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**Sin and Burnt Offerings**

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In this [study](study.html) I would like to look more closely at the [sin](sin.html)-[offering](korbanot.html) and the burnt-[offering](korbanot.html).

The עולה, burnt-[offering](korbanot.html), atones for sinful thoughts, and for neglecting the performance of the positive [commandments](cmds613.html). The חטאת, [sin](sin.html)-[offering](korbanot.html), [atones](atonemen.html) for the commission of *unintentional* [sins](sin.html) provided the [sins](sin.html) are so severe that the transgressor would be liable to the penalty of keret, extirpation, had he committed them intentionally.[[1]](#footnote-1) God would prefer that we transgress no [sins](sin.html) at all and hence render needless the entire institution of [atonement](atonemen.html) sacrifices.[[2]](#footnote-2)

Rashi’s Commentary for: Vayiqra (Leviticus) 4:**2 of all the** [**commandments**](cmds613.html) **of the Lord** Our Rabbis explained: A [sin](sin.html)- [offering](korbanot.html) is brought only for such a transgression whose prohibition is expressed [in the Torah] as a negative [commandment](cmds613.html), and whose willful violation incurs the penalty of keret - excision (premature death by the [hands](fourteen.html) of [Heaven](heaven.html)). The unintentional violation of such prohibitions incurs a [sin](sin.html)-[offering](korbanot.html) [upon the individual][[3]](#footnote-3)

**Thus all the** [**sins**](sin.html) **for which a private person brings a fixed** [**sin**](sin.html)**-**[**offering**](korbanot.html) **are 43. They include:[[4]](#footnote-4)**

a) [one](one.html) who is intimate with his mother,

b) [one](one.html) who is intimate with his wife's mother,

c) [one](one.html) who is intimate with his maternal grandmother,

d) [one](one.html) who is intimate with his paternal grandmother,

e) [one](one.html) who is intimate with his daughter,

f) [one](one.html) who is intimate with his daughter's daughter,

g) [one](one.html) who is intimate with his son's daughter,

h) [one](one.html) who is intimate with his wife's daughter,

i) [one](one.html) who is intimate with the daughter of his wife's daughter,

j) [one](one.html) who is intimate with the daughter of his wife's son,

k) [one](one.html) who is intimate with his sister,

l) [one](one.html) who is intimate with his sister who is the daughter of his father's wife,

m) [one](one.html) who is intimate with his father's sister,

n) [one](one.html) who is intimate with his mother's sister,

o) [one](one.html) who is intimate with his wife's sister,

p) [one](one.html) who is intimate with his father's wife,

q) [one](one.html) who is intimate with the wife of his father's brother,

r) [one](one.html) who is intimate with his son's wife,

s) [one](one.html) who is intimate with his brother's wife,

t) [one](one.html) who is intimate with another man's wife,

u) [one](one.html) who is intimate with a woman in the niddah state,

v) [one](one.html) who is intimate with a [male](male+female.html),

w) [one](one.html) who is intimate with his father,

x) [one](one.html) who is intimate with his father's brother,

y) [one](one.html) who is intimate with an animal,

z) a woman who has an animal engage in [relations](marriageact.html) with her.

**Thus all the prohibitions involving forbidden** [**relations**](marriageact.html) **punishable by karet are 26.**

**Among other** [**sins**](sin.html)**, there are seventeen. They are:**

a) [one](one.html) who serves a false deity by performing a deed,

b) [one](one.html) who gives his descendants to Molech,

c) [one](one.html) who divines through an ov,

d) [one](one.html) who performs a deed while divining with a yidoni,

e) [one](one.html) who desecrates the [Sabbath](sabbath.html),

f) [one](one.html) who performs forbidden labor on [Yom Kippur](kippur.html),

g) [one](one.html) who [eats](eating.html) or drinks on [Yom Kippur](kippur.html),

h) [one](one.html) who [eats](eating.html) [chametz](chametz.html) on [Pesach](passover.html),

