



ACHAREI MOT - AFTER THE DEATH

Leviticus 16:1 to 18:30
Ezekiel 22:1-16
Hebrews 9:6-28
Romans 3:19-28; 9:30-10:13
1 Corinthians 5:1-13
2 Corinthians 2:1-11; 14-17



The book of Leviticus teaches believers how to dwell in Yeshua. As Messiah, He is the embodied word and expressed life of God's/Elohim heavenly kingdom on the earth. When heaven and earth meet, there is *Malchut ha Shamayim* (the Kingdom of Heaven) and where the *Shekinah* (Glory/Presence of God/Elohim) dwells. Yeshua reveals how His Spirit Life comes to life in His people by teaching through the symbols of the Tabernacle/*Mishkan*. The Tabernacle represents His Word, His Name, His House, His Ways, His Covenant, His Righteous Paths, and His Kingdom. When the Tabernacle is constructed according to the instructions, Yeshua's life/word dwells within. Without the Spirit Life of the Messiah, there is no life in the earthly Tabernacle. When His Spirit dwells in our midst, the Tabernacle is set in motion (Numbers 10:11-12). Many have prayed for God/Elohim to use them and are waiting for the fulfillment of this hope. By applying the information found in the book of Leviticus, which contains the vital building blocks for the understanding of this hope, His Glory on earth manifests (Ezekiel 43:10-12, John 1:1,14; John 14:20; 1 Corinthians 3:16; Hebrews 5).

Leviticus helps us learn how to have life in the Tabernacle, to dwell in God's/Elohim presence, and to walk as priests bringing holy offerings daily before Him. The offerings keep the heart clean and free of spiritual and physical contaminants during the walk of redemption on the earth. His Word reveals what is clean/*tahor* and healthy and also what will make His people ritually unclean/*tamei* or sick. Scripture teaches us about contaminants such as inappropriate associations, ungodly thoughts, and unacceptable talk. In Leviticus Chapter 16, we learn the clarification of holiness and how to walk it as a daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly lifestyle. This teaching is not for salvation purposes. It is about temple maintenance. Believers are complete at salvation. However, wholeness and eternal life are found in the *pursuit of holiness and righteousness* through obedience to the spoken Word given us on Mount Sinai.

🌿 **Isaiah 66:1** “Thus says the LORD/*Yahweh*: ‘Heaven *is* My throne, and earth *is* My footstool. Where *is* the house that you will build Me? And where *is* the place of My rest?’

🌿 **Hebrews 12:14** “Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord.”

🌿 **John 14:14-15, 21** “If you ask anything in My name, I will do *it*. If you love Me, keep My commandments. He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”

The Day of Atonement - Yom Kippur Leviticus 16

Have you ever wondered why God/*Elohim* would put His holiest Feast Day, Yom Kippur/Day of Atonement, in the middle of His teachings on the unclean and abominable things? His people are called a royal priesthood and a holy nation. Therefore, placing Yom Kippur in the middle of the vile things is a reminder to His priesthood why they are choosing to overcome and walk the way of redemption.

🌿 **Exodus 19:6** “And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These *are* the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.”

🌿 **1 Peter 2:9** “But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light”

Yom Kippur is for those who are cleansing their way of any issues that could defame our Holy God/*Elohim*. By placing the holiest day in the midst of the profane it not only informs His people what is offensive but also gives them a desire to resist and overcome. That is the reason why Yom Kippur is the goal of everyone who believes.

🌿 **Philippians 3:14** “I [*Paul and all believers*] press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God/*Elohim* in Christ Jesus/*Yeshua HaMashiach*.”

🌿 **Hebrews 11:1** “Now faith [*of every believer*] is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

Unfortunately, many were taught that Yom Kippur is just for the Jews. However, it is not. Yom Kippur is also for believers. Since the Bride first learned of her Bridegroom, she looks forward to this day, as Yom Kippur is also the Day of her Wedding, called *The Day*.

The Day

On the Day of Atonement, Aaron, the High Priest, cleansed (washed in a *mikvah*) for a status change before he dressed in white linen garments to minister inside the Tabernacle/*Mishkan*. He offered a bull for his transgressions and then for his household. To enter behind the veil inside the Tabernacle, he took a censer full of burning coals from the altar of incense with two handfuls of fragrant incense. When the two mixed, a cloud formed covering the atonement cover and mercy seat. Aaron then put some of the bull's blood on the atonement cover/mercy seat, sprinkling it seven times. He then selected *two goats* for the Israelite community. The first goat was for the sin/*chatas* offering. Some of its blood was also taken behind the curtain in the same manner as with the bull's blood - toward the atonement cover/mercy seat. Then Aaron took a portion of the bull's blood and some of the first goat's blood to the horns of the altar of incense and sprinkled it seven times to cleanse and consecrate the altar of incense from the uncleanness of the Israelites. Thus, the holy place, the tabernacle of meeting, and the altar were all cleansed *on that Day* (Leviticus 16:3-19).

🌿 **Exodus 30:10** “And Aaron shall make atonement upon its horns [*the altar of incense*] once a year [*on Yom Kippur*] with the blood of the sin offering of atonement; once a year he shall make atonement upon it throughout your generations. It is most holy to the LORD/*Yahweh*.”

🌿 **Leviticus 16:16, 33-34** “And he [*the high priest on Yom Kippur*] shall make atonement for the holy place, because of the impurities of the sons of Israel, and because of their transgressions, in regard to all their sins; and thus he shall do for the tent of meeting which abides with them in the midst of their impurities. Then he [*the high priest*] shall make atonement for the Holy Sanctuary, and he shall make atonement for the tabernacle of meeting and for the altar [*the altar of incense*], and he shall make atonement for the priests and for all the people of the assembly. This shall be an everlasting statute for you, to make atonement for the children of Israel, for all their sins, once a year.”

The Veil

“At that day [*Yom Kippur*] you will know that I am in My Father,
and you in Me, and I in you” (John 14:20).

In Exodus 26, we see Moses on the mountain receiving the instructions for the pattern of the Tabernacle. However, before the instructions for the inner chamber of the Tabernacle were complete, God/*Elohim* paused and made this remarkable statement “*so that it may be one tabernacle*” (Exodus 26:6). That statement was noteworthy especially since the instructions for the main items in the Tabernacle like the boards, the veil, and the altar of incense were not yet given. Therefore, “*so that it may be one tabernacle*” is a prophetic utterance. Upon Yeshua's death, His heart was pierced/torn, and the *veil* in the Tabernacle that separated the two chambers also rent. The Hebrew word for *veil* means *a diving* or *a breaking open the flesh*. We read in the book of Hebrews the veil represents the flesh of Yeshua.

✠ **Hebrew 10:19-20** “Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus/*Yeshua*, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh.”

Yeshua's own blood removed the veil to restore access to His Holy chamber. Earlier *Yeshua* had made this noteworthy statement.

