

Archarei Mot
“After the death”

Torah: **Leviticus 16:1-18:30**
Haftarah: **Ezekiel 22:1-19**
Brit Chadasha: **Romans 3:19-28, 9:30-10:13,13:8-10, Hebrews 7:23-10:25**

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TORAH:

Leviticus 16

1 Then *Adonai* spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they approached the presence of *Adonai* and died.

2 *Adonai* said to Moses, “Tell Aaron your brother not to come at just any time into the Holiest Place behind the curtain —before the atonement cover which is on the Ark—so that he would not die. For I will be appearing in the cloud over the atonement cover.

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3 “In this way shall Aaron come into the Sanctuary: with a young bull for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering.

4 He is to put on the holy linen garment, have the linen undergarments on his body, put on the linen sash, and wear the linen turban—they are the holy garments. He shall bathe his body in water, and put them on.

5 “Then he is to take from the congregation of *Bnei-Yisrael* two he-goats for a sin offering and one ram for a burnt offering.

6 Then Aaron is to offer the bull for the sin offering which is for himself and make atonement for himself and his house.

7 Then he is take the two goats and present them before *Adonai* at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting.

8 Aaron will then cast lots for the two goats—one lot for *Adonai*, and the other lot for the scapegoat.

9 Aaron is to present the goat on which the lot for *Adonai* fell and make it a sin offering.

10 But the goat upon which the lot for the scapegoat fell is to be presented alive before *Adonai*, to make atonement upon it, by sending it away as the scapegoat into the wilderness.

11 “Also Aaron is to present the bull of the sin offering which is for himself and so make atonement for himself and his house. He is to slaughter the bull of the sin offering which is for himself.

12 He is to take a firepan full of coals of fire from off the altar before *Adonai* plus two handfuls of sweet powdered incense and bring it within the curtain.

13 Then he is to put the incense on the fire before *Adonai*, so that the cloud of the incense may cover the atonement cover that is on the Ark, so that he would not die.

14 He is then to take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the atonement cover, on the east side. Before the atonement cover he is to sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times.

15 “Then he is to slaughter the goat of the sin offering which is for the people, bring its blood behind the curtain, and do with it as he did with the blood of the bull—sprinkle it upon the atonement cover, and before the atonement cover.

16 So he is to make atonement for the Holy Place, because of the uncleanness of *Bnei-Yisrael* and because of their transgressions, all their sins. He is to do the same for the Tent of Meeting, which dwells with them in the midst of their impurities.

17 No one is to be in the Tent of Meeting when he enters to make atonement in the Holy Place until he comes out, and has made atonement for himself and for his household, and for all the assembly of Israel.

18 “Then he is to go out to the altar that is before *Adonai* and make atonement for it. He is to take some of the bull’s blood and some of the goat’s blood and dab

it around on the horns of the altar.

19 He is to sprinkle some of the blood on it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it, and consecrate it from the uncleanness of *Bnei-Yisrael*.

20 “When he has finished atoning for the Holy Place, the Tent of Meeting and the altar, then he is to present the live goat.

21 Aaron should lay both his hands on the head of the live goat and confess over it all the iniquities of *Bnei-Yisrael* and all their transgressions, all their sins. He should place them on the head of the goat and send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a man who is in readiness.

22 The goat will carry all their iniquities by itself into a solitary land and he is to leave the goat in the wilderness.

23 “Then Aaron is to come into the Tent of Meeting, take off the linen garments that he put on when he went into the Holy Place, and leave them there.

24 He is to bathe himself with water in a holy place, put on his garments, and come out to offer his burnt offering and the burnt offering of the people, to make atonement for himself and for the people.

25 “Then he is to burn up fat of the sin offering in smoke on the altar.

26 The man who leaves the goat as a scapegoat is to wash his clothes and bathe his body in water. Afterward he may come into the camp.

27 “The bull for the sin offering and the goat for the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the Holy Place, shall be carried outside the camp, and their hides, their flesh, and their dung burned with fire.

28 The one who burns them is to wash his clothes and bathe his body in water. Then afterward he may come into the camp.

29 “It is to be a statute to you forever, that in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you are to afflict your souls, and do no kind of work—both the native-born and the outsider dwelling among you.

