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1 Later on, the LORD told Moses,

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2 "Tell Aaron and his sons to be careful with the holy *gifts* of the sons of Israel, which they dedicate to Me, so as not to profane My holy name; I am the LORD.

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2 "Tell Aaron and his sons that they are to separate themselves for the sacred things of the Israelis and that they are not to defile my holy name. I am the LORD.

2 Speak unto Aaron and to his sons, that they separate themselves from the holy things of the children of Israel, and that they profane not my holy name in those things which they hallow unto me: I am the LORD.

3 Say to them, 'Any man among all your descendants throughout your generations who approaches the holy *gifts* which the sons of Israel consecrate to the LORD, while he has an uncleanness, that person shall be cut off from My presence; I am the LORD.

3 Say to them, 'If any man among all your descendants throughout your generations approaches the holy *gifts* which the sons of Israel dedicate to the LORD, while he has an uncleanness, that person shall be cut off from before Me; I am the LORD.

3 Tell them that whoever among your descendants throughout your generations approaches the sacred things that the Israelis had consecrated to the LORD while still

3 Say unto them, Whosoever he be of all your seed among your generations, that goeth unto the holy things, which the children of Israel hallow unto the LORD, having his uncleanness upon him, that soul shall be cut off from my presence: I am the LORD.

4 No man of the descendants of Aaron, who has leprosy or has a discharge, may eat of the holy *gifts* until he is clean. And one who touches anything made unclean by a corpse, or a man who has a seminal emission,

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4 If one of Aaron's descendants has an infectious skin disease or a discharge, he is not to eat anything sacred until he has been cleansed. Anyone who touches an unclean thing on account of the dead, or who has a seminal discharge,

4 What man soever of the seed of Aaron is a leper, or hath a running issue; he shall not eat of the holy things, until he be clean. And whoso toucheth any thing that is unclean by the dead, or a man whose seed goeth from him;

5 or a man who touches any swarming things by which he is made unclean, or *touches* any person by whom he is made unclean, whatever his uncleanness;

5 or if a man touches any teeming things by which he is made unclean, or any man by whom he is made unclean, whatever his uncleanness;

5 or who becomes unclean by touching a creeping creature or another human being, whatever the uncleanness may be—

5 Or whosoever toucheth any creeping thing, whereby he may be made unclean, or a man of whom he may take uncleanness, whatsoever uncleanness he hath;

6 a person who touches any such thing shall be unclean until evening, and shall not eat of the holy *gifts* unless he has bathed his body in water.

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6 such a person who comes in contact with anything like this will become unclean until evening. As a result, he is not to eat the sacred things unless he has bathed himself with water.

6 The soul which hath touched any such shall be unclean until even, and shall not eat of the holy things, unless he wash his flesh with water.

7 But when the sun sets, he will be clean, and afterward he may eat of the holy *gifts*, for it is his food.

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7 When the sun has gone down and he has been cleansed, he may eat of the sacred things, since that's his food.

7 And when the sun is down, he shall be clean, and shall afterward eat of the holy things; because it is his food.

8 He shall not eat *an animal* which dies or is torn *by animals*, becoming unclean by it; I am the LORD.

8 He shall not eat *an animal* which dies or is torn *by beasts*, becoming unclean by it; I am the LORD.

8 He is not to eat the carcass of an animal that was torn by animals, thereby defiling himself with it. I am the LORD.

8 That which dieth of itself, or is torn with beasts, he shall not eat to defile himself therewith: I am the LORD.

9 They shall therefore perform *their* duty to Me, so that they do not bear sin because of it and die by it because they profane it; I am the LORD who sanctifies them.

9 They shall therefore keep My charge, so that they will not bear sin because of it and die thereby because they profane it; I am the LORD who sanctifies them.

9 They are to keep my charge. By doing so, they won't bear the punishment of sin because of it and therefore die if they've been defiled by it. I am the LORD, who sets them apart."

9 They shall therefore keep mine ordinance, lest they bear sin for it, and die therefore, if they profane it: I the LORD do sanctify them.

(D) Laymen not to eat priestly foods (22:10-16)

10 'No layman, however, is to eat the holy *gift*; a foreign resident with the priest or a hired worker shall not eat the holy *gift*.

10 'No layman, however, is to eat the holy *gift*; a sojourner with the priest or a hired man shall not eat of the holy *gift*.

10 "No resident alien is to eat anything sacred. Neither the visitor⁴ of the priest nor a hired laborer is to eat anything sacred.

10 There shall no stranger eat of the holy thing: a sojourner of the priest, or an hired servant, shall not eat of the holy thing.

- The sanctity of the Tabernacle required the excluding of the stranger. Only the sons of God can worship God.

11 But if a priest buys a slave as *his* property with his money, that person may eat of it, and those who are born in his house may eat of his food.

