



# GATEWAY EQUIP

## The Grain and Drink Offering One Jewish View of Communion June 23, 2018

Notes

Numbers 15:1-21 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup> “Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘When you have come into the land you are to inhabit, which I am giving to you, <sup>3</sup> and you make an offering by fire to the LORD, **a burnt offering or a sacrifice, to fulfill a vow or as a freewill offering** or in your appointed feasts, to make a sweet aroma to the LORD, from the herd or the flock, <sup>4</sup> then he who presents his offering to the LORD shall bring a **grain** offering of one-tenth of an *ephah* of fine flour mixed with one-fourth of a hin of **oil**; <sup>5</sup> and one-fourth of a hin of wine as a **drink offering** you shall prepare with the burnt offering or the sacrifice, for each lamb. <sup>6</sup> Or for a **ram** you shall prepare as a **grain** offering two-tenths of an *ephah* of fine flour mixed with one-third of a hin of **oil**; <sup>7</sup> and as a **drink offering** you shall offer one-third of a hin of wine as a sweet aroma to the LORD. <sup>8</sup> And when you prepare a young **bull** as a **burnt offering, or as a sacrifice to fulfill a vow**, or as a **peace offering** to the LORD, <sup>9</sup> then shall be offered with the young **bull** a **grain** offering of three-tenths of an *ephah* of fine flour mixed with half a hin of **oil**; <sup>10</sup> and you shall bring as the drink offering half a hin of wine as an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the LORD.

<sup>11</sup> ‘Thus it shall be done for each **young bull**, for each **ram**, or for each lamb or young goat. <sup>12</sup> According to the number that you prepare, so you shall do with everyone according to their number.

<sup>13</sup> All who are native-born shall do these things in this manner, in presenting an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the LORD.

<sup>14</sup> And if a stranger dwells with you, or whoever *is* among you throughout your generations, and would present an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the LORD, just as you do, so shall he do.

<sup>15</sup> One ordinance *shall be* for you of the assembly and **for the stranger** who dwells *with you*, an ordinance forever throughout your

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generations; as you are, so shall the stranger be before the LORD.

<sup>16</sup> One law and one custom shall be for you and for the stranger who dwells with you.’ ”

<sup>17</sup> Again the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>18</sup> “Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘When you come into the land to which I bring you, <sup>19</sup> then it will be, when you eat of the bread of the land, that you shall offer up a **heave offering** to the LORD. <sup>20</sup> You shall offer up a cake of the first of your **ground meal** as a **heave offering**; as a **heave offering** of the threshing floor, so shall you offer it up. <sup>21</sup> Of the first of your **ground meal** you shall give to the LORD a **heave offering throughout your generations**.

I. **Who does the grain offering apply to?**

1. **Applies to Jews** (Num. 15:2 & 13 & 18).
2. **Applies to Gentiles** (Num. 15:14-15).
3. **Applies to everyone** (Num. 15:16).

Numbers 15:16 (NKJV) – One law and one custom shall be for you and for the stranger who dwells with you.’ ”

II. **When does the grain offering apply?**

1. **A future offering** (Num. 15:2, 19).

Joshua 5:11-12 (NKJV) – <sup>11</sup> They ate of the produce of the land on the day after the Passover, unleavened bread and parched grain, on the very same day. <sup>12</sup> Then the manna ceased on the day after they had eaten the produce of the land; and the children of Israel no longer had manna, but they ate the food of the land of Canaan that year.

The emphasis on the Land is especially interesting since Numbers 15 follows Numbers 13 & 14 (Tisha B’Av) where 40 years of discipline are pronounced.

**a) God gives hope when He judges** (Heb. 12:7-8).

Is God going to “judge America?” vs. “discipline America?”

Hebrews 12:7-8 (NIV) – <sup>7</sup> Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? <sup>8</sup> If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons.

