

# LEVITES

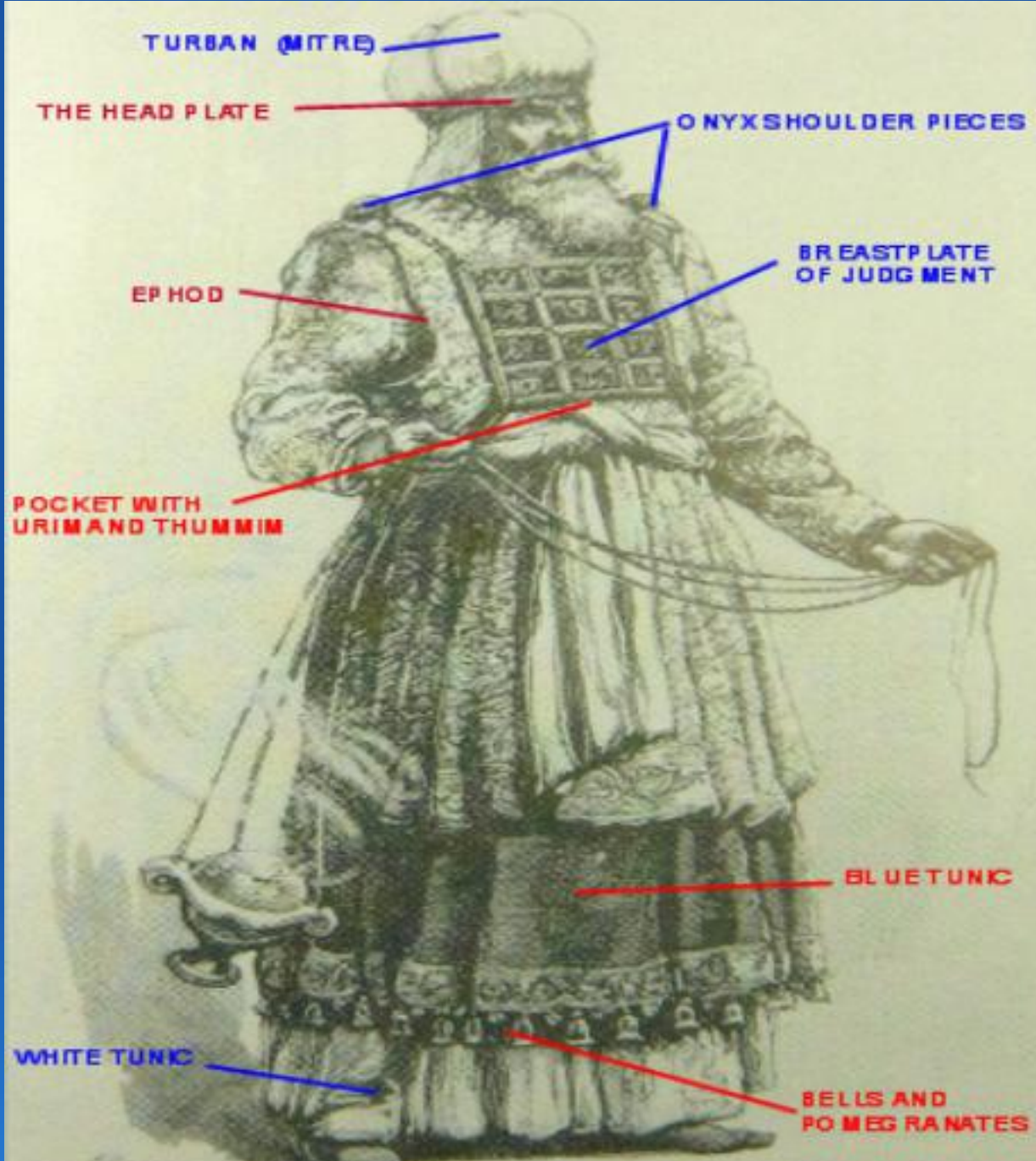
MUSICIANS  
GUARDS  
LABORERS  
SINGERS  
TEND FIRES  
FILL WATER BASINS  
ALL OTHER LEVITES