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11 If a priest acquires a slave as property with his own money, he may eat with him. Those who were born in his house may eat his food.

11 But if the priest buy any soul with his money, he shall eat of it, and he that is born in his house: they shall eat of his meat.

12 If a priest's daughter is married to a layman, she shall not eat of the offering of the holy *gifts*.

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12 If a priest's daughter marries a resident alien, she is not to eat the sacred raised offerings.

12 If the priest's daughter also be married unto a stranger, she may not eat of an offering of the holy things.

13 But if a priest's daughter becomes a widow or divorced, and has no child and returns to her father's house as in her youth, she may eat of her father's food; but no layman shall eat of it.

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13 If the priest's daughter is a widow, or is divorced and childless, so that she has to return to her father's house as in her younger days, she may eat her father's food, but no resident alien may eat it.

13 But if the priest's daughter be a widow, or divorced, and have no child, and is returned unto her father's house, as in her youth, she shall eat of her father's meat: but there shall no stranger eat thereof.

14 If, however, someone eats a holy *food* unintentionally, then he shall add to it a fifth of it and shall give the holy *food* to the priest.

14 But if a man eats a holy *gift* unintentionally, then he shall add to it a fifth of it and shall give the holy *gift* to the priest.

14 If a person eats anything sacred inadvertently, he is to add a fifth part to it and then give the sacred thing to the priest.

14 And if a man eat of the holy thing unwittingly, then he shall put the fifth part thereof unto it, and shall give it unto the priest with the holy thing.

15 And they shall not profane the holy *gifts* of the sons of Israel, which they offer to the LORD,

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15 They are not to defile the sacred things of the Israelis that they have offered to the LORD,

15 And they shall not profane the holy things of the children of Israel, which they offer unto the LORD;

16 and *thereby* bring upon them punishment for guilt by eating their holy *gifts*; for I am the LORD who sanctifies them."

16 and so cause them to bear punishment for guilt by eating their holy *gifts*; for I am the LORD who sanctifies them."

16 thereby causing them to bear the punishment of their iniquity for wrongdoing when they eat their sacred things, because I am the LORD, who sets them apart."

16 Or suffer them to bear the iniquity of trespass, when they eat their holy things: for I the LORD do sanctify them.

(E) Concerning sacrificing animals (22:17-33)

(a) Concerning the perfection of the sacrifice (22:17-25)

17 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

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18 "Speak to Aaron and to his sons, and to all the sons of Israel, and say to them, 'Anyone of the house of Israel or of the strangers in Israel who presents his offering, whether it is any of their vows or any of their voluntary offerings, which they present to the LORD as a burnt offering—

18 "Speak to Aaron and to his sons and to all the sons of Israel and say to them, 'Any man of the house of Israel or of the aliens in Israel who presents his offering, whether it is any of their votive or any of their freewill offerings, which they present to the LORD for a burnt offering—

18 "Tell Aaron, his sons, and all the Israelis that when a person from the house of Israel or from the resident aliens living in Israel brings his offering to the LORD as a whole burnt offering (whether in fulfillment of a promise or a free will offerings),

18 Speak unto Aaron, and to his sons, and unto all the children of Israel, and say unto them, Whatsoever he be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers in Israel, that will offer his oblation for all his vows, and for all his freewill offerings, which they will offer unto the LORD for a burnt offering;

19 for you to be accepted—*it must be* a male without defect from the cattle, the sheep, or the goats.

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19 so that he'll be sure to be accepted, he is to offer a male without defect from the bulls, the lambs, and the goats.

19 Ye shall offer at your own will a male without blemish, of the beeves, of the sheep, or of the goats.

20 Whatever has a defect, you shall not offer, for it will not be accepted for you.

20 Whatever has a defect, you shall not offer, for it will not be accepted for you.

20 However, whatever has a defect is not to be offered, because it won't be acceptable for you.

20 But whatsoever hath a blemish, that shall ye not offer: for it shall not be acceptable for you.

21 When someone offers a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD to fulfill a special vow or for a voluntary offering, of the herd or of the flock, it must be without defect to be accepted; there shall be no defect in it.

21 When a man offers a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD to fulfill a special vow or for a freewill offering, of the herd or of the flock, it must be perfect to be accepted; there shall be no defect in it.

21 "If a person brings a peace offering sacrifice to the LORD to fulfill a vow or a free will offering from the herd or the flock, it is to be sound in order to be accepted, without any defect in it.

21 And whosoever offereth a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the LORD to accomplish his vow, or a freewill offering in beeves or sheep, it shall be perfect to be accepted; there shall be no blemish therein.

22 *Those that are* blind, fractured, maimed, or *have* a wart, a festering rash, or scabs, you shall not offer to the LORD, nor make of them an offering by fire on the altar to the LORD.

