

# LEV. 22

## PARALLEL RULES FOR PERFECTION

### PRIEST

*Blindness*

*Broken arm or leg*

*Scurvy*

*Boil-scar*

*Limb too short/long*

*Crushed testicles*

*Growth in the eye*

### SACRIFICIAL ANIMAL

*Blindness*

*Injured or maimed*

*Scurvy*

*Boil-scar*

*Limb too short/long*

*Crushed or cut-off testicles*

*Growth in the eye*

# IT IS GOD'S DEFINITION OF "PERFECT" THAT COUNTS



Red Heifer



- NO animal or priest is utterly without physical imperfection
- Only a few priests were disqualified
- Plenty of “unblemished” clean animals available
- It was the Rabbis who added such details far beyond God’s requirements that have made finding a “perfect” Red Heifer nearly impossible



# YESHUA FULFILLED ALL PERFECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR HIGH PRIEST AND SACRIFICIAL SUBSTITUTE



- Christ spoke against the added details brought about by TRADITION
- NOT the commands of TORAH
- Yeshua has assumed the ROLES of both the High Priest and the sacrificial animal





**JESUS IS ABOUT A NEW LEVEL OF  
ATONEMENT, NOT ABOLISHING THE LAW.  
BOTH THE LAWS AND THE PENALTIES  
REMAIN.**

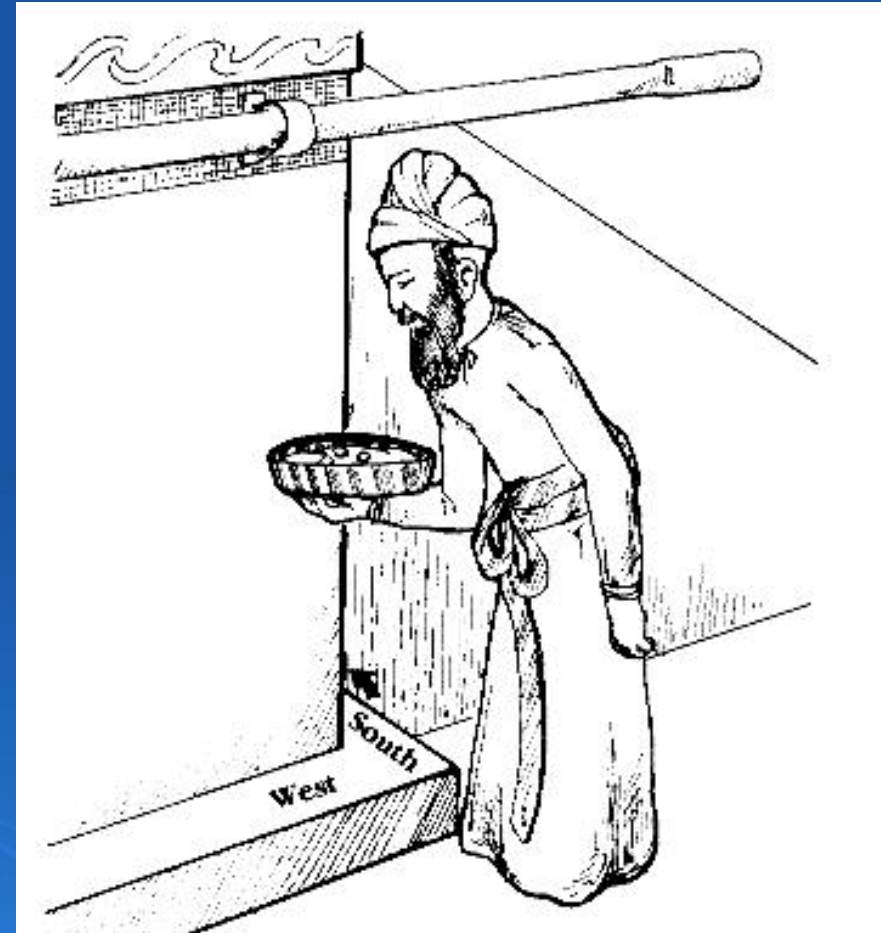
- **NAS Matthew 5:17 *"Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill. 18 "For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished. 19 "Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and so teaches others, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.***



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## RESTRICTIONS ON PRIESTS

- Priest may not officiate a sacrifice if in a state of impurity
- IF he does, he is “cut-off from the Lord”...meaning he is removed from his priestly duties