# PRIESTS



TRIBE OF LEVI



TURBAN (MITRE)

THE HEAD PLATE

ONYX SHOULDER PIECES

EPHOD

BREASTPLATE OF JUDGMENT

POCKET WITH URIM AND THUMMIM

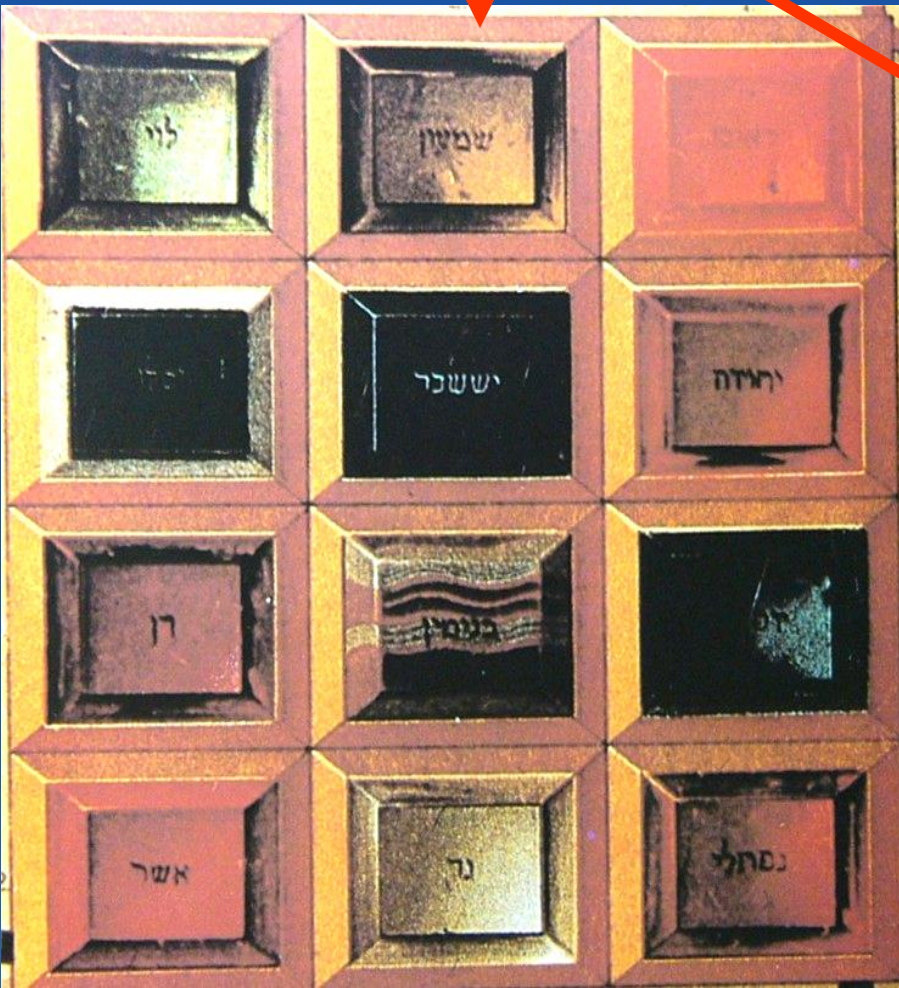
BLUE TUNIC

WHITE TUNIC

BELLS AND POMEGRANATES

