

Leviticus 1:1-6:7 Vayikra Expanded Chiasm



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1A) 1:1-3:16A The law of the **VOLUNTARY OFFERINGS**; {s+p+sx5+px3}

1a.1) 1:1-9 The **whole burnt offering of the herd**; {s}

1a) 1:1-3b Bringing the **burnt offering** of the livestock;

1A) 1:1-2 And YHVH called to Moses, and spoke to him out of the tent of meeting, saying; **2** 'Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: "When **ANY MAN OF YOU BRINGS AN OFFERING** to YHVH, you shall bring your offering of the livestock, even of the herd or of the flock;

CENTRAL AXIS) 1:3A IF HIS OFFERING IS A BURNT OFFERING OF THE HERD;

2A) 1:3B HE SHALL OFFER a male without blemish; he shall bring it to the door of the tent of meeting;

1b) 1:3c That *he may be accepted* before YHVH;

central axis) 1:4a *And he shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering;*

2b) 1:4b And it *shall be accepted for him* to make atonement for him;

2a) 1:5-9 Offering the **burnt offering** of the livestock; {s}

1A) 1:5-6 And he shall kill the bull before YHVH; and Aaron's sons, the priests, shall present the blood, and dash the blood round about against the altar that is at the door of the tent of meeting. **6** And he shall skin the **BURNT OFFERING**, and cut it into its pieces;

1B) 1:7A And the sons of Aaron the priest shall put **FIRE ON THE ALTAR**;

1C) 1:7B And **LAY WOOD IN ORDER** on the fire;

CENTRAL AXIS) 1:8A AND AARON'S SONS, THE PRIESTS, SHALL LAY THE PIECES, AND THE HEAD, AND THE FAT;

2C) 1:8B IN ORDER ON THE WOOD;

2B) 1:8C-9A That is on the **FIRE WHICH IS ON THE ALTAR**; **9** but its entrails and its legs he shall wash with water;

2A) 1:9B And the priest shall burn it on the altar, for a **BURNT OFFERING**, an offering made by fire, of a sweet aroma to YHVH; {s}

1a.2) 1:10-13 The **whole burnt offering of the flock**; {p}

1a) 1:10 And if his offering is of the flock, whether of the sheep, or of the goats, for a **burnt offering**; he shall offer a male without blemish;

1b) 1:11-12a And he shall kill it on the side of the altar northward before YHVH; and Aaron's sons, the priests, shall dash its blood against the altar round about. **12** And he shall cut it *into its pieces*; and the priest shall lay them, with its head and its fat;

central axis) 1:12b *In order on the wood that is on the fire which is on the altar;*

2b) 1:13a But *the inward parts and the legs* shall he wash with water;