**b) David could not build Temple** (1 Chron. 28:3-8).

**c) Habakkuk 3:2 (NKJV)**

O LORD, I have heard Your speech *and* was afraid;  
O LORD, revive Your work in the midst of the years!  
In the midst of the years make *it* known;  
**In wrath remember mercy.**

**d) The Second Commandment**

Exodus 20:5-6 (NKJV) –<sup>5</sup> For I, the LORD your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the **third and fourth generations of those who hate Me**,<sup>6</sup> but showing **mercy to thousands**, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

**2. A perpetual offering (Num. 15:21) –**

Numbers 15:21 (NKJV) – **throughout your generations.**

The practice continued in the Diaspora ...

Babylonian Talmud.

- II.8** A. Said Rabina, "Therefore a menstruating woman may cut off **dough offering** and a priest who is a minor may eat it."  
B. *If there is no priest who is a minor, she may take it on the point of the shovel and **toss it into the oven**; then she separates other **dough-offering, so that the law** requiring the separation of **dough offering may not be forgotten**; and a mature priest eats it."*

b. Bek. 4:1, II.8.A

**III. The grain offering accompanied every animal sacrifice.**

- Herds (Num. 15:3, Lev. 1:2-3) – *baqar* (larger animals such as bulls)
- Flocks (Num. 15:3, Lev. 1:2) – *tso'n* (smaller animals such as sheep or goats)
- Lambs (Num. 15:5, 11) – *kebes* (lamb, sometimes used of young ram)
- Rams (Num. 15:6 & 11) – *'ayil* (ram)
- Bulls (Num. 15:8 & 9) – *ben baqar* (son of a bull; i.e., a young bull)
- Oxen (Num. 15:11) – *showr* (cow or an ox)
- Goat (Num. 15:11) – *'ez* (goat)

	Grain offerings	Drink offerings
Daily offerings	Num. 28:5, 8	Num. 28:7, 8
Sabbath offerings	Num. 28:9	Num. 28:9, 10
Monthly offerings	Num. 28:12, 13	Num. 28:14, 15
Passover offerings	Num. 28:17, 20	Num. 28:24
Shavuot offerings	Num. 28:26, 28, 31	Num. 29:31
Rosh Hashanah offerings	Num. 29:3, 6	Num. 29:6
Yom Kippur offerings	Num. 29:9, 11	Num. 29:11

Sukkoth offerings      Num. 29:14, 16, 18,      Num. 29:16, 18, 19, 21,  
    19, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27,      22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 30,  
    28, 30, 31, 33, 34, 37,      31, 33,34, 37, 38, 39  
    38, 39

**IV. Grain offerings were accompanied by drink offerings.**

**Drink offerings on table with showbread (Exo 25:23-24, 29-30).**

**V. The grain offerings in Numbers 15 are peace offerings (Num. 15:3).**

**1. 5 basic offerings:** burnt (Lev. 1); grain (Lev. 2); peace (Lev. 3); sin (Lev. 4); trespass (Lev. 5).

**2. There are 3 kinds of peace offerings (Lev. 7:15-16).**

Leviticus 7:15-16 (NKJV) – <sup>15</sup>‘The flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offering for **thanksgiving** shall be eaten the same day it is offered. He shall not leave any of it until morning. <sup>16</sup> But if the sacrifice of his offering is a **vow** or a **voluntary offering**, it shall be eaten the same day that he offers his sacrifice; but on the next day the remainder of it also may be eaten.

- ✓ Jacob Milgrom – “The third kind of well-being offering, the *todah*, “thanksgiving offering,” is missing, implying that it is not accompanied by meal and wine.” – Milgrom, J. (1990). Numbers. (Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society, 1990), p. 118.
- ✓ However, Leviticus 7:11-14 says that the **thanksgiving offering** was accompanied by both **leavened** and **unleavened** bread.

Lev. 7:11-14 (NKJV) – <sup>11</sup>‘This is the law of the sacrifice of **peace offerings** which he shall offer to the LORD: <sup>12</sup> **If he offers it for a thanksgiving**, then he shall offer, with the sacrifice of thanksgiving, **unleavened cakes** mixed with oil, unleavened wafers anointed with oil, or cakes of blended flour mixed with oil. <sup>13</sup> Besides the cakes, as his offering he shall offer **leavened bread** with the sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace offering. <sup>14</sup> And from it he shall offer one cake from each offering as a **heave offering** to the LORD. It shall belong to the priest who sprinkles the blood of the peace offering.