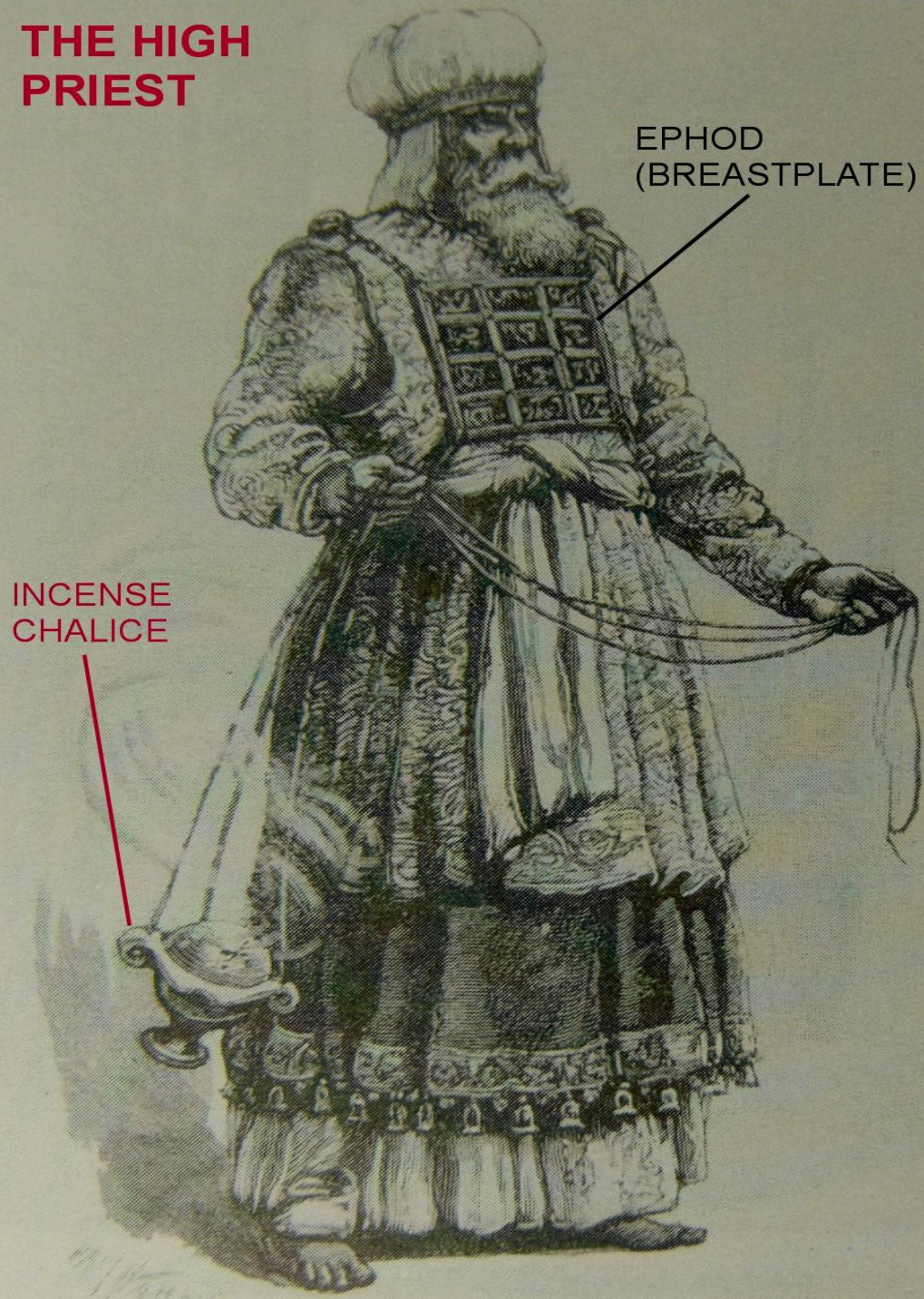
THE HIGH PRIEST

# BREASTPLATE / EPHOD



- High Priest's Ephod tells us of  
The 3 fold nature of Israel:
  - 1) ALL Israel
  - 2) TWO Houses of Israel
  - 3) INDIVIDUAL Tribes

