

LIFE IS IN THE BLOOD

- Gen.9:4 *no eating blood*
- If blood is drained out of a Living Creature, life goes with it
- Blood had been set-apart by God as the **ONLY** means to *atonement*any other use was **WRONG!**



SHED-BLOOD APPLIES TO ANY MISUSE OF BLOOD

- MURDER is a misuse of blood because it ends life
- DRINKING BLOOD is a misuse of blood because blood is NOT for food
- KILLING A DOMESTIC ANIMAL OUTSIDE THE TABERNACLE GROUNDS is a misuse of blood because the taking of blood is ONLY sanctioned inside the holy precinct
- SACRIFICING TO ANOTHER GOD is a misuse of blood because God's creatures are being used to glorify demons or someone's imagination

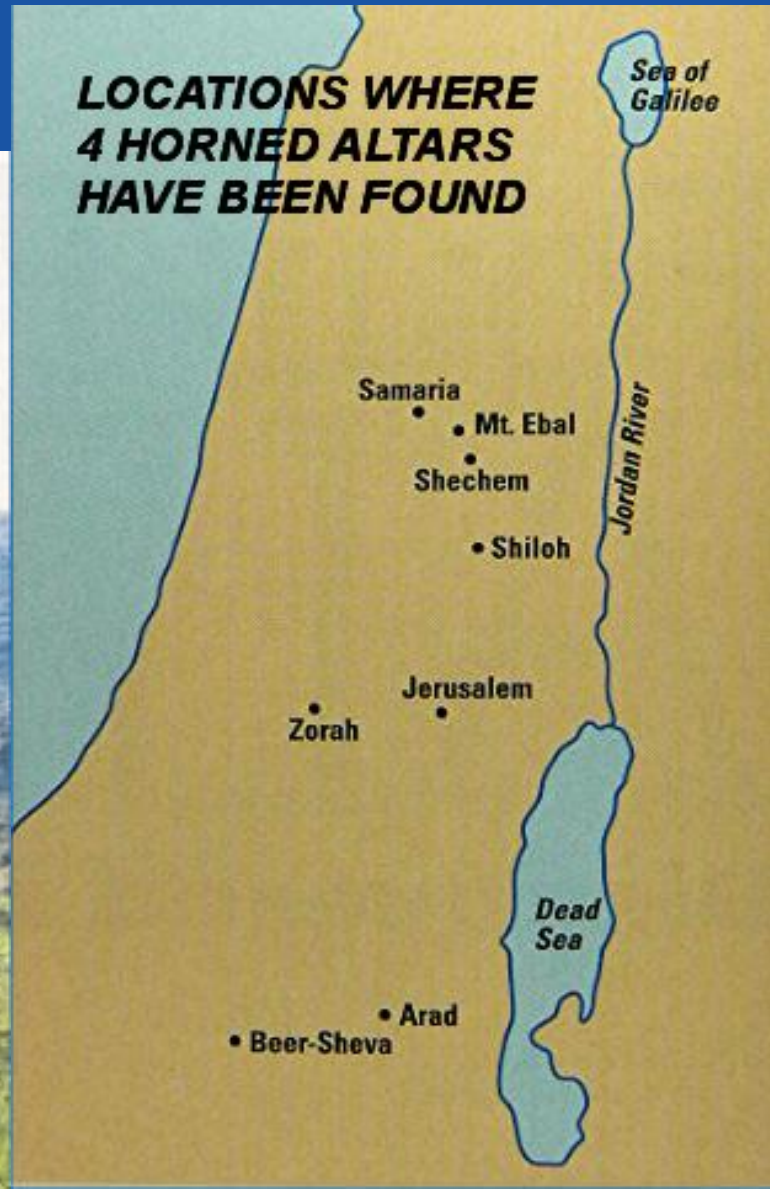
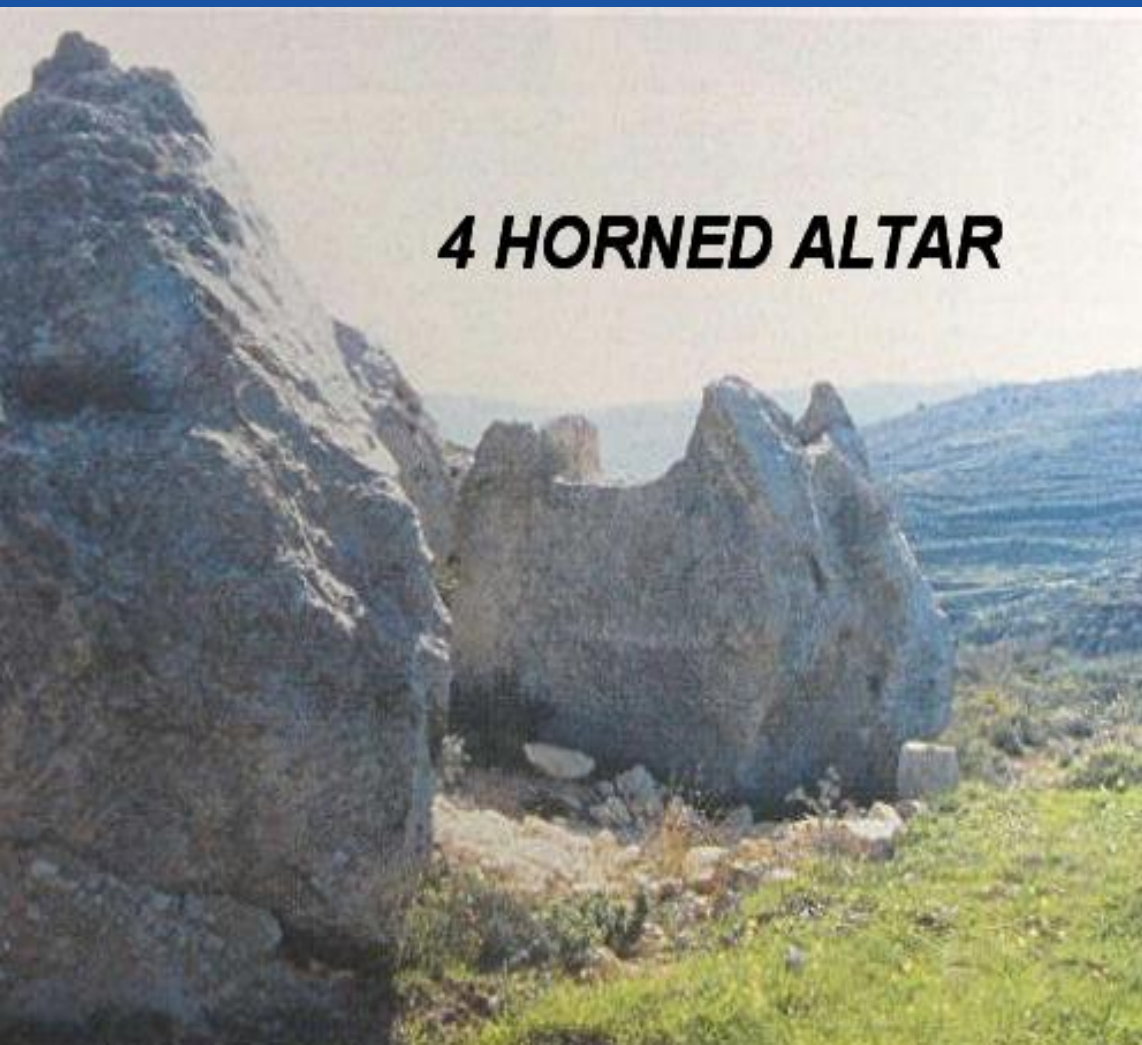
JERUSALEM COUNCIL 49 AD

- Paul meets with James the Just
- NAS Acts 15:20 *but that we write to them that they abstain from things contaminated by idols and from fornication and from what is strangled and from blood.*
- “from blood” is referring to the Hebrew *shafakh dam*, meaning shed blood
- It means gentile Believers are not to eat or drink blood, murder, or sacrifice an animal to another god
- Also includes whatever Jewish provisions were in effect for proper place and way of animal slaughter



LEVITICUS 17

ISRAELITES BUILT ALTARS IN THE FIELDS



VS. 7 “GOAT DEMONS”



