

ALL ISRAEL VIEWS YEHOVEH'S JUDGMENT ON AARON'S SONS



➤ Aaron in his horror must have wondered ***WHY?!***

➤ Moses tells Aaron:

Lev.10:3

“.....I WILL be treated as holy.....I WILL be honored....”

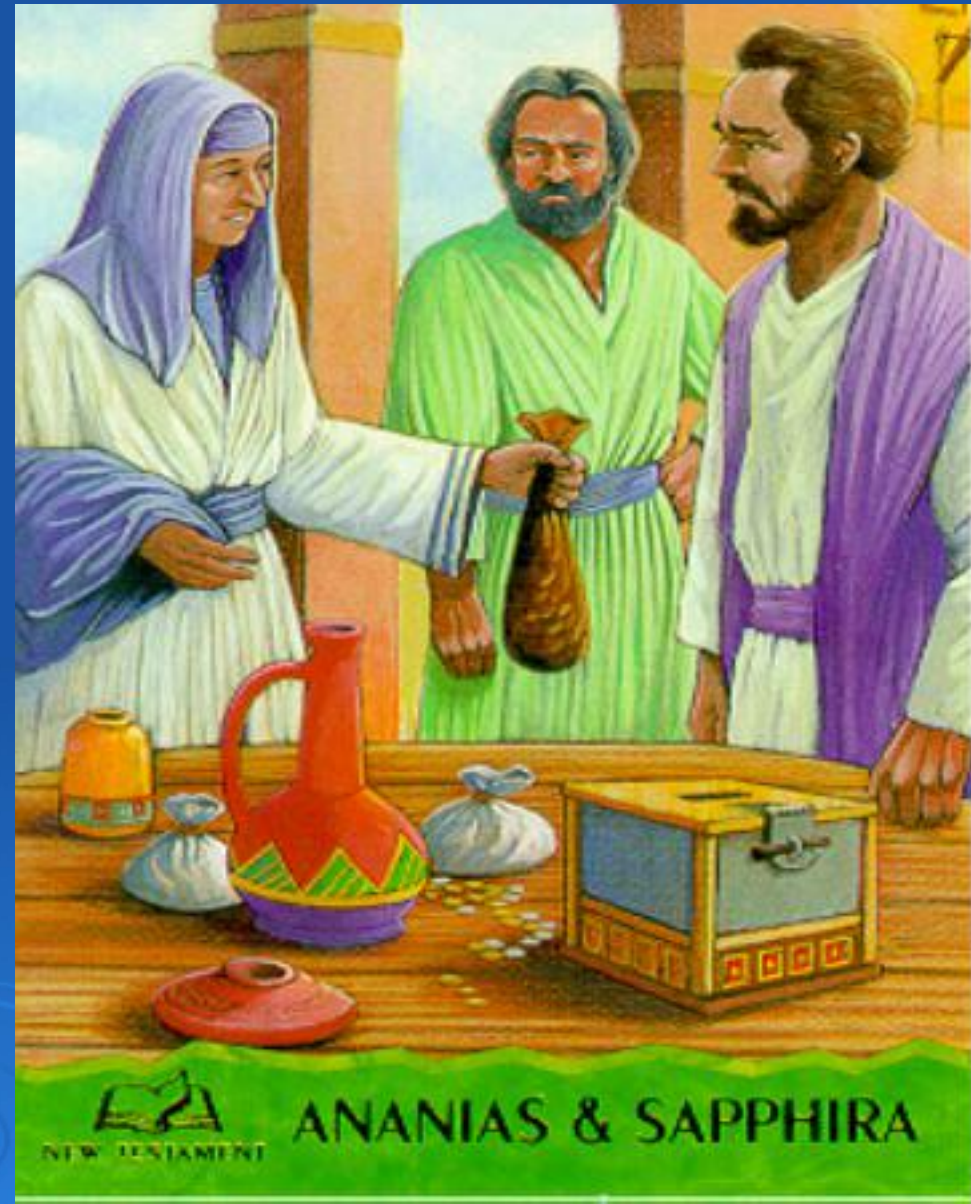
LEV.10:4 NADAV AND AVIHU'S CORPSES REMOVED BY COUSINS

- Priest can not touch dead bodies except of close relatives
- Contact with death makes one unclean
- Their brothers, Eleazar and Ithamar, were priests and would NOT be able to touch these bodies
- Bodies taken "**OUTSIDE THE CAMP**"
- Contact with death is among the most severe forms of impurity
- No mourning of the dead sons of Aaron allowed