✠ **John 10:24-25, 30** “Then the Jews surrounded Him [*Yeshua*] and said to Him, ‘How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ/*Messiah*, tell us plainly.’ Jesus/*Yeshua* answered them, ‘I told you, and you do not believe. *I and My Father are one.*’”

Yeshua's answer infuriated the Pharisees and leaders at the time, as they could not understand Him. Only His blood could fulfill the prophecy made in Exodus 26:6. In *Yeshua's* day, the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place were divided into two chambers by a veil. Exodus 26:6 “*so that it may be one tabernacle,*” prophesied the removal of that inner veil. Thus, we see *Yeshua* declaring,

✠ **John 10:30** “*I [Yeshua] and My Father are one.*” (Quoting: Deuteronomy 6:4)

✠ **Deuteronomy 6:4** “Hear, O Israel: The LORD/*Yahweh* our God/*Elohim*, the LORD/*Yahweh* is one!”

Consequently, upon *Yeshua's* death, we witness this prophecy being fulfilled. When they pierced His heart, *His flesh broke open, and pure, holy blood poured out.* Thus, the veil in the Holy Place *broke open.* In Hebrews, we read,

✠ **Hebrew 9:23-26** “Therefore *it was* necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better [*more purer blood*] sacrifices than these [*than the blood of an animal*]. For Christ/*Messiah* has not entered the holy places made with hands, *which are* copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God/*Elohim* for us; not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another [*animal*]- He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.”

Today, with *Yeshua's* removal of the veil, the original Tabernacle pattern in Exodus 26:6, is restored and the altar of incense is cleansed once and for all time. The statement from Exodus 26:6 also reflected in *Yeshua's* words quoted in the book of John.

...“*so that it may be one tabernacle*” (Exodus 26:6)... “*I and My Father are one*” (John 10:30).

And,

“*I have finished the work which You have given Me to do*” (John 17:4).

Not only did Yeshua's blood sprinkle the Holy Place, but also sprinkled our hearts (*altars*). Thus His people are no longer under sin (or behind the veil) but *holy vessels* before Him representing His Heavenly Tabernacle.

✿ **1 Peter 1:1-2** “Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ/*Yeshua HaMashiach*, To the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, elect according to the foreknowledge of God/*Elohim* the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ/*Yeshua HaMashiach*.”

✿ **John 14:20** “At that day [*meaning His death and resurrection and the prophecy of His return on Yom Teruah for Yom Kippur*] you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.”

✿ **Hebrews 10:19-20, 22-23** “Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus/*Yeshua*, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope without wavering, for He who promised *is* faithful.”

If Yeshua's people are called “holy vessels” then they have a responsibility to walk in an appropriate manner before Him daily according to that high calling. Additionally, anyone made holy in His Name no longer has rule over his or her own body. Furthermore, if our vessel becomes defiled in any way *after* it has been made holy by Yeshua, then that vessel cannot enter His presence (in the Holy Place/Most Holy Place), as the rules of contamination from Leviticus indicate. The one under defilement must then follow the course of action as outlined in Leviticus for the restoration of cleanliness *before* reentering His Presence/Tabernacle or remain outside the camp (wilderness) in a contaminated state.

✿ **2 Timothy 2:19-21** “The Lord/*Adonai* knows those who are His, and, let everyone who names the name of Christ/*Messiah* depart from iniquity. But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. Therefore, if anyone [*believer*] cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.”

✿ **1 Corinthians 6:17-20** “But he [*believer*] who is joined to the Lord [*Yeshua*] is one spirit with Him. Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man [*believer*] does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality, sins against his own body. Or do you [*believer*] not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God/*Elohim*, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore, glorify God/*Elohim* in your body and in your spirit, which are God's/*Elohim* [*not yours*].”

At the exact moment of Yeshua's death, the veil in the earthly Temple tore in half from top to bottom. That sign declared the restoration of the earthly Tabernacle now mirroring the Heavenly Tabernacle (Exodus 26:6). The restoration could only have come about on an earthly level through God's/Elohim representation of His Word – Yeshua – God/Elohim in the flesh (John 1:1,14). As Yeshua serves as our High Priest in the heavenly Tabernacle today (Hebrews 8:1-2), His disciples are to mirror His priestly activities in their earthly temples also. Therefore, a believer must endeavor to keep his or her vessel clean before Him, as we represent His Name.

The blood of Yeshua was sprinkled on our hearts (the altar). That action appropriated the way for us. If God's/Elohim people choose to believe in Him, obedience to His Word activates the heart to follow after Him. When we do, His blood enables His principles / commandments to direct our heart to walk in His ways – called *the paths of righteousness*. His shed blood re-establishes His realm in our heart, and His Spirit teaches believers how to shed the old carnal nature. Acting according to His Word will enable the true Light of His Word, Yeshua, to be the flame that is kept burning in our hearts *forever*. That is the walk of His priesthood (Hebrews 8:1).

🌿 **Isaiah 33:14-18, 20, 24** “Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings? He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly, he who despises the gain of oppressions, who gestures with his hands, refusing bribes, who stops his ears from hearing of bloodshed, and shuts his eyes from seeing evil: he will dwell on high; His place of defense *will be* the fortress of rocks; bread will be given him, his water *will be* sure. Your eyes will see the King in His beauty; they will see the land that is very far off. Look upon Zion, the city of our appointed feasts; your eyes will see Jerusalem, a quiet home, a tabernacle *that* will not be taken down; not one of its stakes will ever be removed, nor will any of its cords be broken. And the inhabitant will not say, ‘I am sick;’ the people who dwell in it *will be* forgiven *their* iniquity.”

🌿 **Hebrews 11:6, 13-16** “But without faith [*obedience to His word*] *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God/Elohim must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. These [*men, Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob - the patriarchs of our faith*] all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced *them* and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. And truly if they had called to mind that *country* from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly *country*. Therefore God/Elohim is not ashamed to be called their God/Elohim, for He has prepared a city for them.”

🌿 **Deuteronomy 30:11-14** “For this commandment which I command you today *is* not *too* mysterious for you, nor *is* it far off. *It is* not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will ascend into heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it

and do it?’ Nor *is* it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ But the word *is* very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it.”

✠ **Hebrews 10:16-22** “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the LORD/*Yahweh*: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them, then He adds, ‘Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.’ Now where there is remission of these, there is no longer an offering for sin. Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus/*Yeshua*, by a new and living way [*not the ‘old way’ through the blood of animals, but by His new perfect way through His pure blood*] which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God/*Elohim*, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water” (Leviticus 16; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Matthew 3:11; John 20:17; Hebrews 8:8-10; 1 Peter 1:1-2).