i) [one](one.html) who partakes of fat,

j) [one](one.html) who partakes of [blood](body.html),

k) [one](one.html) who partakes of sacrificial meat after the [time](time.html) for [eating](eating.html) it passes,

l) [one](one.html) who partakes of sacrificial meat that was disqualified, because of an undesirable intent concerning [time](time.html),

m) [one](one.html) who slaughters a sacrificial animal outside the [Temple](temple.html) Courtyard,

n) [one](one.html) who offers a [sacrifice](korbanot.html) outside the [Temple](temple.html) Courtyard,

o) [one](one.html) who prepares anointing oil like that used in the [Temple](temple.html),

p) [one](one.html) who prepares [incense](ketoret.html) like that used in the [Temple](temple.html), and

q) [one](one.html) who anoints himself with the anointing oil of the [Temple](temple.html).

**These are the 43 transgressions for which** [**one**](one.html) **brings a fixed** [**sin**](sin.html)**-**[**offering**](korbanot.html) **for their inadvertent violation.**

Rabbeinu Bechaye explains the difference between a [Sin](sin.html) [Offering](korbanot.html) and an Olah [offering](korbanot.html). The [sin](sin.html) [offering](korbanot.html) ([korban](korbanot.html) chatas) comes from [unintentional} violation of prohibited actions. A [korban](korbanot.html) olah, on the other [hand](fourteen.html), atones for improper thoughts. Improper thoughts, Rabbeinu Bechaye explains, is something that a person can never totally escape from. Unfortunately, they are very prevalent and they are more prevalent at night than during the daytime. It is for this reason that the Olah offerings are to burn the entire night. Night [time](time.html) is the [time](time.html) when people especially need [atonement](atonemen.html) from improper thoughts. About this it is written:

***Vayikra (Leviticus) 6:2***[*Command*](cmds613.html) *Aaron and his sons, saying: This is the* [*law*](law.html) *of the burnt-*[*offering*](korbanot.html)*: It is the burnt-*[*offering*](korbanot.html) *that stays on the flame, on the altar, all night until the morning, and the* [*fire*](fire.html) *of the Altar should be kept aflame on it.*

The [Sin offering](sin.html) was always offered [first](one.html), followed by a burnt [offering](korbanot.html):

***Vayikra (Leviticus) 5:7-10*** *"'If he cannot afford a lamb, he is to bring* [*two*](two.html) *doves or* [*two*](two.html) *young pigeons to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *as a penalty for his* [*sin*](sin.html)*--*[*one*](one.html) *for a* [*sin*](sin.html)[*offering*](korbanot.html) *and the other for a burnt* [*offering*](korbanot.html)*. He is to bring them to the* [*priest*](priests.html)*, who shall* [*first*](one.html) *offer the* [*one*](one.html) *for the* [*sin*](sin.html)[*offering*](korbanot.html)*. He is to wring its* [*head*](body.html) *from its* [*neck*](body.html)*, not severing it completely, And is to sprinkle some of the* [*blood*](body.html) *of the* [*sin*](sin.html)[*offering*](korbanot.html) *against the side of the altar; the rest of the* [*blood*](body.html) *must be drained out at the base of the altar. It is a* [*sin*](sin.html)[*offering*](korbanot.html)*. The* [*priest*](priests.html) *shall then offer the other as a burnt* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *in the prescribed way and make* [*atonement*](atonemen.html) *for him for the* [*sin*](sin.html) *he has committed, and he will be forgiven.*

