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Numbers Chapters 19

During our last study into the book of Numbers as we dove into Numbers chapter 18, we made mention of not only the duties of the priests and the Levites, but we also made mention of how it was that the house of Israel actually took care of the priests and Levites who were doing the work of Yehovah through their offerings and sacrifices to Yehovah.

It was directly through the offerings and the sacrifices of the house of Israel that the priests and the Levites were taken care of. Everything that was given as a sacrifice or an offering to Yehovah was given to the priests and the Levites in order to sustain themselves and we spoke in some detail about how the apostle Paul explains to us that those who preach the gospel today are indeed to make their living by the gospel according to Scripture. And we also took a close look at how the assemblies also took care of and supported the Apostle Paul himself so that he also could continue to get to where he needed to go and to continue to preach and teach the Gospel message. Even though the Apostle Paul did work as a tent maker in Corinth, this was only for a short time because the assembly at Corinth was more destitute than the other assemblies, and so it was that Paul did work for a short time while in Corinth in order to help out the assembly there who needed help from not only Paul but also from the other assemblies.

Keeping all of this in mind as we move into Numbers chapter 19 and 20 this evening, we're going to see some interesting things concerning sacrificial offerings and the sin offering in particular. And so, as we pick up where we left off from our study last week let's go ahead and read through Numbers chapter 19 so that we can know exactly what it says just as importantly... what it does not say. **Numbers chapter 19 E1**

Laws for Purification

- Num 19:1 Now the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,
- Num 19:2 "This is the statute of the law that the LORD has commanded: Tell the people of Israel to bring you a red heifer without defect, in which there is no blemish, and on which a yoke has never come.
- Num 19:3 And you shall give it to Eleazar the priest, and it shall be taken outside the camp and slaughtered before him.
- Num 19:4 And Eleazar the priest shall take some of its blood with his finger, and sprinkle some of its blood toward the front of the tent of meeting seven times.
- Num 19:5 And the heifer shall be burned in his sight. Its skin, its flesh, and its blood, with its dung, shall be burned.
- Num 19:6 And the priest shall take cedarwood and hyssop and scarlet yarn, and throw them into the fire burning the heifer.
- Num 19:7 Then the priest shall wash his clothes and bathe his body in water, and afterward he may come into the camp. But the priest shall be unclean until evening.
- Num 19:8 The one who burns the heifer shall wash his clothes in water and bathe his body in water and shall be unclean until evening.
- Num 19:9 And a man who is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer and deposit them outside the camp in a clean place. And they shall be kept for the water for impurity for the congregation of the people of Israel; it is a sin offering.
- Num 19:10 And the one who gathers the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes and be unclean until evening. And this shall be a perpetual statute for the people of Israel, and for the stranger who sojourns among them.
- Num 19:11 "Whoever touches the dead body of any person shall be unclean seven days.
- Num 19:12 He shall cleanse himself with the water on the third day and on the seventh day, and so be clean. But if he does not cleanse himself on the third day and on the seventh day, he will not become clean.
- Num 19:13 Whoever touches a dead person, the body of anyone who has died, and does not cleanse himself, defiles the tabernacle of the LORD, and that person shall be cut off from Israel; because the water for impurity was not thrown on him, he shall be unclean. His uncleanness is still on him.
- Num 19:14 "This is the law when someone dies in a tent: everyone who comes into the tent and everyone who is in the tent shall be unclean seven days.
- Num 19:15 And every open vessel that has no cover fastened on it is unclean.
- Num 19:16 Whoever in the open field touches someone who was killed with a sword or who died naturally, or touches a human bone or a grave, shall be unclean seven days.
- Num 19:17 For the unclean they shall take some ashes of the burnt sin offering, and fresh water shall be added in a vessel.
- Num 19:18 Then a clean person shall take hyssop and dip it in the water and sprinkle it on the tent and on all the furnishings and on the persons who were there and on whoever touched the bone, or the slain or the dead or the grave.
- Num 19:19 And the clean person shall sprinkle it on the unclean on the third day and on the seventh day. Thus on the seventh day he shall cleanse him, and he shall wash his

clothes and bathe himself in water, and at evening he shall be clean.

Num 19:20 "If the man who is unclean does not cleanse himself, that person shall be cut off from the midst of the assembly, since he has defiled the sanctuary of the LORD. Because the water for impurity has not been thrown on him, he is unclean.

Num 19:21 And it shall be a statute forever for them. The one who sprinkles the water for impurity shall wash his clothes, and the one who touches the water for impurity shall be unclean until evening.

Num 19:22 And whatever the unclean person touches shall be unclean, and anyone who touches it shall be unclean until evening."

