

# HEROES OF THE FAITH

## MOSES: Life & Worship

### Chapter 4

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#### ➤ Sin offerings (vv. 1-35)

❖ God spoke. (v. 1)

❖ An individual sinned. (vv. 2-12)

❑ Unintentional sin from anyone regarding the LORD's commandments. (v. 2)

• If the anointed priest sinned, it brought guilt upon the people. (vv. 3-12)

- Offer a bull, without blemish, from the herd.
- Bring the bull to the tent of meeting entrance before the LORD. (v. 4)
- Lay his hands on the bull's head, transferring guilt from the priest to the bull.
- Kill the bull before the LORD.
- The priest would take some of the blood into the tent of meeting. (v. 5)
- Priest would dip his finger into the blood and sprinkle it seven times before the LORD in front of the sanctuary veil. (v. 6) {see illustration}
- Priest placed some of the blood on the altar horns of fragrant incense before the LORD in the tent of meeting. (v. 7) {see illustration}
- The rest of the bull's blood he poured out at the base of the altar of burnt offering at the entrance of the tent of meeting.
- The priest shall remove the bull's fat from the offering. (vv. 8-10)
  - Fat covering the entrails + all the fat on the entrails. (v. 8)
  - Two kidneys, with the fat on them at the loins. (v. 9)
  - The liver's long lobe, along with the kidneys.
  - The priest shall burn these things on the altar of burnt offering. (v. 10)
- All the rest of the bull he shall carry outside the camp. (vv. 11-12)
- Burn it on a clean place, on the ash heap, on firewood. (v. 12)

❖ The whole congregation sinned. (vv. 13-21)

❑ Unintentional, hidden, & later realized sin - where they understood their guilt before God. (v. 13)

• When the sin is known, the assembly acted. (vv. 14-21)

- They took an unblemished bull from the herd.
- They brought it in front of the tent of meeting.
- Elders laid hands on the bull's head, transferring guilt to the bull. (v. 15)
- The bull was killed before the LORD.
- The priest brought some of the bull's blood into the tent of meeting. (v. 16)



- Priest dipped his finger in blood & sprinkled it 7 times before the LORD in front of the veil. (v. 17) {see illustration}
- Priest placed some of the blood on the altar's horns in the tent of meeting. (v. 18)
- Priest rest of the blood he poured out at the altar of burnt offering at the entrance to the tent of meeting. {see illustration}
- All the bull's fat was burnt on the altar. (v. 19)
- The priest shall make atonement for Israel, & God would forgive them. (v. 20)
- The bull's remains were carried outside the camp and burnt. (v. 21)

❖ A leader sinned. (vv. 22-26)

□ When he unintentionally sinned, & later realized his guilt. (v. 22)

