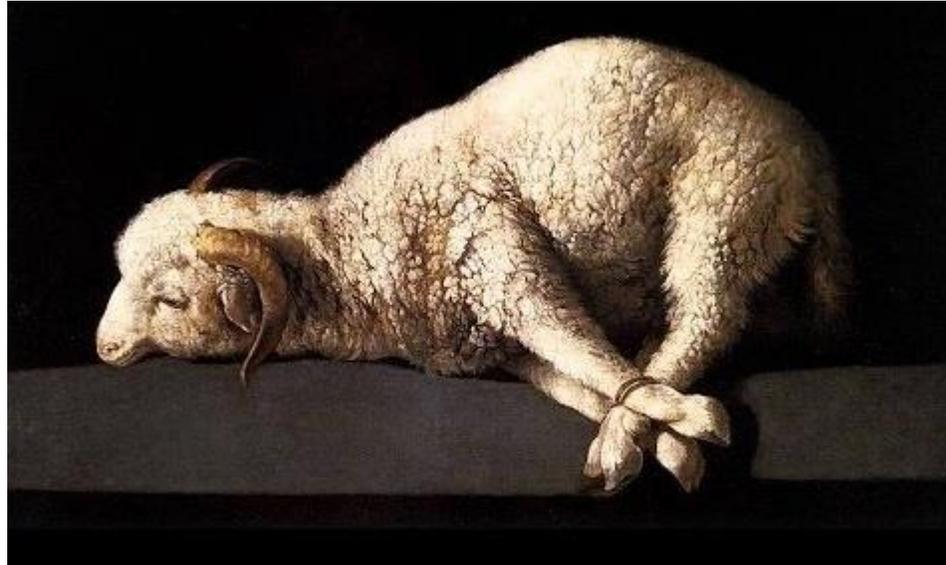


Sacrifices



The purpose

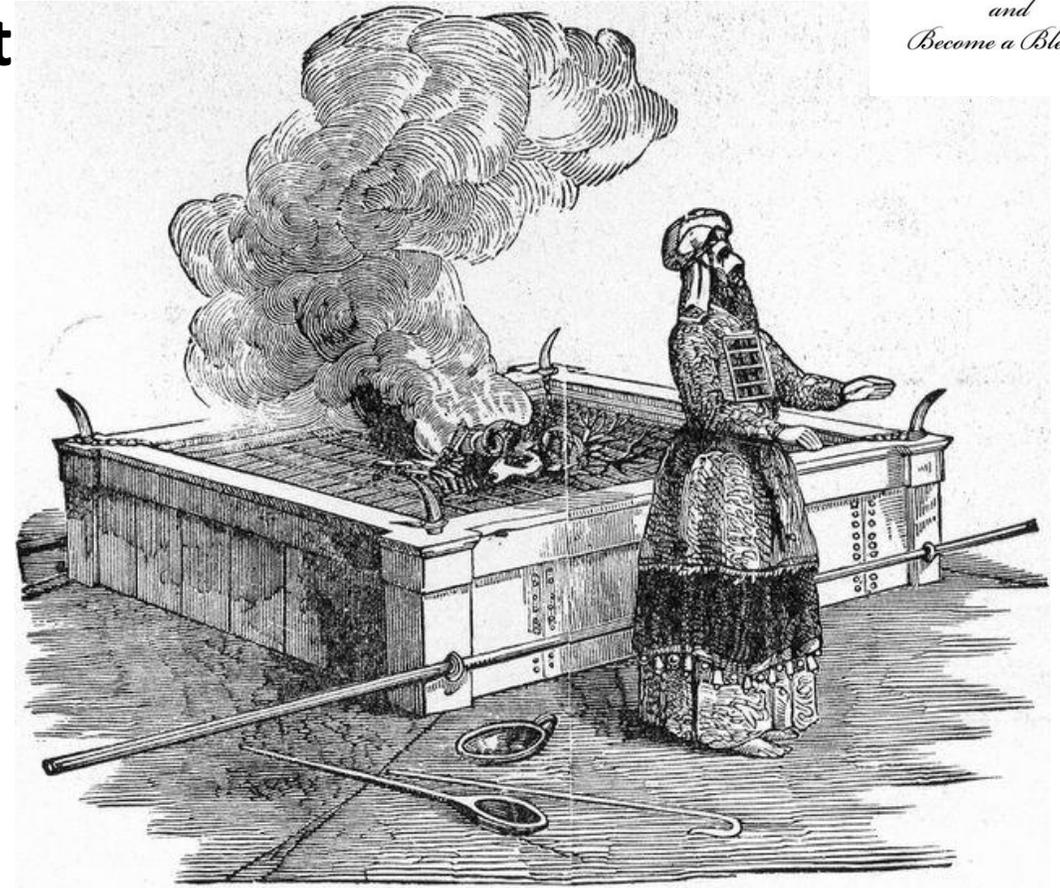


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Sacrifices

- **Sacrificial system is one of the oldest institutions in human history**
- **Sacrificial system is the center of all religions**
- **Sacrifice is the very salvific act**
- **Sacrifice is the primary religious ritual**



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Sacrifice is

- To consecrate or present to God by way of expiation or propitiation
- To give something to God, in order to obtain His favor
- It is a symbol of establishing a covenant
- A token of thanksgiving
- To immolate on the altar of God, in order to atone for sin



In Bible we find



- **Sacrifices were offered before God ever asked for**
- **God asked for sacrifices(Leviticus)**
- **God didn't desire (Psalm 40:6)**
- **God hated sacrifices(Isaiah 1:11-14)**



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Etymology



- Hebrew word for sacrifice is korban/korbanot = be near, close
- It occurs 40 times in Leviticus, 38 in Numbers and 2 in Ezekiel
- This indicates the purpose is to bring man closer to God





SACRIFICE	PURPOSE	TYPE	PASSAGE
Burnt	Covering of our sins	The entire animal was offered. The sacrifice was to be a male lamb or goat which had no defect, or a poor person could offer two birds.	Lev. 1:3-17; Lev. 6:8-13
Sin	Covering of sins committed in ignorance	Ritual of the sacrifice changed with the type of person. Priests: bull with no defect Nation: bull with no defect Ruler: male goat Anyone: female goat or sheep Poor: two birds Very poor: flour	Lev. 4:1-5:13; Lev. 6:24-30