One of the first things that we see here in Numbers chapter 19 is that Yehovah tells Moses and Aaron to tell the people of Israel to bring a red heifer without defect and without blemish. (scrn 1)

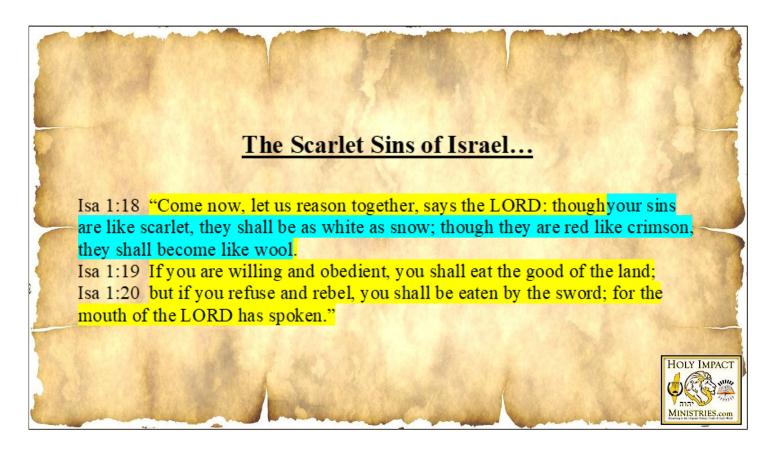


A red heifer which has never worn a yoke. Now for those of you who do not know what a "yoke" is, a yoke is something that was worn around the neck of the animal in order to guide the animal when its was plowing. And so, in other words what Yehovah is commanding the house of Israel to bring him is a wild red heifer that has never been used for plowing under anyone's yoke. The "yoke" represents someone's authority. If you are under someone's "yoke" you are under their authority. The slaughtering of this particular wild red heifer is much different than most sacrificial commandments that we've seen so far. Number one this animal was

a cow and not a bull. And it is to be slaughtered not sacrificed, and it is to be killed outside the camp not at the holy altar. And it is primarily the ashes of the red heifer that are the focus of this particular act that are most important. It will be the ashes of this red heifer that will be used in the ritual of water cleansing. And something else unprecedented and not seen before is the burning of the carcass of this animal in verse five where it tells us that the heifer shall be burned in his sight. Its skin, its flesh, and its blood, along with its dung shall be burned. In other words, none of the meat will be given to the priests of Israel. And when the priest was to take some of the animal's blood upon his finger, he was not commanded to put any of it on the horns of the altar as usual. All the priest was ordered to do was to sprinkle some of the animal's blood towards the front of the tent of meeting seven times. And so, none of this was done inside the camp or at the tabernacle itself. The only part of this animal that was going to be use were the ashes from its carcass and yet... we are told in verse nine that this is a sin offering.

And so, we have a very different... very distinct sin offering going on here concerning this wild unblemished red heifer, this female cow that is slaughtered not sacrificed... outside of the camp and not within the gates of the tabernacle.

And along with the burning of the body of this animal cedarwood, hyssop, and scarlet wool were also to become some of the properties within the burnt ashes of this perfect unblemished red heifer. And so, we might ponder what the spiritual implications of this scarlet yarn or this scarlet wool might tell us about the slaughtering of this red heifer that was done outside of the camp and yet... is said to be a sin offering. Let's turn very quickly to **Isaiah chapter 1 verse 18 (scrn 2)**



What's interesting here in Isaiah chapter 1 is that the sins of Israel were seen as scarlet which is basically the color red. But Yehovah says that the scarlet red sins of the house of Israel would become as white as snow or wool. Anyone knows that when you burn things in a fire, the ashes essentially become white. Anything that passes through a fire no matter what color it is in the end becomes a heap of white ashes that are much like wool. And so, essentially this act of burning this scarlet wool or yarn along with this red heifer was Yehovah's way of telling the house of Israel that they would be refined through fire... the fire of God in particular. And it's important to make note of what we see here in Isaiah chapter 1 verses 18 through 20 where Yehovah tells the house of Israel that if they are willing to be obedient, they shall eat the good of the land... but... if they refuse to be obedient, and if they rebel against him, they shall be eaten by the sword for the mouth of Yehovah has spoken.

The implications of what we're seeing here are extremely important for us today is modern day professing Christians to grasp. Once again, we should be wise enough to be able to see the difference between our bright red scarlet sins that have not been forgiven... and the bright white ashes of those sins being burned up and done away with that are now forgiven because of the red blood of our Passover Lamb. The very act of burning this scarlet yarn or wool along with the red heifer has everything to

do with our Father's unfolding plan of salvation that will once again turn our scarlet unforgiven sins into nothing more than ashes of white that will essentially be removed from us as far as the east is to the West.

