

# LEVITICUS, CHAPTER 1

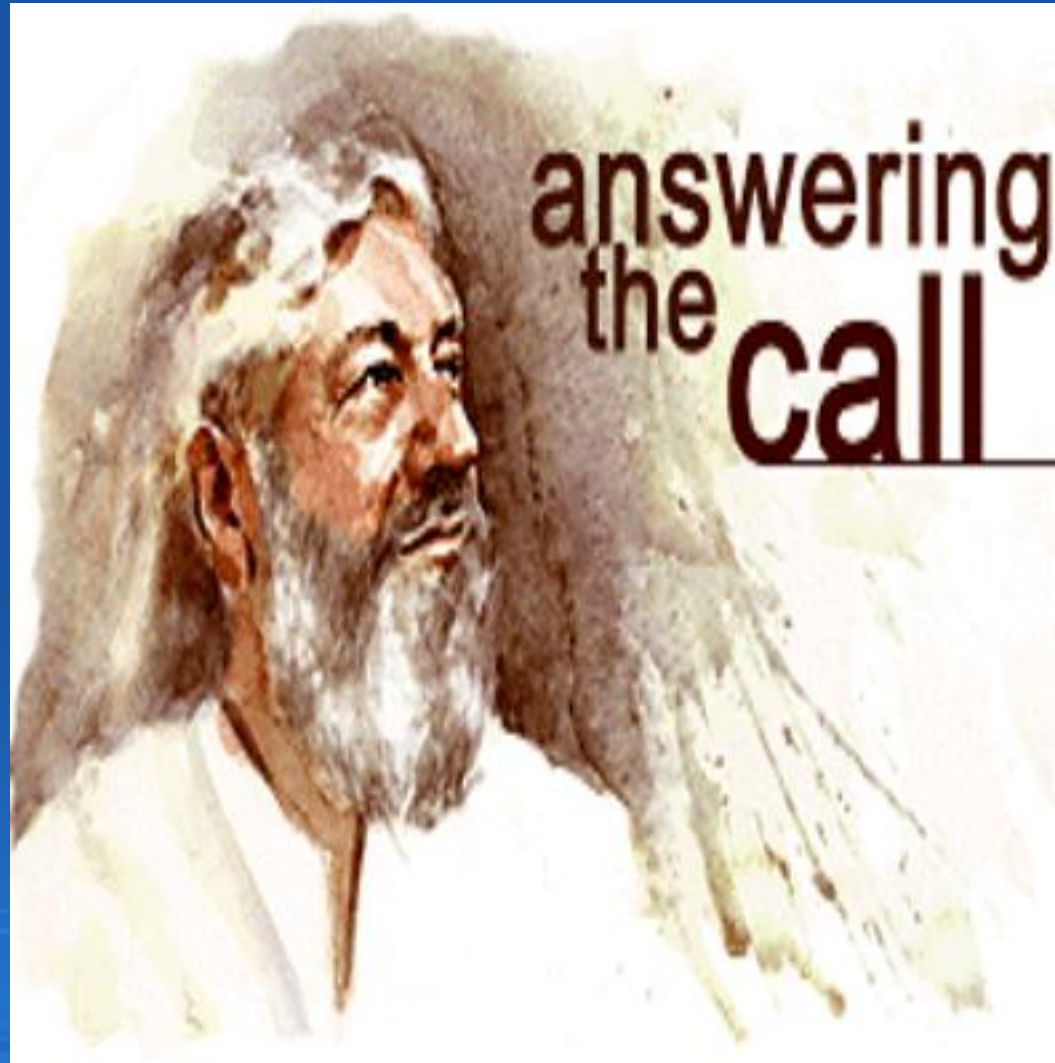
- **PRINCIPLES FOR UNDERSTANDING LEVITICUS:**
- 1) Yehoveh divides, elects, separates
- 2) Leviticus is the **PRIESTLY** worldview
- 3) God classifies sin as **INTENTIONAL** and **UNINTENTIONAL**
- 4) Sacrificial System deals **ONLY** with **UNINTENTIONAL** sins.