- 2a) 1:13b** And the priest shall *offer the whole*, and make it smoke on the altar; it is a *burnt offering*, an offering made by fire of a sweet aroma to YHVH; {p}
- 1a.3) 1:14-17** The **burnt offering of birds**; {s}
- 1a) 1:14** Bringing the *burnt offering* of birds;
- 1A) 1:14A** And if his OFFERING to YHVH;
- CENTRAL AXIS) 1:14B** IS A BURNT OFFERING OF BIRDS;
- 2A) 1:14C** Then he shall bring his OFFERING of turtledoves, or of young pigeons;
- 1b) 1:15a** And the priest shall bring it to the altar, and wring off its head, and *make it smoke on the altar*;
- central axis) 1:15b-17a** *And its blood shall be drained out on the side of the altar. 16 And he shall take away its crop with its feathers, and cast it beside the altar on the east side, in the place of the ashes. 17 And he shall rend it by its wings, but shall not divide it asunder*;
- 2b) 1:17b** And the priest shall *make it smoke on the altar*, on the wood that is on the fire;
- 2a) 1:17c** It is a *burnt offering*, an offering made by fire, of a sweet aroma to YHVH; {s}
- 1b) 2:1-2a** And when any one brings a grain offering to YHVH, his offering shall be of fine flour; and he shall pour oil on it, and put frankincense on it. **2** And he shall bring it to Aaron's sons the priests; and he shall take out of it a handful of the fine flour, and of the oil, together with all the frankincense; [*i.e.*, **basic instructions for the grain offering**];
- 1c.1) 2:2b** And the priest shall make this **memorial part smoke on the altar**, an offering made by fire, of a sweet aroma to YHVH;
- 1c.2) 2:3** But that which is left of the grain offering shall be Aaron's and his sons'; it is a **thing most holy** of the offerings of YHVH made by fire; {s}
- 1d) 2:4-7** And **when you bring** an offering of a grain offering baked in the oven, it shall be unleavened cakes of fine flour mixed with oil, or unleavened wafers anointed with oil. {s} **5** And if your offering is a grain offering baked on a griddle, it shall be of fine flour unleavened, mixed with oil. **6** You shall break it in pieces, and pour oil on it; it is a grain offering. {s} **7** And if your offering is a grain offering of the pot, it shall be made of fine flour with oil;
- central axis) 2:8a** **And you shall bring the grain offering that is made of these things to YHVH**;
- 2d) 2:8b** And it shall be presented to the priest, and **he shall bring** it to the altar;
- 2c.1) 2:9** And the priest shall take from the grain offering its **memorial part**, and shall make it **smoke upon the altar**, an offering made by fire, of a sweet aroma to YHVH;
- 2c.2) 2:10** But that which is left of the grain offering shall be Aaron's and his sons'; it is a **thing most holy** of the offerings of YHVH made by fire;

2b) 2:11-16 Special instructions for the grain offering; {s+p}

1a) 2:11 No *grain offering*, which you shall bring to YHVH, shall be made with leaven; for you shall make no leaven, nor any honey, *smoke* as an *offering made by fire* to YHVH;

1b) 2:12 As an *offering of firstfruits* you may bring them *to YHVH*; but they shall not rise up for a sweet aroma on the altar;

central axis) 2:13 *And every grain offering of yours you shall season with salt; neither shall you allow the salt of the covenant of your God to be lacking from your grain offering; with all your offerings you shall offer salt; {s}*

2b) 2:14 And if you bring a *grain offering of firstfruits to YHVH*, you shall bring for the grain offering of your firstfruits tender ears parched with fire, even crushed kernels from the full ear;

2a) 2:15-16 And you shall put oil on it, and lay frankincense on it; it is a *grain offering*. **16** And the priest shall make the memorial part of it *smoke*, even its crushed kernels, and its oil, with all its frankincense; it is an *offering made by fire* to YHVH; {p}

2a.1) 3:1-5 The peace offering of the herd; {p}

1a) 3:1-3a The peace offering an *offering made by fire to YHVH*;

1A) 3:1A And if his offering is a **SACRIFICE OF PEACE OFFERINGS**;

1B) 3:1B If **HE OFFER** of the herd, whether male or female;

CENTRAL AXIS) 3:1C **HE SHALL OFFER IT WITHOUT BLEMISH BEFORE YHVH**;

2B) 3:2 And he shall lay his hand on the head of **HIS OFFERING**, and kill it at the door of the tent of meeting; and Aaron's sons the priests shall dash the blood against the altar round about;

2A) 3:3A And he shall present of the **SACRIFICE OF PEACE OFFERINGS** an offering made by fire to YHVH;

central axis) 3:3b-4 *The fat that covers the inward parts, and all the fat that is on the inward parts, 4 and the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the loins, and the lobe above the liver, which he shall take away with the kidneys;*

2a) 3:5 And Aaron's sons shall make it smoke on the altar on the burnt offering, which is on the wood that is on the fire; it is an *offering made by fire*, of a sweet aroma *to YHVH*; {p}

2a.2) 3:6-11 The peace offering of the flock; {p}

1a) 3:6-9a The peace offering an *offering made by fire to YHVH*;