***Vayikra (Leviticus) 9:1-16*** *On the* [*eighth*](eight.html) *day Moses summoned Aaron and his sons and the elders of* [*Israel*](gen-jew.html)*. He said to Aaron, "Take a bull calf for your* [*sin*](sin.html)[*offering*](korbanot.html) *and a ram for your burnt* [*offering*](korbanot.html)*, both without defect, and present them before* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*. Then say to the Israelites: 'Take a* [*male*](male+female.html) *goat for a* [*sin*](sin.html)[*offering*](korbanot.html)*, a calf and a lamb--both a year old and without defect--for a burnt* [*offering*](korbanot.html)*, And an ox and a ram for a fellowship* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *to* [*sacrifice*](korbanot.html) *before* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*, together with a grain* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *mixed with oil. For today* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *will appear to you.'" They took the things Moses commanded to the front of the Tent of Meeting, and the entire assembly came near and stood before* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*. Then Moses said, "This is what* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *has commanded you to do, so that the glory of* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *may appear to you." Moses said to Aaron, "Come to the altar and* [*sacrifice*](korbanot.html) *your* [*sin*](sin.html)[*offering*](korbanot.html) *and your burnt* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *and make* [*atonement*](atonemen.html) *for yourself and the people;* [*sacrifice*](korbanot.html) *the* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *that is for the people and make* [*atonement*](atonemen.html) *for them, as* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *has commanded." So Aaron came to the altar and slaughtered the calf as a* [*sin*](sin.html)[*offering*](korbanot.html) *for himself. His sons brought the* [*blood*](body.html) *to him, and he dipped his finger into the* [*blood*](body.html) *and put it on the horns of the altar; the rest of the* [*blood*](body.html) *he poured out at the base of the altar. On the altar he burned the fat, the* [*kidneys*](body.html) *and the covering of the* [*liver*](body.html) *from the* [*sin*](sin.html)[*offering*](korbanot.html)*, as* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *commanded Moses; The flesh and the hide he burned up outside the* [*camp*](stages.html)*. Then he slaughtered the burnt* [*offering*](korbanot.html)*. His sons handed him the* [*blood*](body.html)*, and he sprinkled it against the altar on all sides. They handed him the burnt* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *piece by piece, including the* [*head*](body.html)*, and he burned them on the altar. He washed the inner parts and the* [*legs*](body.html) *and burned them on top of the burnt* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *on the altar. Aaron then brought the* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *that was for the people. He took the goat for the people's* [*sin*](sin.html)[*offering*](korbanot.html) *and slaughtered it and offered it for a* [*sin*](sin.html)[*offering*](korbanot.html) *as he did with the* [*first*](one.html)[*one*](one.html)*. He brought the burnt* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *and offered it in the prescribed way.*

Notice that the order is almost always:

1. [Sin](sin.html) [offering](korbanot.html)

2. Burnt [offering](korbanot.html)

[There is [one](one.html) exception to this rule, according to Rashi’s commentary on Bamidbar ([Numbers](nchart.html)) 15:24]

**for a** [**sin**](sin.html)**-**[**offering**](korbanot.html) Heb.לְְחַטָּת  [This word] is missing an ‘aleph,’ because this [[sin](sin.html)-[offering](korbanot.html)] is different from all other [sin](sin.html)-offerings. In the case of all the other [sin](sin.html)-offerings [mentioned] in the Torah which are brought together with a burnt [offering](korbanot.html), the [sin](sin.html)-[offering](korbanot.html) precedes the burnt [offering](korbanot.html), as it says, “he shall make the second [one](one.html) a burnt [offering](korbanot.html)” (Lev. 5:10), but this [one](one.html)—the burnt [offering](korbanot.html)—precedes the [sin](sin.html)-[offering](korbanot.html). -[[Hor](stages.html). 13a]

***Vayikra (Leviticus) 9:22 - 10:2*** *Then Aaron lifted his* [*hands*](fourteen.html) *toward the people and blessed them. And having sacrificed the* [*sin*](sin.html)[*offering*](korbanot.html)*, the burnt* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *and the fellowship* [*offering*](korbanot.html)*, he stepped down. Moses and Aaron then went into the Tent of Meeting. When they came out, they blessed the people; and the glory of* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *appeared to all the people.* [*Fire*](fire.html) *came out from the presence of* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *and consumed the burnt* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *and the fat portions on the altar. And when all the people saw it, they shouted for joy and fell facedown. Aaron's sons Nadab and Abihu took their censers, put* [*fire*](fire.html) *in them and added* [*incense*](ketoret.html)*; and they offered unauthorized* [*fire*](fire.html) *before* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*, contrary to his* [*command*](cmds613.html)*.*

