT WOULD YET FOLLOW!** **(D'varim/Deuteronomy 29:14-15)** Because, though their *'future generations'* were **NOT** there *'physically'*, they **WERE THERE** *'potentially in spirit'*. Their *'seed'* was **IN** the avot/fathers of that *'present generation'*. In the same way negatively, *'future descendants may suffer judgment'* for the sins their fathers were guilty of, even to the *'third and fourth generations'*. **(D'varim/Deuteronomy 5:9)** This is another reason. the *'death of Master Yeshua on the physical execution stake'* is so important. The *'curse of the future generations'* suffering for the *'sins of their fathers'* **CAN BE BROKEN** by *'Mashiach's redemptive death'*. **HE PAID THAT PRICE AND BY HIS RESURRECTION, THOSE WHO BELIEVE UPON HIM MAY KNOW DELIVERANCE.** **(Yirmeyahu/Jeremiah 31:29-30; Yeshayahu/Isaiah 49:25b)**

In like manner, for those of us who have *'believed upon Yeshua HaMashiach as our Savior and Redeemer under the Final ReNewed Covenant'* truth, witnessed to by the *'Messianic Writings'* **(Matthew-Revelation)**, we are now **IN HIM** or **IN UNION** with Him. This simply means, **WHAT HAPPENED TO MASHIACH HAS HAPPENED TO ME**. It's what Rav Sha'ul was desirous to get across to the Roman believers in his letter to them. In chapters 5-8, he goes to great lengths to show that because Abba YHWH has *'put us'* **IN MASHIACH** when He was *'put to death on the physical execution stake'*... **SO WERE WE!** When He *'died'*, **WE DIED TOO!** When He was *'buried'*... **SO WERE WE**. When He was *'raised'* from the dead... **SO WERE WE!** Our *'old man, that old nature of sin'* that joined us to the *'First Adam'* has been dealt with **ONCE AND FOR ALL!** Now, we are a **NEW CREATION** *'in Mashiach Yeshua'*. We are a **NEW MAN** *'in Him'*. ****[One of the 'Hebraic understandings' of the heart is, it is the location of the 'yetzer or the inclination'. It is located in the 'inner most depths of our soul'. It is where our thoughts, inclinations and imaginations arise. These things must be 'put to death', DAILY, and new ones must be placed within.**

Now, our *'old man'* ****[our 'human spirit' BEFORE redemption]** has been *'fully dealt with/potentially'* through the *'death, burial and resurrection'* of our blessed Master Yeshua. The means by which *'the old man'* expressed himself **(the flesh)** is still quite functional. This is the *'yetzer'*. ****[hatov/the good/positive and hara/the negative inclination]** It takes time for the *'spiritual reality'* of what YHWH has done for us *'redemptively'* through our **UNION WITH MASHIACH** to be expressed. This *'process'* takes effect in *'ever increasing measures'* as YHWH's Word is *'acted upon by faithful obedience'*. The *'old man nature'* is gone, **BUT** his *'thoughts, feelings and desires- his inclinations, the yetzer'*, **ARE STILL ACTIVE** within the *'deepest levels of our psyche or soul'*. What Rav Sha'ul is saying is, that **EVERY DAY** we have to **PUT OFF THOSE OLD MENTAL ROUTINES** of *'thoughts, imaginations and inclinations'*,

and **PUT ON THE NEW HEART FELT** *‘thoughts, imaginations, and inclinations’* of the **NEW MAN** ****[the reborn human spirit]** we have become **IN [UNION WITH] MASHIACH!** This **PROCESS** is called **BEING RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT OF YOUR MIND.** (**Ephesians 4:23**)

Rav Sha’ul gives us a *‘further picture’* of what this means in his letter to the Romans.

“I appeal to you, therefore, Achim b’Moshiach [brothers in Messiah], through the rachamei Hashem (mercies of YHWH), to present your geviyah [body], all of your being as a korban chai (living offering), kadosh (holy) and acceptable to Hashem [YHWH], which is your spiritual avodas kodesh [ministry of holy] service.