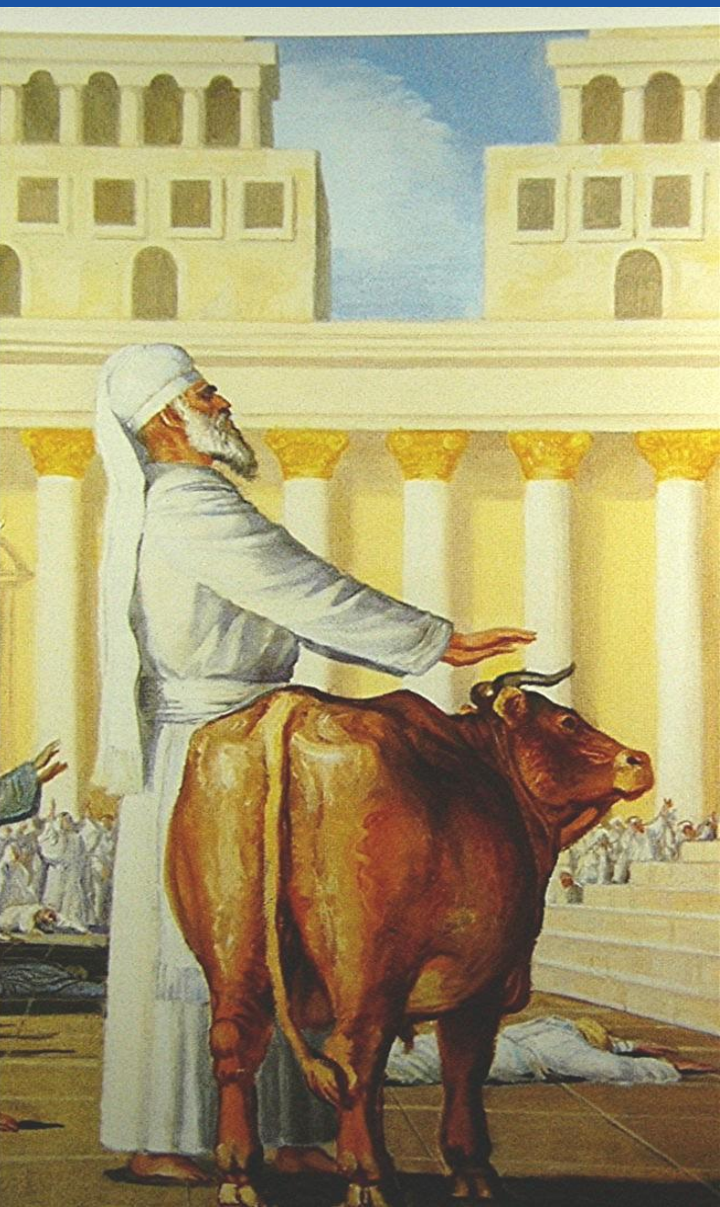
ACTS 4:32 – 5:11

ANANIAS AND SAPPHIRA ARE KILLED

- Killed DIRECTLY by God
- They were BELIEVERS!
- Was this REALLY about “lying”?
- Torah does not call for the death penalty for the sin of lying



HOLY PROPERTY



- Upon a worshipper presenting his animal and performing semichah, the animal became God's HOLY PROPERTY
- KEY: Holy Property is deemed as itself being HOLY
- Ananias and Sapphira violated God's Holy Property by holding back some of what was already His!
- They ROBBED GOD!!