I believe that the unauthorized [fire](fire.html) was the [fire](fire.html) from the burnt [offering](korbanot.html) being used before the [fire](fire.html) from the [sin](sin.html) [offering](korbanot.html). Notice:

***Vayikra (Leviticus) 10:16-20*** *When Moses inquired about the goat of the* [*sin*](sin.html)[*offering*](korbanot.html) *and found that it had been burned up, he was angry with Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's remaining sons, and asked, "Why didn't you* [*eat*](eating.html) *the* [*sin*](sin.html)[*offering*](korbanot.html) *in the* [*sanctuary*](mikdash.html) *area? It is most holy; it was given to you to take away the guilt of the* [*community*](community.html) *by making* [*atonement*](atonemen.html) *for them before* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*. Since its* [*blood*](body.html) *was not taken into the Holy* [*Place*](place.html)*, you should have* [*eaten*](eating.html) *the goat in the* [*sanctuary*](mikdash.html) *area, as I commanded." Aaron replied to Moses, "Today they sacrificed their* [*sin*](sin.html)[*offering*](korbanot.html) *and their burnt* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *before* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*, but such things as this have happened to me. Would* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *have been pleased if I had* [*eaten*](eating.html) *the* [*sin*](sin.html)[*offering*](korbanot.html) *today?" When Moses heard this, he was satisfied.*

***Vayikra (Leviticus) 14:19-20*** *"Then the* [*priest*](priests.html) *is to* [*sacrifice*](korbanot.html) *the* [*sin*](sin.html)[*offering*](korbanot.html) *and make* [*atonement*](atonemen.html) *for the* [*one*](one.html) *to be cleansed from his uncleanness. After that, the* [*priest*](priests.html) *shall slaughter the burnt* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *And offer it on the altar, together with the grain* [*offering*](korbanot.html)*, and make* [*atonement*](atonemen.html) *for him, and he will be* [*clean*](purity.html)*.*