# LEVITICUS PRINCIPLES, CONT'D

- 5) The Sacrificial System is about MORE than atoning for sins
- 6) Yeshua fulfilled MORE than the Levitical Sacrificial System
- 7) The foundational principle behind the Sacrificial System is SUBSTITUTION
- 8) Leviticus should be read as a continuation of Exodus

# “NOW HE CALLED.....”

- *Vayikra* is Hebrew for “now He called”
- Carries a weighty meaning
- A preamble to indicate that what follows is significant and unusually important
- Similar preamble used when Yehoveh called Moses to Mt. Sinai to give him THE LAW



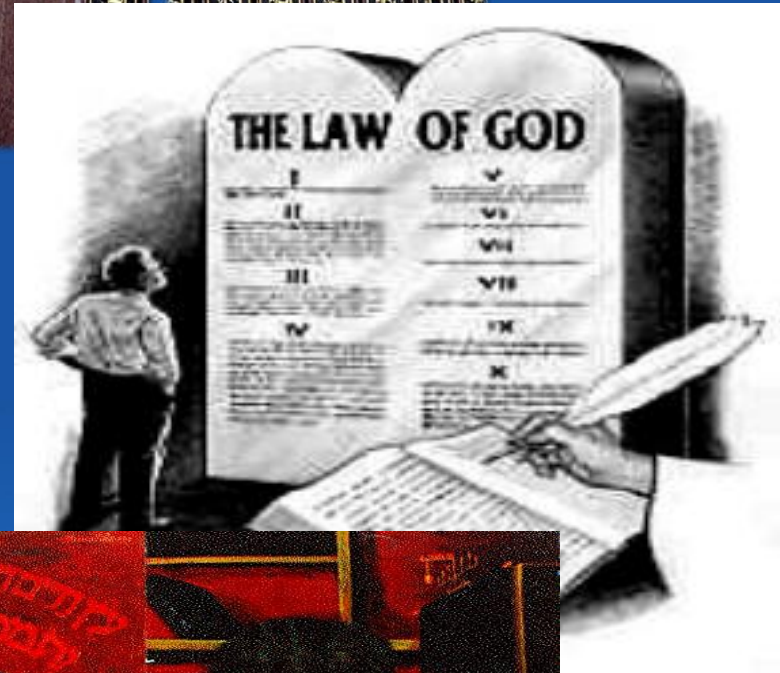
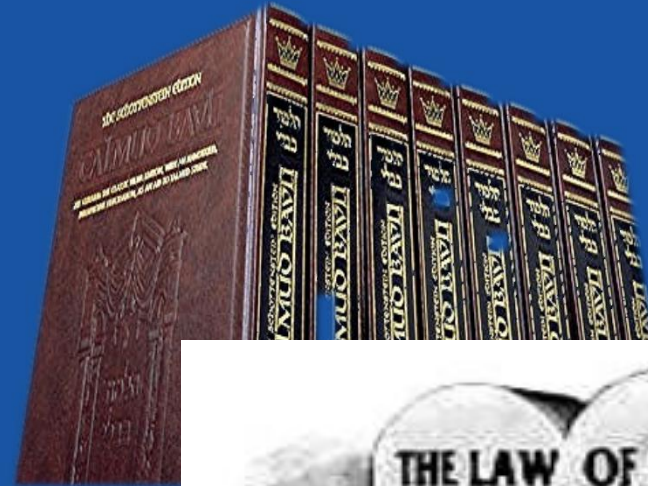
# GOD'S JUSTICE SYSTEM



- *Mishpat* = Justice
- Two primary components:  
The Sacrificial System and The Law
- Each have different purposes and functions
- Sacrificial System leads to forgiveness
- The Law leads to punishment

# THE LAW...A MISUSED TERM

- Jews tend to make “the Law” synonymous with “the Torah”
- Law doesn’t begin until halfway through Exodus
- Jews often call every religious instruction, including the Talmud, certain Traditions, and other religious rulings...THE LAW.



# BENEI ISRAEL

- The Law sets out MORAL CHOICES, thereby defining “sin”
- The Sacrificial System provides ATONEMENT when a sin occurs
- But...ONLY...for Unintentional sins!!!
- *Benei Israel* literally means “young Israel”
- Usually translated “children of Israel”
- Best translated “The Israelite People”
- This is a national term, similar to the word meaning “Americans” or “The American People”

# “IF ANYONE BRINGS AN OFFERING...”



- **Korban** = offering is a general term
- ‘**Olah** = burnt offering
- “Burnt offering” is a FUNCTIONAL translation, NOT literal
- ‘**Olah** literally means “ascend” or “bring near”
- Best LITERAL translation for ‘**Olah** is “near-offering” or “ascend-offering”