30 For on this day atonement will be made for you, to cleanse you. From all your sins you will be clean before *Adonai*.

31 It is a *Shabbat* of solemn rest to you, and you are to afflict your souls. It is a statute forever.

32 The *kohen* who is anointed and who is consecrated to be *kohen* in his father’s place will make the atonement, and put on the linen garments, the holy

garments.

33 He is to make atonement for the Holy Sanctuary, for the Tent of Meeting, for the altar, for the *kohanim*, and for all the people of the assembly.

34 “This will be an everlasting statute for you, to make atonement for *Bnei-Yisrael* once in the year because of all their sins.” It was done as *Adonai* commanded Moses.

Leviticus 17

Sacrifice of Life in Blood

1 Then *Adonai* spoke to Moses, saying:

2 “Speak to Aaron, to his sons, and to all *Bnei-Yisrael*, and say to them: This is the word which *Adonai* has commanded.

3 Anyone from the house of Israel who slaughters a bull, a lamb or a goat in the camp or outside the camp,

4 but has not brought it to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting to offer it as a sacrifice to *Adonai* before the Tabernacle—let bloodguilt be charged to that man. He has shed blood—that man is to be cut off from among his people.

5 Thus *Bnei-Yisrael* may bring their sacrifices that they were making in the open field to *Adonai*, at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting to the *kohen*, and offer them as sacrifices of fellowship offerings to *Adonai*.

6 The *kohen* is to sprinkle the blood on the altar of *Adonai* at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting and burn up the fat as smoke for a soothing aroma to *Adonai*.

7 They are no longer to offer their sacrifices to the goat-demons after which they play the prostitute. This will be a statute forever to them throughout their generations.

8 “Then you are to say to them: Anyone from the house of Israel, or from the outsiders dwelling among them, who offers a burnt offering or sacrifice,

9 but does not bring it to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting to sacrifice it to *Adonai*, is to be cut off from his people.

10 “Anyone from the house of Israel, or from the outsiders dwelling among them, who eats any kind of blood, I will set my face against that soul—the one who eats

blood—and will cut him off from among his people.

11 For the life of the creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your lives—for it is the blood that makes atonement because of the life.

12 Therefore I have said to *Bnei-Yisrael*: No person among you may eat blood, nor may any outsider dwelling among you eat blood.

13 “Any person from *Bnei-Yisrael*, or from the outsiders dwelling among them, who hunts as game any animal or bird that may be eaten, must drain its blood and cover it with dust.

14 For the life of every creature, its blood is in its life. Therefore I said to *Bnei-Yisrael*: You are not to eat the blood of any kind of creature, for the life of every creature is its blood. Whoever eats it is to be cut off.

15 “Everyone who eats what dies naturally or is torn by animals—whether he is native-born or a foreigner—is to wash his clothes and bathe himself in water. He will be unclean until the evening, then he will be clean.

16 But if he does not wash them or bathe his body, then he will bear his iniquity.”

Leviticus 18

1 *Adonai* said to Moses:

2 “Speak to *Bnei-Yisrael* and say to them: I am *Adonai* your God.

3 You are not to act as they do in the land of Egypt, where you used to live. Nor are you to act as they do in the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you, nor are you to walk in their customs.

4 You are to obey My ordinances and keep My statutes and walk in them—I am *Adonai* your God.

5 So you are to keep My statutes and My ordinances. The one who does them will live by them. I am *Adonai*.

Incest Forbidden

6 “None of you is to come near anyone who is his close relatives to uncover their nakedness. I am *Adonai*.

7 “You are not to uncover the nakedness of your father or your mother. She is your mother. You should not uncover her nakedness.

8 You are not to uncover the nakedness of your father's wife, for it is your father's nakedness.

9 You are not to uncover the nakedness of your sister, the daughter of your father or the daughter of your mother, whether born at home or elsewhere.

10 You are not to uncover the nakedness of your son's daughter, or of your daughter's daughter, for theirs is your own nakedness.

11 You are not to uncover the nakedness of the daughter of your father's wife, conceived by your father, since she is your sister.

12 You are not to uncover the nakedness of your father's sister, for she is your father's direct relative.

13 You are not to uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister, for she is your mother's direct relative.

14 You are not to uncover the nakedness of your father's brother by approaching his wife, for she is your aunt.

15 You are not to uncover the nakedness of your daughter-in-law, for she is your son's wife. You are not to uncover her nakedness.

16 You are not to uncover the nakedness of your brother's wife, because that is your brother's nakedness.

17 You are not to uncover the nakedness of both a woman and her daughter. You are not to take her son's daughter, or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness, for they are direct relatives. That is wickedness.

