



Lev 16:1-18:30 Acharei mot Expanded Chiasm

1A) 16:1-34 That which makes **ATONEMENT** [*i.e., the Day of Atonement*]; {p}

1a) 16:1 And **YHVH spoke to Moses**, after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they drew near before YHVH, and died;

1b) 16:2 And YHVH said to Moses: ‘Speak to Aaron your brother, that **he come not at all times into the Holy Place** within the veil, before the mercy seat which is upon the ark; that he die not; for I appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat;

1c.1) 16:3-4 Thus shall Aaron come into the Holy Place: with a young bull for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering. **4 He shall put on** the holy linen tunic, and he shall have the linen breeches on his flesh, and shall be girded with the linen girdle, and with the linen turban he shall be attired; they are **the holy garments**; and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and put them on;

1c.2) 16:5-9 **The sin and burnt offerings** for the congregation and for himself and his house, to make atonement;

1a.1) 16:5a And he shall take for the congregation of the children of Israel **two male goats**;

1a.2) 16:5b For a **sin offering**; and one ram for a burnt offering;

central axis) 16:6 **And Aaron shall present the bull of the sin offering, which is for himself, and make atonement for himself, and for his house,**

2a.1) 16:7-8 And he shall take the **two goats**, and set them before YHVH at the door of the tent of meeting. **8** And Aaron shall cast lots on the **two goats**: one lot for YHVH, and the other lot for Azazel;

2a.2) 16:9 And Aaron shall present the goat on which the lot fell for YHVH, and offer him for a **sin offering**;

1d) 16:10 But the goat on which the lot fell for Azazel, **shall be set alive** before YHVH, to make atonement over him, to **send him away** for Azazel **into the wilderness**;

1e) 16:11 And Aaron shall present the bull of the sin offering, which is for himself, and shall **make atonement for himself, and for his house**, and shall kill the bull of the sin offering which is for himself;

central axis) 16:12-13 And he shall take a censer full of coals of fire from off the altar before YHVH, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring it within the veil. **13** And he shall put the incense upon the fire before YHVH, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that is upon the testimony, that he die not;

2e) 16:14-20a **Atonement for the children of Israel**;

1a) 16:14-16a And he shall take of the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it with his finger upon the mercy seat on the east; and before the mercy seat he shall sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times. **15** Then shall he kill the goat

of the sin offering, that is for the people, and bring his blood within the veil, and do with his blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat. **16** And he shall *make atonement for the Holy Place*;

1b) 16:16b Because of *the uncleannesses of the children of Israel*, and because of their transgressions, even all their sins;

1c) 16:16c-17a And so shall he do for the tent of meeting, that dwells with them in the midst of their uncleannesses. **17** And there shall be no man in the tent of meeting when he goes in to *make atonement* in the Holy Place;

central axis) 16:17b *Until he come out, and have made atonement for himself, and for his household, and for all the assembly of Israel*;

2c) 16:18-19a And he shall go out to the altar that is before YHVH, and *make atonement* for it; and shall take of the blood of the bull, and of the blood of the goat, and put it upon the horns of the altar round about. **19** And he shall sprinkle of the blood upon it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it, and hallow it;

2b) 16:19b From *the uncleannesses of the children of Israel*;

2a) 16:20a And when he has made an end of *atonement for the Holy Place*, and the tent of meeting, and the altar;

2d) 16:20b-22 He shall present the **live goat**. **21** And Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the **live goat**, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions, even all their sins; and he shall put them on the head of the goat, and shall **send him away** by the hand of an appointed man **into the wilderness**. **22** And the goat shall bear on him all their iniquities to a land which is cut off; and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness;

2c.1) 16:23-24a And Aaron shall come into the tent of meeting, and **shall put off the linen garments**, which he put on when he went into the holy place, and shall leave them there. **24** And he shall bathe his flesh in water in a holy place and put on his other vestments;

2c.2) 16:24b-28 The **burnt and sin offerings**;

1a) 16:24b And come forth, and offer his *burnt offering* and the burnt offering of the people;

central axis) 16:24c *And make atonement for himself and for the people*;

2a) 16:25-28 Disposing of the *sin offerings*;

1A) 16:25-26 And the fat of the sin offering he shall make smoke on the altar. **26** And he that lets go the goat for Azazel shall **WASH HIS CLOTHES, AND BATHE HIS FLESH IN WATER, AND AFTERWARD HE MAY COME INTO THE CAMP**;

CENTRAL AXIS) 16:27 **AND THE BULL OF THE SIN OFFERING, AND THE GOAT OF THE SIN OFFERING, WHOSE BLOOD WAS BROUGHT IN TO MAKE ATONEMENT IN THE HOLY PLACE, SHALL BE CARRIED FORTH OUTSIDE THE CAMP; AND**