AS BELIEVERS, THEY WERE HELD TO A HIGHER STANDARD

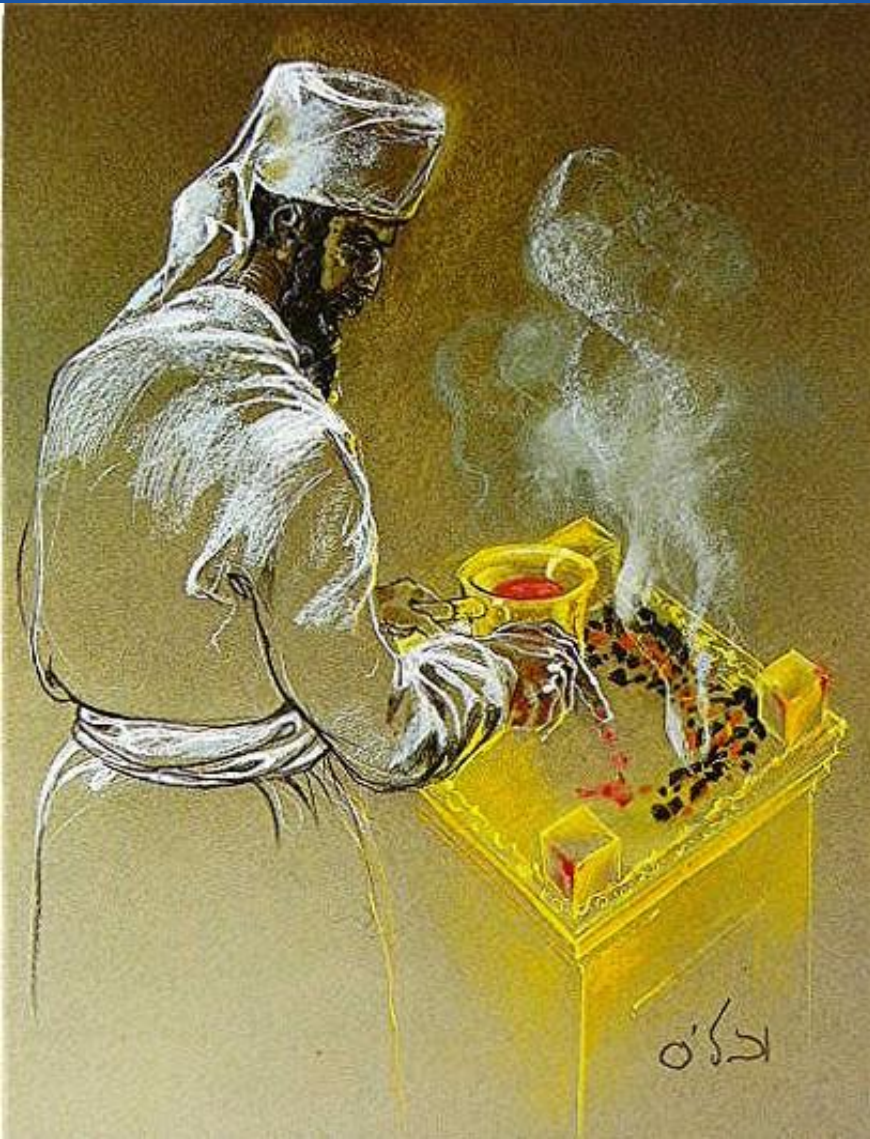
- Believers **ARE** “near-to-God”
- 1Peter 4:17 “...*judgment BEGINS with the household of God....*”
- James 3:1 “.....*we who teach shall be judged with GREATER strictness.....*”
- 1Peter 2:9 “....*but you are a chosen people, a royal PRIESTHOOD....*”
- **ANANIAS AND SAPPHIRA HELD THE SAME STATUS AS NADAV AND AVIHU**

“COME OUT OF HER, MY PEOPLE!”