# THE HIGH PRIEST



EPHOD  
(BREASTPLATE)

INCENSE  
CHALICE

# URIM AND THUMMIM



- Contained in a pouch on the Ephod
- Breastplate also called “Breastplate of Judgment”
- In Hebrew “Hoshen ha-Misphat”
- Better: “Breastplate of Justice”

# SYMBOLISM OF URIM AND THUMMIM

- Urim = light
- Thummim = perfection (s) or fulfillment
- In Hebrew, first letter of Urim is ALEPH
- In Hebrew, first letter of Thummim is TAV
- Aleph = alpha (in Greek)
- Tav = omega (in Greek)
- Represents God's nature as  
“the first and the last”

# USE OF URIM AND THUMMIM

- Used for decision making
- “either / or”                      “yes / no”
- Only 3 or 4 places in the OT where use of Urim and Thummim mentioned
- “Decision by Ephod” indicates the same thing

# BREASTPLATE SYMBOLISM

- Breastplate, Ephod, Urim and Thummin work together
- Nature of God's justice is light and perfection
- God's justice revealed TO and THRU Israel
- BREASTPLATE OF THE GOSPEL





# THE HEADPLATE



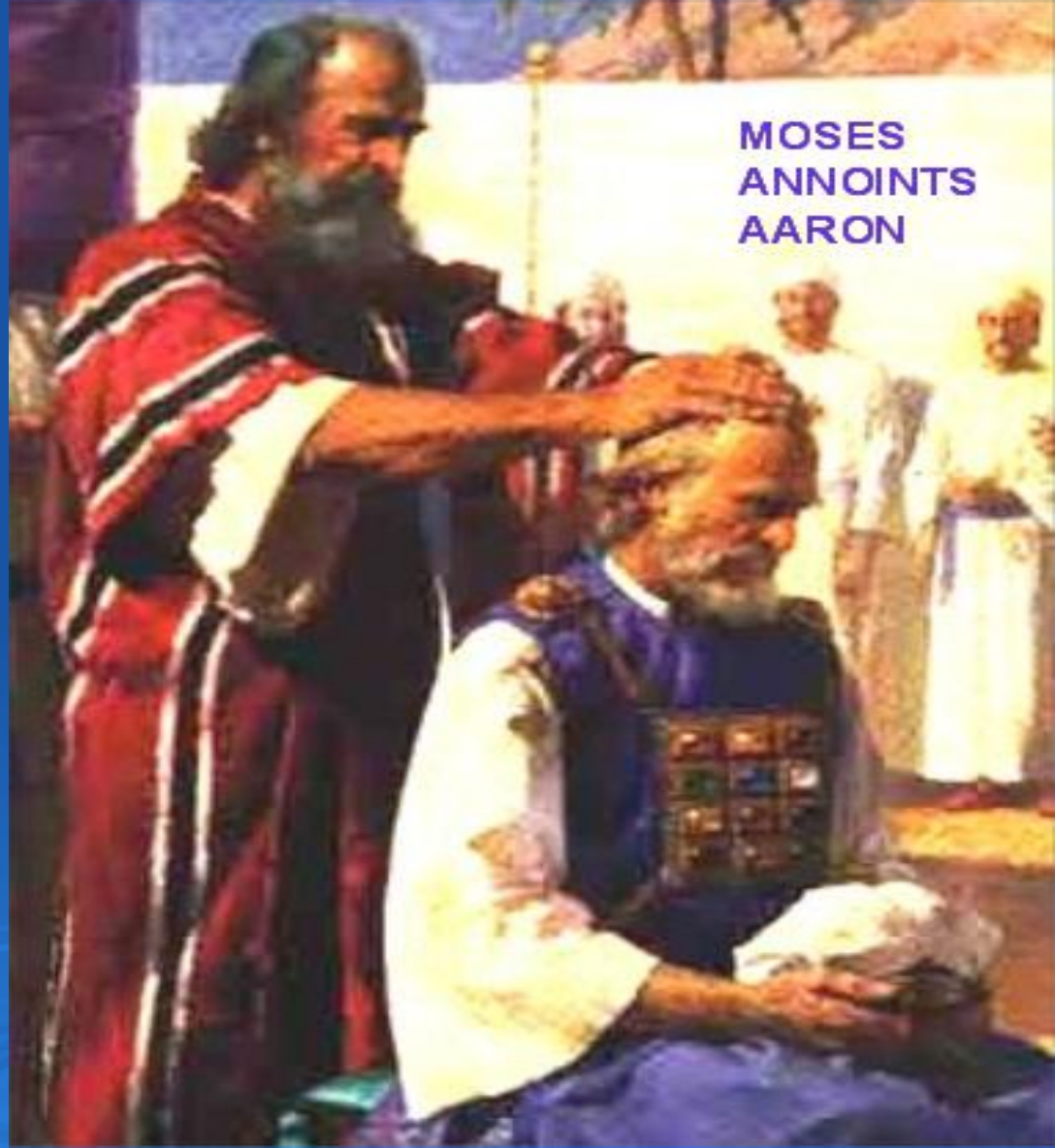
HEAD PLATE says  
"Holiness to YHWH"