1A) 3:6A And if his **OFFERING**;

1B) 3:6B For a **SACRIFICE OF PEACE OFFERINGS** to YHVH is of the flock, male or female;

CENTRAL AXIS) 3:6C **HE SHALL OFFER IT WITHOUT BLEMISH**;

2B) 3:7-9A If he brings a lamb for the SACRIFICE OF PEACE OFFERINGS;

1a) 3:7a If he brings a lamb for his offering;

1b) 3:7b Then he shall present it before YHVH;

central axis) 3:8 And he shall lay his hand on the head of his offering, and kill it before the tent of meeting; and Aaron's sons shall dash its blood against the altar round about;

2b) 3:9a And he shall present;

2a) 3:9b Of the sacrifice of peace offerings;

2A) 3:9C An OFFERING made by fire to YHVH;

1b) 3:9b Its fat, the entire fat tail, *which he shall take away by the rump bone; central axis) 3:9c-10a And the fat that covers the inward parts, and all the fat that is on the inward parts, 10 and the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the loins;*

2b) 3:10b And the lobe above the liver, *which he shall take away by the kidneys;*

2a) 3:11 And the priest shall make it smoke on the altar; it is the food of the *offering made by fire to YHVH;* {p}

2a.3) 3:12-16a The peace offering of the goats;

1a) 3:12-14b If it is a goat for *an offering made by fire* to YHVH;

1A) 3:12A And if HIS OFFERING is a goat;

1b) 3:12b Then HE SHALL PRESENT it before YHVH;

CENTRAL AXIS) 3:13 AND HE SHALL LAY HIS HAND ON ITS HEAD, AND KILL IT BEFORE THE TENT OF MEETING; AND THE SONS OF AARON SHALL DASH ITS BLOOD AGAINST THE ALTAR ROUND ABOUT;

2B) 3:14A And HE SHALL PRESENT of it his offering;

2A) 3:14B Even AN OFFERING MADE BY FIRE to YHVH;

central axis) 3:14c-15 *The fat that covers the inward parts, and all the fat that is on the inward parts, 15 and the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the loins, and the lobe above the liver, which he shall take away by the kidneys;*

2a) 3:16a And the priest shall make them smoke on the altar; it is the food of *the offering made by fire*, for a sweet aroma;

1B) 3:16B All the FAT is YHVH'S;

CENTRAL AXIS) 3:17A IT SHALL BE A PERPETUAL STATUTE THROUGHOUT YOUR GENERATIONS IN ALL YOUR DWELLINGS;

2B) 3:17B That you shall eat neither FAT nor blood;” {p}

2A) 4:1-6:7 The law of the MANDATORY OFFERINGS; {px5+s+s+px3}

1a) 4:1-35 The mandatory sin offerings; {px5}

1a) 4:1-12 The *sin offering* of the herd *when the priest sins unintentionally*; {p}

- 1) **4:1-3A** And YHVH spoke to Moses, saying: **2** ‘Speak to the children of Israel, saying: “If any one shall **SIN THROUGH ERROR**, in any of the things which YHVH has commanded not to be done, and shall do any one of them; **3** if the anointed priest shall sin so as to bring guilt on the people;
- 2) **4:3B-4** Then let him offer for his sin, which he has sinned, a young bull without blemish to YHVH **FOR A SIN OFFERING**, **4** and he shall bring the bull to the door of the tent of meeting before YHVH; and **HE SHALL LAY HIS HAND ON THE HEAD** of the bull, and kill the bull before YHVH;
- 3) **4:5-7** And the anointed priest **SHALL TAKE OF THE BLOOD** of the bull, and bring it to the tent of meeting. **6** And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle of the blood seven times before YHVH, in front of the veil of the sanctuary. **7** And the priest shall put of the blood on the horns of the altar of sweet incense before YHVH, which is in the tent of meeting; and all the remaining blood of the bull he shall pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering, which is at the door of the tent of meeting;
- 4) **4:8-10** And **ALL THE FAT** of the bull of the sin offering he shall take off from it; the fat that covers the inward parts, and all the fat that is on the inward parts, **9** and the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the loins, and the lobe above the liver, which he shall take away by the kidneys, **10** as it is taken off from the ox of the sacrifice of peace offerings; and the priest **SHALL MAKE THEM SMOKE** on the altar of burnt offering;
- 5) **4:11-12** But the skin of the bull, and all its flesh, with its head, and with its legs, and its inward parts, and its dung, **12** even the whole bull **HE SHALL CARRY FORTH OUTSIDE THE CAMP** to a clean place, where the ashes are poured out, and burn it on wood with fire; where the ashes are poured out it shall be burnt; {p}