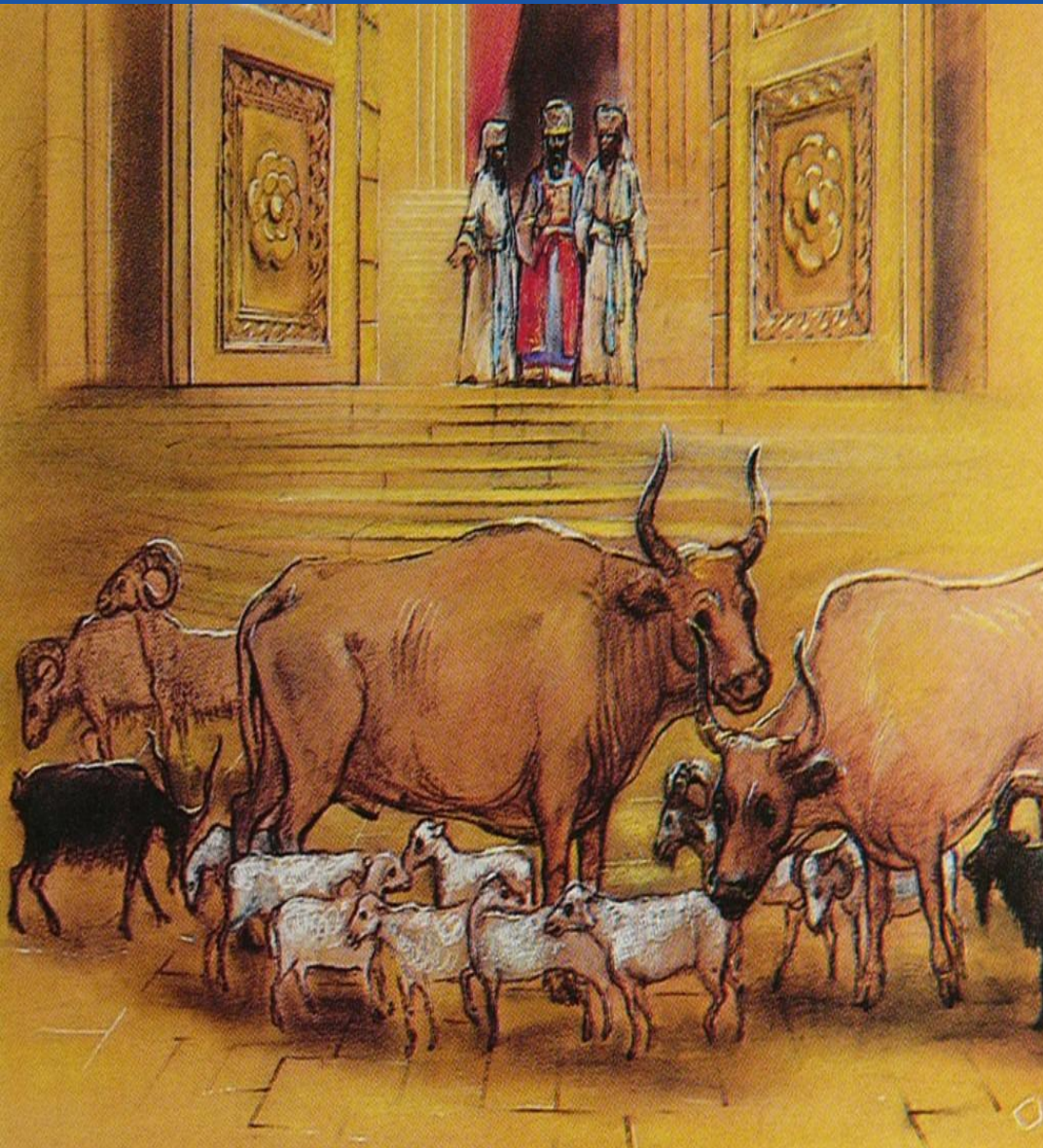
# 'OLAH...the Burnt Offering

- The SMOKE is the key element of the offering
- A personal, individual offering
- The entire animal is to be burnt-up
- The Lord deals with Israel on BOTH an individual AND a corporate level
- Meat a luxury item