***Vayikra (Leviticus) 16:2-24***[*HaShem*](hashem.html) *said to Moses: "Tell your brother Aaron not to come whenever he chooses into the Most Holy* [*Place*](place.html) *behind the curtain in front of the* [*atonement*](atonemen.html) *cover on the* [*ark*](ark.html)*, or else he will die, because I appear in the* [*cloud*](important.html) *over the* [*atonement*](atonemen.html) *cover. "This is how Aaron is to enter the* [*sanctuary*](mikdash.html) *area: with a young bull for a* [*sin*](sin.html)[*offering*](korbanot.html) *and a ram for a burnt* [*offering*](korbanot.html)*. He is to put on the sacred linen tunic, with linen undergarments next to his* [*body*](body.html)*; he is to tie the linen sash around him and put on the linen turban. These are sacred garments; so he must* [*bathe himself with water*](forty.html) *before he puts them on. From the Israelite* [*community*](community.html) *he is to take* [*two*](two.html)[*male*](male+female.html) *goats for a* [*sin*](sin.html)[*offering*](korbanot.html) *and a ram for a burnt* [*offering*](korbanot.html)*. "Aaron is to offer the bull for his own* [*sin*](sin.html)[*offering*](korbanot.html) *to make* [*atonement*](atonemen.html) *for himself and his* [*household*](househld.html)*. Then he is to take the* [*two*](two.html) *goats and present them before* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting. He is to cast lots for the* [*two*](two.html) *goats--*[*one*](one.html) *lot for* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *and the other for the scapegoat. Aaron shall bring the goat whose lot falls to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *and* [*sacrifice*](korbanot.html) *it for a* [*sin*](sin.html)[*offering*](korbanot.html)*. But the goat chosen by lot as the scapegoat shall be presented alive before* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *to be used for making* [*atonement*](atonemen.html) *by sending it into the desert as a scapegoat. "Aaron shall bring the bull for his own* [*sin*](sin.html)[*offering*](korbanot.html) *to make* [*atonement*](atonemen.html) *for himself and his* [*household*](househld.html)*, and he is to slaughter the bull for his own* [*sin*](sin.html)[*offering*](korbanot.html)*. He is to take a censer full of burning coals from the altar before* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *and* [*two*](two.html) *handfuls of finely ground fragrant* [*incense*](ketoret.html) *and take them behind the curtain. He is to put the* [*incense*](ketoret.html) *on the* [*fire*](fire.html) *before* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*, and the smoke of the* [*incense*](ketoret.html) *will conceal the* [*atonement*](atonemen.html) *cover above the Testimony, so that he will not die. He is to take some of the bull's* [*blood*](body.html) *and with his finger sprinkle it on the front of the* [*atonement*](atonemen.html) *cover; then he shall sprinkle some of it with his finger* [*seven*](seven.html) *times before the* [*atonement*](atonemen.html) *cover. "He shall then slaughter the goat for the* [*sin*](sin.html)[*offering*](korbanot.html) *for the people and take its* [*blood*](body.html) *behind the curtain and do with it as he did with the bull's* [*blood*](body.html)*: He shall sprinkle it on the* [*atonement*](atonemen.html) *cover and in front of it. In this way he will make* [*atonement*](atonemen.html) *for the Most Holy* [*Place*](place.html) *because of the uncleanness and rebellion of the Israelites, whatever their* [*sins*](sin.html) *have been. He is to do the same for the Tent of Meeting, which is among them in the midst of their uncleanness. No* [*one*](one.html) *is to be in the Tent of Meeting from the* [*time*](time.html) *Aaron goes in to make* [*atonement*](atonemen.html) *in the Most Holy* [*Place*](place.html) *until he comes out, having made* [*atonement*](atonemen.html) *for himself, his* [*household*](househld.html) *and the whole* [*community*](community.html) *of* [*Israel*](gen-jew.html)*. "Then he shall come out to the altar that is before* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *and make* [*atonement*](atonemen.html) *for it. He shall take some of the bull's* [*blood*](body.html) *and some of the goat's* [*blood*](body.html) *and put it on all the horns of the altar. He shall sprinkle some of the* [*blood*](body.html) *on it with his finger* [*seven*](seven.html) *times to cleanse it and to consecrate it from the uncleanness of the Israelites. "When Aaron has finished making* [*atonement*](atonemen.html) *for the Most Holy* [*Place*](place.html)*, the Tent of Meeting and the altar, he shall bring forward the live goat. He is to lay both* [*hands*](fourteen.html) *on the* [*head*](body.html) *of the live goat and confess over it all the* [*wickedness*](wicked.html) *and rebellion of the Israelites--all their* [*sins*](sin.html)*--and put them on the goat's* [*head*](body.html)*. He shall send the goat away into the desert in the care of a man* [*appointed*](settimes.html) *for the task. The goat will carry on itself all their* [*sins*](sin.html) *to a solitary* [*place*](place.html)*; and the man shall release it in the desert. "Then Aaron is to go into the Tent of Meeting and take off the linen garments he put on before he entered the Most Holy* [*Place*](place.html)*, and he is to leave them there. He shall bathe himself with water in a holy* [*place*](place.html) *and put on his regular garments. Then he shall come out and* [*sacrifice*](korbanot.html) *the burnt* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *for himself and the burnt* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *for the people, to make* [*atonement*](atonemen.html) *for himself and for the people.*

***Bamidbar (***[***Numbers***](nchart.html)***) 8:9-14*** *Bring the Levites to the front of the Tent of Meeting and assemble the whole Israelite* [*community*](community.html)*. You are to bring the Levites before* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*, and the Israelites are to lay their* [*hands*](fourteen.html) *on them. Aaron is to present the Levites before* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *as a wave* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *from the Israelites, so that they may be ready to do the work of* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*. "After the Levites lay their* [*hands*](fourteen.html) *on the heads of the bulls, use the* [*one*](one.html) *for a* [*sin*](sin.html)[*offering*](korbanot.html) *to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *and the other for a burnt* [*offering*](korbanot.html)*, to make* [*atonement*](atonemen.html) *for the Levites. Have the Levites stand in front of Aaron and his sons and then present them as a wave* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*. In this way you are to set the Levites apart from the other Israelites, and the Levites will be mine.*