Ephesians Chapter two speaks of Exodus 26:6 in the restoration of the Tabernacle *as being one*. The veil is there for the one who is defiled whether a believer or not. It is for every person who is *unclean*. Why? If a person (believer or not) attempted to go behind the veil, without first cleansing from defilement, they would die (like Nadab and Abihu Leviticus 10:1-2). Therefore, God/*Elohim* provided atonement for them by way of the veil/*Yeshua*.

We see this truth in the testimony of Adam and Eve. With pure hearts, they walked openly in Tabernacle with God/*Elohim*. In those days, there was no need for a divider. However, once Adam and Eve disobeyed, they were escorted *out*. A partition (called Savior) was established if they tried to return while *unclean*. The veil provided protection from death, as nothing unclean stands in the presence of Holiness/God/*Elohim*.

We also see the veil of God’s/*Elohim* protection between the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place when Moses and the children of Israel erected the Tabernacle in the wilderness. The veil remained throughout the generations until *Yeshua*’s shed blood provided its removal. Upon His death the veil rent. The renting publicized the pathway to holiness and the manner in which the remnant makes his or her return to Tabernacle once again with Him.

✠ **Ephesians 2:11-22** “Therefore remember that you [*believer*], once Gentiles [*Strong’s G203 akrobustia – a believer out of covenant and in the wilderness*] in the flesh - who are called uncircumcision by what is called the circumcision made in the flesh by hands - that at that time you [*believer*] were without Christ/*Messiah*, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God/*Elohim* in the world. But now in Christ Jesus/*Yeshua HaMashiach* you [*believer*] who once were far off [*by missing the mark - sin*] have been brought near by the blood [*atonement*] of Christ/*Messiah*. For He Himself is our peace, who has made both [*chambers of*

the tabernacle] one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation [*the veil that was protect the sinner from death*], having abolished in His flesh the enmity, *that is*, the law of [*sin and death*] commandments *contained* in ordinances [*for those under the law of sin and death*], so as to create in Himself one new man [*to restore man*] from the two [*unclean versus clean ways*], *thus* making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God/*Elohim* in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He [*Yeshua*] came and preached peace to you [*believers*] who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you [*believers*] are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God/*Elohim*, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ/*Yeshua HaMashiach* Himself being the chief *cornerstone*, in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord/*Adonai*, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God/*Elohim* in the Spirit.”

However, note that even after Yeshua’s atonement and removal of the veil, the veil will remain before those who continue to sin.

🌿 **2 Corinthians 3:12-18** “Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech - unlike Moses, *who* put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away. But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the *veil* is taken away in Christ/Messiah. But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.”

Why are the veil and its removal so important in our day? For those who willingly remove sin from their life and *re-turn* to Yeshua, the veil lifts. They will see Yeshua, the King on Yom Kippur. However, believers who have not dealt with sin issues in their life have not removed the veil. Therefore, run the risk missing the King on His Holy Day (Matthew 25:1-13).

🌿 **2 Corinthians 3:16** “Nevertheless when one [*believer*] turns [G2571] to the Lord, the veil is taken away.” (G2571 means to re-turn to worship God/*Elohim*).

Yom Kippur is for those who have cleansed their way. Hebrews warns believers about this.

🌿 **Hebrews 12:14-15** “[*Believer*] Pursue peace with all *people*, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord [*Yeshua on His Holy Day*]: looking carefully lest anyone [*believer*] fall short of the grace of God/*Elohim*; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many [*believers*] become defiled”

🌿 **Hebrews 6:17-20** “Thus [*believers*] God/*Elohim*, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed *it* by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it *is* impossible for God/*Elohim* to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before *us*. This *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, *even Jesus/Yeshua*, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”

Therefore, the question remains, will Yeshua’s people present themselves as *holy vessels* before Him?

🌿 **Romans 6:12-13** “Therefore [*believers*] do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. And do not present your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God/*Elohim* as being alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness to God/*Elohim*.”

🌿 **Isaiah 42:6-9** “I, the LORD/*Yahweh*, have called You in righteousness, and will hold Your hand; I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, as a light to the Gentiles [*those outside Covenant relationship/before the veil*], to open blind eyes, to bring out prisoners from the prison, those who sit in darkness from the prison house. I *am* the LORD/*Yahweh*, that *is* My name; and My glory I will not give to another, nor My praise to carved images. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

This next statement may surprise some. *A very subtle veil still exists today*. It happened when man added a religious page to the Bible. This extra page was for the sole purpose of partitioning God’s/*Elohim* Word. It was placed between the book of Malachi and the book of Matthew. This page was never meant to be. That veil gave the illusion that one side was estranged from the other. They even labeled it “old” Testament and “new” Testament, which left the impression that one section was outdated or no longer valid and the other was the new and improved. Therefore, many do not venture into one of the holiest parts of the Bible. Leviticus is the jugular, the root, and lifeblood of Yeshua’s teaching. Adding this dividing page has historically kept God’s/*Elohim* people from the truth. It is time to remove it, as the truth will set you free.

The Scapegoat

The second goat on Yom Kippur was kept alive and brought before the assembly. Aaron, as High Priest, laid both hands on the head of the goat and confessed over it all the *iniquities* (personal sins) and the *transgressions* (generational sins) of the Israelites. *Rabbinical* tradition teaches that the goat was led into the wilderness where it succumbed to its death after it was pushed off a high cliff. However, *Scripture* reveals the proper

handling of the scapegoat. It was to be led into an uninhabited wilderness area and released *unharméd* (Leviticus 16:21-22).

As believers in Yeshua, we are called to examine our altar/heart daily. The Day of Atonement, the Feast of Yom Kippur, *is eternally set each year* on the tenth day of the seventh month throughout our generations for the whole assembly to examine their heart. As the Feast is eternal, it never ends. Yeshua's pure and more perfect blood sacrifice atoned all those found *under the law of sin and death*. His atonement appropriates *all past, present, and future* sin to allow His people to rise from under the law of sin and death and re-establish *His Law of Life*. However, it is up to His people to appropriate this cleansing in their lives. It just does not happen by way of osmosis because we "believe" or are "under the blood." His people must put into *action* His atonement by removing all defilement and choosing to walk in His holiness. That is what it means to appropriate His *eternal* atonement in our lives.

The way *to the law of life* is now accessible for all who cleanse their way. Unfortunately, the early church fathers taught that the Feast of Atonement was only for the Jews. That was and still is anti-Semitic propaganda used for political purposes. Scripture teaches that the Feast of Atonement/*Yom Kippur* is for *everyone* who follows Jesus/*Yeshua* and the God/*Elohim* of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. That includes not only the *Jews* but *all Christians* as well. Believers need not assume that just because one law (*the law of sin and death*) was atoned, the other statues in *the law of life* have been *done away with*. If that were true, then planet earth would cease to exist.

