Vayikra "And he called"

Torah: Leviticus 1:1-5:26

Haftarah: Isaiah 43:21-44:23

Brit Chadasha: Romans 8:1-13; Hebrews 10:1-14, 13:10-16

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TORAH:

Leviticus 1

Offerings Without Defect

- 1 Now *Adonai* called to Moses and spoke to him out of the Tent of Meeting, saying:
- 2 "Speak to *Bnei-Yisrael*, and tell them: When anyone of you brings an offering to *Adonai*, you may present your offering of livestock, from the herd or from the flock.
- 3 "If his sacrifice is a burnt offering from the herd, he is to present a male without blemish. He is to offer it at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, so that he may be accepted before *Adonai*.
- 4 He is to lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, so that it will be accepted for him to make atonement on his behalf.
- 5 He is to slaughter the bull before *Adonai*. Then Aaron's sons, the *kohanim*, are to present the blood and splash it around on the altar that is at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting.
- 6 He is to skin the burnt offering and cut it into pieces.

- 7 The sons of Aaron the *kohen* are to place fire on the altar and arrange wood upon the fire.
- 8 Then Aaron's sons, the *kohanim*, shall arrange the pieces, the head, and the fat upon the wood that is on the fire which is atop the altar.
- 9 But its innards and its legs he is to wash with water. The *kohen* should burn it all up as smoke on the altar, for a burnt offering made by fire—a soothing aroma to *Adonai*.
- 10 "If his sacrifice is from the flock, from the sheep or from the goats, for a burnt offering, he shall bring a male without blemish.
- 11 He is to slaughter it on the north side of the altar before *Adonai*. Aaron's sons, the *kohanim*, are to splash its blood around on the altar.
- 12 He is to cut it into pieces, with its head and its fat. The *kohen* shall then arrange them upon the wood that is on the fire that is atop the altar,
- 13 but the innards and the legs he is to wash with water. The *kohen* is to offer it all, and burn it on the altar. It is a burnt offering, made by fire—a soothing aroma to *Adonai*.
- 14 "If his sacrifice to *Adonai* is a burnt offering of birds, then he shall bring his offering of turtledoves or young pigeons.
- 15 The *kohen* is to bring it to the altar, wring off its head, and burn it on the altar. Then its blood is to be drained out on the side of the altar.
- 16 Also he is to cut out its digestive tract with its filth, and cast it beside the altar on the east side, into the place of the fat ashes.
- 17 He shall tear it by its wings, but not divide it up. The *kohen* shall burn it upon the altar, on the wood that is on the fire. It is a burnt offering, made by fire—a soothing aroma to *Adonai*.

Leviticus 2

Matzah Flour Offerings

1 "When anyone brings a sacrifice offering of grain to *Adonai*, his offering shall be of fine flour, and he is to pour oil on it and put frankincense on it.

- 2 He is to bring it to Aaron's sons, the *kohanim*, and he should take from there his handful of its fine flour, and of its oil, with all its frankincense. Then the *kohen* should burn up as smoke its memorial portion on the altar, an offering made by fire—a soothing aroma to *Adonai*.
- 3 What is left of the grain offering is for Aaron and his sons, a most holy portion of the offerings to *Adonai* made by fire.
- 4 "When you bring a sacrifice offering of grain baked in the oven, it is to consist of *matzah* cakes of fine flour mixed with oil or *matzah* wafers anointed with oil.
- 5 If your sacrifice is a grain offering from the pan, it is to consist of fine flour, mixed with oil, *matzah* .
- 6 You shall cut it in pieces and pour oil on it. It is a grain offering.
- 7 "Now if your sacrifice is a grain offering of the pan, it is to be made of fine flour with oil.
- 8 When you bring the grain offering that is made of these things to *Adonai*, it is to be presented to the *kohen* and he is to bring it to the altar.
- 9 The *kohen* is to take from the grain offering its memorial portion, and burn it up as smoke on the altar, an offering made by fire—a soothing aroma to *Adonai*.
- 10 What is left of the grain offering is for Aaron and his sons, a most holy portion of the offerings to *Adonai* made by fire.
- 11 "Every grain offering which you present to *Adonai* shall be made without *hametz*, for you are not to burn up as smoke any *hametz* nor any honey as a sacrifice made by fire to *Adonai*.
- 12 As a gift of firstfruits you may offer them to *Adonai*, but they are not to ascend for a soothing aroma on the altar.
- 13 Also you are to season with salt every sacrifice of your grain offering. You are never to allow the salt of the covenant of your God to be lacking from your grain offering. With all your sacrifices you must offer salt.
- 14 "If you bring a grain offering of firstfruits to *Adonai*, you are to present for the grain offering of your firstfruits of fresh ears of barley, scorched with fire—crushed grain of fresh ears.
- 15 You are then to put oil and frankincense on it. It is a grain offering.

