

# Ancient Sacrifice: A Symbol of Jesus Christ

## Study Activity 1: Burnt Offerings

In Leviticus 1, we learn about the burnt offerings the Israelites made to demonstrate their commitment to God.

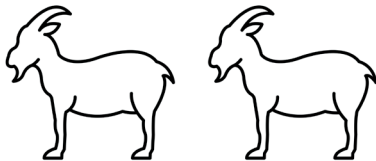
1. Read Leviticus 1:1–9 and Ezekiel 46:13, looking for elements of this sacrifice that remind you of the Savior’s sacrifice. Consider marking what you find. The following phrases are examples of elements you might ponder:
  - “Male without blemish” (Leviticus 1:3)
  - “Of his own voluntary will” (Leviticus 1:3)
  - “He shall put his hand upon the head of the burnt offering” (Leviticus 1:4). This could symbolize transferring the sins of the person offering the sacrifice to the sacrificial animal.
2. Study two of the following references, looking for connections between these verses and the elements of sacrifice you found: Doctrine and Covenants 19:18–19; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 1:18–19; Matthew 27:26–31, 35; Luke 22:41–44.
3. Answer the following questions in your study journal:
  - What did you learn or feel about Jesus Christ and His sacrifice for you?
  - What symbols or teachings helped you feel greater love and appreciation for the Savior? Why?

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## Study Activity 2: The Day of Atonement

On a sacred day each year, called the Day of Atonement, the Israelites thought about the Savior’s sacrifice and sought forgiveness for their sins. The high priest offered a sacrifice for all the people. The ceremony involved two goats: the sin offering and the scapegoat.

1. In your study journal, draw a simple picture of two goats, such as the following. Label one goat “Sin Offering” and the second goat “Scapegoat.”



2. Read Leviticus 16:15–16 (sin offering) and 16:21–22 (scapegoat), looking for what reminds you of the Savior and what He has done for us. Beneath your pictures, list what you find.
3. Study two of the following references, looking for connections between these verses and the Day of Atonement: 1 Nephi 11:32–33; Alma 7:11–13; Alma 39:15.
4. Answer the following questions in your study journal:
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