



Acharei Mot

Leviticus 16:1 – 18:30

Leviticus 16:1

וַיְדַבֵּר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה אַחֲרֵי מוֹת שְׁנֵי בְנֵי אַהֲרֹן
בְּקִרְבָּתָם לְפָנֵי־יְהוָה וַיִּמָּתוּ: וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה

Now the LORD spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they had approached the presence of the LORD and died.

Summary

Chapter 16

- Instructions for Aaron on how to approach the holy place
- Instructions concerning the scapegoat
- Day of atonement

Chapter 17

- Prohibition against sacrificing anywhere
- Blood of atonement
- Prohibition against eating blood

Summary

Chapter 18

- Warning not to do as in Egypt
- Prohibitions against sexual immorality
- Warning not to do like the nations

John 6:53

So Yeshua said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves.

John 6:54

"He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

Genesis 9:4

"Only you shall not eat flesh with its life,
[that is,] its blood.

Leviticus 17:10

'And any man from the house of Israel, or from the aliens who sojourn among them, who eats any blood, I will set My face against that person who eats blood and will cut him off from among his people.

Leviticus 17:11

'For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement.'

Leviticus 17:14 NASB

"For [as for the] life of all flesh, its blood is [identified] with its life. Therefore I said to the sons of Israel, 'You are not to eat the blood of any flesh, for the life of all flesh is its blood; whoever eats it shall be cut off.'

Life is in the Blood

“Blood is a combination of plasma and cells that circulate through the entire body. It is a specialized bodily fluid that supplies essential substances around the body, such as sugars, oxygen, and hormones.

It also removes waste from the cells in the body.”

Source: <https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/196001.php>

Observations

Life and Blood

Blemished versus
Unblemished

Sacrifice versus
Released/Replaced

Leviticus 22:20

'Whatever has a defect, you shall not offer, for it will not be accepted for you.

Numbers 19:2

"This is the statute of the law which the LORD has commanded, saying, 'Speak to the sons of Israel that they bring you an unblemished red heifer in which is no defect [and] on which a yoke has never been placed.

Deuteronomy 15:21

"But if it has any defect, [such as] lameness or blindness, [or] any serious defect, you shall not sacrifice it to the LORD your God.

מְאוּמָּה *m'uwm*

- blemish, spot, defect
- of physical defect
- of moral stain

Deuteronomy 17:1

"You shall not sacrifice to the LORD your God an ox or a sheep which has a blemish [or] any defect, for that is a detestable thing to the LORD your God.

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Leviticus 16:7-9

"He shall take the two goats and present them before the LORD at the doorway of the tent of meeting. 8 "Aaron shall cast lots for the two goats, one lot for the LORD and the other lot for the scapegoat. 9 "Then Aaron shall offer the goat on which the lot for the LORD fell, and make it a sin offering.

Leviticus 16:8-10 ESV

8 And Aaron shall cast lots over the two goats, one lot for the LORD and the other lot for Azazel.

9 And Aaron shall present the goat on which the lot fell for the LORD and use it as a sin offering, 10 but the goat on which the lot fell for Azazel shall be presented alive before the LORD to make atonement over it, that it may be sent away into the wilderness to Azazel.

עֲזָאזֵל *`aza'zel*

- entire removal, scapegoat
- refers to the goat used for sacrifice for the sins of the people
- meaning dubious

Leviticus 16:21-22

21 "Then Aaron shall lay both of his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over it all the iniquities of the sons of Israel and all their transgressions in regard to all their sins; and he shall lay them on the head of the goat and send [it] away into the wilderness by the hand of a man who [stands] in readiness.

22 "The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to a solitary land; and he shall release the goat in the wilderness.

Who or What
is Azazel?

Literal place –
jagged mountain

Fallen Angel?

Leviticus 14:4-6

4 then the priest shall give orders to take two live clean birds and cedar wood and a scarlet string and hyssop for the one who is to be cleansed. 5 "The priest shall also give orders to slay the one bird in an earthenware vessel over running water. 6 "[As for] the live bird, he shall take it together with the cedar wood and the scarlet string and the hyssop, and shall dip them and the live bird in the blood of the bird that was slain over the running water.

Psalm 19:14

Let the words of my mouth and the
meditation of my heart Be acceptable in
Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my
Redeemer.

John 14:6

Yeshua said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

Romans 10:8

But what does it say? "THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART"--that is, the word of faith which we are preaching,

Deuteronomy 30:14

14 "But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may observe it.