Stop allowing yourself to be CONFORMED to the Olam Hazeh [Present World], but be TRANSFORMED by your hitkhdshut (regeneration, renewal) of your mind, so that you may ascertain what is the ratzon Hashem (the will of G-d/Elohim/The Mighty One- YHWH), what is the GOOD, ACCEPTABLE, AND PERFECT will of G-d/ Elohim/The Mighty One- YHWH.” (Romans 12:1-2 OJB-definitions mine)

Our bodies are the *‘seat of our appetites and urges of the flesh’*. The *‘members of our physical body’* **WERE/AND CAN BE THE VERY WEAPONS OF THE OLD MAN!** ****[Romans 6:13- the ‘members of our body’ until YHWH brings us more fully into the ‘experience of our sanctification’ through our union IN MASHIACH, will be INSTRUMENTS or literally WEAPONS of either SIN or of RIGHTEOUSNESS in our lives]** This is how *‘lust’* expresses itself in *‘sinful activities’*. Such *‘continued violation’* may even result in a *‘demonic stronghold’* being established in that *‘area of our flesh or soul’*. Where once the *‘act of sin was a choice, the ‘presence of a demonic intelligence/mindset’* has now been *‘set in place’*. The *‘will’* has been greatly damaged. The *‘goal of the enemy’* is to **PARALYZE THE WILL**, so its ability to *‘choose to resist’* is either *‘greatly inhibited or completely overcome’*. Now, since the *‘old man’* was **PUT TO DEATH** through our **UNION WITH MASHIACH** we must **ACTIVELY and AGGRESSIVELY CHOOSE TO ‘PUT OFF’ THIS MINDSET, THESE IMAGINATIONS, INCLINATION AND APPETITE.** This is an *‘aberrant operation’* of the **NEGATIVE** aspect of the **YETZER HARA**. In its place, we must **ACTIVELY and AGGRESSIVELY CHOOSE TO PUT ON THE NEW MAN/OUR REBORN HUMAN SPIRIT ‘IN MASHIACH’ AND HIS MINDSET.** We have been **RE-CREATED IN RIGHTEOUSNESS AND TRUE HOLINESS.** We **MUST** literally **DEMAND** our bodies to **YIELD** to the **NEW THOUGHT PATTERNS, IMAGINATIONS AND INCLINATIONS** that YHWH through the **NEW MAN/OUR REBORN HUMAN SPIRIT** is using to **RECTIFY/LIFT** our **YETZER/INCLINATION TO DAILY ENABLE US TO CHOOSE** ****[‘willing to will’ YHWH’s will]** **TO DENY** the *‘corrupt and wicked desires’* of **OUR FLESH.** This is what Rav Sha’ul calls **RENEWING OUR MINDS.** Whereas before, our *‘body was corrupt’* and an *‘enemy of righteousness’*. Now, YHWH has *‘set our body apart’* and made it **HIS MISHKAN/DWELLING PLACE.** We are *‘called to work out’* that reality by *‘offering our bodies’* **DAILY TO YHWH** as a **KORBAN CHAI/LIVING KORBAN.** In turn, we place our *‘soul-life on the mizbe’ach/altar of the execution stake’*. **WE DENY THE INNER COMPULSIONS OF OUR YETZER... DAILY.** With *‘kavanah/determination’*, we **FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS** of our blessed Master, Mashiach Yeshua (**Luke 9:23-24; Ephesians 4:23; Colossians 3:10**). **DAILY...** **YIELDING OUR WILL TO THE INFLUX OF YHWH’S HARUACH HAKODESH/THE SPIRIT OF HIS HOLINESS, AND HIS IMPULSE WITHIN OUR REBORN HUMAN SPIRIT.** This is **NOT** will-power! It is our constant *‘trusting faithfulness’* in our **WILL AND YHWH’S POWER. AMEIN!**