Believers are given, as a gift, victory over sin, if they so choose. Yeshua made the importance of Yom Kippur and the keeping of it today even more relevant because *His perfect blood has atoned and sprinkled the holy vessels - us*. This Day is not and never has been for salvation purposes. Yom Kippur is for *holy vessels* and in particular the cleansing of the altar/heart of all firstborn (including *corporate Israel*) once a year. Therefore, all are commanded to appear before the King on His special day. Yeshua has prepared a straight path (*the highway of holiness*) in advance for His people (Exodus 4:22; Isaiah 35:8).

Taking Care Of Business

If a believer innocently sins after salvation, he or she needs to be responsible for that trespass and repent to be restored. Because sin is against the Covenant, blood is the only course of restoration. That is why we see the animal sacrifices in the Tanakh. However, the *blood of animals* could only cover sin and not take it away. Yeshua's more *perfect blood* provided the way for God's/*Elohim* people to consecrate their hearts. As Yeshua's blood is perfect, no other blood sacrifice is needed ever again. Nonetheless, the way into God's/*Elohim* presence is still the same and has not changed. Obedience to His Word, the same word that Moses gave the children of Israel at Mount Sinai, is how His people enter into His presence. When a believer chose to follow Yeshua, His blood *atoned* their heart. If they sinned after, Yeshua provided the cleansing for their return so that His blessings would not be held back. He opened the way *to life* that His people could continue in the

redemption offered them. His blood *eternally* appropriated and provided a covering/atonement. That is why we respond in obedience to His word with respect to the unmerited favor and grace He has provided (John 5:46-47; Hebrews 8:1, 8:8-10; Jeremiah 31:31-34).

Paul said, “Through the law [*God’s/Elohim teaching and instruction*] we [*believers*] become conscious of sin. I would not have known what sin was except through the law [*His teaching and instruction – Torah – The Gospel*]” (Romans 3:20; 7:7).

Believers are learning to recognize the difference between *personal sin* (called *transgressions*), and *generational curses* (that go to the third and fourth generation, called *iniquities*). A personal sin can also be a generational sin *and* a corporate sin. In the case of sexual immorality, that is a *personal sin* affecting the *generations* and *corporate* Israel. Meaning, the guilt of this personal sin will fall upon the whole synagogue, church, home fellowship, family, and generations, which in turn affects the Land of Israel - wherever the elect gathers. Thus, it is imperative all His people (the Whole House of Israel) appear before the King on Yom Kippur to put their house in order (Isaiah 66:1). This Day is Yeshua’s *corporate cleansing for His family*. Therefore, He invites His people to join Him on Yom Kippur to acknowledge and honor the atonement made for them.

As believers, have we sinned since becoming born again? According to Romans (written to believers), we *all* have fallen short of the glory of Yeshua. If believers say they have not sinned, then they lie and make Yeshua out to be a liar. If believers have sinned, His principles in Leviticus state that His people need to personally repent to cleanse the altar of incense (their heart). This action is attended to on a daily basis and also once a year *before* Yom Kippur when Israel prepares to stand corporately in His presence. This obedience to His word fulfills all righteousness (His *right-ways*) and is how the Bride prepares for her Bridegroom’s return (Romans 3:23; 1 John 1:9).

Yeshua’s blood is the *eternal* sacrifice that changes lives. The difference between life and death is called *salvation – the veil*. Many churches teach *salvation at the cross* but rarely venture into the principle teachings of *sanctification after the cross – behind the veil*. If the oracles of His Kingdom are not taught, God’s/*Elohim* people will become weak and fall away.

 **Hebrews 5:12-14** “For though by this time you [*believers*] ought to be teachers, you need *someone* to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God/*Elohim*; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone [*believer*] who partakes *only* of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, *that is*, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”

When a believer exhibits unrighteous behavior such as one who is weak, still needing milk or is unskilled in the word of *righteousness*, then their actions will display a carnal nature. What is carnality? Those who say they are believers but still practice envy, strife,

divisions, argue, are malicious, deceitful, practice hypocrisy, are prideful or speak evil of each other etc. That unrighteous fruit is not found in Messiah's Kingdom. Therefore, Paul admonishes those believers and questions whether they are truly saved (Hebrews 5:12-14).

✠ **1 Corinthians 3:1-3** “And I, brethren, could not speak to you [*believer*] as to spiritual *people* but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ/*Messiah*. I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able *to receive it*, and even now you [*believer*] are still not able; for you are still carnal. For where *there are* envy, strife, and divisions among you [*believer*], are you not carnal and behaving like *mere men* [*as if you have not received salvation*]?”

✠ **1 Peter 2:1-3** “Therefore [*believer*], laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you [*believer*] may grow thereby, if indeed you have tasted that the Lord *is* gracious [*if indeed you have been born again...*].”

In Hebrews 5:14, believers are taught that solid food belongs to those who are *full age*. Hebrews describes *full age* as “*those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.*” How did they come by this wisdom? They pursue the teachings given through Moses. Moses is the solid food that sanctifies the soul and circumcises the heart unto *consecration, redemption, and sanctification*.

✠ **1 Peter 1:8-11** “Though now you do not see *Him*, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith - the *salvation of your souls*. Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ/*Messiah* who was in them [*the prophets*] was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ/*Messiah* and the glories that would follow.

Leviticus 16 is God's/*Elohim* teaching and instruction *to believers*, those who are atoned under Yeshua's blood. “*Then he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from the altar before the LORD/Yahweh, with his hands full of sweet incense beaten fine, and bring it inside the veil. And he shall put the incense on the fire before the LORD / Yahweh, that the cloud of incense may cover the mercy seat that is on the Testimony, lest he die*” (Leviticus 16:12-13). We note that the incense was placed on the fire that was before God/*Elohim* - the altar of incense. Therefore, this altar does not receive common prayers. Only praise is lifted on this altar. If a believer is consecrated (has a circumcised heart), he or she will always have fire on this altar - in their heart. We are commanded never to let this flame go out. Yom Kippur is when the wick of our lamp is trimmed guaranteeing the flame will never be quenched but always burning brightly. Therefore, His people are to observe *this Day* every year throughout their generations (Exodus 30:1-10; Leviticus 16:12-16; Isaiah 63:8-13).

🌿 **John 1:9** “That [*Yeshua*] was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world [*past, present, and future*].”

One example in Scripture of this cleansing process is the story of Hezekiah, King of Judah. His father Ahaz had desecrated the temple; consequently, it was no longer in use. This brought about God’s/*Elohim* fierce anger. At the age of twenty-five, Hezekiah opened the doors of the temple and gathered the priests and Levites. He instructed them to consecrate themselves so they, in turn, could consecrate the temple by removing all defilement from the sanctuary (2 Chronicles 29:1-36; 30-31).

🌿 **2 Chronicles 29:15** “And they gathered their brethren, sanctified themselves, and went according to the commandment of the king, at the words of the LORD / *Yahweh*, to cleanse the house of the LORD/*Yahweh*.”