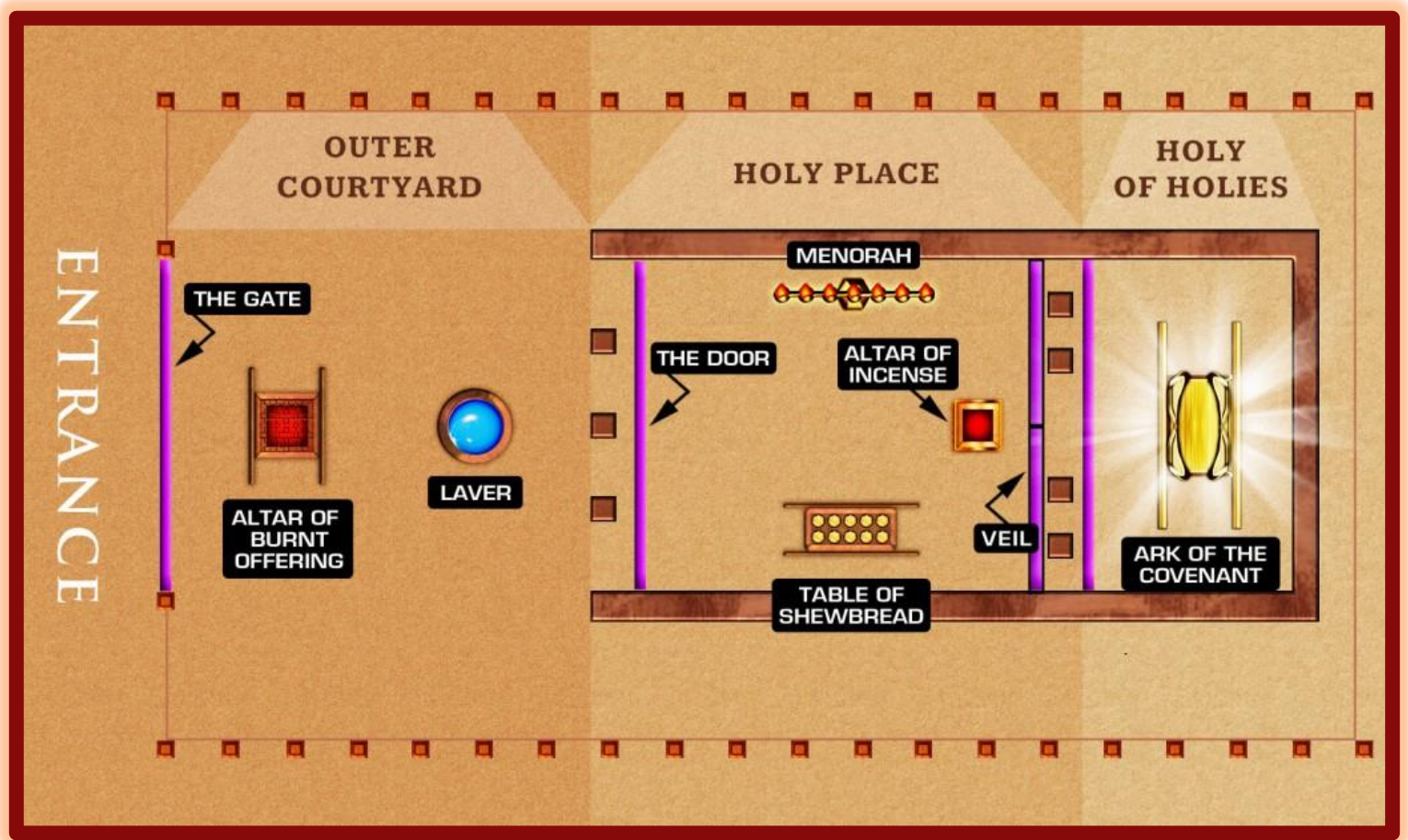
- Or, the sin is made known to him, he brought a male goat as a sin offering. (v. 23)
  - He laid his hand upon the goat's head, transferring guilt to the animal. (v. 24)
  - The priest killed the goat outside the tent of meeting's entrance.
  - The goat was offered as a sin offering.
  - The priest dipped his finger in the animal's blood and place it on the altar's horns. (v. 25) {see illustration}
  - The rest of the blood poured out at the altar of burnt offering's base.
  - The priest then burned all the goat's fat on the altar – like the fat of the peace offering outside the tent of meeting. (v. 26; 2:4-5)
  - The priest shall make atonement for the sinner. God would forgive him.

❖ One of the people sinned. (vv. 27-35)

□ When he unintentionally sinned, & later realized his guilt. (v. 27)

- Or, the sin is made known to him, he brought a female goat without blemish. (v. 28)
  - He laid his hand on the head of the sin offering. (v. 29)
  - Killed the sin offering in the place of the burnt offering.
  - Priest would take some of its blood with his finger & put it on the horns of the burnt offering altar. He poured the rest of its blood at the base of the altar. (v. 30)
  - The priest removed all the animal's fat, just like the peace offering. (v. 31)
  - The priest burned it on the altar for a pleasing aroma to the LORD.
  - The priest made atonement for the sinner so he would be forgiven.
  - If the sinner brought a female lamb for his sin offering, it had to be without blemish. (v. 32)
  - He laid his hand on the lamb's head, killed it, offered it as a burnt offering. (v. 33)
  - Priest took some of its blood with his finger & put it on the burnt offering altar's horns. (v. 34) {see illustration}
  - The rest of the blood was poured out at the base of the altar. {see illustration}
  - All the lamb's fat was removed. The priest burned it on the altar. (v. 35)
  - The fat was on top of the LORD's food offerings.
  - Priest made atonement for the sin committed, so God would forgive the sin.





## Group Questions

- 1) Read Genesis 3:1-6. Then, read Exodus 20:1-17/Deuteronomy 5:1-21. Discuss how the two are linked. God was providing Israel with a framework for how to live in proper worship before Him. Discuss the offerings in chapters 1-4. What do they teach you about relational worship to a holy God? Remember, *"Life is worship and worship is life."*
  
- 2) Read Romans 3:23. Regardless of a person's station in life, or one's social strata, sin is sin. We are all guilty as sinners. Sin has consequences. Discuss those biblical consequences. When one has sinned against God, proper worship to God is broken. *"Worship is the primary purpose of human existence and the chief end of man."* Elaborate on what this means, & why it is crucial to both Israel (past) and you (present).
  
- 3) God was intentionally discipling Moses, Aaron, the tribal leaders, and Israel. He was teaching them about sin, repentance, brokenness, sacrificial love, & atonement...among other things. God created them, loved them, wanted to have intimate relationship with them. To do so, He had to teach His people how to have proper worship for Him. And, how to stay in a right relationship with Him. How does this compare to what He did with Jesus Christ for the NT church? Use the Bible to help you.
  
- 4) Discuss any other detail you gleaned from this chapter that impacts your life.