*Tzara'at  
on  
clothing*

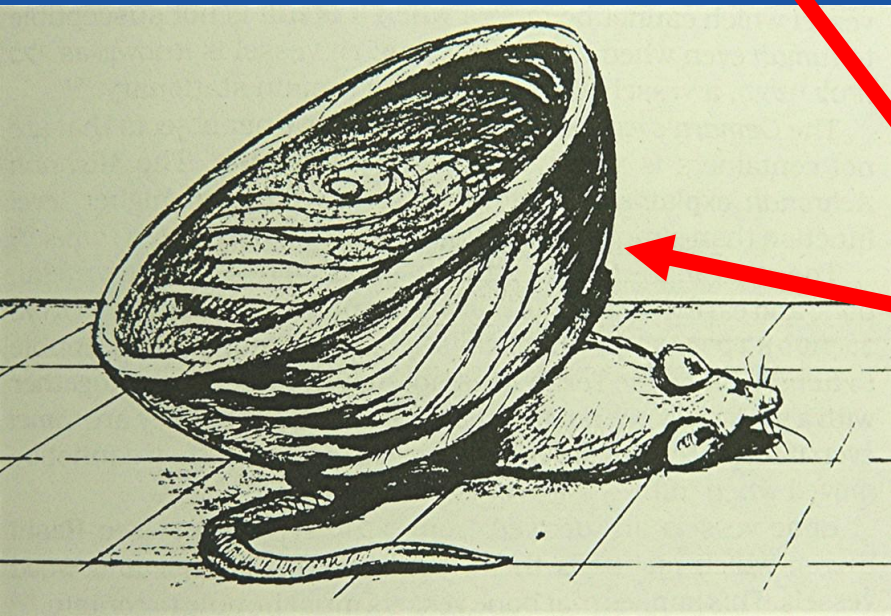


# Vs. 4

## How priests become unclean

- Most types of uncleanness require 8 day cycle of purification
- Some only until sunset
- Two situations discussed:

- 1) Priest **DIRECTLY** defiled
- 2) Priest contacts someone or something that has been defiled





