

Leviticus 9:1-24 The Offerings and The Blessings

Moses, the first Priest among the Israelites, carried out the function of anointing Aaron, the first High Priest, and his four sons Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar as Priests for performing the Tabernacle Services. The entire consecration of Aaron, the High Priest, and his sons, the Priests, was to be performed by Moses in front of the entire congregation.

Special garments were made that the Priests would need to wear in order to carry out their services unto YeHoVaH in the Tabernacle. The Priests' garments displayed honor, glory, splendor, riches, and reverence for both the Priests wearing the garments and for the people that saw them being worn by the Priests.

The moment that Moses poured the Anointing Oil on Aaron's head, and anointed him to sanctify him, Aaron became the Anointed One or Mashiach. The Anointing Services lasted for seven days. A Special Service, involving several Offerings, was to be accomplished on the Eighth Day followed by the prescribed Blessing.

Several Offerings will be presented in this passage.

- Sin Offering
- Burnt Offering
- Peace/Fellowship Offering
- Meat/Grain Offering
- Wave Offering

Lev 9:1 And it came to pass on the eighth day, that Moses called Aaron and his sons, and the elders of Israel;

Lev 9:2 And he said unto Aaron, Take thee a young calf for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering, without blemish, and offer them before the LORD.

Lev 9:3 And unto the children of Israel thou shalt speak, saying, Take ye a kid of the goats for a sin offering; and a calf and a lamb, both of the first year, without blemish, for a burnt offering;

Lev 9:4 Also a bullock and a ram for peace offerings, to sacrifice before the LORD; and a meat offering mingled with oil: for today the LORD will appear unto you.

Lev 9:5 And they brought that which Moses commanded before the tabernacle of the congregation: and all the congregation drew near and stood before the LORD.

When the people brought all that was commanded, Moses informed them what all had to be done that was commanded.

Lev 9:6 And Moses said, This is the thing which the LORD commanded that ye should do: and the glory of the LORD shall appear unto you.

After they had done all they were commanded, Moses informed the congregation that the Glory of YeHoVaH would appear.

As a congregation, I can imagine that some of them had flashbacks of the last time the glory of YeHoVaH appeared to the people.

The first time the children of Israel witnessed the Glory of YeHoVaH, was under different circumstances. They had murmured and complained against YeHoVaH, Moses, and Aaron in the wilderness in Exodus 16.

Ex 16:1 And they took their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came unto the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departing out of the land of Egypt.

Ex 16:2 And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness:

Ex 16:3 And the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, and when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.

Ex 16:4 Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.

YeHoVaH tested the people with the Sabbath before He gave them His Commandments.

Ex 16:5 And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare that which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.

Ex 16:6 And Moses and Aaron said unto all the children of Israel, At even, then ye shall know that the LORD hath brought you out from the land of Egypt:

Ex 16:7 And in the morning, then ye shall see the glory of the LORD; for that he heareth your murmurings against the LORD: and what are we, that ye murmur against us?

Ex 16:8 And Moses said, This shall be, when the LORD shall give you in the evening flesh to eat, and in the morning bread to the full; for that the LORD heareth your murmurings which ye murmur against him: and what are we? your murmurings are not against us, but against the LORD.

Ex 16:9 And Moses spake unto Aaron, Say unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, Come near before the LORD: for he hath heard your murmurings.

Ex 16:10 And it came to pass, as Aaron spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

Lev 9:7 And Moses said unto Aaron, Go unto the altar, and offer thy sin offering, and thy burnt offering, and make an atonement for thyself, and for the people: and offer the offering of the people, and make an atonement for them; as the LORD commanded.

The Sin Offering for Aaron

Lev 9:8 Aaron therefore went unto the altar, and slew the calf of the sin offering, which was for himself.

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Meaning: 1) calf, bull-calf

Usage: AV - calf 33, bullock 2; 35

In the past eight Chapters of Leviticus, we have examined all of the various Sacrifices and Offerings that were voluntary and those that were required.

In all of the Sacrifices and Offerings mentioned in the past eight Chapters not once was a calf required.

The first time a calf is required in an Offering, as commanded by YeHoVaH, is in this passage and specifically in reference to Aaron.