And it's interesting to see that it is the ashes of this perfect unblemished red heifer that are being mixed with water and used as a purification system. Once again, I would submit to you that what we are seeing here in the physical has a very spiritual meaning that is not discerned by those who are worldly... but can only be discerned by those who are spiritual. And this is exactly why when we take in these God breathed Scripture... when we begin to study the spoken word of our Father in heaven who is the creator of all things seen and unseen, we need to have his spirit dwelling firmly within us in order to see these things. It is extremely important for us to be in prayer consistently and to be constantly asking him for his discernment because if we do not have his discernment, we will not have the eyes to see and ears to hear what it is that he wants us to see and what it is that he wants us to hear within the confines of his God breathed Scripture.

As we have said so many times before throughout our teaching of the Torah way back from the beginning of the book of Genesis... we will not be able to understand the Scriptures properly without the very spirit... the Ruach... of our Father in heaven. And this is exactly why people like Oprah Winfrey and Bill Marr have no eyes to see and no ears to hear what it is that they are reading. Those who have no true faith which is directly connected to obedience just as Jeremiah tells us right here in Jeremiah chapter 1 verse 19... will not be given the eyes to see nor the ears to hear. The "if equals then" concept is once again hard at work explaining to us how important that "obedience" is to our Father in heaven. If we are obedient... then he will bless us. And it's not about earning our way into his kingdom through works as some ignorantly proclaim. It's about loving him enough to be obedient to what he says. This is what makes his commandment no longer a burden to us! Obedience equals "love" and "love" is what our Father in heaven is looking for. He's looking for a broken spirit and a contrite heart. If we are obedient to him... the scarlet stains of sin will be removed from us as far as the east is to the west and he will once again welcome us back to the tree of life that we were so long ago banished from in the Garden of Eden.

This week as I sent out our thank you letters to all of our brothers and sisters who love us enough to support us and keep the ministry alive... I received a letter from a very humble brother of ours who wrote back and said that Yehvoah had blessed him

for 40 years... and this brother had never praised him or thanked him which I might ad... reminded me of myself... but now... things are different... and we can't thank him or praise him enough. This my friends... is the broken spirit and the contrite heart that our Father in heaven is searching for. He's searching for those who are wise enough to know that they can't do it on their own without his blessings. None of us can. It is with him and by him and through him that we even exist! Everything that we touch, taste, smell, hear, see, or feel comes directly from him. He is... the very breath of life that is within our very lungs. And only those who come to that realization and have willfully and intentionally surrender all to him... will finally realize... that we simply cannot do it on our own. We need our Father in heaven... we need that spirit... and his heart yearns for us to wake up and to know this and to acknowledge these things because it is through this great awakening that we will finally be able to see just how much our Father in heaven truly does love each and every one of us and why. He sent his only begotten Son... so that not one of us would perish. And yet... there are those who would slap his hand away in order to make themselves friends of the world which is why it is written... that those who make themselves friends of the world make themselves enemies... of God.

What's important to see here again in Jeremiah chapter 1 is the "if equals then" concept that runs all throughout the Bible from the book of Genesis to the book of Revelation. If... you will do this... then... I will do that. You see the love that our Father in heaven extends to us is expected to be returned to him through obedience. The very biblical definition of the love of God found in the New Testament in 1st John chapter 5 verse 3 tells us that the love of God is that we keep his commandments and that his commandments are not burdensome to us. And therefore, as we have said over and over and over again... obedience is part of the equation regardless of what today's godless wolves in sheep's clothing are teaching and preaching behind the modern-day pulpits of their denominational empires.

Obedience has always been required and always will be required because obedience in of itself is quintessential definition of the love of God. Obedience is the biblical definition of the love of God according to our God breathed Scripture because it is through obedience that God knows that we agree with him. And we see this all throughout the Bible. The "if equals then" concept that he is right now in the book of Numbers in the process of teaching the house of Israel is an age-old concept that we as modern-day Christians must understand and acknowledge today in our time as well. This isn't about man made philosophy my friends as some would have us

believe... this is about the love of Yehvoah God and nothing more. Without obedience there is no love of God because you cannot agree with God... until you agree to do as he requests. When the house of Israel as God's children are disobedient, then they are proving to God that they are not of God and this is exactly why the disobedient are removed from the house of Israel and cut off as his children.

And this is by no means a difficult concept to grasp. The problem is that we as human beings have made up and designed and invented our own version of what we think love is through our own man-made philosophy and our own home-grown version of wisdom. We have once again added to the word of God and taken away from the word of God in order to design a version of love that we like better. A version of love that has nothing to do with obedience. A version of love that only knows kindness and love and nothing of justice or what is righteous in the eyes of Yehvoah. A version of love that has become a do as thou wilt is the whole of the law religion and has been propagated by no one other than man himself through the auspices of the devil who is indeed the father of the disobedient, the prince of the air and the little "g" god of this world.