# Vs. 10 “OUTSIDERS”

## 5 CATEGORIES OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH PRIEST

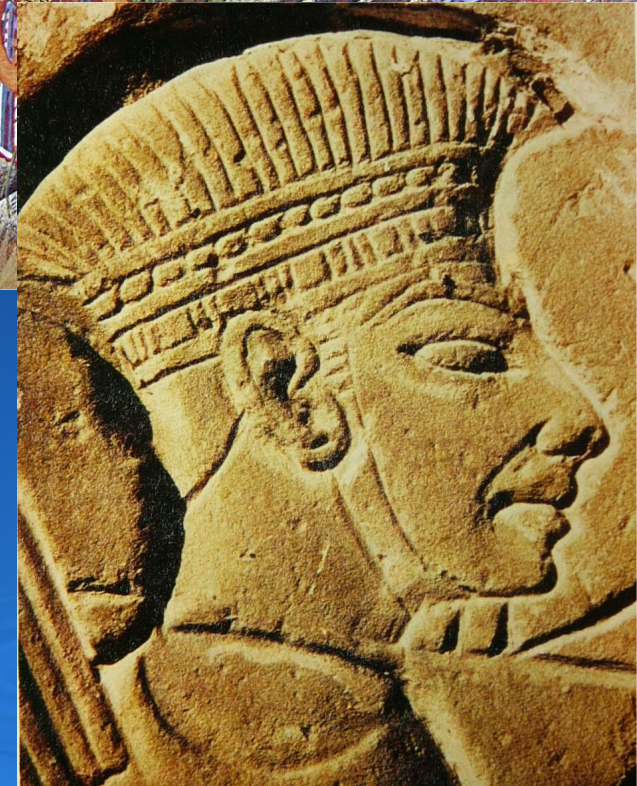
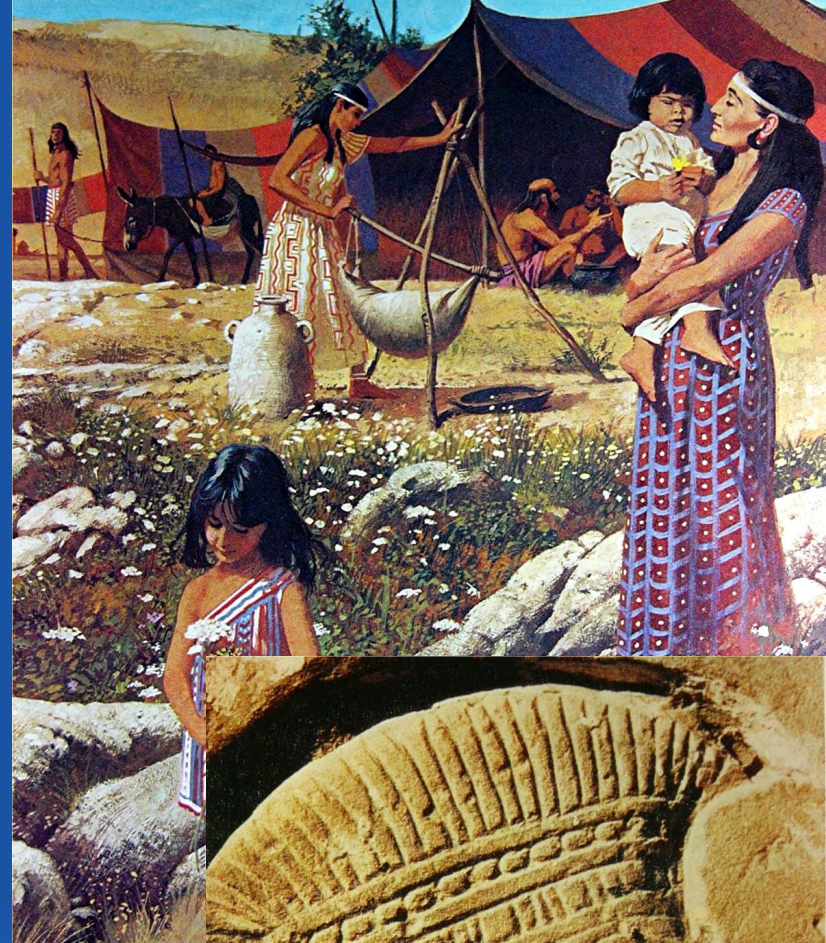
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| 1) Lay person        | may NOT eat holy food |
| 2) Bound-laborer     | may NOT eat holy food |
| 3) A hired laborer   | may NOT eat holy food |
| 4) Purchased slave   | OK to eat holy food   |
| 5) Born to household | OK to eat holy food   |

***Bible ASSUMES you already understand the societal significance of each of these categories***



# ZAR

- Means “strange” or “not belonging”
- Here it means any non-Priest
- CANNOT eat sacred food
- Could be a foreigner, a non-Levite Israelite, or even a Levite but not a priestly family
- Also includes those who were at one-time priests, but have since been removed





# TOSHAV



- Means a “guest worker”
- Can be a foreigner, and **USUALLY** is a foreigner
- Can be a bond-servant, being forced to pay off a debt
- **NO** blood relationship, **NOT** an in-law
- **NOT** a family member
- **CANNOT** eat sacred food

# SAKIR



- Means “a hired worker”
- A day laborer, or a maid
- A hired field worker
- Paid a wage
- NOT a slave
- CANNOT eat sacred food



# QANAH NEPHESH

- Means a “purchased slave”
- Literally, *qanah nephesh* means “acquired a living being”
- *Qinyan* = something purchased
- *Keseph* = silver, money
- USUALLY a foreigner
- Considered “property”
- This person IS FAMILY!
- OK to eat sacred food





# ***YELID BEITO***

- Means “born into the household”
- NOT the priest’s own children
- These are children born from “purchased slaves”, *qanah nephesh*
- These children are property
- OK to eat sacred food





# Vs. 12

## PRIEST'S DAUGHTER

- If she marries OUTSIDE of priestly line, she is barred from eating sacred food
- Identity is with husband
- If widowed or divorced, and returns to father's house, OK to eat sacred food
- HOWEVER.....her SON has first obligation to care for her, not her parents
- VERSES 13-15: Accidental eating of sacred food
- Pay back value of sacrifice + 20%
- Always a price for trespassing against God's holiness



# “I YEHOVEH MAKE THEM SACRED”



- Pagan belief: you can make yourself holy by eating food intended for the gods
- Israelites held this in their subconscious
- They pictured God eating
- They pictured God smelling the smoke