Hezekiah’s intention was to restore God’s/*Elohim* covenantal relationship back to Israel. First, he set about restoring the temple and its sacrifices, thus turning God’s/*Elohim* fierce anger away from the Israelites. We saw this in Yeshua’s day when He brought restoration to His people the House of Israel and the House of Judah (Hebrews 8:8-10) by overturning the tables of the moneychangers in the temple and when all the sick who came to Him were healed. The protocol in Leviticus is still how we are to return and repair the Covenant - our temple today. It is also how Israel will be restored to peace in the land once again.

The life and teachings Moses received reveals the present day order for our lives. Scripture records this in Acts 15:19-21, through the words of James, the half-brother of Yeshua, who was the head of the Jerusalem Council for *all* disciples and elders.

🌿 **Acts 15:19-21** “It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles [*those found outside covenant*] who are [*re-*] turning to God / *Elohim*. Instead we should write to them, telling them to abstain from food polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from the meat of strangled animals and from blood. For *Moses* has been preached in every city from the earliest times and is [*still*] read in the synagogues on every Sabbath” (Ephesians 2:11-18).

The *Covenant of Moses* is the teaching and instruction manual that helps believers live more fully in the *Abrahamic Covenant – the Salvation or delivery Covenant* (Galatians 3:7, 29). Moses’ manual contains the believer’s identity in Yeshua and activates their redemption. Yeshua used this guide as the basis for renewing the Covenant (New Covenant) and to further support the restoration of the *Davidic Covenant* (the kingly and priestly order of Melchizedek). In returning to the vow we all made at Mount Sinai, the promise to keep His Word (*the Gospel*) and walk in it through Yeshua, the renewal of the priesthood of Messiah is restored to the nations. Without this teaching (Leviticus), a believer will lack the moral boundaries and foundation, and the restoration of David’s tent/Covenant will fail. Only in obedience will it rise again. This restoration is every believer’s pursuit and goal in Yeshua (Deuteronomy 29:14-15).

As believers consecrate the temple (their body) by making the distinction between the clean and unclean practices, places, and associations, they remove defilement from their lives. In making these clean/holy choices, by following the instructions found in God's/*Elohim* Word, they are no longer living for themselves, but for Yeshua. A believer's desire is for Him to accomplish all *His* good purpose in their lives and the lives of others. His people are then encouraged to leave any undesirables to walk in their heavenly calling. This understanding is the walk of sanctification - the highway of holiness. When God's/*Elohim* people return to His ways, what materialized during Hezekiah's day will also be possible in our day. Hearts will repair and temples become holy once again. God's/*Elohim* word will strengthen and deliver His people from *all* their enemies and give them rest, when they truly return and worship Him in righteousness (Isaiah 35:3-10; Ephesians 4:17-5:21; Romans 13:9-14; Colossians 3:5-10; 1 Timothy 1:17-27; 1 Peter 1:22-2:10; Romans 6:1-14).

🌿 **Isaiah 31:6-9** "Return to *Him* against whom the children of Israel have deeply revolted. For in that day every man shall throw away his idols of silver and his idols of gold - sin, which your own hands have made for yourselves. Then Assyria shall fall by a sword not of man, and a sword not of mankind shall devour him. But he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall become forced labor. He shall cross over to his stronghold for fear, and his princes shall be afraid of the banner," Says the LORD/*Yahweh*, Whose fire *is* in Zion and whose furnace *is* in Jerusalem."

🌿 **Romans 6:6-8** "For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin - because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ/*Messiah*, we believe that we will also live with him."

The story of atonement through Yeshua is seen in John 1:6. We read that John came in the Spirit of Elijah to bear witness to the true Light of the world, Yeshua the Messiah. John was crying in the wilderness, as was the prophet, Elijah. These testimonies demonstrate that Yeshua's Bride *is in a wilderness*. If God's/*Elohim* people are in a desert situation, they are not found walking in His Word/Covenant. Peter found the same situation when, after the upper room experience in Acts 2, he noted God's/*Elohim* people mulling around *outside* and told them to *repent*. When they did, tongues of *fire* fell on them also. Therefore, these same instructions that our ancestors applied generations ago still apply to the believer today. John's voice is still being heard in the land, calling Yeshua's Bride. Here is what John quoted from the prophet Isaiah (John 1:23).

🌿 **Isaiah 40:3-5** "A voice of one calling: 'In the desert prepare the way for our the LORD/*Yahweh*; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God/*Elohim*. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the LORD/*Yahweh* will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the LORD/*Yahweh* has spoken.'"

How do believers return and make straight their way today? By recognizing when they are outside God's/*Elohim* Covenant and by returning through repentance thereby restoring a right relationship. His Spirit will provide the strength to resist and encouragement to restore a priestly walk among His people once again. God's/*Elohim* people must refuse to accept *anything* that separates them from His blessings. By choosing not to defile their way and disengage from willful sin, the way for Yeshua's return *in them* will be made straight.

🌿 **Isaiah 35: 3-8** “Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; say to those with fearful hearts, ‘Be strong, do not fear; your God/*Elohim* will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you.’ Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow. And a highway will be there; it will be called the **Way of Holiness**. The unclean will not journey on it; it will be for those who walk in that Way.”

Leviticus 16:29-31, 34 “And this [*Day of Atonement/Yom Kippur*] shall be a permanent statute for you: in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall humble your souls, and not do any work, whether the native, or the alien who sojourns among you; for it is on this day that atonement shall be made for you to cleanse you; you shall be clean from all your sins before the LORD/*Yahweh*. It is to be a Sabbath of solemn rest for you, that you may humble your souls; it is a permanent statute. Now you shall have this as a permanent statute, to make atonement for the sons of Israel for all their sins once every year. And just as the LORD/*Yahweh* had commanded Moses, so he did.”

The Wedding

The Day of Atonement/*Yom Kippur* is not only a preparation day; it is also referred to as the *Wedding Day*, the second stage of a Biblical Hebrew marriage. On this day, The Messiah receives His Bride. Thus, those who are sprinkled with His blood, will cease from their own works/labors and go forth adorned in His righteousness to meet their Bridegroom. If His people prepare *ahead of time* for this Day, there will be plenty of oil for their lamp, and their garments will be made ready in response to the King's calling. His Day is about holiness and sanctification, as nothing unclean will enter.

🌿 **Matthew 25:1-13** “Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins [*believers*] who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Now five of them [*believers*] were wise, and five [*believers*] were foolish. Those [*believers*] who *were* foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, but the wise [*believers*] took oil in their vessels with their lamps. But while the bridegroom was delayed, they [*believers*] all slumbered and slept. And at midnight [*the Feast of Trumpets/Yom Teruah*] a cry was heard: ‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!’ Then all those virgins [*believers*] arose and trimmed their

lamps. And the foolish [*believers*] said to the wise [*believers*], ‘Give us *some* of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise [*believers*] answered, saying, ‘No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’ And while they [*believers*] went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those [*believers*] who were ready went in with him to the wedding [*Day of Atonement/Yom Kippur*]; and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins [*believers*] came also, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’ But he answered and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Watch therefore, for you [*believer*] know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming” (1 Peter 1:1-2).

