

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

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INTRODUCTION

- Many Israelites witnessed God's miracles but failed to live for Him
- Can someone witness God's miracles, even work some miracles, and receive prophecies from God and still not be a heaven-bound saint? Consider Judas! cf [Matthew 7:22](#)

Passage	Comments
15:1-36	<p>Sacrifices for Sins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More Burnt, Freewill, Grain, Drink, and Peace Offerings • vv15-16. Repeat of having 1 statue for the Jews & believing aliens • v24-30. Even unintentional or accidental sins were to be accounted for. Ignorance of the Law is no excuse! • v30-36. However, intentional sins are equated to blasphemy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Recall blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is unpardonable ♦ Gathering firewood on the Sabbath called for the death penalty ♦ Recall the Sabbath was a Covenant God made only with the Jews, and it was to the death..... Exodus 31:14-18; 35:2
15:37-41 A GOLD NUGGET Passage	<p>Introduction to a Key Piece of Wardrobe – The Prayer Shawl</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Shawl was made as a visual reminder of God and His Law • Blue thread – skyward focused on God. One thread of each of the four corner tassels was to be a deep blue color to remind them of their duty to keep the law • Jewish Tradition. There were 39 windings in each tassel, which equates to the numerical value of the Hebrew words "the Lord is One" or Yahweh • There are 613 knots in every one of these tassels corresponding to the 613 laws in the Law of Moses! 365 were <u>probations</u> – "Thy shall NOT" and 248 were <u>affirmations</u> – "Thy shall!" • The Jewish men wore this garment called a, "Talith", aka Jewish Prayer-Shawl, all the time, not just at prayer. "Talith" contains two Hebrew words; TAL meaning <u>tent</u> and ITH meaning <u>little</u>. Thus, each man had his own "Little Tent" • Acts 18:3. <i>The apostle Paul was a Jewish Pharisee, but also a "tentmaker". Many believe he made Taliths or Prayer-Shawls, not tents to live in</i> • Matthew 6:6. Enter into your prayer closet – for the Jew this occurred when the shawl was pulled over their head • Matthew 23:5. Pharisees considered the tassels special marks of sanctity and sought to enlarge them to display their righteousness • Note. Since the four windings on the four corner tassels correspond to the Holy Name of God, when holding or viewing or touching the tassels we are embracing symbolically the entire Word of God, all the commands of God, and the Name of God, so we are in essence, embracing God, Himself <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Mark 5:25-34 – A woman with a bleeding disorder grabs the tassels of Jesus' shawl, believing by faith she would be touching God and God would respond by touching her • Revelations 19:11-16 – The rider's name is on his thigh • The "Greek" mindset imagines a tattoo or something similar on the thigh of Jesus when he returns as "King of Kings, and Lord of Lords". The Hebrew mindset sees something more specific: Since, the knots of the tassels on the four corners of a Talith spell out the name of Yahweh, therefore, while riding a white horse on His return to earth, the braids/knots/tassels/fringes of Yeshua's Talith (prayer shawl) rest on one or both of His upper legs allowing His NAME to be seen where? On His thigh • Genesis 49:10-12. His robe was stained with blood • Revelations 19:13. His robe was dipped in blood • This seems to show the once-placid prayer shawl, which was used to procure God's favor through prayer, now signifies God's wrath is come upon the world



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Numbers 16:1-50 17:1-13 Read vs 16:1-3 16:10 16:28-35 16:41 16:46-50 17:1-2 17:8-10	<p>God's Sovereignty vs Equality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Levites had special privileges (e.g., they were exempt from military service) but Korah wanted more <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Aren't we the same? If we are so blessed why do we always want more, and we want it now? • Korah failed to factor in God's sovereignty (God can pick & choose things at will). God chooses who will be born male and female, handicapped or healthy, black or white, and who will be a Priest or a commoner • How should we respond to where God puts us in life? • God proved to the Israelites that Moses was chosen <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The ground swallowed up Korah's clan 2. Fire consumed 250 other disgruntled leaders 3. 14,700 died from another plague for grumbling 4. Aaron's rod budded to substantiate God's calling • But even if we have all the evidence that God exists can it really change or convert anyone? Luke 16:31
18:1-32	<p>Levites and Levitical Priests Have a Unique Job</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God reiterates the functions of the Levites & Priests • vv1-7. The 3 clans of Levites (Gershornites, Kohathites, Merarites) shall perform their duties to support the 4th clan – the sons of Aaron (the priests) without jealousy • vv24-28. Israel's tithes supported the Levites, and the tithes of the Levites supported the Priests
19:1-22	<p>The Ashes of the Red Heifer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv1-9. The "unblemished" red heifer was slaughtered outside the camp, then its blood was sprinkled on the tabernacle tent, and its ashes were used to cleanse people ceremoniously from various impurities • Jesus was crucified outside of Jerusalem and His blood makes us whiter than snow Psalms 51:7
20:1-29	<p>More Grumbling Leads to Moses' Biggest Failure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v8. God told Moses to "speak to the rock before their eyes, that it may yield its water" • vv11-12. BUT Moses "struck the rock twice" and God said "Because you did not believe me and treat me as holy...you will not enter the promised land" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ We must always be on our guard to protect our testimony before the world. If we fail to do so, we won't lose our salvation, but we will lose out on blessings in this world and rewards in Heaven

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS

- God wants serious believers, not half-hearted worshippers
- The Jews had a unique Sabbath covenant with God tied to the Land of Israel, but we too, can enjoy side benefits of honoring the Sabbath
 - ♦ Restorative rest; worship and reflection on God and our place in His kingdom; repenting & recommitting to be God's faithful servant

NEXT WEEK: Numbers 21 & Matthew 1. Christmas message