***Shemot (***[***Exodus***](exodus.html)***) 29:10-18*** *"Bring the bull to the front of the Tent of Meeting, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their* [*hands*](fourteen.html) *on its* [*head*](body.html)*. Slaughter it in* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*'s presence at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting. Take some of the bull's* [*blood*](body.html) *and put it on the horns of the altar with your finger, and pour out the rest of it at the base of the altar. Then take all the fat around the inner parts, the covering of the* [*liver*](body.html)*, and both* [*kidneys*](body.html) *with the fat on them, and burn them on the altar. But burn the bull's flesh and its hide and its offal outside the* [*camp*](stages.html)*. It is a* [*sin*](sin.html)[*offering*](korbanot.html)*. "Take* [*one*](one.html) *of the rams, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their* [*hands*](fourteen.html) *on its* [*head*](body.html)*. Slaughter it and take the* [*blood*](body.html) *and sprinkle it against the altar on all sides. Cut the ram into pieces and wash the inner parts and the* [*legs*](body.html)*, putting them with the* [*head*](body.html) *and the other pieces. Then burn the entire ram on the altar. It is a burnt* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*, a pleasing aroma, an* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *made to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *by* [*fire*](fire.html)*.*

Bamidbar ([Numbers](nchart.html)) chapter 28 and chapter 29 talk about the [Sabbath](sabbath.html) and [festivals](festivals.html). A [sin](sin.html) [offering](korbanot.html) is mentioned for EVERY [one](one.html) of the days.

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A burnt [offering](korbanot.html) with no mention of a [sin](sin.html) [offering](korbanot.html):

***Bereshit (Genesis) 22:1-14*** *Some* [*time*](time.html) *later God tested* [*Abraham*](avraham.html)*. He said to him, "*[*Abraham*](avraham.html)*!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said, "Take your son, your only son,* [*Isaac*](isaac.html)*, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah.* [*Sacrifice*](korbanot.html) *him there as a burnt* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *on* [*one*](one.html) *of the mountains I will tell you about." Early the next morning* [*Abraham*](avraham.html) *got up and saddled his* [*donkey*](chamor.html)*. He took with him* [*two*](two.html) *of his servants and his son* [*Isaac*](isaac.html)*. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt* [*offering*](korbanot.html)*, he set out for the* [*place*](place.html) *God had told him about. On the* [*third*](three.html) *day* [*Abraham*](avraham.html) *looked up and saw the* [*place*](place.html) *in the distance. He said to his servants, "Stay here with the* [*donkey*](chamor.html) *while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."* [*Abraham*](avraham.html) *took the wood for the burnt* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *and placed it on his son* [*Isaac*](isaac.html)*, and he himself carried the* [*fire*](fire.html) *and the knife. As the* [*two*](two.html) *of them went on together,* [*Isaac*](isaac.html)[*spoke*](mashal.html) *up and said to his father* [*Abraham*](avraham.html)*, "Father?" "Yes, my son?"* [*Abraham*](avraham.html) *replied. "The* [*fire*](fire.html) *and wood are here,"* [*Isaac*](isaac.html) *said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt* [*offering*](korbanot.html)*?"* [*Abraham*](avraham.html) *answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt* [*offering*](korbanot.html)*, my son." And the* [*two*](two.html) *of them went on together. When they reached the* [*place*](place.html) *God had told him about,* [*Abraham*](avraham.html) *built an altar there and arranged the wood on it.* [*He bound his son Isaac*](isaac.html) *and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then he reached out his* [*hand*](fourteen.html) *and took the knife to slay his son. But the* [*angel*](angels.html) *of* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *called out to him from* [*heaven*](heaven.html)*, "*[*Abraham*](avraham.html)*!* [*Abraham*](avraham.html)*!" "Here I am," he replied. "Do not lay a* [*hand*](fourteen.html) *on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I* [*know*](daat.html) *that you* [*fear*](fear.html) *God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."* [*Abraham*](avraham.html) *looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *instead of his son. So* [*Abraham*](avraham.html) *called that* [*place*](place.html)[*HaShem*](hashem.html) *Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *it will be provided."*