Eating Blood Forbidden Leviticus 17

Earlier, we examined the fact that God/*Elohim* placed the Holiest Day of the year in the middle of the vile things. Now for the third time, we see He places the instruction for blood directly beside the holy instructions for the priesthood. We must remember that the purpose of the book of Leviticus is to teach the royal priesthood how to walk and how to maintain the Tabernacle. With these tools, they will also be able to train others how to walk in the priestly realm. Without Leviticus or its instructions, there is no priesthood.

Does the blood teaching correspond to believers in Yeshua today? Yeshua is our High Priest. These principles in Leviticus are *His* instructions for His people (John 5:46-47). Therefore, Leviticus is critical for anyone in pursuit of his or her Messiah.

As mentioned earlier, blood is only used for atonement. Blood deals with both clean and unclean. It is the blood that carries the life. God/*Elohim* mentions this four times in eight verses. His instruction was not only imparted to the twelve tribes of Israel but also to the proselyte, the one who sojourns with the God/*Elohim* of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Therefore, all believers today.

His teaching on blood is not for salvation purposes but the health and benefit of His people. God/*Elohim* teaches His people they will become *contaminated* and *sick* if they eat the lifeblood from the foods they ingest. He also mentions *the life of a creature is in its blood* three times in three verses, and the word *blood* ten times in four verses. By repetition, God/*Elohim* is warning His people in very strong terms that they are *not to consume any blood in their diet at all*. Therefore, these instructions are crucial for believers if they desire to have any role in His priesthood.

Eating blood was the norm among the Egyptians and also played a big part in the cultures that inhabited the land of Canaan where the Israelites journeyed. Scripture teaches that the life of the creature is in its blood. The people who practiced these blood rituals (animal or human) literally ate and drank blood for fertility purposes, and to appease their gods. In doing so, they also ingested the characteristic behavior of the animal. We see this in the activity that led to the Golden Calf incident in Exodus 32 and also when the Israelite men mixed with the Moabite women in Numbers 25. After participating in the

Moabite fertility feast, the Israelite men bowed before the Moabite gods and were easily seduced into immorality. This lesson in their day is the same lesson for our day. God/*Elohim* desires a people who will follow Him in *righteousness* and *obey* His commands. If believers are in Yeshua, they are also called Israel, as Yeshua is referred to as the Holy One of Israel. Therefore, it is imperative that believers observe His instructions not to ingest blood in their diet (John 1:49).

🌿 **Ezekiel 33:24-26** “Son of man, they who inhabit those ruins in the land of Israel are saying, ‘Abraham was only one, and he inherited the land. But we are many; the land has been given to us as a possession.’ Therefore say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord/*Adonai* God/*Elohim*: You eat meat with blood, you lift up your eyes toward your idols, and shed blood. Should you then possess the land? You rely on your sword, you commit abominations, and you defile one another’s wives. Should you then possess the land?’”

🌿 **Leviticus 17:10** “Any Israelite or any alien living among them who eats any blood – I will set my face against that person who eats blood and will cut him off from his people.”

As mentioned earlier, blood is for atonement. Coming against God’s/*Elohim* instructions innocently or knowingly contaminate life in the temple and restrict His blessings from fully flowing in a believer’s life. If the instructions like embracing Yeshua’s life in celebrating His Sabbaths and Feast Days are not observed then the depth of intimacy will be limited, as only holiness enters into the Tabernacle and stand before His presence. Remember, in Matthew 25:1-13, only the five *wise* virgins [*believers*] came into the sanctuary. The *unwise* virgins [*believers*] returned to the outer court, missed the wedding altogether, and became part of the wedding guests at the reception (the Feast of Tabernacles/*Sukkot*). Scripture clearly states that believers are to “*be holy because I am Holy*” (Matthew 25:1-13; 1 Corinthians 3:16; James 1:14-15).

🌿 **1 Peter 1:13-16** “Therefore, prepare your minds [*believers*] for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ/*Yeshua Ha Mashiach* is revealed. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: ‘*Be holy, because I am holy*’” (Leviticus 11:45).

What Does The New Testament/*Brit Chadasha* Say About The Blood?

🌿 **1 Corinthians 10:7-23** “And [*believer*] do not become idolaters as *were* some of them. As it is written, ‘The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.’ Nor let us [*believer*] commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; nor let us [*believer*] tempt Christ/*Messiah*, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. Now all

these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. Therefore let him [believer] who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you [believer] except such as is common to man; but God/Elohim is faithful, who will not allow you [believer] to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear *it*. Therefore, my beloved [believer], flee from idolatry. I speak as to wise men; judge for yourselves [believer] what I say. The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of *the blood of Christ/Messiah*? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of *the body of Christ/Messiah*? For we [believer], *though many*, are one bread *and* one body; for we [believer] all partake of that one bread. Observe Israel after the flesh: Are not those who eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar? What am I saying then? That an idol is anything, or what is offered to idols is anything? Rather, that the things which the Gentiles [*those outside the Covenant of God/Elohim*] sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God/Elohim, and I do not want you [believer] to have fellowship with demons. *You [believer] cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you [believer] cannot partake of the Lord's/Messiah's table and of the table of demons. Or do we [believer] provoke the Lord/Messiah to jealousy? Are we [believer] stronger than He? All things are lawful for me [us], but not all things are helpful; all things are lawful for me [us], but not all things edify*" (1 Corinthians 11:26-30).

Paul taught that it was an *abomination* to mix and drink *both* the blood of an animal and drink the cup of Yeshua. What does this mean? When believers eat meat with the lifeblood still in it or act in an immoral or carnal way, Scripture refers to this as partaking in *Yeshua's table and the table of demons*. Remember, when believers lift up the cup of the Covenant, they are declaring Yeshua as King and Lord/Ruler over their life. They are also stating they will obey His Words *and* walk in Covenant with Him. If His people are still eating meat with the lifeblood, they will bring contamination and defilement upon themselves. Are these the believers that the Messiah will take to Himself?

✠ **1 Corinthians 11:30** “For he who eats and drinks in an *unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself*, not discerning the Lord's/Messiah's body. *For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep.*”

✠ **Isaiah 66:17** “Those who sanctify themselves and purify themselves, to go to the gardens after an idol in the midst, eating swine's flesh and the abomination and the mouse, shall be consumed together, says the LORD/Yahweh.”

At the Council of Jerusalem, James advised those returning (through repentance) to do so through obedience to the *Mosaic Covenant*, saying,

✠ **Acts 15:20** “Instead we [*the Council of Jerusalem*] should write to them [*the believers returning*], telling them to *abstain from food polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from the meat of strangled animals and from blood*. For Moses

has been preached in every city from the earliest times and is read in the synagogues on every Sabbath.”