What do you suppose Rav Sha'ul was thinking of when he penned these words to the Roman assembly? It was most assuredly the *'olah korban'*. The *'olah korban'* is an *'ascension offering made by fire'* because it *'went up'* to YHWH. It was in Hebrew, a *'re'ach nicho'ach/sweet smelling aroma'* to Him. We **MUST** learn to **DAILY** *'humble ourselves'* to YHWH and *'in spirit'* put our *'bodies on the mizbe'ach/altar of our heart'*. Then, the *'aish/fire of our inner mizbe'ach/altar'* will burn up the *'lusts, evil desires and thoughts our flesh seeks to force us to give expression to'*. As Rav Sha'ul says, this is our only *'logical response'* since we **NOW BELONG TO YHWH** and **LIVE TO SERVE HIM!** To still allow the *'thoughts, imaginations, inclinations and appetites of the old man'* through our *'yetzer hara'* to cause us to *'give in to those lusts'* is simply **NO LONGER LOGICAL!** We are *'new creations'* **IN **[UNION WITH] MASHIACH. (11 Corinthians 5:17)** We have but *'one call to action'*. **PUT OFF THE OLD MAN**, by daily *'renewing our minds'* to **WHOSE WE ARE **[YHWH through Mashiach]. PUT ON THE NEW MAN** we have become **IN **[UNION WITH] MASHIACH.** We have become a *'new creation'* in Him. By making this our *'daily routine'*, we will *'remove the ashes/the memories'* of what has been placed on the *'mizbe'ach/altar of our heart'*. We will *'keep those ashes/memories'* of the *'old man, his lusts, and sinful passions from piling up and smothering out the aish/fire'* burning on the *'mizbe'ach/altar of our heart'*. **THEN...** we will be enabled *'to prove'* what *'YHWH's will is'* in our life. Because we are **BEING TRANSFORMED** to the *'heavenly reality'* that is ours' through YHWH's HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness; **NOT CONFORMED** to the *'spirit and mind'* of the fallen world around us.

The Holiness Of The Sin Offering

There is a very well accepted doctrine among certain elements of the *'church of Christendom'*. It asserts our Master Yeshua became *'literal'* sin while upon the *'physical execution stake'*. It teaches, this is why Abba YHWH *'supposedly'* turned away from Him as He hung dying as our *'Pesach korban'*. It further asserts that having once *'died in the flesh'*, Hasatan (**may his memory be blotted out forever**), then took our blessed Master down into the *'depths of hell'* and **CONTINUED TO TORTURE HIM** for *'three further days'*! According to this doctrine, it was at the end of those three days that suddenly, Master Yeshua *'threw off the cloak of sin'* He had been shrouded in. He *'supposedly, then revealed'* He had been *'unfairly taken'* into the sinner's *'domain of torment'*. Further, He then *'supposedly'* engaged the devil and his demons in a mighty battle and arose triumphant from the grave. While this may make for fiery preaching for Easter sermons and some rousing songs of supposed heavenly victory, **SADLY IT IS NOT ANY OF THAT!** At best it is simply a *'show of ignorance'* of the true Scriptural *'Hebraic understanding'* of what truly happened to our blessed Master. At worst... **IT IS HERESY!**

The premise for this *'doctrinal aberration'* comes from the mistaken meaning of the words of Rav Sha'ul to the assembly of believers in Corinth.

"The one who in his person had no da'as of chattat (intimate knowledge of sin), this one Hashem [YHWH] made a chattat (sin offering/korban) on our behalf that we might become the Tzidkat Hashem [righteousness of YHWH] in Moshiach." (11 Corinthians 5:21 OJB-explanation/definitions mine)

In the above verse quoted from the *'Orthodox Jewish Bible'* it makes things pretty clear. Master Yeshua was our **SIN KORBAN**. However, at first glance, in many other translations it *'may appear'* that Rav Sha'ul is saying that our blessed Master Yeshua became **LITERAL SIN** while on the *'physical execution stake'*! This is, in fact, a doctrine that is taught in *'many segments of the*

church of Christendom'. **NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH!** This is only because of the 'great degree of ignorance' that exists in most of the 'theology of the church of Christendom' when it comes to 'Hebraic concepts'. ****[Let me interject here, that not all segments of the 'church of Christendom' embrace this error. But, it is a 'prevalent doctrine' among much of 'the church of Christendom'. Therefore, as many believers are making their way into this restoration it is necessary to address this 'error' in order to help adjust their hearts to the true Hebraic understanding revealed in the Torah]** However, let us first of all 'keep in mind' that Rav Sha'ul, known as the Apostle Paul, was not **ONLY JEWISH**, but he was also **TRAINED AS A PHARISEE**. This would have 'intimately acquainted him' with the 'true Hebraic principles' that would have been a part of our blessed Master Yeshua's 'redemptive death' on the 'physical execution stake'. Rav Sha'ul would **NEVER** have called our Master **SIN AT ANY POINT** during the Pesach/Passover drama! **HE KNEW EXACTLY WHAT WAS GOING ON IN LIGHT OF THE TORAH**. Now, it's time for us to understand this too.