***Shemot (***[***Exodus***](exodus.html)***) 18:8-12*** *Moses told his father-in-*[*law*](law.html) *about everything* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *had done to Pharaoh and the Egyptians for* [*Israel*](gen-jew.html)*'s sake and about all the hardships they had met along the way and how* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *had* [*saved*](salvation.html) *them. Jethro was delighted to* [*hear*](mashal.html) *about all the good things* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *had done for* [*Israel*](gen-jew.html) *in rescuing them from the* [*hand*](fourteen.html) *of the Egyptians. He said, "Praise be to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*, who rescued you from the* [*hand*](fourteen.html) *of the Egyptians and of Pharaoh, and who rescued the people from the* [*hand*](fourteen.html) *of the Egyptians. Now I* [*know*](daat.html) *that* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *is greater than all other gods, for he did this to those who had treated* [*Israel*](gen-jew.html) *arrogantly." Then Jethro, Moses' father-in-*[*law*](law.html)*, brought a burnt* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *and other sacrifices to God, and Aaron came with all the elders of* [*Israel*](gen-jew.html) *to* [*eat*](eating.html) *bread with Moses' father-in-*[*law*](law.html) *in the presence of God.*

***Shemot (***[***Exodus***](exodus.html)***) 29:38-42*** *"This is what you are to offer on the altar regularly each day:* [*two*](two.html) *lambs a year old. Offer* [*one*](one.html) *in the morning and the other at twilight. With the* [*first*](one.html) *lamb offer a tenth of an ephah of fine flour mixed with a quarter of a hin of oil from pressed olives, and a quarter of a hin of* [*wine*](wine.html) *as a drink* [*offering*](korbanot.html)*.* [*Sacrifice*](korbanot.html) *the other lamb at twilight with the same grain* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *and its drink* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *as in the morning--a pleasing aroma, an* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *made to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *by* [*fire*](fire.html)*. "For the* [*generations*](toldot.html) *to come this burnt* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *is to be made regularly at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting before* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*. There I will meet you and* [*speak*](mashal.html) *to you;*

***Shemot (***[***Exodus***](exodus.html)***) 40:29*** *He set the altar of burnt* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *near the entrance to the* [*tabernacle*](mikdash.html)*, the Tent of Meeting, and offered on it burnt offerings and grain offerings, as* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *commanded him.*

***Vayikra (Leviticus) 1:2-3*** *"*[*Speak*](mashal.html) *to the Israelites and say to them: 'When any of you brings an* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*, bring as your* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *an animal from either the herd or the flock. "'If the* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *is a burnt* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *from the herd, he is to offer a* [*male*](male+female.html) *without defect. He must present it at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting so that it will be acceptable to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*. He is to lay his* [*hand*](fourteen.html) *on the* [*head*](body.html) *of the burnt* [*offering*](korbanot.html)*, and it will be accepted on his behalf to make* [*atonement*](atonemen.html) *for him.*

***Vayikra (Leviticus) 6:9-13*** *"Give Aaron and his sons this* [*command*](cmds613.html)*: 'These are the regulations for the burnt* [*offering*](korbanot.html)*: The burnt* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *is to remain on the altar hearth throughout the night, till morning, and the* [*fire*](fire.html) *must be kept burning on the altar. The* [*priest*](priests.html) *shall then put on his linen clothes, with linen undergarments next to his* [*body*](body.html)*, and shall remove the ashes of the burnt* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *that the* [*fire*](fire.html) *has consumed on the altar and* [*place*](place.html) *them beside the altar. Then he is to take off these clothes and put on others, and carry the ashes outside the* [*camp*](stages.html) *to a* [*place*](place.html) *that is ceremonially* [*clean*](purity.html)*. The* [*fire*](fire.html) *on the altar must be kept burning; it must not go out. Every morning the* [*priest*](priests.html) *is to add firewood and arrange the burnt* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *on the* [*fire*](fire.html) *and burn the fat of the fellowship offerings on it. The* [*fire*](fire.html) *must be kept burning on the altar continuously; it must not go out.*