The only authorized teaching the Council in Jerusalem advised for those believers returning *was that of Moses*, starting with the four pillars:

1. The avoidance of food polluted by idols (*Blood*).
2. Sexual immorality (*Life is in the blood. The male seed is often referred to as blood in Scripture. Food polluted by idols leads to sexual immorality*).
3. Meat of strangled animals (*Blood stays in an animal that has been strangled*).
4. Blood

In case God's/*Elohim* people missed “the blood factor” in the first three instructions given in Acts 15:20; the Council writes it out plainly at the end so as not to miss the fact that *blood* is the main issue here. These can be seen as four separate issues but bear in mind, all four expressed guidelines here share the same root – *blood!* The list also reveals that the laws found in Leviticus, warning God's/*Elohim* people to abstain from blood, have not changed and are still applicable today. Furthermore, the Council took the time to prepare a letter for Paul to personally hand each fellowship, synagogue, and assembly in the outlying districts warning all believers about the many problems stemming for the lifeblood issue. Why? So believers would not bring defilement upon themselves or contaminate their congregations. Therefore, the importance of this warning against ingesting blood was written down and proclaimed. Presently, there are many congregations, synagogues, assemblies, and fellowships that ignore the highest *earthly* and *heavenly* court ruling on this blood issue in the New Testament/*Brit Chadasha* and furthermore, are vehemently opposed to what the Jerusalem Council considered the number one biggest threat among believers.

Eliminating The Blood

There are two ways of eliminating lifeblood from meat. First, select a biblically slaughtered animal or a Kosher labeled meat (Halal is not the same as kosher. Halal is a *ritual* slaughter to their Muslim Islamic god). If a biblically killed animal is not available, submerge the portion of meat completely in cold salted water and soak an hour or more. Drain. Thoroughly rinse then cook according to your favorite recipe (*For further teaching on blood and food sacrificed to idols please refer to Shemini - Leviticus 11 found at www.sheepfoldgleanings.com.*)

Forbidden Sexual Relations Leviticus 18

In Leviticus 18, Scripture continues with the blood issue. So significant is this ruling that if violated by those destined for the priesthood their position could be compromised or even forfeited, as Yeshua points out in His parable of the *wise* and *unwise* virgins/believers in Matthew 25:1-13. In 1 Peter 2:9, Peter quotes Exodus 19:5-6 reminding believers that in Yeshua they are “*a royal priesthood and a holy nation.*” Yeshua's priesthood is birthed through obedience. We learned earlier, in Hebrew 5:14,

that those who are of *full age* are “*those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.*” We note how important the protection of the priesthood is when we see God/*Elohim* placed the teaching of the blood right next to the chapter dealing with unlawful sexual relations. That distinction was to make sure His people sensed His urgency in protecting themselves against defilement, as the goal of the priesthood is *holiness*.

In ancient times, other nations allowed many incestuous unions. The Roman Empire declared lawful the marriage between a brother and sister common in Egypt, and particularly in royal families. The Greeks approved of wedlock with a half-sister. Marriage with a mother, sister or daughter was recommended by the Persians and was consecrated through mythological traditions such as the pagan feast of Easter.

Torah states that intimate relationship with a close relative, either within or outside marriage, is prohibited. Intimate relations with a neighbor’s wife or with the same gender or outside a pure marriage covenant between one husband and one wife is outside God’s/*Elohim* commandments and considered an abomination in His sight. Torah also condemns impure fantasies and immodest glances as we see in Matthew 5:28.

🌿 **Matthew 5:28** “But I [*Yeshua*] tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”

What follows immoral acts of sexuality has led to the greatest abominations against the next generation - *the children*.

🌿 **Numbers 14:18** “The LORD/*Yahweh* is longsuffering and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He by no means clears *the guilty*, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth *generation*.”

The god of Molech – Abortions

🌿 **Leviticus 18:21** “And you shall not let any of your descendants pass through *the fire* to Molech, nor shall you profane the name of your God/*Elohim*: I am the LORD/*Yahweh*.”

“Outlaw abortion and abortion won’t stop. Women will just do it illegally, and women will die!” Or so the argument goes... But facts are pesky things, and they show that the opposite is true in Chile. According to new research from the MELISA Institute, since Chile’s ban on abortion, not only has maternal health improved but the number of women seeking illegal abortion has plummeted! Since Chile banned abortion in 1989, the number of maternal deaths decreased from 41.3 to 12.7 per 100,000 women (69.2% reduction). That puts Chile in second place for the lowest maternal mortality rate in the Americas. It’s not sheer coincidence that Malta and Chile also have prohibited abortion, have lower maternal mortality rates than the United States. In Africa, where 56% of all maternal mortalities occur, abortion-related maternal mortality is less than half what it is in

developed countries. Yet there are more restrictions on abortion in Africa than in developed countries! So what's the deal? In countries with higher abortion restrictions, fewer women have to seek treatment for "unsafe abortion" than in countries where abortion is "safe and legal." The results of Chile's natural experiment is bad news for the pro-abortion lobby. But it's great news for mothers and the unborn! (Reprinted with permission from Personhood USA).

Roe Versus Wade

In June 1969, Norma L. McCorvey discovered she was pregnant with her third child. Friends advised her to *falsely* state that she had been raped in order to obtain a *legal* abortion under the Texas anti-abortion laws which allows abortion in the case of rape and incest. However, this scheme failed, as there was no police report documenting the alleged rape. McCorvey attempted to obtain an illegal abortion but found the unauthorized site shuttered and closed down by the police. Eventually, she was referred to attorneys Linda Coffee and Sarah Weddington. McCorvey would give birth before the case was decided.

In 1970, attorneys Linda Coffee and Sarah Weddington filed suit in a U.S. District Court in Texas on behalf of Norma L. McCorvey under the alias *Jane Roe*. The defendant in the case was Dallas County District Attorney *Henry Wade*, representing the State of Texas. At the time, McCorvey was no longer claiming her pregnancy was the result of rape, and later acknowledged she had lied earlier about having been raped.

Nevertheless, the district court ruled in McCorvey's favor on the merits and declined to grant an injunction against the enforcement of the laws barring abortion. The district court's decision was based upon the Ninth Amendment, and the court relied upon a concurring opinion by Justice Arthur Goldberg in the 1965 Supreme Court case of *Griswold v. Connecticut*, finding in the decision for a right to privacy.