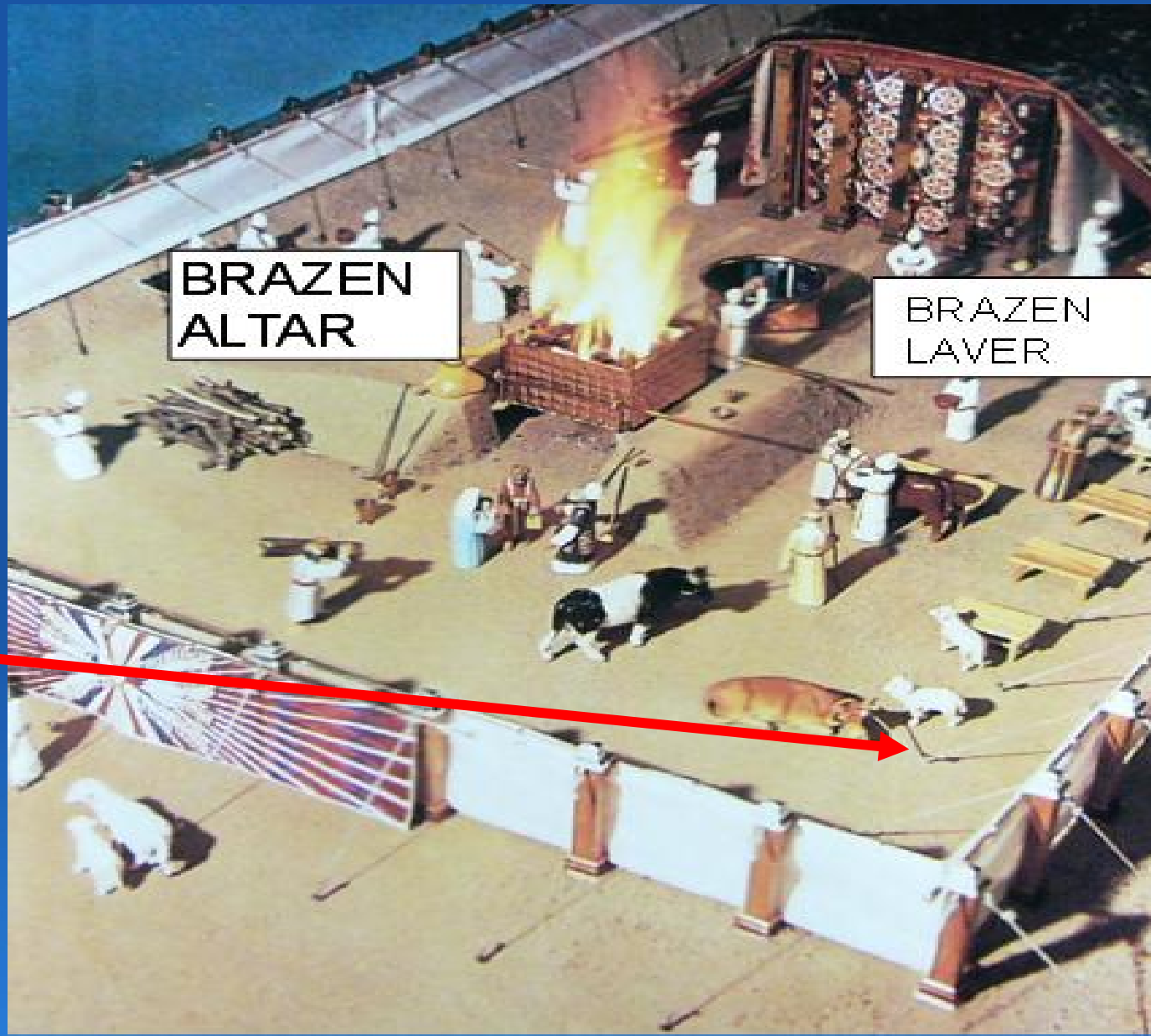
# THE SACRIFICIAL ANIMALS



- ENTIRE animal burned up
- Domesticated animals ONLY (no wild)
- From Bulls, to sheep, to birds
- Had to be the BEST animals
- Animal choice depended on ability of worshipper to provide

# THE RITUAL

➤ Animal brought inside gate, inspected by priest (N.E. corner)



BRAZEN ALTAR

BRAZEN LAVER

# LAYING ON HANDS



- Called *Semikhah*
- Acknowledges this animal is for sacrifice
- Often used to transfer authority
- Transference of guilt
- Most closely associated with Scapegoat Ritual