"Speak unto Aharon and to his Banim [Sons], saying, This is the Torat HaChattat [Law of the Sin Korban]: In the place where the olah (burnt offering) is slaughtered (shachat) shall the chattat (sin offering/korban) be slaughtered before Hashem [YHWH]; it is KODESH KODASHIM [MOST HOLY]." (Vayikra/Leviticus 6:25 OJB- emphasis mine/definitions mine)

Here we have the 'words of YHWH' spoken through Moshe. Pay attention to the last statement of this verse. YHWH says Himself, the 'chatat/sin korban' is **MOST HOLY**. There is **NEVER A MOMENT** when it is ever unholy!

***"Everything that touches the basar [flesh of the sin korban] thereof shall be KODESH [HOLY]..."* (Vayikra/Leviticus 6:27 OJB- definitions mine)**

There is **ABSOLUTELY NO POINT** at which the 'chatat/sin korban' **EVER BECOMES UNHOLY**. In fact, the 'chatat/sin korban' is so holy that even after it has been offered anyone who touches its dead carcass, they themselves are **MADE HOLY!** This is 'exactly opposite' to what Torah proclaims about the 'dead bodies of regular animals and humans'. If anyone touches one of these they are considered to be in Hebrew terms, 'tamei or ritually unclean'. **(Vayikra/Leviticus 11:39; Bamidbar/Numbers 19:11)** Should anyone happen to 'touch the dead body of the chatat/sin korban' it would have the 'exact opposite effect'. They would become 'holy/set apart', because the 'supreme holiness of the chata'at/sin korban' would be 'transferred' to them! ****[Note- this does not mean that if someone were 'unclean or defiled' by sinful activity, that by 'touching' the sin offering they could become holy. The meaning of 'transferred holiness' has to do with the fact that if someone (a regular Yisraelite, not a priest) who had never been set apart/sanctified or consecrated to the service of YHWH and they touched the sin offering, then they must in turn become 'dedicated' to the service of YHWH alone. They could no longer serve or be used as a 'regular individual'. They had become 'holy or set apart' and must now be solely 'set apart' for the service of YHWH]**

Now, ask yourself, 'Don't you think Rav Sha'ul understood this?' **ABSOLUTELY HE DID**. Then what did he mean in his letter to the Corinthians when he said that our Master Yeshua was 'made to be sin on our behalf' as some translations read? It was what any 'Hebraic mind' would have 'understood' him to say. Master Yeshua, as our 'chatat/sin korban' was our **Sin-Bearer**. That does not mean He 'became' literal sin or that He 'became' at any point in the process something 'unholy' in the eyes of YHWH. It simply meant that Yeshua HaMashiach 'allowed the weight of

the sins of the whole world to be laid upon Him'. It is an exact 'Hebraic parallel' to what the 'Kohen HaGadol/High Priest' did when he offered the 'chatat/sin korban' on Yom HaKipurim/Day of Atonements. He performed what was known in Hebrew as, 's'michah'. This is where he 'laid his hands upon the head' of the animal to be the 'chatat/sin korban'. He then 'leaned with his weight' onto the animal and confessed the sins of the nation of Yisrael over it. As a result, the 'weight of the confessed sins' of Yisrael was 'transferred, laid upon' the second goat as the 'sin korban'. The animal became the **SIN-BEARER** for the guilty party.

This is the 'true Hebraic image' which Rav Sha'ul was 'intending to portray' in his words to the Corinthians. He **NEVER** meant 'to infer' that Master Yeshua **EVER** became something other than what the Torah itself spoke of as the **CHATAT/SIN KORBAN**. Master Yeshua was our 'Seh Elohim/Lamb of our Mighty One' which as our 'Sin-Bearer', He 'took away' from us the 'handwriting of condemnation which listed all of the commandments of Torah we were guilty of breaking'. Now, by His 'shed blood' we too have 'become holy/set apart' unto YHWH for redemption!