16 The *kohen* should burn up as its memorial portion part of its crushed grain and part of its oil, along with all its frankincense. It is an offering made by fire to *Adonai*.

Leviticus 3

Shalom Offerings

- 1 "Now if his offering is a sacrifice of fellowship offerings, if from the herd, whether male or female, he is to offer one without blemish before *Adonai*.
- 2 He should lay his hand on the head of his offering and slaughter it at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting. Then Aaron's sons the *kohanim* are to splash the blood around on the altar.
- 3 He is to bring from the sacrifice of fellowship offerings an offering made by fire to *Adonai*, the fat that covers the innards, all the fat that is on the entrails, 4 as well as the two kidneys and the fat that is on them which is by the loins, plus the cover on the liver that he must remove with the kidneys.
- 5 Aaron's sons are to burn it up as smoke on the altar on top of the burnt offering, which is over the wood that is on the fire. It is an offering made by fire—a soothing aroma to *Adonai*.
- 6 "If his gift for a sacrifice of fellowship offerings to *Adonai* is from the flock, he is to offer a male or female without blemish.
- 7 If he is bringing a lamb for his offering, he shall present it before Adonai.
- 8 He is to lay his hand on the head of his offering and slaughter it before the Tent of Meeting. Aaron's sons are to splash its blood around on the altar.
- 9 From the sacrifice of fellowship offerings he shall bring a gift made by fire to *Adonai*. Its fat—the entire tail fat cut away close to the backbone, along with the fat that covers the innards and all the fat that is on the entrails,
- 10 as well as the two kidneys and the fat that is over them which is by the loins, plus the cover on the liver that he is to remove with the kidneys.
- 11 The *kohen* is to burn it up as smoke on the altar—as a food offering made by fire to *Adonai*.
- 12 "If his offering is a goat then he shall present it before Adonai.

- 13 He is to lay his hand on its head and slaughter it before the Tent of Meeting. Aaron's sons are to splash its blood around on the altar.
- 14 From it he is to offer as his sacrifice an offering made by fire to *Adonai*, the fat that covers the innards, all the fat that is on the entrails,
- 15 the two kidneys and the fat that is over them, which is by the loins, and the cover on the liver, which he must remove with the kidneys.
- 16 The *kohen* is to burn them on the altar. It is the food of the offering made by fire, for a soothing aroma. All fat is for *Adonai*.
- 17 "It is to be a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your dwellings, that you must eat neither fat nor blood."

Leviticus 4

Sacrifices for Unintentional Sins

- 1 Adonai spoke to Moses, saying:
- 2 "Speak to *Bnei-Yisrael*, saying: If anyone sins unintentionally in any of *Adonai*'s *mitzvot* that are not to be done, and commits any one of them
- 3 —or if the anointed *kohen* sins so as to bring guilt on the people—then let him offer for his sin which he has committed, a young bull without blemish to *Adonai* for a sin offering.
- 4 He is to bring the bull to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting before *Adonai*, lay his hand on the head of the bull, and slaughter it before *Adonai*.
- 5 The anointed *kohen* shall take some of the blood of the bull, and bring it to the Tent of Meeting.
- 6 The *kohen* is to dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle it seven times before *Adonai*, before the curtain of the Sanctuary.
- 7 The *kohen* shall put some of the blood on the horns of the altar of sweet incense before *Adonai*, which is in the Tent of Meeting, and he is to pour out all of rest of the blood of the bull at the base of the altar of burnt offering, which is at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting.
- 8 He is to take all the fat of the bull of the sin offering off of it, the fat that covers the innards, all the fat that is on the entrails,