The house of Israel all throughout the book of Numbers has rebelled against Yehovah their Father in heaven. How many times have we seen the house of Israel or portions of the house of Israel rebelling against God in just the last three or four chapters of the book of Numbers? Before the journey even began, they were already kicking and screaming and belly aching and whining like spoiled children rejecting authority and puffed up in their own minds. And how many times has God removed from the ranks of the house of Israel the disobedient?

We should not in any way think or be led into believing that the disobedient in our time will not also be removed from the ranks of the house of Israel and his chosen set apart remnant people. To do so would be a grave error in judgment. An error so great that it could cost us our very salvation.

And I already know what many will ultimately fire back with. There is no doubt in my mind that the lost will beat on their chests and rent their clothes and kick their pulpits in proclamation that their Jesus did it all for them at the cross. But the truth of Scripture does not tell us that our Messiah did it all for us at the cross so that we would not have to be bothered with his Father's commandments. The gospel message that our Messiah came to deliver clearly tells us that the work our Messiah

did at the cross was all about creating and opening a doorway for us to pass through in order to come back to our Father in heaven. Our Messiah has done his part. The question is... are we willing to surrender our lives to him the same why that he surrendered his life to us? And I tell you the truth my friends, our Messiah is not going to drag us through that doorway kicking and screaming. Our Messiah is not going to pick us up in a van or a bus and drive us through that doorway. Our Messiah is standing at the doorway waiting for us to get up off of our blessed assurances and to make the willful and intentional decision to get up and to come to him and to follow him through that doorway of our own accord which requires us to get up off of our blessed assurances and to follow him in and I quote... "Obedience" to his Father... which is a concept that today's modern-day church has

"Obedience" to his Father... which is a concept that today's modern-day church has by and large thrown to the ground and decimated which is exactly what the Devil himself... was hoping for.

In order for us to better understand the sin offering... I'd like us to go back to Leviticus chapter 4 where we actually find the mechanics of the sin offering. And while we are reading this, I want us to remember that the slaughtering of this female cow outside of the camp of the house of Israel along with cedarwood, hyssop, and scarlet colored yarn or wool is indeed called a sin offering. Keeping this in mind, let's turn now to Leviticus chapter 4 because I want us to see some things that are extremely important for us to acknowledge. **E2 (SHOW ONLY)**

Laws for Sin Offerings

Lev 4:1 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

Lev 4:2 "Speak to the people of Israel, saying, If anyone sins unintentionally in any of the LORD's commandments about things not to be done, and does any one of them,

Lev 4:3 if it is the anointed priest who sins, thus bringing guilt on the people, then he shall offer for the sin that he has committed a bull from the herd without blemish to the LORD for a sin offering.

Lev 4:4 He shall bring the bull to the entrance of the tent of meeting before the LORD and lay his hand on the head of the bull and kill the bull before the LORD.

Lev 4:5 And the anointed priest shall take some of the blood of the bull and bring it into the tent of meeting,

Lev 4:6 and the priest shall dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle part of the blood seven times before the LORD in front of the veil of the sanctuary.

Lev 4:7 And the priest shall put some of the blood on the horns of the altar of fragrant incense before the LORD that is in the tent of meeting, and all the rest of the blood of the bull he shall pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering that is at the entrance of the tent of meeting.

Lev 4:8 And all the fat of the bull of the sin offering he shall remove from it, the fat that

- covers the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails
- Lev 4:9 and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them at the loins and the long lobe of the liver that he shall remove with the kidneys
- Lev 4:10 (just as these are taken from the ox of the sacrifice of the peace offerings); and the priest shall burn them on the altar of burnt offering.
- Lev 4:11 But the skin of the bull and all its flesh, with its head, its legs, its entrails, and its dung—
- Lev 4:12 all the rest of the bull—he shall carry outside the camp to a clean place, to the ash heap, and shall burn it up on a fire of wood. On the ash heap it shall be burned up.
- Lev 4:13 "If the whole congregation of Israel sins unintentionally and the thing is hidden from the eyes of the assembly, and they do any one of the things that by the LORD's commandments ought not to be done, and they realize their guilt,
- Lev 4:14 when the sin which they have committed becomes known, the assembly shall offer a bull from the herd for a sin offering and bring it in front of the tent of meeting.
- Lev 4:15 And the elders of the congregation shall lay their hands on the head of the bull before the LORD, and the bull shall be killed before the LORD.
- Lev 4:16 Then the anointed priest shall bring some of the blood of the bull into the tent of meeting,
- Lev 4:17 and the priest shall dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle it seven times before the LORD in front of the veil.
- Lev 4:18 And he shall put some of the blood on the horns of the altar that is in the tent of meeting before the LORD, and the rest of the blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering that is at the entrance of the tent of meeting.
- Lev 4:19 And all its fat he shall take from it and burn on the altar.
- Lev 4:20 Thus shall he do with the bull. As he did with the bull of the sin offering, so shall he do with this. And the priest shall make atonement for them, and they shall be forgiven.
- Lev 4:21 And he shall carry the bull outside the camp and burn it up as he burned the first bull; it is the sin offering for the assembly.
- Lev 4:22 "When a leader sins, doing unintentionally any one of all the things that by the commandments of the LORD his God ought not to be done, and realizes his guilt,
- Lev 4:23 or the sin which he has committed is made known to him, he shall bring as his offering a goat, a male without blemish,
- Lev 4:24 and shall lay his hand on the head of the goat and kill it in the place where they kill the burnt offering before the LORD; it is a sin offering.
- Lev 4:25 Then the priest 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 and pour out the rest of its blood at the base of the altar of burnt offering.
- Lev 4:26 And all its fat he shall burn on the altar, like the fat of the sacrifice of peace offerings. So the priest shall make atonement for him for his sin, and he shall be forgiven.
- Lev 4:27 "If anyone of the common people sins unintentionally in doing any one of the things that by the LORD's commandments ought not to be done, and realizes his guilt,
- Lev 4:28 or the sin which he has committed is made known to him, he shall bring for