18 You are not to marry your wife's sister, to be a rival, uncovering her nakedness, while her sister is still alive.

Other Forbidden Relations

19 "You are not to approach a woman to uncover her nakedness while she is in the impurity of her *niddah* .

20 You are not to lie sexually with your neighbor's wife and defile yourself with her.

21 "You are not to give any of your children in sacrifice to Molech, and defile the Name of your God. I am *Adonai*.

22 "You are not to lie with a man, as with a woman—that is an abomination.

23 You are not to lie with any animal to defile yourself with it, nor is any woman

to give herself to an animal, to lie down with it—that is a perversion.

24 “Do not defile yourselves in any of these things, for in all of these ways the nations which I am casting out before you were defiled.

25 The land has become defiled, so I will punish its iniquity, and the land will vomit out its inhabitants.

26 You, however, are to keep My statutes and My ordinances, and do none of these abominations, neither the native-born, nor the outsider dwelling among you.

27 “For all these abominations were done by the men of the land who were before you, and the land became defiled.

28 If you defile it, the land will vomit you out as it vomited out the nation that was before you.

29 For whoever does any of these detestable things, the souls that do them are to be cut off from the midst of their people.

30 Therefore you are to keep My charge, so that you do not practice any of these detestable customs that were practiced before you, so that you do not defile yourselves by them. I am *Adonai* your God.”

HAFTARAH

Ezekiel 22:1-19

Blood and Injustice

1 The word of *Adonai* came to me saying:

2 “You, son of man, will you judge? Will you judge the bloody city? So explain to her all her abominations.

3 Say, thus says *Adonai Elohim*: ‘City that spills blood in her midst and makes idols for herself that defile—her time has come!

4 You have become guilty in your blood that you have spilled, and are defiled by your idols that you have made. So you have brought your days near, and have come up to your years. Therefore I have made you a disgrace to the nations and a mockery to all the lands.

5 Those near and far from you will mock you—with a defiled name and full of turmoil.’

6 “Behold, each prince of Israel has used his own arm’s strength in you to shed blood.

7 Father and mother have been treated with contempt; the outsider has been oppressed in your midst; the orphan and the widow have been mistreated in you.

8 You have despised My holy things and profaned My *Shabbatot*.

9 Slanderous men are in you in order to shed blood. They have eaten at the mountain shrines; they commit immoral acts in your midst.

10 They have uncovered their fathers’ nakedness in you; they violate women that are in *niddah* within you.

11 One has been detestable with his neighbor’s wife; another has wickedly defiled his daughter-in-law; yet another has violated his sister, his father’s daughter, in you.

12 They accept bribes in order to shed blood in you; you have taken usurious interest. You have greedily gained by oppressing your neighbors, and you have forgotten Me.” It is a declaration of *Adonai*.

13 “Now look, I clap My hands at your dishonest gain that you have made and at

your bloodshed in your midst.

14 Will your heart's courage stand or your hands be strong in the days when I deal with you? I, *Adonai*, have spoken it and will do it.

15 I will scatter you among the nations and disperse you throughout the lands. I will purge your uncleanness from you.

16 You will be defiled in the sight of the nations. Then you will know that I am *Adonai*."

17 The word of *Adonai* came to me saying:

18 "Son of man, the house of Israel has become dross to Me—all of them are the copper, tin, iron and lead left inside a furnace—they are the dross of silver."

19 Therefore, thus says *Adonai Elohim*: "Because you have all become dross, therefore behold, I will gather you into Jerusalem.

BRIT CHADASHA

Romans 3:19-28

19 Now we know that whatever the *Torah* says, it says to those within the *Torah*, so that every mouth may be shut and the whole world may become accountable to God.

20 For no human, on the basis of *Torah* observance, will be set right in His sight—for through the *Torah* comes awareness of sin.

How God Accepts Us

21 But now God's righteousness apart from the *Torah* has been revealed, to which the *Torah* and the Prophets bear witness—

22 namely, the righteousness of God through putting trust in Messiah *Yeshua*, to all who keep on trusting. For there is no distinction,

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

24 They are set right as a gift of His grace, through the redemption that is in Messiah *Yeshua*.

25 God set forth *Yeshua* as an atonement, through faith in His blood, to show His righteousness in passing over sins already committed.