THEY SHALL BURN IN THE FIRE THEIR SKINS, AND THEIR FLESH, AND THEIR DUNG;

2A) 16:28 And he that burns them shall WASH HIS CLOTHES, AND BATHE HIS FLESH IN WATER, AND AFTERWARD HE MAY COME INTO THE CAMP;

2b) 16:29-34a When the priest shall come into the Holy Place;

1a) 16:29a-31 It is a *statute for ever*, to come into the Holy Place *in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month*;

1A) 16:29A And it shall be a STATUTE FOR EVER for you;

1B) 16:29B In the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, YOU SHALL AFFLICT YOUR SOULS;

1C) 16:29C And shall do NO MANNER OF WORK, the native born, or the stranger who sojourns among you;

1D) 16:30A For on this day shall atonement be made for you, TO CLEANSE YOU; CENTRAL AXIS) 16:30B FROM ALL YOUR SINS;

2D) 16:30C YOU SHALL BE CLEAN before YHVH;

2C) 16:31A It is a SABBATH OF SOLEMN REST for you;

2B) 16:31B And YOU SHALL AFFLICT YOUR SOULS;

2A) 16:31C It is a STATUTE FOR EVER;

1b) 16:32a And the priest, who shall be anointed and who shall be consecrated to be priest in his father's stead, *shall make the atonement*;

central axis) 16:32b And shall put on the linen garments, even the holy garments;

2b) 16:33 And *he shall make atonement* for the Most Holy Place, and *he shall make atonement* for the tent of meeting and for the altar; and *he shall make atonement* for the priests and for all the people of the assembly;

2a) 16:34a And this shall be an *everlasting statute* for you, to make atonement for the children of Israel because of all their sins *once in the year*;

2a) 16:34b And he did as YHVH commanded Moses; {p}

1B) 17:1-4 And YHVH spoke to Moses, saying: 2 'Speak to Aaron, and to his sons, and to all the children of Israel, and say to them: "This is the thing which YHVH has commanded, saying: 3 'Whatever man there be of the house of Israel, that kills an ox, or lamb, or goat, in the camp, or that kills it without the camp, 4 and has not brought it to the door of the tent of meeting, to present it as an offering to YHVH before the tabernacle of YHVH, blood shall be imputed to that man; he has shed blood; and that man shall be cut off from among his people; [*i.e., the LAW OF THE SLAIN ANIMAL: slaughtering from the flock or herd, that he not bear bloodguiltiness*];

1C) 17:4-9 That which CUTS OFF: not offering slain animals to YHVH at the door of the tabernacle of meeting;

1a) 17:4 And has not brought it to the door of the tent of meeting, **to present it as an offering to YHVH** before the tabernacle of YHVH, blood shall be imputed to that man; he has shed blood; and **that man shall be cut off** from among his people;

1b) 17:5a To the end that the children of Israel may **bring their sacrifices**, which they sacrifice in the open field, even that they may bring them **to YHVH**, to the door of the tent of meeting,

central axis) 17:5b-6 **To the priest, and sacrifice them for sacrifices of peace offerings to YHVH. 6 And the priest shall dash the blood against the altar of YHVH at the door of the tent of meeting, and make the fat smoke for a sweet savor to YHVH;**

2b) 17:7 And they shall **no more sacrifice their sacrifices to the goat demons**, [*i.e., in the open fields implied*] after whom they go astray. This shall be a statute for ever to them throughout their generations;

2a) 17:8-9 And you shall say to them, “Whatever man there be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among them, that offers a burnt offering or sacrifice, **9 and does not bring it** to the door of the tent of meeting, **to sacrifice it to YHVH**, even **that man shall be cut off** from his people;

2C) 17:10-14 That which **CUTS OFF**: eating the blood of slain animals;

1a) 17:10-11a And whatever man there be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among them, that eats any manner of blood, I will set My face against that soul that eats blood, and will **cut him off** from among his people. 11 For the **life of the flesh is in the blood**;

central axis) 17:11b **And I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul;**

2a) 17:12-14 No one shall eat **blood**, for it is **the life of all flesh**, and whoever eats it **shall be cut off**;

1a.1) 17:12-13 Therefore I said to the children of Israel, ‘**No soul of you shall eat blood**, neither shall any stranger that sojourns among you eat blood.’ 13 And whatever man there be of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among them, that takes in hunting any beast or winged creature that may be eaten, he shall pour out its blood, and cover it with dust;

1a.2) 17:14a For it is **the life of all flesh**;

central axis) 17:14b **Its blood is all one with its life**;

2a.1) 17:14c Therefore I said to the children of Israel, ‘**You shall not eat the blood** of any manner of flesh;

2a.2) 17:14d For **the life of all flesh** is its blood; whoever eats it shall be cut off;’