his offering a goat, a female without blemish, for his sin which he has committed.

Lev 4:29 And he shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering and kill the sin offering in the place of burnt offering.

Lev 4:30 And the priest shall take some of its blood with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering and pour out all the rest of its blood at the base of the altar.

Lev 4:31 And all its fat he shall remove, as the fat is removed from the peace offerings, and the priest shall burn it on the altar for a pleasing aroma to the LORD. And the priest shall make atonement for him, and he shall be forgiven.

Lev 4:32 "If he brings a lamb as his offering for a sin offering, he shall bring a female without blemish

Lev 4:33 and lay his hand on the head of the sin offering and kill it for a sin offering in the place where they kill the burnt offering.

Lev 4:34 Then the priest 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 and pour out all the rest of its blood at the base of the altar.

Lev 4:35 And all its fat he shall remove as the fat of the lamb is removed from the sacrifice of peace offerings, and the priest shall burn it on the altar, on top of the LORD's food offerings. And the priest shall make atonement for him for the sin which he has committed, and he shall be forgiven.

As we can see through what is highlighted here... Leviticus chapter 4 has everything to do with the commanded laws of the sin offering. But instead of reading this whole chapter, I will leave that for you to do as homework. But what I would like to point out here are some of the things that I have highlighted here within Leviticus chapter 4.

If you will notice, I have highlighted in green those who have sinned. In other words, this is what happens if an anointed priest sins. This is what happens if the whole congregation of Israel sins. This is what happens when a leader of the house of Israel sins. This is what happens if any one of the common people sins.

You see there were different sacrifices that needed to be made depending on what category you personally fit into in society.

In other words, depending on who you are and what authority you have been given... the penalty required to forgive you of your sins varied so some degree. And I have highlighted in purple the required sacrifice for each one of these groups of people. For instance... if you were an anointed priest who sinned... you were required to bring a bull as your sacrifice. Why? Because you had more authority you should have known better. And if we will notice in verse 13 if the whole

congregation of Israel sinned... they also were to bring a bull. Why? Because this is seen as a greater sin. When the house of Israel collectively transgresses the commandment of Yehovah God... this was seen as a major transgression and therefore a larger sacrifice was needed.

But... if we will notice as we move down the line from the Levitical priesthood and from the whole house of Israel... and we get down to the individual person... the sacrificial offerings become much smaller. If we will notice in Leviticus chapter 4 verse 22 when a leader of the house of Israel was to sin... and this might be the head of a tribe or the patriarch of a family... the sin offering is no longer a bull... but now becomes a goat. A male goat without blemish. And if we will notice in Leviticus chapter 4 verse 27 if any one of the common people sinned unintentionally... they also were to simply bring a goat... but this time, a female goat without blemish.

And so, depending on the authority that you were given, and depending on whether it was a group of people or the whole house of Israel or whether it was a leader or just a common person... the sacrificial offering varied, and this is important for us to see and to understand.

Now I don't know how many city slickers there are out there who have ever tried to walk out into a field and corral a full-grown bull... but I can tell you that trying to bring a full-grown bull before Yehovah God was indeed a chore. Bulls by and large do not like to be corralled. Bulls don't like being told what to do and bulls can be extremely dangerous. Bulls are often times short tempered and not easy to handle which plays right into why Yehovah requires a priest or the whole house of Israel who had sinned against him to bring a bull before him as a sacrifice. This is not something that you wanted to do on a daily basis.