26 Through God's forbearance, He demonstrates His righteousness at the present time—that He Himself is just and also the justifier of the one who puts his trust in *Yeshua*.

27 Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. By what principle? Of works? No, but by the principle of faith.

28 For we consider a person to be set right apart from *Torah* observance.

Romans 9:30-33

30 What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, attained righteousness—that is, a righteousness of faith.

31 But Israel, who pursued a *Torah* of righteousness, did not reach the *Torah*.
32 Why? Because they pursued it not by faith, but as if it were from works. They stumbled over the stone of stumbling,
33 just as it is written, “Behold, I lay in Zion a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense, and whoever believes in Him shall not be put to shame.”

Romans 10:1-13

Misdirected Zeal

1 Brothers and sisters, my heart’s desire and my prayer to God for Israel is for their salvation.

2 For I testify about them that they have zeal for God—but not based on knowledge.

3 For being ignorant of God’s righteousness and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit themselves to the righteousness of God.

4 For Messiah is the goal of the *Torah* as a means to righteousness for everyone who keeps trusting.

5 For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on *Torah*, “The man who does these things shall live by them.”

6 But the righteousness based on faith speaks in this way: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will go up into heaven?’ (that is, to bring Messiah down),

7 or, ‘Who will go down into the abyss?’ (that is, to bring Messiah up from the dead).”

8 But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart”—that is, the word of faith that we are proclaiming:

9 For if you confess with your mouth that *Yeshua* is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

10 For with the heart it is believed for righteousness, and with the mouth it is confessed for salvation.

11 For the Scripture says, “Whoever trusts in Him will not be put to shame.”

12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord is Lord of all—richly generous to all who call on Him.

13 For “Everyone who calls upon the name of *Adonai* shall be saved.”

Romans 13:8-10

8 Owe no one anything except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the *Torah*.

9 For the commandments—“You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not covet,” and any other commandment—are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

10 Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fullness of the *Torah*.

Hebrews 7:23-28

23 Now on the one hand, many have become *kohanim*, who through death are prevented from continuing in office.

24 But on the other hand, the One who does remain forever has a permanent priesthood.

25 Therefore He is also able to save completely those who draw near to God through Him, always living to make intercession for them.

26 For such a *Kohen Gadol* was fitting for us: holy, guiltless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.

27 He has no need to offer up sacrifices day by day like those other *kohanim g'dolim*—first for their own sins and then for the sins of the people. For when He offered up Himself, He did this once for all.

28 For the *Torah* appoints as *kohanim g'dolim* men who have weakness; but the word of the oath, which came after the *Torah*, appoints a Son—made perfect forever.

Hebrews 8

Yeshua, Mediator of a Better Covenant

1 Now here is the main point being said. We do have such a *Kohen Gadol*, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens.

2 He is a priestly attendant of the Holies and the true Tent—which *Adonai* set up, not man.

3 For every *kohen gadol* is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices, so it is necessary for this One also to have something to offer.

4 Now if He were on earth, He would not be a *kohen* at all, since there are those who offer the gifts according to the *Torah*.

5 They offer service in a replica and foreshadower of the heavenlies—one that is just as Moses was instructed by God when he was about to complete the tabernacle. For He says, “See that you make everything according to the design that was shown to you on the mountain.”

6 But now *Yeshua* has obtained a more excellent ministry, insofar as He is the mediator of a better covenant which has been enacted on better promises.

7 For if that first one had been faultless, there would not have been discourse seeking a second.

8 For finding fault with them, He says, “Behold, days are coming, says *Adonai*, when I will inaugurate a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.

9 It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt. For they did not remain in My covenant, and I did not care for them, says *Adonai*.

10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says *Adonai*. I will put My *Torah* into their mind, and upon their hearts I will write it. And I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

11 And no more will they teach, each one his fellow citizen and each one his brother, saying, ‘Know *Adonai*,’ because all will know Me, from the least of them to the greatest.

12 For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and their sins I will remember no more.”

13 In saying “new,” He has treated the first as old; but what is being made old and aging is close to vanishing.

Hebrews 9

Messiah Enters the Heavenly Holies

1 Now even the first one had regulations for worship and the earthly sanctuary.

2 For a tent was prepared: in the outer part were the *menorah*, the table, and the presentation of the bread—this is called the Holy Place.