- Gold band
- "HOLINESS TO YHWH"
- "Kodesh Yehoveh"
- High Priest is the "Substitute"
- The acceptance or rejection of Israel rested on the High Priest

# EX. 29

## THE CONSECRATION CEREMONY

- Up to now, no priesthood existed for Israel
- Ceremony was to be held in public view
- Up to now, these are just instructions still being given to Moses... none of this happens until after Golden Calf incident
- Vs. 1-3 list of animals to be used for sacrifice
- Moses is to wash the priests



MOSES  
ANNOINTS  
AARON

# RITUAL WASHING

- Sacrificing long ago established, but ritual washing is new for Israel
- Moses humbled himself to wash priests
- Washing was part of preparing priests for service to God
- Moses washing priests = Christ washing feet of disciples
- In BOTH cases, a priesthood was being established and confirmed



# THE SPIRITUAL PRIESTHOOD

- Moses established the earthly physical priesthood
- Yeshua established the heavenly spiritual priesthood
- The washing ceremony was required for initial consecration
- Believers are a “spiritual house for a holy priesthood”  
1 Peter 2:1

# SYMBOLISM OF RITUAL WASHING

- REGENERATION
- Means to be made anew
- Ritual washing was temporary, and had to constantly be repeated
- After washing, Priests are to put on their special garments
- Anointing with special oil... Oil is poured in the sign of a cross over the head

