

Parashah 29 Acharei Mot - אַחֲרֵי מוֹת “After death”



Torah: Vayikra (Leviticus) 16:1-18:30

- Aliyah 1 - 16:1 - 17 Yom Kippur: Instructions for the High Priest; clothing, sacrifices, offerings
- Aliyah 2 - 16:18 - 24 More instructions for the scapegoat, changing of clothing
- Aliyah 3 - 16:25 - 34 Bull/goat burned outside the camp; instructions for all the people; permanence
- Aliyah 4 - 17:1 - 7 Israelites to offer sacrifice only before Adonai at the tent of meeting/tabernacle
- Aliyah 5 - 17:8 -18:5 Rules for foreigners living among Israel; do not consume blood or follow outsider
- Aliyah 6 - 18:6 - 21 Prohibited sexual relationships; do not sacrifice children to Molekh
- Aliyah 7 - 18:22 - 30 Homosexuality / bestiality prohibited; The Land is holy, expulsion for unclean

Haftarah: Yechezk'el (Ezekiel) 22:1-19 / Amos 9:7-15

B'rit Hadashah: Hebrews 9:11-28

1. What is “atonement?” What is the purpose of a day of atonement (Yom Kippur)?

2. If believers today are covered by the atonement of Messiah, should we observe Yom Kippur today? If so, why?

3. What is the symbolism in the “two goats” for the sin offering? Are there similarities to the ritual cleansing for lepers discussed last week?

4. What was the purpose of incense in the Holy of Holies?

5. (16:30) What are the steps to being right before God?

6. (17:11) What is the importance of “blood” in the ceremonies of Yom Kippur? In all scripture?

Parashah 29 Acharei Mot - אַחֲרֵי מוֹת
“After death”



7. (18:1) Sexual immorality is mentioned many times in the B'rit Hadasha. Is it ever defined there? If not, where is it defined?
8. (18:25) What specific language does God use to describe how the land would react to sexual immorality? How are Israelites compared with locations and times relative to their presence? (18:3)

Questions for reflection and application:

1. (16:1) How have you respond to loss and severe trials? Do you turn towards or away from God? (Job 1:21, Eze 24:18, Gen 22:1, Jer 9:6, Zec 13:9, 1Co 10:13, 1Pe 4:12, 1Pe 5:7, Heb 12:7-13, Deu 8:1-6)
2. (16:18) Sometimes we are required to go outside our comfort zone to draw near to God. Are you willing to do this? (Mat 14:23, Luk 6:12-13)
3. (17:8) What is your relationship with the Israel? Are you loved and accepted - are you happy as a Jew or a Gentile? (Isa 56:3-8, Gal 3:28, Eph 4:11-16, Joh 3:16)
4. (17:9) Are you committed to doing things God's way? Or is it your way or the highway? (1Ki 8:27-30, Joh 14:6, Joh 20:30-31, Act 4:11-12)
5. (18:22) Where do you stand on the issue of homosexuality? (Lev 20:13, Rom 1:27, 1Co 6:9-10, 1Ti 1:9-10, Eph 6:12, 2Co 5:11, 1Co 13:1-7, Phil 2:1-12)