1b) 4:13-21 The *sin offering* of the herd *when the congregation sins unintentionally*; {p}

- 1) **4:13** And if the whole congregation of Israel **SHALL ERR**, the thing being hidden from the eyes of the assembly, and do any of the things which YHVH has commanded not to be done, and are guilty;
- 2) **4:14-15** When the sin in which they have sinned is known, then the assembly shall offer a young bull **FOR A SIN OFFERING**, and bring it before the tent of meeting. **15** And the elders of the congregation **SHALL LAY THEIR HANDS ON THE HEAD** of the bull before YHVH; and the bull shall be killed before YHVH;
- 3) **4:16-18** And the anointed priest **SHALL BRING OF THE BLOOD** of the bull to the tent of meeting. **17** And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle it seven times before YHVH, in front of the veil. **18** And he shall put of the blood on the horns of the altar which is before YHVH, that is in the tent of meeting, and all

the remaining blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering, which is at the door of the tent of meeting;

4) 4:19 And **ALL ITS FAT** he shall take off from it, and **MAKE IT SMOKE** on the altar;

5) 4:20-21 Thus he shall do with the bull; as he did with the bull of the sin offering, so he shall do with this; and the priest **SHALL MAKE ATONEMENT FOR THEM**, and they shall be forgiven. 21 And **HE SHALL CARRY OUT THE BULL OUTSIDE THE CAMP**, and burn it as he burned the first bull; it is the sin offering for the assembly; {p}

2a) 4:22-26 The *sin offering* of the goats *when a ruler sins unintentionally*; {p}

1) 4:22 When a ruler **SINS**, and does **THROUGH ERROR** any one of all the things which YHVH his God has commanded not to be done, and is guilty;

2) 4:23-24 If his sin, in which he has sinned, is known to him, he shall bring **FOR HIS OFFERING** a goat, a male without blemish. 24 And he **SHALL LAY HIS HAND ON THE HEAD** of the goat, and kill it in the place where they kill the burnt offering before YHVH; it is a sin offering.

3) 4:25 And the priest **SHALL TAKE OF THE BLOOD** of the sin offering with his finger, and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and its remaining blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering;

4) 4:26A And **ALL ITS FAT** he **SHALL MAKE SMOKE** on the altar, as the fat of the sacrifice of peace offerings;

5) 4:26B And the priest **SHALL MAKE ATONEMENT FOR HIM** concerning his sin, and he shall be forgiven; {p}

2b) 4:27-35 The *sin offering when a common person sins unintentionally*; {p+p}

1A) 4:27-28A And if any one of the common people **SIN THROUGH ERROR**, in doing any of the things which YHVH has commanded not to be done, and is guilty: 28 if **HIS SIN, IN WHICH HE HAS SINNED**, is known to him;