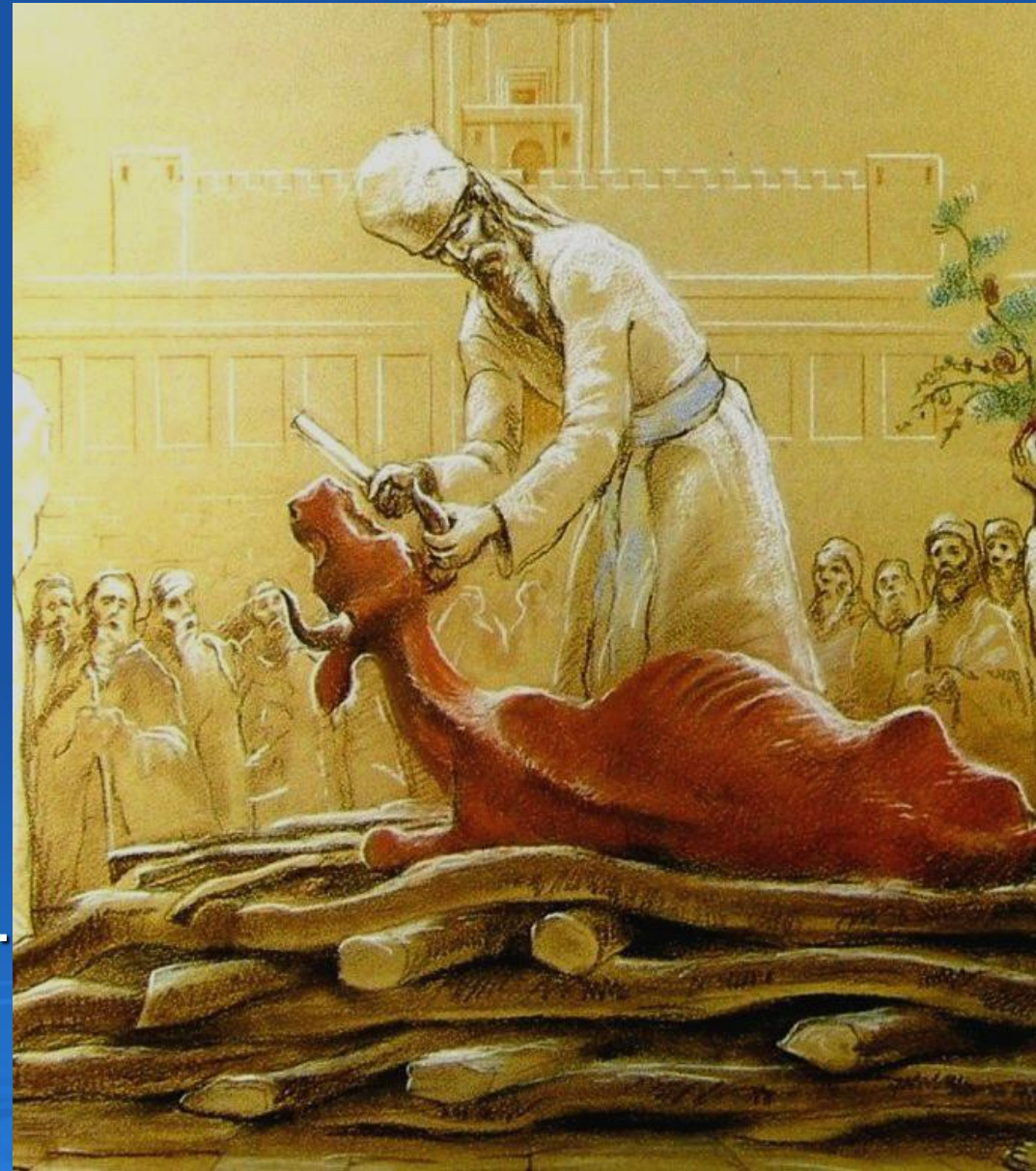
# CONSECRATION SACRIFICES



- Bull is 1<sup>st</sup> sacrifice
- Priests lay hands of the Bull
- Sin is transferred to the Bull (substitute)
- Blood put on sides of Altar
- Only the FAT is burned on the Altar
- Remainder burned “outside the camp” as a SIN OFFERING

# SIGNIFICANCE OF BULL SACRIFICE

- This was a special “inaugural” sacrifice
- Somewhat connected to Red Heifer
- Odd feature: animals to be burned “outside of camp” in an UNCLEAN place
- Normally sacrifices were on the Brazen Altar “within the camp” ... a CLEAN place



# MORE SACRIFICES

- Ram as burnt offering
- Priests lay hands on Ram
- Altar (now clean) is used to burn Ram
- A 2<sup>nd</sup> Ram is sacrificed
- Blood dabbed on right ear, thumb, big toe
- Blood sprinkled on priests and clothing
- Ram meat and Matzah given to priest
- Raises above head, moves side to side
- Breast of Ram set aside for Moses
- Offers it as a wave offering then eats it
- Ceremonial sacrifices repeated for 7 days
- 7 is number of completion...Creation