Notice the order:

***Vayikra (Leviticus) 12:6-8*** *"'When the days of her purification for a son or daughter are over, she is to bring to the* [*priest*](priests.html) *at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting a year-old lamb for a burnt* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *and a young pigeon or a dove for a* [*sin*](sin.html)[*offering*](korbanot.html)*. He shall offer them before* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *to make* [*atonement*](atonemen.html) *for her, and then she will be ceremonially* [*clean*](purity.html) *from her flow of* [*blood*](body.html)*. "'These are the regulations for the woman who gives* [*birth*](birth.html) *to a boy or a girl. If she cannot afford a lamb, she is to bring* [*two*](two.html) *doves or* [*two*](two.html) *young pigeons,* [*one*](one.html) *for a burnt* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *and the other for a* [*sin offering*](sin.html)*. In this way the* [*priest*](priests.html) *will make* [*atonement*](atonemen.html) *for her, and she will be* [*clean*](purity.html)*.'"*

***Vayikra (Leviticus) 23:10-12*** *"*[*Speak*](mashal.html) *to the Israelites and say to them: 'When you enter the land I am going to give you and you reap its harvest, bring to the* [*priest*](priests.html) *a sheaf of the* [*first*](one.html) *grain you harvest. He is to wave the sheaf before* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *so it will be accepted on your behalf; the* [*priest*](priests.html) *is to wave it on the* [*day after the Sabbath*](sabbath.html)*. On the day you wave the sheaf, you must* [*sacrifice*](korbanot.html) *as a burnt* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *a lamb a year old without defect,*

***Bamidbar (***[***Numbers***](nchart.html)***) 28:2-8*** *"Give this* [*command*](cmds613.html) *to the Israelites and say to them: 'See that you present to me at the* [*appointed time*](time.html) *the* [*food*](food.html) *for my offerings made by* [*fire*](fire.html)*, as an aroma pleasing to me.' Say to them: 'This is the* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *made by* [*fire*](fire.html) *that you are to present to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*:* [*two*](two.html) *lambs a year old without defect, as a regular burnt* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *each day. Prepare* [*one*](one.html) *lamb in the morning and the other at twilight, Together with a grain* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *of a tenth of an ephah of fine flour mixed with a quarter of a hin of oil from pressed olives. This is the regular burnt* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *instituted at Mount* [*Sinai*](stages.html) *as a pleasing aroma, an* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *made to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *by* [*fire*](fire.html)*. The accompanying drink* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *is to be a quarter of a hin of fermented drink with each lamb. Pour out the drink* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *at the* [*sanctuary*](mikdash.html)*. Prepare the second lamb at twilight, along with the same kind of grain* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *and drink* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *that you prepare in the morning. This is an* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *made by* [*fire*](fire.html)*, an aroma pleasing to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*.*

***Devarim (Deuteronomy) 13:12-16*** *If you* [*hear*](mashal.html) *it said about* [*one*](one.html) *of the towns* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *your God is giving you to live in That* [*wicked*](wicked.html) *men have arisen among you and have led the people of their town astray, saying, "Let us go and worship other gods" (gods you have not* [*known*](daat.html)*), Then you must inquire, probe and investigate it thoroughly. And if it is true and it has been proved that this detestable thing has been done among you, You must certainly put to the sword all who live in that town. Destroy it completely, both its people and its livestock.* [*Gather*](gather.html) *all the plunder of the town into the middle of the public square and completely burn the town and all its plunder as a whole burnt* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *your God. It is to remain a ruin forever, never to be rebuilt.*

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