YHWH NEVER TURNED AWAY FROM HIS SON as He gave Himself on that 'physical execution stake'. ****[Note- Tehillim/Psalms 22:1 and Mattityahu/Mathew 27:46- is where the Besorah/Gospel of Matthew quoting David's words 'seem' to infer that YHWH forsook Master Yeshua. However, the Aramaic, as quoted in the Mattityahu/Mathew verse is a 'mistransliteration'! It shouldn't be, 'Why have you forsaken me?' It should read, 'Why have you LEFT ME HERE SO LONG?' Even the Hebrew word used in Tehillim/Psalms 22:1, 'azab', doesn't have to be translated as 'forsaken'. It can also mean 'to be left'. So, what Master Yeshua was crying out to His Abba was, 'Why am I still left alive?' It was about 3:00 p.m., which was the time when the last Pesach/Passover lamb/the Tamid was being offered in the Heikhal/Temple. As our Seh Elohim/Lamb of our Mighty One, He too, having been offered, should have ALREADY TAKEN His final breaths] YHWH NEVER** at any time saw our blessed Master as anything but holy! The only reason Abba YHWH did not intervene, is because Master Yeshua **NEVER CALLED UPON HIM** for deliverance! **HE TOOK OUR PLACE ON THAT STAKE**. And, when He cried out, 'It is finished'... **IT WAS!** It was at that very moment when Hasatan (**may his memory be blotted out forever**) realized his greatest mistake. It was then, that Master Yeshua having been 'lifted up' on that stake fulfilled the words that Rav Sha'ul wrote to the Colossian believers, which we quoted earlier in our study,

*"Having erased the hand signed sefer [book] of guilt choiv (debt) ****[the list/book of our recorded sinful offenses... NOT the Torah itself]**, the heavenly indictment against us in the maleh chukat HaTorah (full statute requirement of the Torah) which was against us. Moshiach has done away with this opposing record ****[book that contains the list of sins of which we were guilty of transgressing – not the actual Torah itself]**, having nailed it to Moshiach's Etz [Mashiach's Tree- Physical Execution Stake]. Having disarmed the rulers and the authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, having triumphed over them by Moshiach's Etz [Messiah's Tree- Execution Stake]. (Colossians 2:14-15 OJB- explanation/definitions mine)*

Please notice, the succession of events as Rav Sha'ul describes it. First, Master Yeshua was 'nailed to the physical execution stake'. Then, He was 'lifted up' between heaven and earth. It was **THEN**, He 'disarmed the rulers and authorities of Hasatan's kingdom'. (**May his memory be blotted out forever**) He publicly 'displayed His triumph' over them. He thoroughly embarrassed the kingdom of darkness. **HE DID NOT THEN SURRENDER TO ANY FURTHER ATTACK BY THE**

DEVIL AND HIS MINIONS FOR THREE MORE DAYS. NO! Master Yeshua's 'physical body was buried' in the tomb. His 'soul' went into 'Sheol/Hades' for sure, ****Important Note [Sheol' is Hebrew for the place of 'departed souls'- 'Hades' is the equivalent word in Greek for this same place]**, but **NOT** into the 'sinner's side' where there is 'suffering'. Master Yeshua's 'soul' went into 'Abraham's Bosom' (**Luke 16:22**), the 'holding area' ****[also referred to as Paradise- Luke 23:42-43]** for all the saints of the TaNaKh/Hebrew Scriptures who were waiting upon the 'complete redemption' of YHWH being brought by the Mashiach. No one 'ascended into heaven' after death until Master Yeshua 'rose from the dead'. This was when 'redemption was complete'. What did He do when He got there? Why **HE PREACHED THE GOSPEL TO THEM! HalleluYAH! (Kefa Alef/1 Peter 4:6)** They 'heard' the same gospel that you and I have heard when we believed. He must have told them something like this: ***'I am the promised Mashiach of Yisrael and the whole world. I am the One whom the nevi'im/prophets foretold. I am the One likened to Moshe who was promised to come and all Yisrael is to Sh'mah. I died for the sins of Yisrael and the whole world. I was buried and I am about to lead all who believe My Words in resurrection to heaven!'*** Beloved, now you talk about a celebration! Can you just imagine king David cutting lose in a dance?