- 9 the two kidneys and the fat that is over them which is by the loins, and the cover on the liver, which he is to remove with the kidneys,
- 10 just as it is removed from the bull of the sacrifice of fellowship offerings.
- The kohen shall burn them up as smoke on the altar of burnt offering.
- 11 The bull's hide, all its flesh, with its head, along with its legs, its innards and its dung—
- 12 the entire bull—he is to carry outside the camp to a clean place, where the fat ashes are poured out, and burn it over wood in the fire. It is to be burned on top of the place of pouring fat ashes.
- 13 "Now if the whole congregation of Israel sins, but the deed is hidden from the eyes of the community, yet they have done one of *Adonai*'s *mitzvot* that are not to be done, then they are guilty.
- 14 When the sin that they committed becomes known, then the community is to offer a young bull for a sin offering, and bring it before the Tent of Meeting.
- 15 The elders of the congregation are to lay their hands on the head of the bull before *Adonai*, and the bull is to be slaughtered before *Adonai*.
- 16 The anointed *kohen* shall bring some of the blood from the bull to the Tent of Meeting.
- 17 Then the *kohen* is to dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle it seven times before *Adonai*, before the curtain.
- 18 He is to put some of the blood on the horns of the altar that is before *Adonai*, in the Tent of Meeting, and the rest of the blood he is to pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering, which is at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting.
- 19 He is to take all its fat from it, and burn it up as smoke on the altar.
- 20 He is also to do with the bull just as he did with the bull of the sin offering—he must do the same with it. So the *kohen* should make atonement for them—and they will be forgiven.
- 21 Then he is to carry the bull outside the camp and burn it as he burned the first bull. It is the sin offering for the community.
- 22 "When a ruler sins and unwittingly does one of the *mitzvot* of *Adonai* his God that are not to be done, then he is guilty.
- 23When his sin that he committed is made known to him, he is to bring as his offering a goat, a male without blemish.

24 He is to lay his hand on the head of the goat and slaughter it in the place where they slaughter the burnt offering before *Adonai*. It is a sin offering.

25 The *kohen* shall take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering. He is to pour out the rest of its blood at the base of the altar of burnt offering.

26 He is to burn all its fat on the altar, just like the fat of the sacrifice of fellowship offerings. So the *kohen* should make atonement for him concerning his sin—and he will be forgiven.

- 27 "When anyone of the common people sins unwittingly by doing one of *Adonai*'s *mitzvot* that are not to be done, then he is guilty.
- 28 When his sin that he committed is made known to him, then he is to bring for his offering a goat, a female without blemish, for his sin that he committed.
- 29He is to lay his hand on the head of the sin offering, and then slaughter it at the place of burnt offering.
- 30 The *kohen* is to take some of its blood with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering. He is to pour out the rest of the blood at the base of the altar.
- 31 He is to take away all its fat, just like the fat is taken away from off of the sacrifice of fellowship offerings. And the *kohen* shall burn it on the altar for a soothing aroma to *Adonai*. So the *kohen* is to make atonement for him—and he will be forgiven.

Sin Offerings

- 32 "Now if he brings a lamb as his sacrifice for a sin offering, he is to bring a female without blemish.
- 33 He is to lay his hand on the head of the sin offering and slaughter it at the place where they slaughter the burnt offering.
- 34 The *kohen* shall take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering. Then all the rest of its blood he is to pour out at the base of the altar.

35 He must remove all its fat, just as the fat of the lamb is taken away from the sacrifice of fellowship offerings. Then the *kohen* is to burn them on the altar, on *Adonai*'s offerings by fire. So the *kohen* should make atonement for him over the sin that he committed—and he will be forgiven.

Leviticus 5

- 1 "If a soul sins—after hearing a charge of an oath, and he is a witness whether he has seen or otherwise known—if he fails to report it, then he will bear his guilt.

 2 "Or if a person touches any unclean thing—whether it is the carcass of an unclean animal or the carcass of unclean livestock or the carcass of unclean creeping things, though it is hidden from him, still he is unclean and he will be guilty.
- 3 "Or if he touches some human uncleanness, whatever his filth is by which he is unclean, though it is hidden from him, when he knows of it, then he will be guilty. 4 "Or if a person swears rashly with his lips to do evil or to do good—about
- anything that one might utter rashly by an oath, though it is hidden from him, when he realizes it, then he will be guilty of one of these.
- 5 "So it will be, when one becomes guilty of one of these things, he shall confess about what he has sinned.
- 6 Then he is to bring his trespass offering to *Adonai* for his sin that he committed: a female from the flock, a lamb or a goat, as a sin offering. So the *kohen* is to make atonement for him over his sin.
- 7 "But if one cannot afford a lamb, then he shall bring, as his trespass offering for the sin he committed, two turtledoves or two young pigeons, to *Adonai*. One is for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering.
- 8 He is to bring them to the *kohen*, who will present the one for the sin offering first, and twist its head from its neck but not sever it completely.
- 9 He is to sprinkle some of the blood of the sin offering on the side of the altar, while the rest of the blood is to be drained out at the base of the altar. It is a sin offering.