1B) 4:28B-31A Then he shall bring **FOR HIS OFFERING** a goat, a female without blemish, for his sin in which he has sinned. 29 And he **SHALL LAY HIS HAND ON THE HEAD** of the sin offering, and kill the sin offering in the place of burnt offering. 30 And the priest **SHALL TAKE OF ITS BLOOD** with his finger, and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and all its remaining blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar. 31 And **ALL ITS FAT** he shall take away, as the fat is taken away from off the sacrifice of peace offerings; and the priest **SHALL MAKE IT SMOKE** on the altar for a sweet aroma to YHVH;

CENTRAL AXIS) 4:31B **AND THE PRIEST SHALL MAKE ATONEMENT FOR HIM, AND HE SHALL BE FORGIVEN**; {p}

2B) 4:32-35A And if he brings a lamb as his offering **FOR A SIN OFFERING**, he shall bring a female without blemish. 33 And he **SHALL LAY HIS HAND ON THE HEAD**

of the sin offering, and kill it for a sin offering in the place where they kill the burnt offering. **34** And the priest **SHALL TAKE OF THE BLOOD** of the sin offering with his finger, and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and all its remaining blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar. **35** And **ALL ITS FAT** he shall take away, as the fat of the lamb is taken away from the sacrifice of peace offerings, and the priest **SHALL MAKE THEM SMOKE** on the altar, on the offerings of YHVH made by fire;

2A) 4:35B And the priest shall make atonement for him concerning **HIS SIN THAT HE HAS SINNED**, and he shall be forgiven; {p}

2a) 5:1-6:7 The **mandatory trespass offerings**; {s+s+px3}

1a.1) 5:1-4 The sin of **trespass concerning a false witness**;

1A) 5:1A And if **ANY ONE SIN**;

1B) 5:1B In that he has heard **THE UTTERANCE OF AN OATH**, he being a witness, whether he has seen or known, if he does not tell of it, then he shall bear his iniquity;

1C.1) 5:2A Or if any one **TOUCH ANY UNCLEAN THING**, whether it is the carcass of an unclean beast, or the carcass of unclean cattle, or the carcass of unclean swarming things;

1C.2) 5:2B And **IS GUILTY**, it **BEING HIDDEN FROM HIM** that he is unclean;

2C.1) 5:3A Or if he **TOUCH THE UNCLEANNESS OF MAN**, whatever his uncleanness is with which he is unclean;

2C.2) 5:3B And it **IS HIDDEN FROM HIM**; and, when he gains knowledge of it, **BEING GUILTY**;

2B) 5:4A Or if any one swears clearly with his lips to do evil, or to do good, whatever it is that a man shall **UTTER CLEARLY WITH AN OATH**;

2A) 5:4B And it is hidden from him; and, when gains knowledge of it, **BEING GUILTY** in one of these things;

1a.2) 5:5 And it shall be, when he shall be guilty in one of these things, that **he shall confess** that in which he has sinned;

1a.3) 5:6-13 **Forfeits and Atonement**; {s+s}

1) 5:6 And he shall bring **HIS FORFEIT** to YHVH for his sin in which he has sinned, a female **FROM THE FLOCK**, a lamb or a goat, for a sin offering, and the priest shall **MAKE ATONEMENT** for him concerning his sin;

2) 5:7-10 And if his means is not sufficient for a lamb, then he shall bring **HIS FORFEIT** for that in which he has sinned, two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, to YHVH: one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering. **8** And he shall bring them to the priest, who shall offer that which is for the sin offering first, and pinch off its head close by its neck, but shall not divide it asunder. **9** And he shall sprinkle of the blood of the sin offering on the side of the altar; and the rest of the blood shall be drained out at the base of the altar; it is a sin offering. **10**

And he shall prepare the second for a burnt offering, according to the ordinance, and the priest shall **MAKE ATONEMENT** for him concerning his sin which he has sinned, and he shall be forgiven; [*i.e.*, **HIS FORFEIT FROM THE BIRDS**, to **MAKE ATONEMENT**]; {s}