"For, indeed, this is the reason that the Besuras HaGeulah [The Good News of the Redemption] was preached to the mesim (dead ones, i.e., those who have died in the L-rd), that, though judged in the basar [flesh] according to men, they might live according to G-d [Elohim/Mighty One] in the spirit." (Kefa Alef/1Peter 4:6 OJB- definitions mine)

There was no 'fabled war' fought in 'Sheol/Hades' for three days like this 'heretical doctrine' would suggest. **THAT WAR WAS FOUGHT FIRST ON THE ON THE PHYSICAL EXECUTION STAKE AS WE QUOTED ABOVE FROM COLOSSIANS 2:14-15. SECONDLY, THE POWERS OF DARKNESS DID EVERYTHING THEY COULD TO PREVENT OUR MASTER FROM RESSURECTING! BUT THEY FAILED!!!** Master Yeshua fulfilled the 'shadow of the serpent being lifted up' by Moshe in the wilderness that 'stopped the plague of poisonous snakes' biting Yisrael. (**Bamidbar/Numbers 21:5-9**) This was the 'image' Rav Sha'ul had in his mind when he wrote those words about 'Master Yeshua's triumph over the kingdom and power of darkness'. (**Colossians 1:13**) Some who teach this error say this is a 'picture supporting this vile notion' of Master Yeshua being made 'literal sin'. They point to the fact that it was a 'serpent that was lifted up' like Master Yeshua was 'lifted up' on the 'physical execution stake'. Again, it only shows ignorance to the 'true Hebraic mind' of YHWH in His Torah.

Yes, it was a 'serpent' that Moshe used. Yes, he did 'put it on a pole and lifted it up'. Yes, this was a 'picture' of our blessed Master being 'lifted up on the physical execution stake' as we have discussed. **BUT... THERE IS ONE DISTINCT DIFFERENCE!** This 'bronze serpent' which Moshe 'lifted up was unlike the serpents' which were biting the Yisraelites and killing them with their poison. This **BRONZE SERPENT WAS A LIKENESS OF THESE SNAKES. BUT... THERE WAS NO POISON IN IT!** Just like our blessed Master Yeshua, who as Rav Sha'ul also wrote to the Romans,

"For what the Torah was unable to do in that it was weak through the basar (fallen human nature under Chet Kadmon [Original willful sin] and without hitkhadshut (renewal and regeneration) by the Ruach Hakodesh), G-d [Elohim/The Mighty One- YHWH] sent his own Ben HaElohim [Son of our Mighty One] [Moshiach] in the very demut (LIKENESS) of the basar (of sinful humanity) and as a chattat (sin offering/korban, sin atoning sacrifice) and

both pronounced and effected a sentence of death on HaChet haBasar (Sin in the Flesh, in the fallen old humanity).” (Romans 8:3 OJB- emphasis/definitions mine)

Look closely at the ‘*underlined portion*’ of the verse above. While Master Yeshua **APPEARED** to be like any other ‘*human being*’, there was a ‘*distinct difference*’ in His flesh. **THERE WAS NO SIN IN IT!** The blood of our blessed Master had **NO** trace of ‘*Adamic corruption*’. As we all know, physiologically, what causes blood to be made in a fetus is the ‘*fertilization process*’. When the egg is impregnated by the sperm, blood begins to be made in the baby. In Master Yeshua’s case, the ‘*egg of Miryam/Mary*’ was ‘*fertilized*’ by the ‘*zera/seed*’ of YHWH’s Word. Thus, there was ‘*nothing added*’ from Yosef’s/Joseph’s side. Once the ‘*gestation process*’ begins, YHWH so ‘*designed the woman’s womb*’ so there is **NO BLOOD TRANSFER** involved from mother to baby! While Master Yeshua had the **APPEARANCE** of ‘*sinful flesh*’, like unto us all humankind, there was **NO ADAMIC CORRUPTION** in Him. **HE WAS THE PERFECT, SPOTLESS SEH ELOHIM/LAMB OF OUR MIGHTY ONE** ‘*necessary to accomplish the process of our eternal redemption*’. Baruch HaShem YHWH!

