

Sunday PM 03/26/2017: Holy Cow!

Read Genesis 15:7-10

Introduction:

- This am we examined another perspective of the 4th recorded conversation btwn Abram & God
- Words Repeated; Will Revealed; Worship Revved up; Wedding Vows Revived
- Tonight we will examine one element of Abram’s worship that day: **The Heifer**
- It was the first animal in the list for Abram in this Ch 15:9-10 “worship service.”
- It was 3 yrs old, which is young considering breed cow life span ~10-12 years.

	Numbers 19:1-10		Deuteronomy 21:1-9	
I. Red Heifer = Red (+ blood) = Cow (vs world)	v ²	Red Without spot or blemish Never a yoke	v ³	Not necessarily Red Not been wrought with; Hath not drawn in the yoke.
<i>Give the Lord the Best, Young, Strong, Pure</i>				
II. Slaying	v ³	A priest, outside the camp; Slay before his face.	v ⁴⁻⁶	Elders at rough, barren valley; Strike off neck (Prov 29:1) /beheaded; Levite priests present to witness, endorse, & bless.
III. Blood	v ⁴	Sprinkle toward tabernacle of people 7x (purposeful mess)	v ^{4,6}	Implied in striking off neck & beheading (implied mess)
		<i>Discrete Sacrifice Eye-for-Eye</i>	<i>Comprehensive Sacrifice Head (controls the whole life)</i>	
IV. Burning	v ⁵⁻⁶	Skin, flesh, dung, blood w/ cedar, hyssop, scarlet	N/A – Why?	
V. Washing (Main)	v ⁷⁻⁸	Priest, Clothes & flesh, Unclean until evening	v ⁶	Elders wash hands over heifer. Claim exemption for hands & eyes. Intercede for the Lord’s mercy on behalf of Israel
		<i>Emphasis Flesh</i>	<i>Emphasis Invisible Conscience</i>	
VI. Ashing	v ⁹	Clean priest lays ashes outside – water of separation	N/A – Why?	
		<i>Emphasis Visible Barrier</i>		
VII. Washing (Post-Ash)	v ¹⁰	Clothes only, Unclean until evening	N/A – Why?	
VIII. Purpose	v ⁹	Purification of KNOWN Sin “Sins of Commission”	v ^{1-2,} 8-9	Covering for UNKNOWN Slaying “Sins of Omission”
	SINS/Transgressions What you have DONE		SIN/Nature Who you ARE	
	<i>The Sacrifice of Christ Covers It ALL! Know this FACT vs. Know WHO YOU ARE “...And BE YE THANKFUL (Col 3:15).”</i>			

Invitation Hymn (Red #22 Are You Washed in the Blood?)