

The Offerings: Their Purpose and Significance

Offering Name	Reference	Elements	Function/Significance	Fulfillment or NT application
Burnt <i>A sweet savor offering</i>	Lev 1 6:8-13	Bull, ram, male goat, male dove, or young pigeon without blemish. (Always male animals, but species varied according to individual's economic status)	<i>Voluntary but required</i> Signifies an appeasement for sin and complete surrender and devotion to God. <i>This offering represents substitution</i> <i>This is the basic sacrifice, all others are done "upon" this one.</i>	Jesus is our Ransom: Mark 10:45 Jesus' blood <i>propitiates</i> : Romans 3:25 Jesus' blood ransoms: 1 Peter 1:18-19
Grain <i>A sweet savor offering</i> Also called Meal, Tribute	Lev 2 6:14-23	Flour, bread, or grain made with olive oil and salt (always unleavened) or incense	<i>Voluntary</i> Signifies thanksgiving for firstfruits <i>This offering acknowledges Yahweh's ownership of all wealth</i>	Jesus is Bread of Life: John 6 Jesus is firstfruit offering: 1 Corinthians 15:20, 23 Romans 12:1-2 <i>our whole bodies are presented to God as a living sacrifice.</i>
Fellowship <i>A sweet savor offering</i> Also called Peace Includes the 1. Thanks 2. Vow and 3. Freewill)	Lev 3 7:11-36 22:17-30, 27	Any animal without blemish. (Species varied according to individual's economic status). <i>The thank offering could also be a grain offering. This offering must be as expensive as can be afforded.</i>	<i>Voluntary</i> Symbolizes fellowship with God 1) Signifies thanks for a specific blessing, 2) offers a ritual expression of a vow taken, 3) symbolizes general thankfulness <i>This offering celebrates reconciliation.</i>	Jesus Body>Bread: Matthew 26:26 Jesus is fragrant offering that calls us to reconciliation with one another: Ephesians 5:2 Jesus is our reconciliation: 2 Corinthians 5:18-20 Hebrews 13:15-16 <i>we give the "sacrifice of praise"</i>
Sin (Purification) <i>Non-sweet savor</i>	Lev 4:1-5, 13 6:24-30 12:6-8	Male or female animal without blemish: Bull for high priest or whole congregation Male goat for King Female goat or lamb for common person Dove or pigeon for slightly poor Tenth of ephah of flour for very poor	<i>Mandatory under certain circumstance</i> Made by one who had sinned unintentionally or was unclean in order to attain purification	Jesus is our Sin Offering: 2 Corinthians 5:21 Jesus' blood cleanses us from all sin 1 John 1:7, 9 Our hearts are purified by faith: Acts 15:9 <i>We are now the dwelling place of God, cleansed by Jesus' blood:</i> 1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:18 <i>We are cleansed from a guilty conscience:</i> Hebrews 9:14; 10:22
Guilt (Reparation) <i>Non-sweet savor</i>	Lev 5:14-6:7 7:1-6 14:12-18	Ram or Lamb without blemish	<i>Mandatory under certain circumstances</i> Made by a person who had either deprived another of his rights or had desecrated something holy. Made by lepers for purification.	Jesus was wounded for our transgressions, our iniquities were laid on Him: Isaiah 53:5-6 Jesus is a reparation offering: Isaiah 53:10