# ONLY GOD MAKES YOU HOLY!



- We cannot sacrifice, obey Laws well enough, or EAT our way to holiness
- Holiness is by DECLARATION of Yehoveh
- Following Laws brings a “kind” of righteousness, but NOT the SAVING kind
- 1) Redeemed    2) Declared Holy  
3) Obedience from gratitude



# TYPES OF SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

- Vss. 18 – 20 *'Olah*
- Vss. 21 – 22 *Shelamim*
- NO DEFECTS on either the sacrificial animal, or the sacrificer (the priest)
- Sacrifice **MUST** come from a certain group of animals
- Sacrificer **MUST** come from a certain group of people

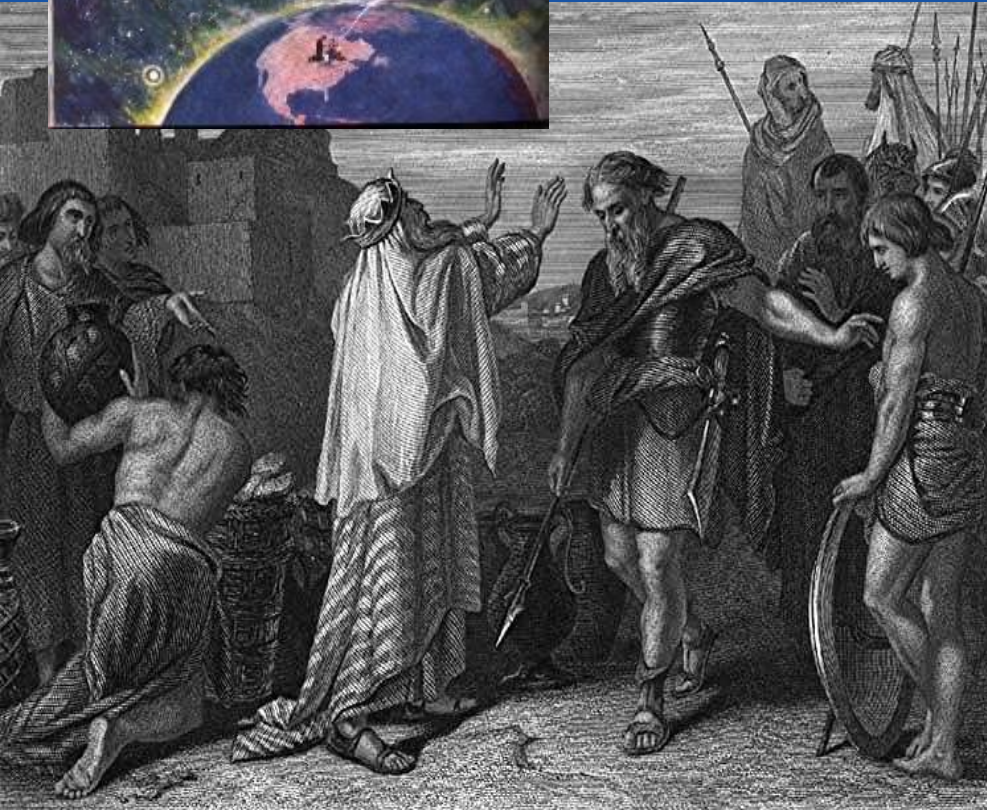




# YESHUA & MELCHIZEDEK



- Parallel patterns
- Jesus had to come from a certain group (Judah) as a sacrifice
- Also had to come from a certain group as priest (order of Melchizedek)
- Yeshua **COULD NOT** come from “order of Aaron”





# ALL MUST BE PERFECT

- Vss 24,25 Neither Hebrew nor foreign animals could have blemishes
- OK to use foreign animals for sacrifice
- To be in God's presence requires the same thing from all humans
- NO Plan A for Jews, and Plan B for gentiles
- Torah defines righteousness for ALL!
- NOT one Torah for Hebrews, and another Torah for gentile Christians!







- Animal (male) cannot be sacrificed until it is at least 8 days old
- Same requirement as for male circumcision
- Symbolic of being presented to God
- No animal and it's mother can be killed on the same day.....humane, merciful



# LEVITICAL REQUIREMENTS BROUGHT FORWARD TO THE N.T.

- *1 Peter 2:5 and 2:9*
- *Luke 14:26*
- *Matthew 8:21*
- Priests ordained by Jesus (Believers) are to emulate the priests of Israel