All the previous references to a calf, after leaving Egypt and after this passage, are in reference to the golden calf Aaron made at the request of the Israelites when Moses stayed in the mountain the first forty days.

Ex 32:4 And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

Ex 32:8 They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

Ex 32:19 And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing: and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount.

Ex 32:20 And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt it in the fire, and ground it to powder, and strawed it upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink of it.

Ex 32:24 And I said unto them, Whosoever hath any gold, let them break it off. So they gave it me: then I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf.

Ex 32:35 And the LORD plagued the people, because they made the calf, which Aaron made.

Lev 9:2 And he said unto Aaron, Take thee a young calf for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering, without blemish, and offer them before the LORD.

Lev 9:3 And unto the children of Israel thou shalt speak, saying, Take ye a kid of the goats for a sin offering; and a calf and a lamb, both of the first year, without blemish, for a burnt offering;

Lev 9:8 Aaron therefore went unto the altar, and slew the calf of the sin offering, which was for himself.

Dt 9:16 And I looked, and, behold, ye had sinned against the LORD your God, and had made you a molten calf: ye had turned aside quickly out of the way which the LORD had commanded you.

Dt 9:21 And I took your sin, the calf which ye had made, and burnt it with fire, and stamped it, and ground it very small, even until it was as small as dust: and I cast the dust thereof into the brook that descended out of the mount.

Coincidence?

Lev 9:9 And the sons of Aaron brought the blood unto him: and he dipped his finger in the blood, and put it upon the horns of the altar, and poured out the blood at the bottom of the altar:

Lev 9:10 But the fat, and the kidneys, and the caul above the liver of the sin offering, he burnt upon the altar; as the LORD commanded Moses.

The Brazen Altar

Lev 9:11 And the flesh and the hide he burnt with fire without the camp.

All of the remaining parts of the calf were burned outside the Camp.

Lev 9:12 And he slew the burnt offering; and Aaron's sons presented unto him the blood, which he sprinkled round about upon the altar.

Lev 9:13 And they presented the burnt offering unto him, with the pieces thereof, and the head: and he burnt them upon the altar.

Lev 9:14 And he did wash the inwards and the legs, and burnt them upon the burnt offering on the altar.

Lev 9:15 And he brought the people's offering, and took the goat, which was the sin offering for the people, and slew it, and offered it for sin, as the first.

Lev 9:16 And he brought the burnt offering, and offered it according to the manner.

A Meat Offering

Lev 9:17 And he brought the meat offering, and took an handful thereof, and burnt it upon the altar, beside the burnt sacrifice of the morning.

A Peace Offering

Lev 9:18 He slew also the bullock and the ram for a sacrifice of peace offerings, which was for the people: and Aaron's sons presented unto him the blood, which he sprinkled upon the altar round about,

Lev 9:19 And the fat of the bullock and of the ram, the rump, and that which covereth the inwards, and the kidneys, and the caul above the liver:

Lev 9:20 And they put the fat upon the breasts, and he burnt the fat upon the altar:

A Wave Offering

Lev 9:21 And the breasts and the right shoulder Aaron waved for a wave offering before the LORD; as Moses commanded.

The First Blessing by Aaron the High Priest

Lev 9:22 And Aaron lifted up his hand toward the people, and blessed them, and came down from offering of the sin offering, and the burnt offering, and peace offerings.

Nu 6:23 Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them,

Nu 6:24 The LORD/YeHoVaH bless thee, and keep thee:

Nu 6:25 The LORD/YeHoVaH make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:

Nu 6:26 The LORD/YeHoVaH lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

Nu 6:27 And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them.

Three times the Name of YeHoVaH is pronounced over the people during this Blessing. When Aaron blessed the people, nothing happened.

The Second Blessing by Moses and Aaron the High Priest

Lev 9:23 And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of the congregation, and came out, and blessed the people: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the people.

Why they went into the Tabernacle is not recorded in this passage.

However, after they came out of the Tabernacle and they both blessed the people, the glory of YeHoVaH appeared unto all the people.

The Glory of YeHoVaH appeared unto the people and they rejoiced and worshipped.

Lev 9:24 And there came a fire out from before the LORD, and consumed upon the altar the burnt offering and the fat: which when all the people saw, they shouted, and fell on their faces.