Please forgive the lengthiness of this section. However, we are required to worship YHWH in **SPIRIT AND TRUTH**. This is not meant to be an attack against the people who are in the ‘*system of the church of Christendom*’. Any ‘*system of religion*’, whether it is Christian, Judaic or any other, has its ‘*elements of corruption*’. As a result, we must ‘*adjust*’ what we have learned during our time there, and in some cases ‘*completely divest ourselves of those understandings and renew our minds to the true Hebraic principles*’. We must ‘*allow YHWH by His HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness to reveal the Truth*’ about our blessed Master. He alone is our foundation, and for that foundation to be ‘*truly secure*’ it must be ‘*firmly established*’ upon YHWH’s pure ‘*Hebraic understanding*’.

Prohibition Of Eating Blood And Fat

Next, we find YHWH is requiring there to be a ‘*distinction*’ made between the ‘*B’nei Sons/Children of Yisrael and the other nations*’ around them. This ‘*distinction*’ was on numerous levels. One ‘*special restriction*’ had to do with ‘*what*’ is eaten. As we will see in our next parasha, YHWH establishes a ‘*distinction*’ in what is ‘*considered food*’ and what is not. Here, He requires that all Yisrael ‘*must abstain*’ from eating the ‘*blood of animals and certain portions of their chelev/fat*’, which are to be used in the ‘*giving of the korbanot*’ on the ‘*Mizbe’ach/Altar*’.

“It shall be a chukkat olam [an everlasting statute] for your generations throughout all your dwellings, that ye eat neither chelev (fat) nor dahm (blood).” (Vayikra/Leviticus 3:17 OJB- definitions mine)

In our earlier parasha, Vayikra/Leviticus, YHWH established the ‘*perpetual statue*’ that none of the B’nei Sons/Children of Yisrael were to ‘*eat fat or blood*’. Now, in our present parasha, YHWH again reaffirms that instruction.

“Moreover ye shall eat no manner of dahm [blood], whether it be of fowl or of beast, in any of your moshevet (dwellings).

Whatsoever nefesh [soul] it be that eateth any manner of dahm [blood], even that nefesh [soul] shall be cut off from his people.” (Vayikra/Leviticus 7:26-27 OJB- definitions mine)

YHWH '*clearly forbids*' the eating of the blood of animals. Why? Because the blood contains the '*soul-life*' of that animal. ****[Not the actual human soul itself as some errantly teach] (Vayikra/Leviticus 17:11)** When we ingest the blood of an animal, we are literally '*feeding*' upon the very '*animal characteristics*' of its nature. In time, we may even begin to exhibit '*animal like appetites and urges*'. The '*blood*' of certain animals was provided by YHWH to make '*atonement/covering*' for us when we have been '*defiled by sin*'. Other animals, when they were killed for food, YHWH required that their '*blood be poured out and covered over with dirt*'. **(Vayikra/Leviticus 17:13)** The pagan nations surrounding Yisrael actually '*drank the blood*' of animals and humans. They believed by '*ingesting the blood*', they were consuming the very '*soul-life*' of the animal or human. They saw it as a '*way of achieving superiority/empowerment*'. YHWH forbade Yisrael to copy their wickedness.

YHWH also '*forbids the consumption of the fat*' used by Yisrael in the '*korban*' on the Mizbe'ach/Altar. The '*forbidden fat*' was that which was found around the '*inner organs*' of the animal. ****[eg. the fat around the kidneys, liver, around the tail... etc.]** It's not the fat that may be a part of the meat which was '*designated as food*'. It was the fat which was a '*covering*' of the '*inner organs*' that was to be placed on the '*Mizbe'ach/Altar and offered up with fire to YHWH*'.

“For whosoever eateth the chelev [fat] of the behemah [beasts], of which men offer an offering made by eish [fire] unto Hashem [YHWH], even the nefesh [soul] that eateth it shall be cut off from his people.” (Vayikra/Leviticus 7:25 OJB- definitions mine)

We were also told earlier...