- In Lev. 7, the word for cake is “challah.”
- Numbers 7:20 also uses the word challah for cake.

### Challah is the bread of the Nazirite Vow (a peace offering).

Numbers 6:19-20 (NKJV) – <sup>19</sup> ‘And the priest shall take the boiled shoulder of the ram, one unleavened [matzah, מַצָּה] cake [challah] from the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and put *them* upon the hands of the Nazirite after he has shaved his consecrated *hair*, <sup>20</sup> and the priest shall wave them as a wave offering before the LORD; they *are* holy for the priest, together with the breast of the wave offering and the thigh of the **heave offering**. After that the Nazirite may drink wine.’

**The bread of the Nazirite Vow is unleavened challah.**

### 3. The bread of Numbers 15 is part of a heave offering (Num. 15:20-21).

Numbers 15:20-21 (NKJV) – <sup>20</sup> You shall offer up a cake of the first of your ground meal as a **heave offering**; as a **heave offering** of the threshing floor, so shall you offer it up. <sup>21</sup> Of the first of your ground meal you shall give to the LORD a **heave offering** throughout your generations.

This is significant because the bread of the grain offering in Lev. 7:14 is also a **heave offering**.

### What is a heave offering?

- **Heave offerings** are always “to the Lord.” With **heave offerings**, we are giving something **to** God – either a vow or a free-will gift. This is beyond a thanksgiving offering which appreciates something that has been received.
- **Wave offerings** are always described as “before the Lord.”

### The animal of the peace offering is also offered as a heave offering.

Lev. 7:30-32 (NKJV) – <sup>30</sup> His own hands shall bring the offerings made by fire to the LORD. The fat with the **breast** he shall bring, that the breast may be waved as a wave offering before the LORD.

<sup>31</sup> And the priest shall burn the fat on the altar, but the breast shall be Aaron’s and his sons’. <sup>32</sup> Also the **right thigh** you shall give to the priest as a **heave offering** from the sacrifices of your peace offerings.

**VI. The bread of Numbers 15 is prepared in a home.**

- **“Ground meal”** – *‘arisah* is pulverized, ground meal (Num. 15:20-21).
- It is offered as a “heave offering.”

**VII. Transitioning to communion.**

**At a Jewish wedding, a Rabbi will use these words:**

Rabbi: "O God, supremely blessed, supreme in might and glory, guide and bless this groom and bride. Standing here in the presence of God, the Guardian of the home, ready to enter into the bond of wedlock, answer in the fear of God, and in the hearing of those assembled: Do you, [partner to whom the rabbi is speaking], **of your own free will** and consent, take [other partner] to be your [wife/husband], and do you promise to love, honor, and cherish [her/him] throughout life?"

Groom. Bride: "I do"

**Mark your calendar for Havdalah.**

- Jun 30 – Greg Rosenberg; Bronze Serpent, Num. 21; Ps Greg in Mexico City.
- Jul 7 – Ps Greg; Unintentional vs Presumptuous Sin, Num. 15.
- Jul 14 – Ps Greg; The Saddest Day, Tisha B'Av, Num. 13 & 14.
- **Jul 21 – Come hear a report from the Holocaust Survivors Team.**
- July 28 – Aug 18 – No Havdalah.
- Aug 25 – Prayer Meeting.
- **Sep 1 – 8 – No Havdalah.**
- Sep 15 – Havdalah starts up again; Turning to God on the Sabbath; It's Shabbat Shuvah, Num. 15:32-36.
- Sep 23 – Rangers Game, Sunday, Sep 23 @ 2:05 pm – Just a fun time together.

**Shofar Training** – August 25 @ 2 pm OR September 22 @ Noon. In Ministry Building (540 S Nolen). You **MUST** bring a shofar. No sharing of shofars. Space is limited, so you must sign up.

**Next Messianic Service:** July 6. Pastor Greg teaching on “**A Jewish Look at the Ten Commandments.**”