2B) 17:15-16 And every soul that eats that which dies of itself, or that which is torn of beasts, whether he is native born or a stranger, he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening; then he shall be clean. **16** But if he does not wash them, nor bathe his flesh, then he shall bear his iniquity;” [i.e., **The LAW OF THE SLAIN ANIMAL**: that which he finds slain, that he not bear bloodguiltiness]; {p}

2A) 18:1-30 That which makes **ABOMINABLE** [i.e., *The forbidden relations of Egypt and Canaan*]; {sx12+p}

1a) 18:1-5 I am YHVH your God; **you shall keep My statutes** and not the statutes of Egypt and Canaan;” {s}

1a) 18:1-2 And YHVH spoke to Moses, saying: **2** ‘Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: “**I am YHVH** your God;

1b.1) 18:3a After the doings of the land of Egypt, where you dwelt, **you shall not do**; and after the doings of the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you, **you shall not do**;

1b.2) 18:3b *Neither shall you walk in their statutes*;

2b.1) 18:4a *My ordinances you shall do*;

2b.2) 18:4b-5b *In My statutes you shall walk*;

1A.1) 18:4B And **MY STATUTES YOU SHALL KEEP**;

1A.2) 18:4C To **WALK IN THEM**;

CENTRAL AXIS) 18:4D **I AM YHVH YOUR GOD**;

2A.1) 18:5A You shall therefore **KEEP MY STATUTES**, and My ordinances;

2A.2) 18:5B Which if a man does, he shall **LIVE BY THEM**;

2a) 18:5c **I am YHVH**; {s}

1b) 18:6-20 None of you shall approach any that is near of kin to him, to uncover their nakedness. I am YHVH. {s} **7** The nakedness of your father, and the nakedness of your mother, you shall not uncover: she is your mother; you shall not uncover her nakedness. {s} **8** The nakedness of your father’s wife you shall not uncover: it is your father’s nakedness. {s} **9** The nakedness of your sister, the daughter of your father, or the daughter of your mother, whether born at home, or born abroad, even her nakedness you shall not uncover. {s} **10** The nakedness of your son’s daughter, or of your daughter’s daughter, even her nakedness you shall not uncover; for hers is your own nakedness. {s} **11** The nakedness of your father’s wife’s daughter, begotten of your father— she is your sister—you shall not uncover her nakedness. {s} **12** You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father’s sister: she is your father’s near kinswoman. {s} **13** You shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother’s sister; for she is your mother’s near kinswoman. {s} **14** You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father’s brother, you shall not approach his wife: she is your aunt. {s} **15** You shall not uncover the nakedness of your daughter-in-law: she is your son’s wife; you shall not uncover her nakedness. {s} **16** You shall not uncover the nakedness of your brother’s

wife: it is your brother's nakedness. {s} **17** You shall not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter; you shall not take her son's daughter, or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness: they are near kinswomen; it is lewdness. **18** And you shall not take a woman and her sister, to be a rival to her, to uncover her nakedness, beside the other in her lifetime. **19** And you shall not approach a woman to uncover her nakedness, as long as she is impure by her uncleanness. **20** And you shall not lie carnally with your neighbour's wife, to defile yourself with her; [*i.e.*, **Forbidden natural relations**]; {sx11}

central axis) **18:21** *And you shall not give any of your seed to set them apart to Molech, nor shall you profane the name of your God: I am YHVH;*

2b) 18:22-23 You shall not lie with a man, as with a woman; it is abomination. **23** And you shall not lie with any beast to defile yourself by it; neither shall any woman stand before a beast, to lie with it; it is perversion; [*i.e.*, **Forbidden unnatural relations**];

2a) 18:24-30 You shall not defile yourselves or your land with their statutes, but **you shall keep My ordinances**; I am YHVH your God; {p}

1a) 18:24-25 *Do not defile yourselves in any of these things*; for in all these the nations are defiled, which I cast out from before you. **25** And the land was defiled, therefore I visited its iniquity upon it, and the land vomited out her inhabitants;

1b) 18:26a *You shall therefore keep My statutes* and My ordinances, *and shall not do any of these abominations*;

1c) 18:26b-27a Neither the native born, nor the stranger that sojourns among you; **27** for *all these abominations* have the men of the land done, that were before you;

central axis) **18:27b-28** *And the land is defiled; 28 that the land does not vomit you out also, when you defile it, as it vomited out the nation that was before you;*

2c) 18:29 For whoever shall do *any of these abominations*, even the souls that do them shall be cut off from among their people;

2b) 18:30a *Therefore you shall keep My charge*, that you do *not do any of these abominable customs*, which were done before you;

2a) 18:30b So that you *do not defile yourselves by it*: I am YHVH your God.”
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