- **JER: 51:45** *“Come out of her, my people! Run for your lives! Run from the fierce anger of YHWH!”*
- As Believers, we are in the MOST DANGEROUS position to violate God’s holiness
- Today, we choose to think about how much we gain or prosper by being NEAR God
- **We have forgotten that we also need to FEAR God!**



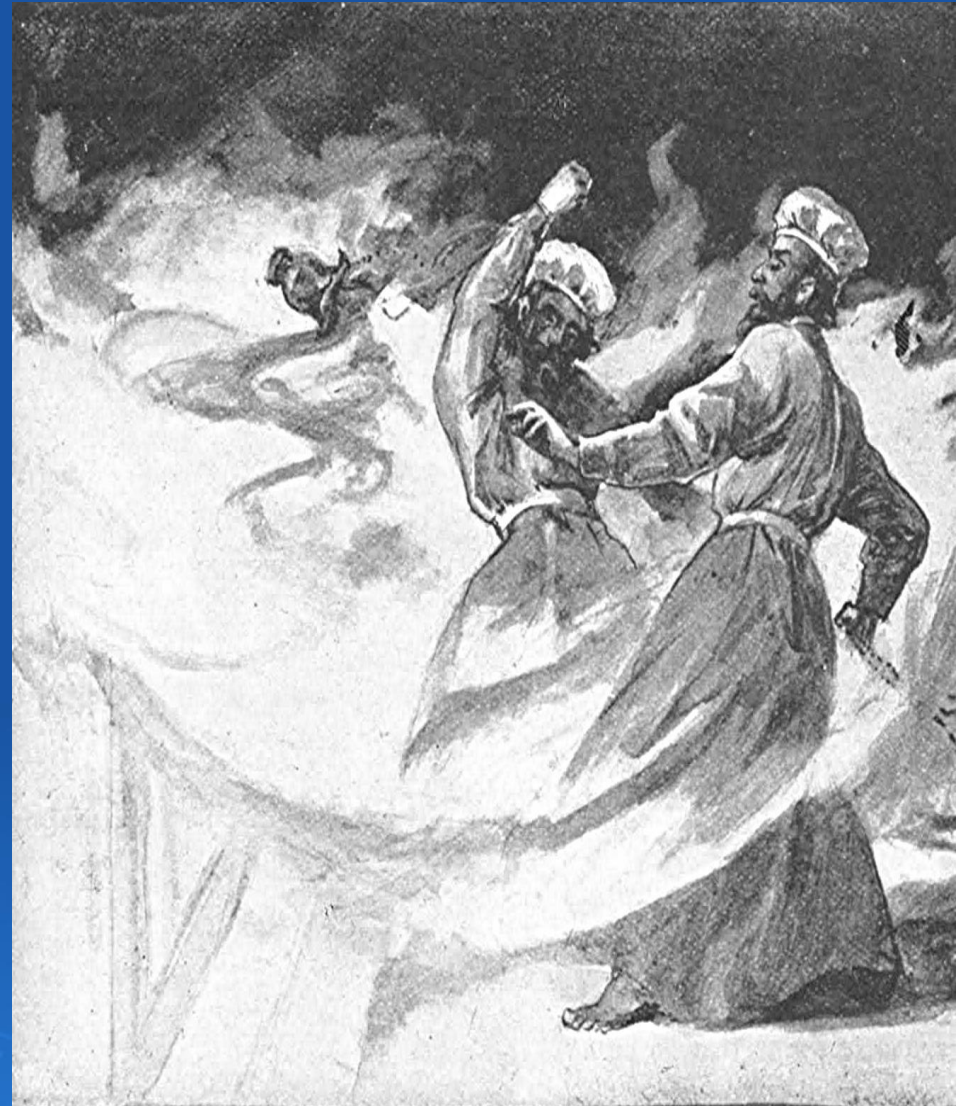
VS. 8: YEHOVEH SPEAKS TO AARON



- Special emphasis
- This is happening soon following the death of Aaron's two sons
- NO drinking alcohol before performing priestly duties
- ***Yayin*** = wine
- ***Shekar*** = strong drink
- **RULE: PRIESTS MUST BE FULLY SOBER WHEN PERFORMING DUTIES**