- AZAZEL
- People had been worshipping the Goat-demons of the Wilderness
- In Scapegoat ritual, God reproached the Evil One

WILD ANIMALS

- Verses 1 – 12 are about DOMESTIC animals
- Verse 13 is about WILD animals
- Wild animals may be hunted and used for food
- They are NOT and can NOT be killed at the Tabernacle (cannot be used for sacrifices)
- Blood provisions: **Wild animals** must have blood drained onto the ground, and then covered up with dirt
- Blood is either for God, or it must be disposed of



DEAD ANIMALS

- Verses 15 & 16 animals who die naturally or are killed by accident or by wild animals
- It is OK to eat this meat
- Person becomes UNCLEAN until sunset
- Person has NOT trespassed against God if he chooses to eat this meat and become unclean
- MUST go through proper purification rites OR THEN it becomes a transgression
- “Bear Guilt” means someone has trespassed against God, and is liable for divine punishment

LEVITICUS CHAPTER 18

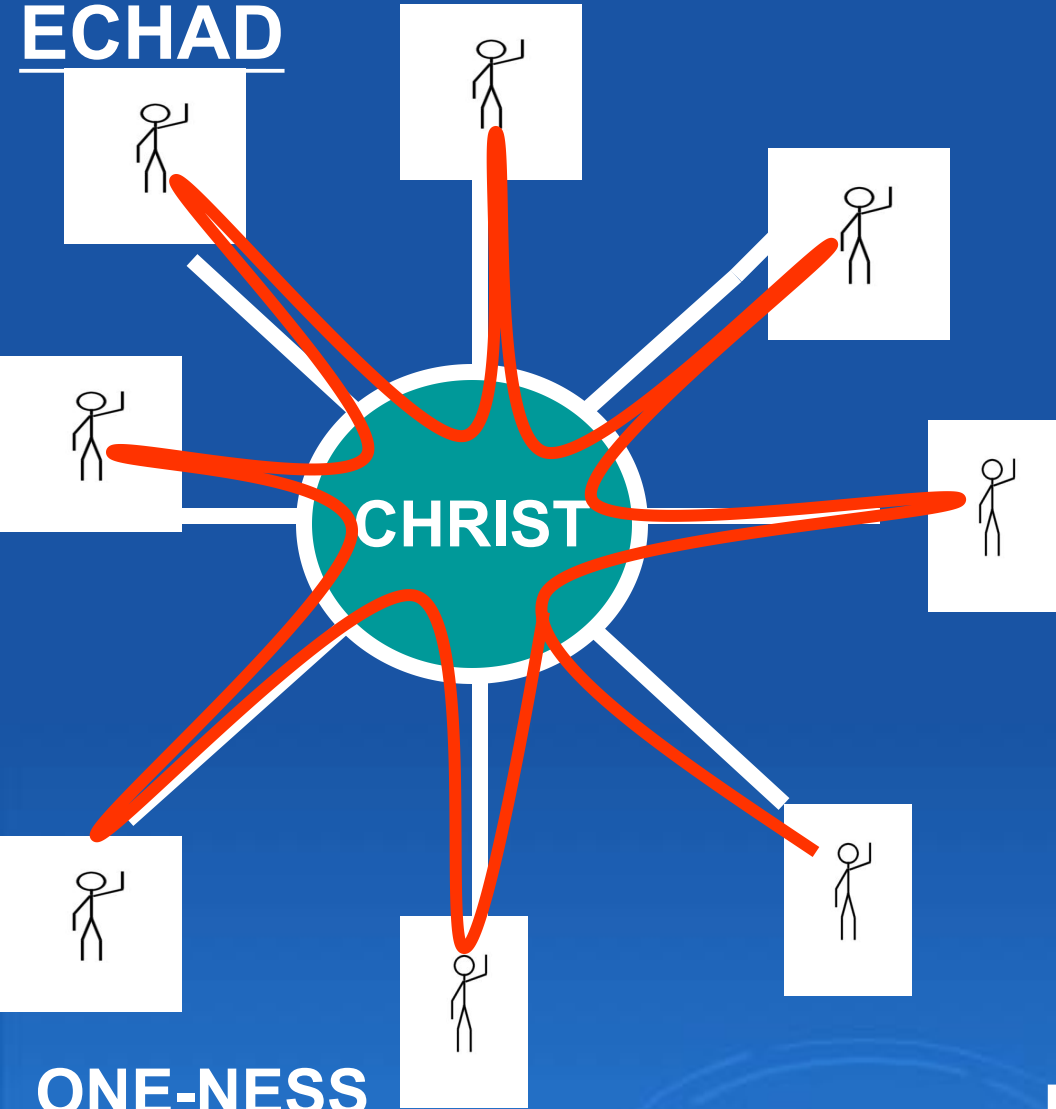
HUMAN SEXUALITY

- Human sexuality plays a large role throughout the Bible
- Male and female is central to basis of life
- For procreation AND for joy and pleasure
- Can be misused and abused
- Usually abuse is due to disobedience



UNITY THRU CHRIST

ECHAD



ONE-NESS

MAN TO CHRIST TO MAN

UNITY AMONG MEN

CONSENSUS



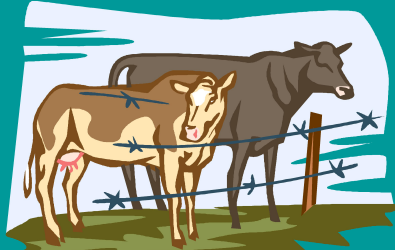
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MAN TO MAN TO MAN

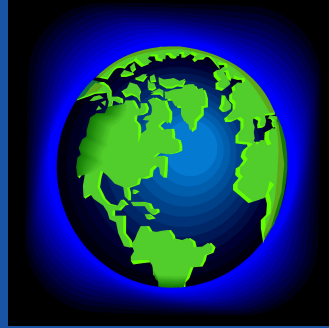