*Since the ruling in favor of McCorvey,
there have been over 60,000,000 million abortions performed*

Norma McCorvey never did have an abortion. She carried her baby to full term. Nor was Norma part of the *Roe versus Wade* court case. She read about the decision from the newspapers like everyone else. Later, Norma McCorvey saw the wrong in abortion and what it was doing to children. She started to go to church and became a member of the pro-life movement and began speaking out against abortion. In 1998, she testified before Congress:

"It was my pseudonym, Jane Roe, which had been used to create the "right" to abortion out of legal thin air. But Sarah Weddington and Linda Coffee never told me that what I was signing would allow women to come up to me 15, 20 years later and say, "Thank you for allowing me to have my five or six abortions. Without you, it wouldn't have been possible." Sarah never mentioned women using abortions as a form of birth control. We

talked about truly desperate and needy women, not women already wearing maternity clothes.”

As a party to the first litigation, McCorvey sought to reopen the case in U.S. District Court in Texas to have *Roe versus Wade* overturned. However, the Fifth Circuit decided that her case was moot. On February 22, 2005, the Supreme Court refused to grant a writ of certiorari, and McCorvey’s appeal ended. On February 18, 2017, Norma McCorvey passed away at the age of 69 (<http://www.endroe.org/roebio.aspx>). In September 2018, a full forty-five years after the landmark 1973 US Supreme Court case of *Roe v. Wade*, a compelling feature film documentary *Reversing Roe* was released, revealing the dramatic details behind the verdict that changed America.

China’s One-Child Policy

On September 25, 1980, the Chinese government introduced population control stipulating *one* child per couple. In 2015, thirty-five years later, amid growing concerns over labor needs and the aging population, China abandoned its controversial ban by allowing *two* children per couple. During the years of the ban, it was reported that over 37 million girl babies were lost. This video was made in remembrance of the gendercide.

All Girls Allowed - <http://vimeo.com/28956829>



180 - From Abortion to Pro-Life

Ray Comfort *“We took a camera out to the streets to find out what people believe about Hitler and came back with 14 interviews of people who didn’t know who Hitler was. And as I went through the Holocaust, I read about some Jews that were shot by the Nazis, pushed into a mass grave and then [the Nazi’s] brought in bulldozers and buried them while some of them were still alive and that horrified me, so I decided to go out and test people’s moral character by asking if they had at gunpoint would bury Jews alive. And people would say, “No, no, I wouldn’t. I would never do that. I could never do that.” And I say, “Well, you’re a compassionate person.” They’d say, “Yes, I’m very compassionate.” I say, “How do you feel about abortion?” And they’d say, “It’s a woman’s choice.” So I’d reason with them, and I’d ask them one question, and it greatly surprised me, but the question made them change their minds about abortion. It was in seconds, and so we sat back and thought, “Boy, this is not a video about Hitler at all. This is a pro-life video.” So we changed the name to “180.”*

180 - The Movie - <http://www.180movie.com/>



Gianna Jessen - Survivor of an 18-Hour Saline Abortion

- 👉 Part One: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kPF1FhCMPuQ>
- 👉 Part Two: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k8B1nKGIAeg>



Gianna Jessen's life inspired the movie, *October Baby*.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I_9l7IEe-AA

Forgotten Children

The movie *Oranges and Sunshine* is based on a true story set in Nottingham, England in the 1980s that gives the account of Margaret Humphrey, a social worker who holds the British government accountable for child migration schemes and reunites the children involved (now adults, living mostly in Australia) with their parents in Britain. This movie exposes that during the years 1930 to 1970 over half a million young children, some barely old enough to walk, were abducted from their families in England. They were told their parents died and that they were now orphans. They were promised a better life awaited them - *one of oranges and sunshine*. The children were sent by ship 10,000 miles away to Australia. Many were housed in religious institutions that were more like concentration camps, used as forced labor. Many were abused physically and sexually by those who promised them this better life – all sanctioned by the English and Australian governments.



Oranges and Sunshine - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ar6z37VYlyQ>

The Forgotten People of Australia - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FVD-bJcFbEk>

Human Trafficking

Currently, human trafficking has surpassed the illegal sale of arms and will exceed the illegal sale of drugs in the next few years. It is on the rise in all 50 US states and is a \$32 billion-a-year industry. 4.5 million of trafficked persons are sexually exploited, and up to 300,000 Americans under 18 are lured into the commercial sex trade every year.

<http://arkofhopeforchildren.org/child-trafficking/child-trafficking-statistics>

The Weightiness Of The Tongue

Physically aborting an unborn baby, having a baby stolen at birth from the delivery table or having a child abducted from the safety of their yard are some of the unimaginable atrocities of our modern day society. However, if we as believers handle God's / *Elohim* word with a careless tongue, distort His word or walk opposite to our confession, we misrepresent and defile His Holy name. Further, we run the risk of turning many from Him. These actions can cause thousands to be *spiritually aborted*, as one person represents a thousand generations in the Bible. Understanding abortion through

God's/*Elohim* eyes reveals that none are without sin. We all have shed innocent blood (Exodus 20:4-6).

 **James 3:6-10** “And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so.”

Today it is hard to ignore the political struggles, terrorism, and genocides that are taking place around the world. Society has become oblivious to the silent atrocities made against our children in the so-called modern civilized world. As we have failed to honor our next generation, we are indeed a people under judgment. As God's/*Elohim* people, we need to become aware of the decay of our moral society, as it exists on every level.

As believers, God/*Elohim* gives us His principles to live by, and if they are not upheld, we will suffer the consequences, which flow to the next generations. It is up to each one of us to teach our children how to live by His life rules as so carefully outlined in the *Torah/Old Testament* and upheld by Yeshua in the *New Testament/Brit Chadasha*. By walking in agreement with them and exhibiting His principles within our family, among our friends, and in the community, restoration will come to the nations. We are called a set apart peculiar *holy* people. Therefore, it is up to us to walk in the truth of the Gospel as Yeshua taught.

 **Romans 12:1-2** “I beseech you therefore, brethren [*believers*], by the mercies of God/*Elohim*, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God/*Elohim*, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God/*Elohim*.”

We are to uphold what God/*Elohim* says is right and act upon these even if it goes against our culture. If it is not His truth, we should not participate in it. We need to have the courage to step away from compromising ways of what our society dictates and what they say we should accept, and not expose our children or family. There is a much better way that shows honor and respect for life that brings blessing.

The ultimate objective of the principles contained in the book of Leviticus is to raise God's/*Elohim* people to the level of a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. Leviticus Chapter 18 deals with moral purity. Genesis 1:22 states that believers are to be fruitful and multiply. At Mount Sinai, a radical revolution in human morality was introduced. For the first time, people were directed to submit their basic human instincts to a higher moral code and stop imitating the ungodly nations around them.

🌿 **Leviticus 18:24-25, 28** “Do not defile yourselves in any of these [*sexually immoral or idolatrous*] ways, because this is how the nations that I am going to drive out before you became defiled. Even the land was defiled; so I punished it for its sin, and the land vomited out its inhabitants. And if you defile the land, it will vomit you out as it vomited out the nations that were before you.”

To be continued...

Shabbat Shalom

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Human Trafficking

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