3) 5:11-13 But if his means is not sufficient for two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, then he shall bring **HIS OFFERING** for that in which he has sinned, the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a sin offering; he shall put no oil on it, neither shall he put any frankincense on it; for it is a sin offering. **12** And he shall bring it to the priest, and the priest shall take his handful of it as its memorial part, and make it smoke on the altar, on the offerings of YHVH made by fire; it is a sin offering. **13** And the priest shall **MAKE ATONEMENT** for him concerning his sin that he has sinned in any of these things, and he shall be forgiven; and the remnant shall be the priest's, as the grain offering;" [*i.e.*, **HIS FORFEIT FROM THE GRAIN**, to **MAKE ATONEMENT**]; {s}

1b) 5:14-16a And YHVH spoke to Moses, saying: **15** 'If any one commit a trespass, and *sin through error*, in the holy things of YHVH, then he shall bring his forfeit to YHVH, a ram without blemish out of the flock, according to your valuation in silver by shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, for a trespass offering. **16** And he shall make restitution for that which he has done amiss in the holy thing, and shall add the fifth part to it, and give it to the priest; [*i.e.*, *The trespass of the holy things, and its forfeit*];

central axis) 5:16b **And the priest shall make atonement for him with the ram of the trespass offering, and he shall be forgiven;** {p}

2b) 5:17-19 The *trespass of the holy commandments*, and its *forfeit*; {p}

1A.1) 5:17A And if any one **SIN**, and do any of the things which YHVH has commanded not to be done;

1A.2) 5:17B **THOUGH HE DID NOT KNOW IT;**

1A.3) 5:17C Yet **HE IS GUILTY**, and shall bear his iniquity;

CENTRAL AXIS) 5:18A **AND HE SHALL BRING A RAM WITHOUT BLEMISH OUT OF THE FLOCK, ACCORDING TO YOUR VALUATION, FOR A TRESPASS OFFERING, TO THE PRIEST, AND THE PRIEST SHALL MAKE ATONEMENT FOR HIM;**

2A.1) 5:18B Concerning **THE ERROR** which he committed;

2A.2) 5:18C **THOUGH HE DID NOT KNOW IT**, and he shall be forgiven;

2A.3) 5:19 It is a trespass offering—**HE IS CERTAINLY GUILTY** before YHVH;' {p}

2a.1) 6:1-3 The sin of *trespass concering false dealings*;

1A) 6:1-2A And YHVH spoke to Moses, saying: **2** 'If any one **SIN**, and commit a trespass against YHVH;

1B) 6:2B And **DEAL FALSELY;**

1C) 6:2C With **HIS NEIGHBOR** in a matter of deposit, or of pledge, or of robbery;

2C) 6:2D Or has oppressed **HIS NEIGHBOR;**

2B) 6:3A Or has found that which was lost, and **DEALT FALSELY** with it, and swear to a lie;

2A) 6:3B In any of all these that a man does, **SINNING** in it;

2a.2) 6:4-5 Restitution;

1A) 6:4A Then it shall be, if he has sinned, and **IS GUILTY**;

1B) 6:4B That **HE SHALL RESTORE**;

CENTRAL AXIS) 6:4C-5A THAT WHICH HE TOOK BY ROBBERY, OR THE THING WHICH HE HAS GOTTEN BY OPPRESSION, OR THE DEPOSIT WHICH WAS DEPOSITED WITH HIM, OR THE LOST THING WHICH HE FOUND, 5 OR ANY THING ABOUT WHICH HE HAS SWORN FALSELY;

2B) 6:5B HE SHALL EVEN RESTORE IT IN FULL, and shall add the fifth part more to it; to him to whom it pertains he shall give it;

2A) 6:5C In the day of his **BEING GUILTY**;

2a.3) 6:6-7 And he shall bring *his forfeit* to YHVH, a ram without blemish out of the flock, according to your valuation, for a trespass offering, to the priest. ⁷ And the priest shall *make atonement* for him before YHVH, and he shall be forgiven, concerning whatever he has done so as to become guilty by it.' {p}

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