Guilt or Trespass	Forgiveness of sins that are not intentional	The sacrifice was a ram without defect. If there was an offense against a person, he/she had to make restitution of 120%.	Lev. 5:14-6:7; Lev. 7:1-10
Grain	Memorial to God	Fine flour, cakes, wafers, or fruits with oil, frankincense, and salt without leaven or honey.	Lev. 2:1-16; Lev. 6:14-23
Peace	Fellowship with God	This was a voluntary offering. Any animal, except a bird, was acceptable.	Lev. 3:1-17; Lev. 7:11-36
Freewill	Offering given to express thankfulness to God	The sacrifice could be any male (even with a defect) from the cattle, the sheep, or the goats.	Lev. 7:16-18 Lev. 22:17-23
Vow	Offered to mark the end of vow	The sacrifice could be any male from among the cattle, the sheep, or the goats.	Lev. 22:21-23

Why all the sacrificed substances are food?



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- **Leviticus 19: ⁵ ‘And if you offer a sacrifice of a peace offering to the LORD, you shall offer it of your own free will. ⁶ It shall be eaten the same day you offer *it*, and on the next day. And if any remains until the third day, it shall be burned in the fire.**
- **Luke 22: ¹⁷ Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, “Take this and divide *it* among yourselves; ¹⁸ for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” ¹⁹ And He took bread, gave thanks and broke *it*, and gave *it* to them, saying, “This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” ²⁰ Likewise He also *took* the cup after supper, saying, “This cup *is* the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.**

The primary purpose of sacrifices is communion



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Revelation 3:20 : 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.'

