

30 - Sacrifices and Offerings of the Mosaic Law



Type	Scripture	Occasion	Reason	Offering
Burnt	Leviticus (1:1-17) Leviticus (6:8-13) Numbers (28:3-29) Numbers (39)	Daily: Every morning and evening as needed. Festivals: New Moon, Passover, Unleavened Bread, First Fruits, Atonement, Trumpets.	Atonement for sin in general which enabled an unholy people to gain favor with a holy God. Done individually through voluntary worship or as a prescribed ritual for the entire nation.	One year old male bullock, sheep or goat without blemish. If the financial means weren't available to purchase larger animals, two turtledoves or pigeons could be substituted.
Grain (Meal)	Leviticus (2:1-16) Leviticus (6:14-23) Numbers (15:1-12)	Daily: As needed, brought with burnt and peace offerings. Festivals: Offered as desired.	An individual expression of thanksgiving and dedication to God. Secured divine good will and was also a sin offering for the very poor.	Meal of uncooked grain or barley mixed with oil and frankincense or cooked with just oil.
Peace (Fellowship)	Leviticus (3:1-17) Leviticus (7:11-38) Leviticus (22:18-30) Leviticus (23:19) Numbers (6:14) Numbers (10:10)	Daily: Offered individually as desired. Festivals: Offered at the completion of a vow during Pentecost.	An individual expression of gratitude and desire for fellowship with God. Given as a votive offering at the completion of a vow. Also a type of freewill offering for general thanksgiving to God.	Male or female cattle, sheep or goat without blemish. Minor blemishes were allowed for freewill offerings.
Heave Offering (Option for Peace Offering)	Leviticus (7:32)	Daily: Option to a Peace Offering. Festivals: Option to a Peace Offering.	The right shoulder of the animal was heaved up and down toward the altar. This was a symbol of presenting the offering to God and His returning it to the priest.	Optional Male or female cattle, sheep or goat without blemish. Minor blemishes were allowed for freewill offerings.
Wave Offering (Option for Peace Offering)	Leviticus (7:30-31)	Daily: Option to a Peace Offering. Festivals: Option to a Peace Offering.	The breast of the animal was waved back and forth, toward and away from the altar, as a symbol of presenting the offering to God and of His returning it to the priest.	Optional Male or female cattle, sheep or goat without blemish. Minor blemishes were allowed for freewill offerings.
Sin (Purification)	Leviticus (4:1-5:13) Leviticus (6:24-30) Numbers (28:15-29:38)	Daily: As necessary for individuals. Festivals: New Moon, Passover, Pentecost, Trumpets, Atonement, Tabernacles.	Purification from sin and defilement for individuals. Used nationally to cover unintentional sins of carelessness and weakness.	Bullock for priest or the congregation, male goat for leader, female goat or lamb for individuals, dove or pigeon for poor or meal offering for very poor.
Tresspass (Guilt)	Leviticus (5:14-6:7) Leviticus (7:1-10)	As necessary for individuals	Atonement for specific sins as well as compensating injured persons for their losses. Also covered misappropriation or denial of what rightfully belonged to God. Trespasses can be assessed in silver (Full Payment plus 20%)	Usually a ram without blemish or a male lamb for a cleansed Nazarite.
Drink	Leviticus (23) Numbers (15:1-10) Numbers (28:17)	As necessary for individuals	Auxiliary offering that can accompany a burnt or peace offering. Never goes with a sin or guilt offering alone.	With a bull = 1/2 hin With a ram = 1/3 hin With a lamb = 1/4 hin (1 hin = 1 quart)
Freewill (Voluntary)	Leviticus (22:21-23) Numbers (15:3)	As desired by individuals	Given freely from a willing heart based on specific needs or simply a desire to give.	Can be almost anything including money, gold, silver, grain, fruits, or livestock.
Vow to Guarantee an Offering	Leviticus (7:16)	As desired by individuals	Based on circumstances and the condition of individuals hearts, a vow is taken in order to guarantee a certain offering at a certain time.	This is a vow to guarantee one of the "optional" offerings listed above. Usually associated with a freewill offering.