And I also want us to notice here in Leviticus chapter 4... that I have highlighted in orange the word "unintentional" that appears after each and every individual or group of individuals. In other words, none of these sacrificial offerings counted if someone had willfully and intentionally high handedly sinned and transgressed the spoken word of Yehovah.

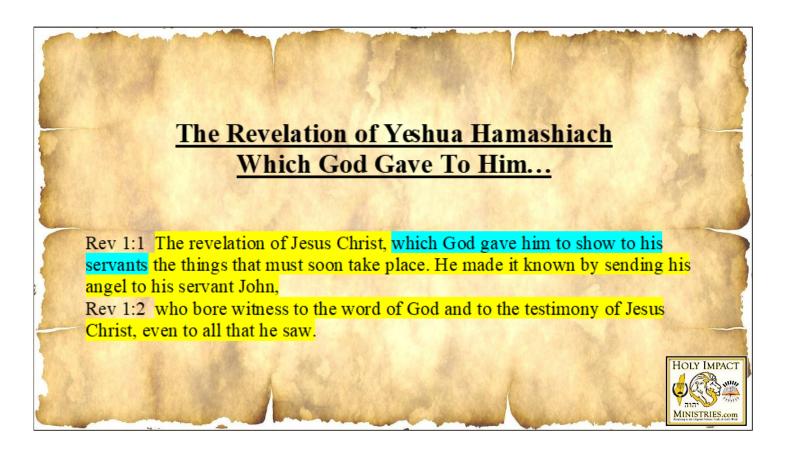
In other words, if you willfully and intentionally shook your fist in the face of God knowing that you were not supposed to do something that he commanded you not to do and you went ahead and did it anyway out of your own narcissism and your

own vanity... that high-handed willful and intentional sin had no sacrifice that could atonement for it. And this is something as modern-day Christians that we need to sit up and take notice of.

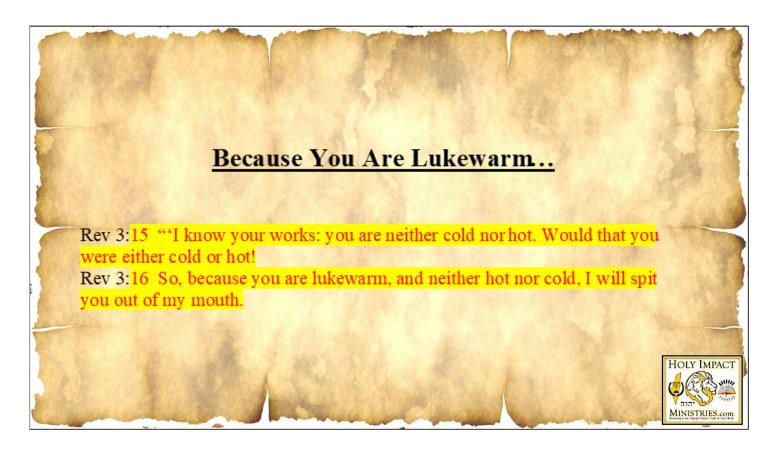
Willful high-handed intentional sin and the willful high-handed intentional transgression of the spoken word of our Father in heaven is extremely dangerous for anyone who is a true God-fearing Messiah following cross bearing Christian.

Once again, obedience is no small thing in the eyes of our Father in heaven. If you do not have obedience... then you do not have the love of God within you and it's just that plain and simple. If the commandment of God is still a burden to you... then you do not have the love of God for our God breathed Scripture tells us very clearly in the New Testament in first John chapter 5 verse three that the biblical definition of the love of God is that we not only keep his commandments, but that his commandments are not a burden to us. This is once again... the biblical definition of the love of God and you either have it... or you don't. Your either concerned with transgressing his commandment or you're not. You either agree with him or you don't.

Our Father in heaven sent a message that was handed down from him personally in the book of Revelation to his only begotten Son who gave this message to his angel who gave this message to the apostle John. That's what the whole book of Revelation is all about according to the first sentence of the book of Revelation. (scrn 3)



And part of the message of the book of Revelation that was handed down from God and given to his only begotten Son included seven letters that were to be given to seven different assemblies that were found in Asia minor back in John's day. And we would do well to listen to what was included in that God-given letter to the assembly at Laodicea. (scrn 4)



This is a red-letter commandment that comes directly from our Messiah that was given to him by his Father in heaven to give to us. Once again, its extremely important for us to know and to understand exactly what it was that our Messiah nailed to the cross and it was not God's law. Our Messiah nailed the penalty of the law to the cross moving it out of the way so that we could return to our Father in heaven, not so that we could return like a dog to its vomit and like a pig to its mire, but so that we might return to him in obedience which is the biblical definition of the love of God according to our God read Scripture.