10 He is to make the second a burnt offering, according to the regulation. So the *kohen* is to make atonement for one over his sin that he committed—and he will be forgiven.

11 "But if one cannot afford two turtledoves or two young pigeons, then he is to bring as his offering for the sin he has committed a tenth of an ephah of fine flour as a sin offering. He is to put no oil on it nor put any frankincense on it, for it is a sin offering.

12 He is to bring it to the *kohen*, then the *kohen* is to take his handful of it as the memorial portion and burn it up as smoke on the altar, on *Adonai*'s offerings by fire. It is a sin offering.

13 The *kohen* is to make atonement for him over his sin that one has committed in any of these things—and he will be forgiven. The rest belongs to the *kohen*, just like the meal offering."

14 Adonai spoke to Moses, saying:

15 "If anyone commits a faithless act and sins unwittingly against the holy things of *Adonai*, then he is to bring his trespass offering to *Adonai*: a ram without blemish from the flock, according to your value in silver shekels after the shekel of the Sanctuary, for a trespass offering.

16 He is to make restitution for that which he has done wrong in regard to the holy thing, and is required to add a fifth part to it, and give it to the *kohen*. So the *kohen* will make atonement for him with the ram of the trespass offering—and he will be forgiven.

17 "Now if anyone sins and one of *Adonai*'s commandments that are not to be done, though he did not know it, still he is guilty and will bear his iniquity.

18 He is to bring to the *kohen* a ram without blemish from of the flock, according to your value, as a trespass offering. Then the *kohen* is to make atonement for him over the sin that he committed unknowingly—and he will be forgiven.

19It is a trespass offering. He is absolutely guilty before *Adonai*."

Mitzvot of Restitution 20 Then *Adonai* spoke to Moses saying:

- 21 "Suppose anyone sins and commits a faithless act against *Adonai* by dealing falsely with his neighbor in a matter of a deposit or a pledge of hands, or through robbery, or has extorted from his neighbor,
- 22 or has found what was lost and lied about it, swearing falsely—so sinning in one of any of these things that a man may do.
- 23 Then it will be, when he has sinned and has become guilty, that he must restore what he took by robbery, or what he got by extortion, or the deposit that was committed to him, or what was lost that he found,
- 24 or any thing about which he has sworn falsely, he is to restore it in full, and add a fifth part more to it. He must give it to the one to whom it belongs on the day of presenting his trespass offering.
- 25 He is to bring his trespass offering to *Adonai*, a ram without blemish from the flock, according to your value, for a trespass offering, to the *kohen*.
- 26 The *kohen* should make atonement for him before *Adonai*, and he will be forgiven concerning whatever he may have done to become guilty."

HAFTARAH

Isaiah 43:21-28

- 21 the people I formed for Myself, so they might declare My praise.
- 22 Yet you have not called on Me, Jacob, for you have been weary of Me, Israel.
- 23 You have not brought Me sheep for your burnt offerings; nor have you honored Me with your sacrifices. I did not compel you to serve offerings nor wearied you with incense.
- 24 You have not spent money buying Me aromatic cane, nor have you satisfied Me with the fat of your sacrifices. Rather you burdened Me with your sins, wearied Me with your iniquities.
- 25 I, I am the One who blots out your transgressions for My own sake, and will not remember your sins.
- 26 Remind me, when we argue our case together—state your case, so you may be proved right.
- 27 Your first father sinned, and your mediators rebelled against Me.
- 28 So I profaned the Sanctuary officials, and gave Jacob over to destruction, and Israel to scorn.

Isaiah 44:1-23

No Profit in Casting Idols

- 1 "But now listen, Jacob My servant, Israel, whom I have chosen."
- 2 Thus says *Adonai* who made you, and formed you from the womb, who will help you: "Do not fear, Jacob My servant, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen.
- 3 For I will pour water on the thirsty land and streams on the dry ground. I will pour My Spirit on your offspring, and My blessing on your descendants.
- 4 They will spring up among the grass like willows by flowing streams.
- 5 This one will say, 'I am *Adonai*'s.' That one will be called by the name Jacob. Another will write on his hand, '*Adonai*'s' and will take the name Israel."