3 Beyond the second curtain was a dwelling called the Holy of Holies.

4 It held a golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant, completely covered with gold. In the ark was a golden jar holding the *manna*, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant—

5 and above it, cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. But it is not now possible to speak in detail about these things.

6 Now with these things prepared this way, the *kohanim* do continually enter into the outer tent while completing the services;

7 but into the inner, once a year, the *kohen gadol* alone— and not without blood which he offers for himself and for the unintentional sins of the people.

8 By this the *Ruach ha-Kodesh* makes clear that the way into the Holies has not yet been revealed while the first tent is still standing.

9 It is a symbol for the present time. Accordingly, gifts and sacrifices are being offered that cannot make the worshiper perfect with respect to conscience.

10 These relate only to food and drink and various washings—regulations for the body imposed until a time of setting things straight.

11 But when Messiah appeared as *Kohen Gadol* of the good things that have now come, passing through the greater and more perfect Tent not made with hands (that is to say not of this creation),

12 He entered into the Holies once for all—not by the blood of goats and calves but by His own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.

13 For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh,

14 how much more will the blood of Messiah—who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God—cleanse our conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

15 For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, in order that those called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—since a death has taken place that redeems them from violations under the first covenant.

16 For where there is a covenant, the death of the one who made it must be established.

17 For a covenant is secured upon the basis of dead bodies, since it has no strength as long as the one who made it lives.

18 That is why not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood.

19 For when every commandment had been spoken by Moses to all the people according to the *Torah*, he took the blood of the calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and he sprinkled both the book itself and all the people.

20 He said, “This is the blood of the covenant which God commanded you.”

21 And in the same way, he sprinkled the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry with the blood.

22 And nearly everything is purified in blood according to the *Torah*, and apart from the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

23 Therefore it was necessary for the replicas of these heavenly things to be purified with these sacrifices—but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

24 For Messiah did not enter into Holies made with hands—counterparts of the true things—but into heaven itself, now to appear in God’s presence on our behalf.

25 And He did not offer Himself again and again—as the *kohen gadol* enters into the Holy of Holies year after year with blood that is not his own.

26 For then He would have needed to suffer again and again from the foundation of the world. But as it is, He has been revealed once and for all at the close of the ages—to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

27 And just as it is appointed for men to die once, and after this judgment,

28 so also Messiah, was offered once to bear the sins of many. He will appear a second time, apart from sin, to those eagerly awaiting Him for salvation.

Hebrews 10:1-25

Perfect Pardon in the New Covenant

1 The *Torah* has a shadow of the good things to come—not the form itself of the realities. For this reason it can never, by means of the same sacrifices they offer constantly year after year, make perfect those who draw near.

2 Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers—cleansed once and for all—would no longer have consciousness of sins?

3 But in these sacrifices is a reminder of sins year after year—

4 for it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

5 So when Messiah comes into the world, He says, “Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a body You prepared for Me.

6 In whole burnt offerings and sin offerings You did not delight.

7 Then I said, ‘Behold, I come to do Your will, O God (in the scroll of the book it is written of Me).’”

8 After saying above, “Sacrifices and offerings and whole burnt offerings and sin offerings You did not desire, nor did You delight in them” (those which are offered according to *Torah*),

9 then He said, “Behold, I come to do Your will.” He takes away the first to establish the second.

10 By His will we have been made holy through the offering of the body of Messiah *Yeshua* once for all.

11 Indeed, every *kohen* stands day by day serving and offering the same sacrifices again and again, which can never take away sins.

12 But on the other hand, when this One offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God—

13 waiting from then on, until His enemies are made a footstool for His feet.

14 For by one offering He has perfected forever those being made holy.

15 The *Ruach ha-Kodesh* also testifies to us—for after saying,

16 “This is the covenant that I will cut with them: ‘After those days,’ says *Adonai*, ‘I will put My *Torah* upon their hearts, and upon their minds I will write it,’” then He says,

17 “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

18 Now where there is removal of these, there is no longer an offering for sin.

‘Let Us Pray Boldly in God’s Presence

19 Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have boldness to enter into the Holies by the blood of *Yeshua*.

20 He inaugurated a new and living way for us through the curtain—that is, His flesh.

21 We also have a *Kohen Gadol* over God’s household.

22 So let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and body washed with pure water.

23 Let us hold fast the unwavering confession of hope, for He who promised is faithful.

24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good deeds.

25 And do not neglect our own meetings, as is the habit of some, but encourage one another—and all the more so as you see the Day approaching