“...all the chelev (fat) is Hashem's [YHWH's].” (Vayikra/Leviticus 3:16b OJB- definition mine)

In a '*negative sense, the fat speaks of pride*'. The '*fat of animals*' could be used for many things. One of the things '*fat*' was used for in that day was for the making of cosmetics. Oils for the skin would give it a '*shiny appearance*'. As we all know, beauty can become a very '*vain thing*' and lead to '*prideful behavior and sinful excess*'. YHWH requires '*humility*' in His people. We are to '*shine with the anointing of His Sh'khinyah/Manifest Presence*'. **(Yeshayahu/Isaiah 60:1)** Therefore, the '*fat*' was to be offered as an '*act of humility*' to YHWH.

The '*inner organs*' of the animal speak of the '*inner recesses*' of our heart. The '*fat*' covered these organs and speaks of that which '*covers and hides our sins which lurk in our heart or our innermost being*'. It's why the '*nevi'im/prophets*' called to Yisrael to have their heart's '*circumcised*' to YHWH. **(Yirmeyahu/Jeremiah 4:4)** It is having the '*fatty covering removed*' from the heart so they can '*see*' with their '*inner eyes and hear*' what YHWH by His HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness is saying. The clarity enables us to '*obey YHWH's instructions*'.

Positively, the '*fat*' speaks of the '*best and the costliness*' of our produce. The Torah teaches us that **ONLY** the '*best*' maybe offered to YHWH. The offering of the '*fat*' to YHWH speaks to this. It is why the Torah calls the offering of it by fire an '*incense*'. ****[The Hebrew word 'katar' which is rendered as 'smoke' in many translations, may also be translated as 'incense'. Thus, it is said to be a 're'ach nicho'ach/soothing aroma' to YHWH]** The '*second rate, maimed or inferior*' has no place on His '*Mizbe'ach/Altar*'.

Finally, colors mean things in *'Hebraic understanding'*. The *'blood and fat'* were to be placed on the *'Mizbe'ach/Altar'* as a *'re'ach nicho'ach/sweet/soothing aroma'* to YHWH. *'Red'* speaks of *'sin'*, and *'white'* speaks of *'forgiveness'*. (**Yeshayahu/Isaiah 1:18**) The *'red blood'* is offered to YHWH for His giving *'atonement/covering'* to Yisrael for their *'sins'*. Under this *'atonement/covering'*, they could *'karob/draw near'* to YHWH and **LIVE!** The *'blood and the fat'* **GO UP TO YHWH** for His *'mercies and lovingkindness/forgiveness'* being provided for us.

The Consecration Of The Kohanim/Priests

YHWH *'commanded'* Moshe to bring Aharon and his sons out *'before'* Am Yisrael. He then dressed them in the *'priestly garments'*. There was an *'elaborate ceremony with korbanot'* on the *'Mizbe'ach/Altar'* being offered. Aharon was *'anointed with oil and consecrated with the blood of the bull'*. Moshe *'took the blood'* and put it on the *'tip of the priests right ear'* (**holiness in thoughts**), the *'thumb of the right hand'* (**holiness of works**), and the *'big toe of the right foot'* (**holiness of walk**).

However, the question is, *'Why did YHWH make it a requirement for all of Yisrael to be in attendance?'* If I may, I believe the answer is He was making a point. Aharon **WAS** YHWH's *'choice as Kohen HaGadol/High Priest'*. He was, in spite of the incident with the *'Golden Calf'*. It shows YHWH's *'great mercies'* in allowing Aharon to *'fulfill the calling'* he had been given. It was also meant to *'quiet any murmuring'* that might arise as to whether Aharon really was YHWH's chosen *'Kohen HaGadol/High Priest'*.

The *'consecration of the priests, the Mishkan/Tabernacle and the Mizbe'ach/Altar'* was to last seven days. It was a time of great joy and celebration. Everything was being *'put in place'* for the next phase in Yisrael's journey. **THE GLORY OF YHWH'S SH'KHINYAH/MANIFEST PRESENCE WAS ABOUT TO COME AND DWELL AMONG AM YISRAEL!**

We say the following blessing as we continue each week's study of Torah...

*Chazak u'Barukh...
Strength and Blessing!*

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