Today's modern-day version of Christianity has become nothing more than a despotic mixing and mingling of God's word with Roman Catholicism which is indeed without a doubt pagan. And this mixing and mingling that we do as modern-day Christians is what makes us less than... lukewarm. To throw away the seventh day Sabbath that is commanded by our Father in heaven which he says is a sign... between him and us causes us to be less than... lukewarm. To throw away the Passover the very anniversary of the very day that our Messiah died and became our Passover lamb and to trade it for a Roman Catholic created pagan Good Friday causes us to be less than... lukewarm. To take all of our Father in heaven's feast days and his appointments and his commandments and his sabbaths and to allow them to be overwritten by the son of the devil who sits upon the throne of popery

makes us less than... lukewarm. And this is exactly why the world is soon going to see the wrath of God coming upon the indignant and the vanity filled children of the devil who chose the son of the devil rather than the Son of God.

When we choose to worship the creature and not the creator... and we willfully and intentionally indulge in adding to the word of God and taking away from the word of God which is indeed a sin according to both Deuteronomy chapter 4 and 12... not to mention the rest of the Scripture... we become less than... just lukewarm. This is exactly why we are going through much of what we are going through today. It should be of no surprise to anyone that because lawlessness has increased upon the land that the hearts of many have grown cold. Nor should it surprise us that things are going to get much, much worse before they get better, and this is exactly why we as the remnant of Yehovah are called to endure to the end and to conquer over the evil that we are facing today in our time.

And so, as we read through Numbers chapter 19 and we hear about this wild female red heifer that is slaughtered and not sacrificed outside of the camp and not inside the tabernacle courtyard at the entrance of the tent of meeting... and we see the scarlet red wool that is burned with her and turned into white ashes... we should clearly be able to see the spiritual significance of what our Father in heaven is trying to show us here in Numbers chapter 19.

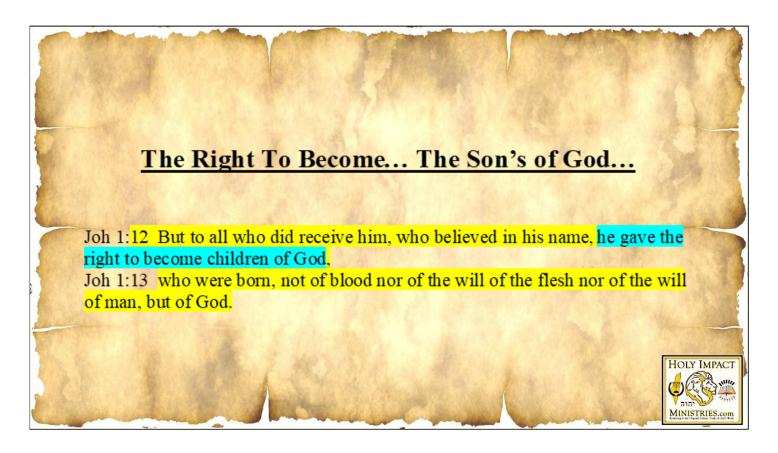
This red heifer would've been a heifer that stood out in the crowd. Even today there are very few red heifers in the world. The red heifer was very scarce and not always easy to find especially a perfect and unblemished red heifer. Let me ask you this... in a crowd of over a thousand people how many people do you think you could find that are true Torah keeping God-fearing Messiah following cross bearing Christians? Do you think in that crowd of a thousand you might be able to find hundred? Do you think you might be able to find 50? Do you think you might be able to find 25? Or do you think you might be able to even find 10?

I cannot tell you how many times I have heard a brother, or a sister tell me that they feel alone because they cannot find anyone else in their area who believes the word of God the way that they do. You see we are not easy to find especially those who are unblemished because of the blood of our Passover Lamb. And our scarlet red sins that we once carried with us have been turned as white as ashes because we have endured the fire and continue to endure the fire of persecution each and every day in order to show our allegiance for our Messiah and king who also endured the

fire and continued to endure to the end. Once again, it is written that a student is not greater than his Master. It is because we do believe in the innocent blood of our Passover lamb being upon our heads this very day that we understand that obedience is the quintessential definition of the love of God according to our God breathed Scripture. And when we leave this earth even the sinful bodies that now encapsulate us will be left behind and will return to the dust of the earth. According to the apostle Paul it was indeed the woman who was deceived by the serpent in the garden of Eden first. But... it is also the womb of a woman that mankind comes forth from.

You see, as we are born into this world... we are not the sons of God we are the sons of Adam. It is only through the precious blood of our Passover lamb that we have the opportunity to become... the sons of God.