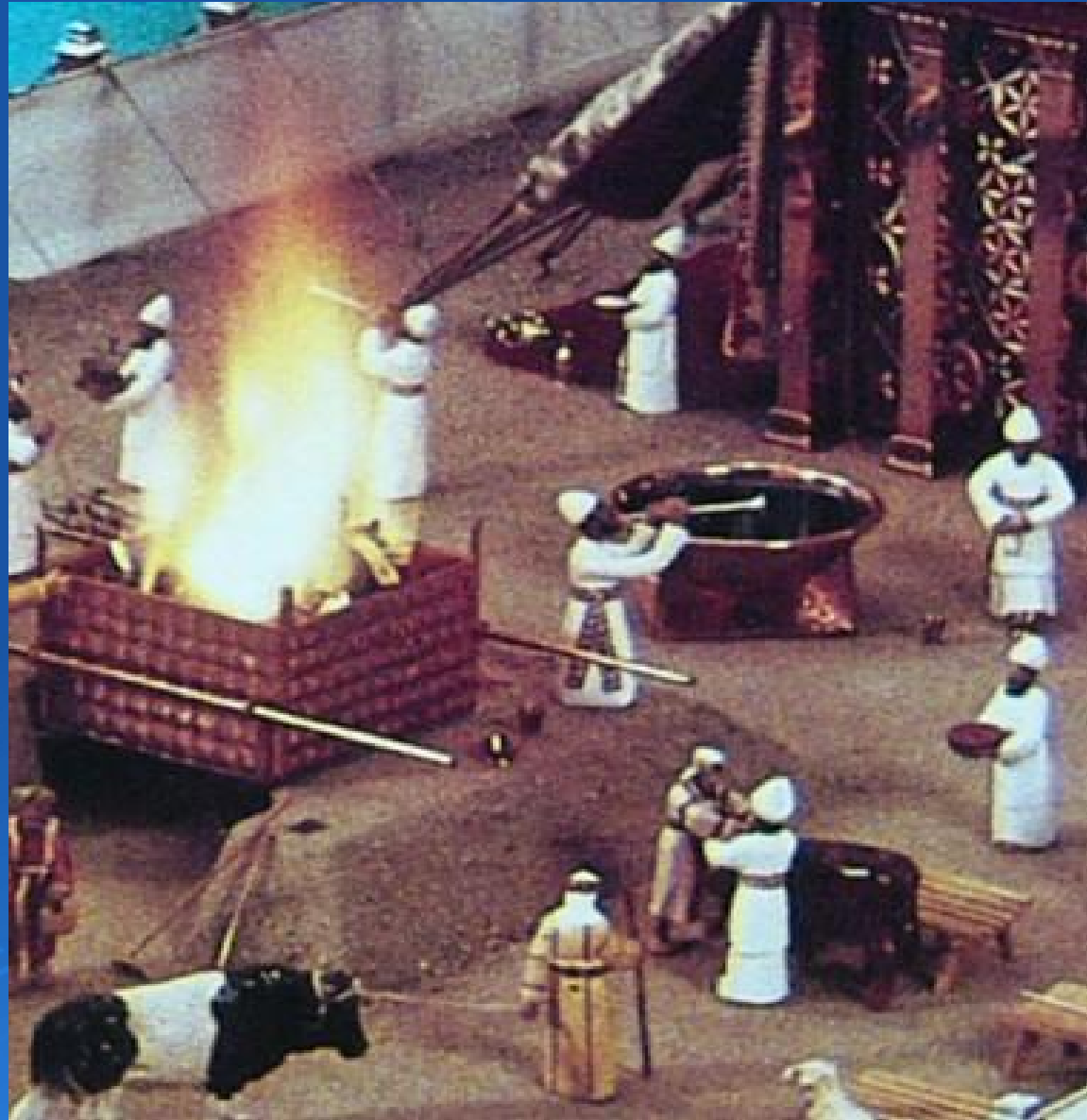
# ANIMAL IS SACRIFICED

- Scapegoat ritual is where we see best example of transference of sins
- Prayers are said...likely (later in history) Psalms 40,51,66
- The **WORSHIPPER** kills the animal
- The ritual killing is called *shahat*
- Killing to be quick and humane
- Blood splashed on sides of Altar



# ANIMAL PLACED ON ALTAR

- Worshipper chops up animal, and washes inner organs
- Skin is given to priests
- Priest places meat on the Altar
- Worshipper performs most of the duties
- Priests officiate



# PURPOSE OF THE BURNT OFFERING

## ‘Olah is designed to:

- 1) Allow worshipper to approach God
- 2) Gain peace with God
- 3) Offering was gift/ransom to God
- 4) Smoke brought “pleasure” to God
- 5) A favorable attitude toward the man

# WHAT THE 'OLAH DID NOT DO

- Did NOT atone for sins per se
- Did NOT “wipe clean” the man or his sins
- Did NOT “remove” sin
- Did NOT transform worshipper’s sinful nature

Hebrew sages felt that the  
***'OLAH BROUGHT PROTECTION  
FROM GOD'S WRATH...***

# SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE 'OLAH



Abraham offers  
Isaac as an 'Olah

- Total surrender and obedience
- Substitution
- Ransom
- Was a shadow and type of the sacrifice of Jesus
- The BLOOD was the key
- The blood MUST be made holy
- This happens ONLY by the blood coming into contact with the Brazen Altar