 First and Last

- 6 Thus says *Adonai*, Israel's King and his Redeemer, *Adonai-Tzva'ot*: "I am the first, and the last, and there is no God beside Me.
- 7 Who is like Me? Let him proclaim and announce it! Let him arrange it in order for Me— as I established the ancient nation. Let them declare to them what is coming and future events.
- 8 Do not dread or be afraid. Have I not told you and declared it long ago? So you are My witnesses! Is there any God beside Me? Is there any other Rock? I know of none.

Folly of Idols

- 9 Those who fashion idols are empty. Their precious things do not profit. Their witnesses do not see or know, so they will be put to shame.
- 10 Who fashions a god or casts an idol for no profit?
- 11 Behold, all his friends will be ashamed, for the craftsmen are only human. Let them all assemble. Let them stand up. Let them dread. Let them be put to shame together.
- 12 The blacksmith takes a tool and works with it over the coals, fashioning it with hammers and working it with his strong arm. Yet when he is hungry, his strength fails. When he drinks no water, he gets tired.
- 13 A carpenter stretches out a line; he marks it with a pencil; he shapes it with planes; he marks it with a compass; he shapes it like the figure of a man like the beauty of a man— so that it may sit in a shrine.
- 14 He chops down cedars for himself, or he takes a cypress or an oak. He lets it grow strong among the trees of the forest. He plants a pine and rain nourishes it.
- 15 Then it is something for a man to burn. so he takes one of them and warms himself. He also makes a fire to bake bread. He also makes a god and worships it. He makes an idol and bows before it.
- 16 He burns half of it in the fire. With this half, he eats meat. He roasts a roast and is satisfied. He also warms himself and says, "Ah! I am warm, I have seen the fire."
- 17 Yet with the rest he makes a god, his carved image. He falls down before it and worships. He even prays to it and says, "Deliver me, for you are my god!"

- 18 They do not know or understand! For He smeared over their eyes, so they cannot see, and their hearts, so they cannot understand.
- 19 No one reflects in his heart, with no knowledge or discernment to say, "I burned half of it in the fire and I also baked bread on its coals. I roasted meat and ate—and then I make the rest of it an abomination? Should I bow before a block of wood?"
- 20 He is feeding on ashes. A deceived heart has led him astray, so he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, "Isn't what is in my right hand a fraud?"
- 21 Remember these things, Jacob, and Israel, for you are My servant. I formed you, you are My servant. Israel, you will not be forgotten by Me!
- 22 I have blotted out your transgressions like a thick cloud and your sins like a mist. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you."
- 23 Sing, O heavens, for *Adonai* has done it! Shout, depths of the earth! Break forth into singing, mountains, forest, and every tree in it! For *Adonai* has redeemed Jacob and will be glorified through Israel.

BRIT CHADASHA

Romans 8:1-13

Life in the Spirit

- 1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Messiah Yeshua.
- 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Messiah *Yeshua* has set you free from the law of sin and death.
- 3 For what was impossible for the *Torah*—since it was weakened on account of the flesh—God has done. Sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as a sin offering, He condemned sin in the flesh—
- 4 so that the requirement of the *Torah* might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the *Ruach*.
- 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the *Ruach* set their minds on the things of the *Ruach*.
- 6 For the mindset of the flesh is death, but the mindset of the *Ruach* is life and *shalom*.
- 7 For the mindset of the flesh is hostile toward God, for it does not submit itself to the law of God—for it cannot.
- 8 So those who are in the flesh cannot please God.
- 9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the *Ruach*—if indeed the *Ruach Elohim* dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the *Ruach* of Messiah, he does not belong to Him.
- 10 But if Messiah is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the Spirit is alive because of righteousness.
- 11 And if the *Ruach* of the One who raised *Yeshua* from the dead dwells in you, the One who raised Messiah *Yeshua* from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His *Ruach* who dwells in you.
- 12 So then, brothers and sisters, we do not owe anything to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.
- 13 For if you live according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the *Ruach* you put to death the deeds of the body, you shall live.

Hebrews 10:1-14

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.

Hebrews 13:10-16

10 We have an altar from which those serving in the tabernacle have no right to eat.

- 11 For the bodies of those animals—whose blood is brought into the Holies by the *kohen gadol* as an offering for sin—are burned outside the camp.
- 12 Therefore, to make the people holy through His own blood, *Yeshua* also suffered outside the gate.
- 13 So let us go to Him outside the camp, bearing His disgrace.
- 14 For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the one that is to come.
- 15 Through *Yeshua* then, let us continually offer up to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips giving thanks to His name.
- 16 Do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.