You see the title "the sons of God" only pertains to those who were created directly by the hand of God. But when man fell in the garden, he no longer was a son of God as Adam originally was. When man fell in the garden and chose to worship the creature rather than the creator... man had become just like the Pharisees and the scribes of our Messiah's time... children of the devil. We are originally born the sons of Adam who was indeed a sinner because he willfully and intentionally high handedly chose to serve the creature rather than the creator. And it is not until we willfully and intentionally choose to accept the blood of our Passover lamb who is the only begotten Son of God created personally by the hand of God who took the seed from David his father and placed it into the womb of Mary his mother... that we now have the opportunity to become... the sons of God through that precious, innocent, unblemished blood. John 1 12 and 13 (scrn 5)



This is exactly why it is written that God will destroy the wicked because they are not his sons and daughters, they are indeed still the offspring of the serpent written about in Genesis chapter 3 verse 15. It is only we who have willfully and intentionally accepted to repent and to turn back and to accept the atoning blood of the only begotten Son of God that we go down into the watery grave of baptism following our Messiah down into that grave committing our very souls to him and making the willful and intentional commitment to pick up our crosses and to follow him back to his Father that we finally have the right become... the children of God.

And this is exactly why the law does still stand to this very day. The spoken word of Yehvoah God has in no way changed. Until we accept the blood of his only begotten Son and agree to repent and to return to him and to be obedient showing our love for him... we are less than... lukewarm in the eyes of our Father in heaven.

And I would submit to you my friends that our Messiah was much harder to find even then a perfect unblemished red heifer. This human man born of a woman who was unblemished and perfect in the eyes of God has through his perfect obedience become the door that no man can shut. The door that we must all pass through. The door that makes our scarlet sins as white as ashes that are blown as far as the east is to the West.

There is much to learn about this red heifer who was slaughtered outside of the camp just as our Messiah was slaughtered... outside of the camp. There is much to learn about why this red heifer was a rare breed. There is much to learn about why this red heifer had to be unblemished and perfect. There is much to learn about why she had to pass through the fire in order to make that scarlet wool turn white. And there is much to learn about why it was her very ashes that were used to purify the house of Israel is a sin offering so that their sins could be forgiven.

Spiritual things are discerned by spiritual people. And spiritual people are not born from Adam... but are spiritual re-born of God. It was these very ashes mixed with water much like the blood of our Messiah was mixed with water that came rushing from his side that made things purified again in the eyes of Yehovah. Anyone who became unclean for almost any reason was purified by the ashes of this very hard to find perfect and unblemished red heifer whose ashes had turned scarlet red wool into white.

Each one of us should feel a connection to this very scarce red heifer that was slaughtered outside of the camp for the atonement of the remnant of God's people. Each one of us should be able to understand the spiritual implications of what's going on here. Each one of us should be reminded each and every time we read the 19th chapter of the book of Numbers how dangerous willful and intentional high-handed sin actually is even today in our time. And each one of us when we read Numbers chapter 19 should be able to look around at the world that we are now living in and to know and understand that it will only be a remnant of God's chosen set apart people whose scarlet sins have been turned white through the fire of persecution and adversity that will finally make it through the gates of his soon coming Kingdom.

It is clearly written in Numbers chapter 19 verse 20 that the man who is unclean and does not cleanse himself will be cut off from the midst of the assembly since he has defiled the very sanctuary of Yehovah. We must always remember where the temple of God resides today in our time. We must always remember where the ark of the covenant actually sits that contains his testimony and the budding staff Aaron and the jar of manna that sustains life. Where are those things today in our time? It is written that we are the temple of God. It is the spoken word of God that his testimony testifies to that is written across our hearts and in our minds. It is the budding staff of Aaron that is the spirit of God that dwells within us continuously

growing producing good fruit just like Aaron's staff grew and produced good fruit. The very manna of God is his spoken word that gives life and all of it... all of it... together points to the salvation that our Messiah and King has come to bring us!

Let us not do as so many others have done in for getting these precious God breathed words in the beginning of this book. Let us not discount what it is that we are reading here in the Torah of God... Let us not discount the "if equals then" concept that we have been taught early on within the confines of his God breathed Scripture. Let us not discount what the seven letters to the seven assemblies of the book of Revelation tells us about the need to endure and to conquer. And above all let us not discount the importance of the biblical definition of the love of God through obedience to him because we do agree with him in all that he says and does. And let these things not be a burden to us... but blessing because we have surrendered all to him. Let our Messiah's yolk be light upon us. Let his word live and thrive within us. And let our light shine as the sun shines across the wheat fields of the earth giving life and warmth to all who are under it. For we have become... that light, and that light shines from within us because we are indeed... one.

And with that... as we close the books for this evening I will do as I always do, and I will once again ask that everyone within the sound of my voice would please take what you have heard here this evening to your own prayer closet. Bow your head and bend your knee and face the holy promised land of Jerusalem and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you have heard here this evening be true or not.

Ask, seek, and knock on his door and on his door alone, and the proper door will be opened to you. And if you will do that... and if you will stay the course to the end... you and I will surely walk through the gates of his soon coming kingdom together.