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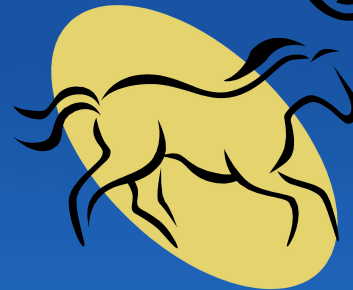
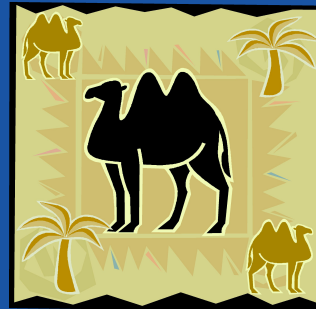
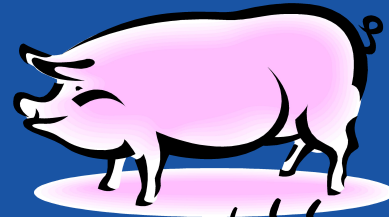
INSIDE THE CAMP



UNCLEAN



OUTSIDE THE CAMP



CHAPTER 18 DRAWS DISTINCTIONS

- Israel is NOT to behave as the rest of the world
- Egypt is the past, Canaan is the future, and both harbor unacceptable sexual behaviors
- This was NEW to the Hebrews.....they were not concerned about immorality as God sees it
- Chapter 18 is like
“ THE 10 COMMANDMENTS, PART 2 ”
- God doesn't give reasons for His rules on sexual behavior.....any way other than His way is simply “detestable” to Him

“UNCOVER NAKEDNESS”

- Usually refers to unique male and female body parts
- Also refers to having sexual relations in general
- Bible reference to “*of his own flesh*” means close biological relatives
- Sexual relations of a man with a woman **MUST** stay outside of certain family boundaries
- **EXAMPLE: TNK Leviticus 18:13** *Do not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister; for she is your mother's flesh.*
- Mother's flesh = close relative (sister)

Leviticus 18:7 *Your father's nakedness, that is, the nakedness of your mother, you shall not uncover; she is your mother -- you shall not uncover her nakedness.*

- This is NOT about homosexuality!
- Father's nakedness is possessive
- The father OWNS the mother's nakedness
- Idea is that sexual access to the mother belongs exclusively to the father
- Most of these terms are ancient Hebrew idioms