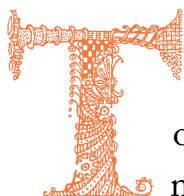


והקריב מזבח השלמים אשה ליהיה חלבו האליה תמימה לעמת העצה  
יסירנה ואת החלב המכסה את הקרב ואת כל החלב אשר על הקרב:

“He shall then present, as an offering by fire to the Lord, the fat from a sacrifice of well-being: the whole broad tail, which shall be removed close to the backbone; the fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that is about the entrails.”—Leviticus 3:9

## VA-YIKRA (“*And he called*”)

LEVITICUS 1:1–5:26



### THE MYSTERY OF OFFERINGS IS REVEALED.

The Lord breaks down the specific categories of altar offerings so that Moses can explain the technical mechanics of sacrifice to the Israelites:

“Burnt offerings” require male bulls free of blemish. Aaron and his sons are to splash the blood against the altar before

burning the flayed sections on a wood fire. A similar procedure is outlined for sheep or goats. If birds are brought for sacrificial purposes, only turtledoves or pigeons will suffice.

The recipe for “meal offerings” is spelled out: flour mixed with oil and frankincense. Unleavened cakes, wafers, grain, or fruit can also serve. The priests are to burn a token amount, but should feel free to eat the remainder.

“Sacrifices of well-being” are male or female livestock free of blemish.

“Sin offerings” for inadvertent transgressions require an unblemished bull, unless the sin is performed by a tribal chief, in which case a goat will be needed.

A “guilt offering,” necessary in the case of an unwitting transgression of a sacred commandment, can take the form of a female goat or sheep.

A person guilty of failing to testify when in a position to do so, of touching an unclean object like a carcass, or of breaking a forgotten oath can rectify the situation by offering a sheep or goat, two turtledoves or two pigeons—one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering—or, if the lawbreaker is impoverished, choice flour and oil.

If a person has been sacrilegious, a ram or its equivalent worth in silver shekels is required. A ram is also needed for someone guilty of deceitful dealings with other humans, be it through broken pledges, robbery, or fraud. A restitution payment of the principal amount plus 20 percent is also demanded.



# MICHELLE QUINT

## THE TENT OF MEETING: AN OFFERINGS GUIDEBOOK FOR YOUR KITCHEN

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### Tony's Bloody Guilt Roast

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#### *Ingredients*

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- 1 bull of the herd
- 7 bunches aromatic incense, such as bay leaf, frankincense, or hyssop
- 40 pounds hickory wood chips for the altar
- Salt and pepper, to taste

**W**hen we first put this dish on the altar, it brought a lot of guilty Israelites into the Tent. So we heard a lot of opinions.

Some folks prefer to do the slaughter inside or flash fry smaller strips of fat. But at the Tent, we like to keep our floor clean and our cuts large.

Big cuts of meat—like you're going to have with a bull—are some of our favorite offerings to burn at the Tent, because they're so easy to do well. The Lord might disagree, but we think that, at the end of the day, it doesn't really matter if you do entrails first or last, because that liver/kidney/loins combo is impossible to beat.

Throw a hunk on your altar and let it rest a good, long while. You might notice the meat shrinking and be tempted to jump in there. Don't do it. Meat is a muscle, so it's going to contract as it burns. If you're doing it right, that bull is going to get nice and smoky. Just relax. You can't rush a good guilt offering.

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**VARIATION:** If you can't get a bull, you can sub in a sheep or an ox (just make sure it's blemish-free).

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**ACTIVE PREP TIME:** 6 hours

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**TOTAL COOK TIME:** Three days/three nights

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**SERVINGS:** One for the Eternal, blessed be He, or 40 appetizer portions

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**SERVING SUGGESTIONS:** Alongside a shame offering, or with panzanella salad (p. 32)

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**1** Preheat a wood fire on a clean ash heap outside.

**2** Slaughter bull (at any entrance to the altar) by slitting throat, keeping hand on bull's head in the presence of the Lord. Collect blood in a large bowl.

**3** After bringing bowl into your kitchen, dip two fingers into blood and sprinkle the ground seven times, taking care not to splash the curtain of your shrine.

**4** Apply a thin coat of blood to the altar (blood should coat the surface but not pool).

**5** Pour remaining blood at the base of the altar of burnt offering, or reserve for later use.

**6** Remove all fat from the bull, taking special care to remove fat surrounding the entrails, the loins, the kidneys, and the protuberance of the liver (removal of the entire kidneys is also fine). Burn fat on the altar as an offering, taking care to waft smoke upward toward heaven (guilt should begin to lift, too).

**7** Take the hide, the flesh, the head, the legs, the entrails, and the dung of the bull to the ash heap outside of camp. Burn it all in the wood fire until only ash is left.