22 *Those that are* blind or fractured or maimed or having a running sore or eczema or scabs, you shall not offer to the LORD, nor make of them an offering by fire on the altar to the LORD.

22 You are not to bring to the LORD an offering that is blind, fractured, mutilated, or infected with ulcers, scurvy, or scales. You are not to present any of them as an offering made by fire on the altar for the LORD.

22 Blind, or broken, or maimed, or having a wen, or scurvy, or scabbed, ye shall not offer these unto the LORD, nor make an offering by fire of them upon the altar unto the LORD.

23 Now *as for* an ox or a lamb which has an overgrown or stunted *member*, you may present it as a voluntary offering, but for a vow it will not be accepted.

23 In respect to an ox or a lamb which has an overgrown or stunted *member*, you may present it for a freewill offering, but for a vow it will not be accepted.

23 "You may offer a bull or lamb that has one limb longer than the other or that is stunted as a free will offering, but it's not acceptable in fulfillment of a promise.

23 Either a bullock or a lamb that hath any thing superfluous or lacking in his parts, that mayest thou offer for a freewill offering; but for a vow it shall not be accepted.

24 Also anything *with its testicles* squashed, crushed, torn off, or cut off, you shall not offer to the LORD, nor sacrifice in your land,

24 Also anything *with its testicles* bruised or crushed or torn or cut, you shall not offer to the LORD, or sacrifice in your land,

24 You are not to bring to the LORD an animal that has been emasculated, crushed, torn, or cut apart. You are not to practice this in your land.

24 Ye shall not offer unto the LORD that which is bruised, or crushed, or broken, or cut; neither shall ye make any offering thereof in your land.

25 nor shall you offer any of these *animals taken* from the hand of a foreigner as the food of your God; for their deformity is in them, they have an impairment. They will not be accepted for you."

25 nor shall you accept any such from the hand of a foreigner for offering as the food of your God; for their corruption is in them, they have a defect, they shall not be accepted for you."

25 A resident alien is not to offer as food to your God any of these items, because they are afflicted with ritual corruption due to their defects. They're not acceptable for you."

25 Neither from a stranger's hand shall ye offer the bread of your God of any of these; because their corruption is in them, and blemishes be in them: they shall not be accepted for you.

(b) Concerning the administration of the sacrifice (22:26-33)

26 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

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26 The LORD told Moses,

26 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

27 "When an ox or a sheep or a goat is born, it shall remain seven days with its mother, and from the eighth day on it will be considered acceptable as a sacrifice of an offering by fire to the LORD.

27 "When an ox or a sheep or a goat is born, it shall remain seven days with its mother, and from the eighth day on it shall be accepted as a sacrifice of an offering by fire to the LORD.

27 "Whenever a bull, a sheep, or a goat is born, it is to remain for seven days under the care of its mother. But on the eighth day onwards, it may be accepted as an offering made by fire to the LORD.

27 When a bullock, or a sheep, or a goat, is brought forth, then it shall be seven days under the dam; and from the eighth day and thenceforth it shall be accepted for an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

28 But, *whether* it is an ox or a sheep, you shall not slaughter *both* it and its young in one day.

28 But, *whether* it is an ox or a sheep, you shall not kill *both* it and its young in one day.

28 However, you are not to slaughter a bull or a ewe along with its offspring on the same day.

28 And whether it be cow or ewe, ye shall not kill it and her young both in one day.

29 When you sacrifice a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the LORD, you shall sacrifice it so that you may be accepted.

29 When you sacrifice a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the LORD, you shall sacrifice it so that you may be accepted.

29 When you offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the LORD, bring it so that it's acceptable for you.

29 And when ye will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving unto the LORD, offer it at your own will.

30 It shall be eaten on the same day; you shall leave none of it until morning. I am the LORD.

30 It shall be eaten on the same day, you shall leave none of it until morning; I am the LORD.

30 It is to be eaten that same day. You are not to leave any of it until morning. I am the LORD.

30 On the same day it shall be eaten up; ye shall leave none of it until the morrow: I am the LORD.

31 So you shall keep My commandments, and do them; I am the LORD.

31 So you shall keep My commandments, and do them; I am the LORD.

31 "Keep my commands and observe them. I am the LORD.

31 Therefore shall ye keep my commandments, and do them: I am the LORD.

32 "And you shall not profane My holy name, but I will be sanctified among the sons of Israel; I am the LORD who sanctifies you,

32 "You shall not profane My holy name, but I will be sanctified among the sons of Israel; I am the LORD who sanctifies you,

32 "You are not to defile my sacred name, because I've been set apart in the midst of the Israelis. Furthermore, I am the LORD, who sets you apart—

32 Neither shall ye profane my holy name; but I will be hallowed among the children of Israel: I am the LORD which hallow you,

33 who brought you out from the land of Egypt, to be your God; I am the LORD."

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33 That brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the LORD.