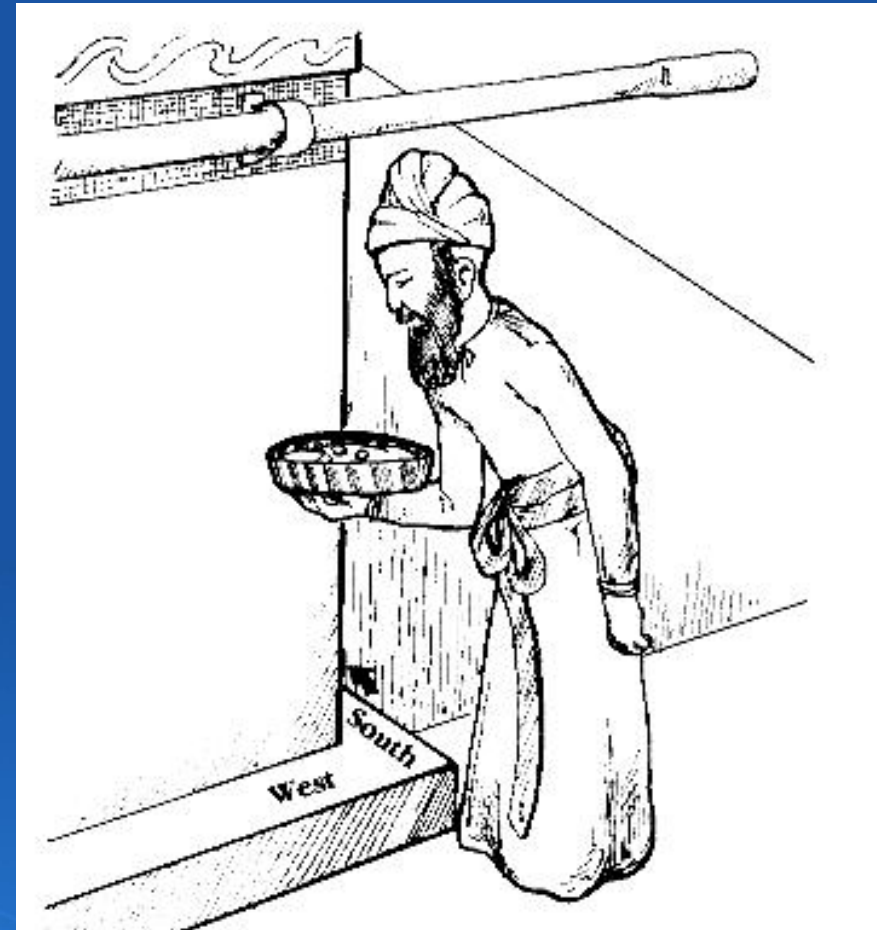
VS 3 “.....I WILL BE GLORIFIED”

- Priests were TEACHERS as well as officiators
- Priests were NEAR-God
- Teachers' actions more important than words
- Vs. 10 Priests' job to distinguish between the sacred and the common, the clean and unclean
- Drunkenness affects decision-making
- Wine in the Bible is symbolic of JOY!



VS. 12 MOSES' CHECKLIST

- Moses inquires about the Minchah offering
- Was to be eaten by priests in the Tabernacle courtyard
- Reaffirming that Aaron and his sons are still priests



VS. 16 MOSES' FEARS ARE REALIZED



- Hatta'at offering
- Eleazar and Ithamar ate meat in an improper way
- Why weren't they destroyed like Nadav and Avihu?
- **NIV Romans 9:15** *For He says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."*

LEVITICUS 11

KASHRUT



- Leviticus 11-16 laws of ritual purity
- *“...to distinguish between the holy and the common....”*
- Nothing more important for Israel than PURITY AND HOLINESS!
- *“...you are to be holy for I am holy....”*

YEHOVEH DID NOT MAKE ISRAEL TWO CLASSES

- The Torah was given ONLY to Israel
- Foreigners allowed to join Israel
- Natural born and adopted are equal
- Romans 11: Believers are grafted into Israel
- On a SPIRITUAL LEVEL gentile Believers have become one with Israel
- Diet was at the center of holiness and purity for Israel