

The meat of the purification- and reparation offering – PS. (Text by NASB)

In purification offerings (sin offerings) and reparation offerings (guilt offerings), the fat was burned on the altar (Lev. 4:31; 7:3-5). What happened with the rest?

| Purification offering (sin offering) | | |
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| Lev. 4 states the procedures for the purification offering in four different cases: | | |
| ○ for the high priest | The meat is burned outside the camp. | Lev. 4:11-12 |
| ○ for the whole community | | Lev. 4:21 |
| ○ for a leader | Nothing is stated regarding the meat. | Ø (Lev. 4:26) |
| ○ for a layperson | | Ø (Lev. 4:31/35) |
| The missing instructions follow in chapters 5 & 6: | | |
| | “The rest shall be for the priest.” | Lev. 5:13 NRSV |
| | It is most holy. The priest eats it in a holy place. | Lev. 6:19/22 [English 26/29] |
| There is an exception: | | |
| | “But no sin offering of which any of the blood is brought into the tent of meeting to make atonement in the holy place shall be eaten; it shall be burned” | Lev. 6:23 [English 30] |
| This explains the special cases above, the offering for the high priest or the community, where blood is brought into the tent (Lev. 4:5-7; 16-18). The same rule applies to the offering on the Day of Atonement: | | |
| | “The bull of the sin offering and the goat of the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the holy place, shall be taken outside the camp, and they shall burn their hides, their flesh, and their refuse in the fire.” | Lev. 16:27 |
| The above rules explain why Moses rebukes Aaron after the ordination: | | |
| | “Why did you not eat the sin offering at the holy place? For it is most holy, and He gave it to you to bear away the guilt of the congregation, to make atonement for them before the Lord. Behold, <u>since its blood had not been brought inside, into the sanctuary, you should certainly have eaten it in the sanctuary, just as I commanded.</u> ” | Lev. 10:17-18 |
| Reparation offering (guilt offering) | | |
| The same general rule applies: | | |
| | “The guilt offering is like the sin offering, there is one law for them; the priest who makes atonement with it shall have it.” | Lev. 7:6-7; cf. Num. 18:9 |