

Leviticus 3

Verses 1-5

Now if his offering is a sacrifice of peace offerings, if he is going to offer out of the herd, whether male or female, he shall offer it without defect before the Lord. ² He shall lay his hand on the head of his offering and slay it at the doorway of the tent of meeting, and Aaron's sons the priests shall sprinkle the blood around on the altar. ³ From the sacrifice of the peace offerings he shall present an offering by fire to the Lord, the fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails, ⁴ and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them, which is on the loins, and the lobe of the liver, which he shall remove with the kidneys. ⁵ Then Aaron's sons shall offer *it* up in smoke on the altar on the burnt offering, which is on the wood that is on the fire; it is an offering by fire of a soothing aroma to the Lord.

Now if his offering is a sacrifice of **peace offerings**

If he is going to offer out of the herd, whether male or female

The burnt offering in chapter 1 had to be a male but the peace offering could be male or female.

From the sacrifice of the peace offerings he shall present an offering by fire to the Lord, the fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails, ⁴ and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them, which is on the loins, and the lobe of the liver, which he shall remove with the kidneys.

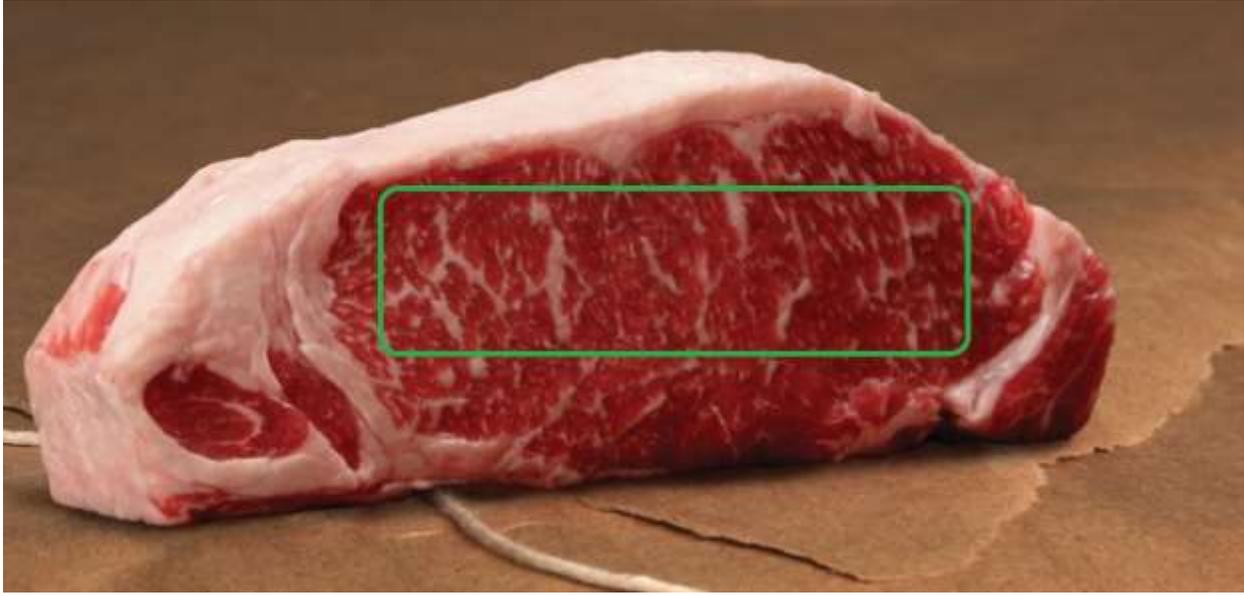
1. The two kidneys and the lobe of the liver were to be burned.
2. All the separable fat was to be burned.

The fat that covers the entrails (internal organs)

In a healthy animal fat is scattered throughout all of its flesh.

This is called marbling and it determines the grade of meat. This fat was not burned because it was part of the meat.

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So the fat around the meat would be trimmed away and burned but the fat in the meat, for obvious reasons, was not forbidden.

Then Aaron's sons shall offer *it* up in smoke on the altar on the burnt offering

There would always be some portion of the daily burnt sacrifice smoldering on the altar.

The peace-offering is to be laid on it

Verses 6-11

⁶ But if his offering for a sacrifice of peace offerings to the Lord is from the flock, he shall offer it, male or female, without defect. ⁷ If he is going to offer a lamb for his offering, then he shall offer it before the Lord, ⁸ and he shall lay his hand on the head of his offering and slay it before the tent of meeting, and Aaron's sons shall sprinkle its blood around on the altar. ⁹ From the sacrifice of peace offerings he shall bring as an offering by fire to the Lord, its fat, the entire fat tail which he shall remove close to the backbone, and the fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails, ¹⁰ and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them, which is on the loins, and the lobe of the liver, which he shall remove with the kidneys. ¹¹ Then the priest shall offer *it* up in smoke on the altar as food, an offering by fire to the Lord.

But if his offering for a sacrifice of peace offerings to the Lord is from the flock

If the peace offering comes from the flock instead of the herd and it is a lamb, then some additional fat had to be removed.

Its fat, the entire fat tail which he shall remove close to the backbone

The species of sheep common in biblical times and places were different than today.

The tail was very large, reaching a weight of 15-20% of the weight of the whole sheep.

It was held to be particularly delicious and desirable as food.

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These mature sheep have tails which were never docked

Herodotus, known as The Father of History, 5th century B.C. tells of the little carts used by shepherds to support the tails of their sheep.

Moses wrote a history of the earth that covered almost 4,000 years.

He should be honored as the Father of History. 👍👍

Verses 12-17

¹² ‘Moreover, if his offering is a goat, then he shall offer it before the Lord, ¹³ and he shall lay his hand on its head and slay it before the tent of meeting, and the sons of Aaron shall sprinkle its blood around on the altar. ¹⁴ From it he shall present his offering as an offering by fire to the Lord, the fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails, ¹⁵ and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them, which is on the loins, and the lobe of the liver, which he shall remove with the kidneys. ¹⁶ The priest shall offer them up in smoke on the altar as food, an offering by fire for a soothing aroma; all fat is the Lord’s. ¹⁷ It is a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your dwellings: you shall not eat any fat or any blood.’”

If his offering is a goat

The same instructions as with a lamb

Then he shall offer it before the Lord, ¹³ and he shall lay his hand on its head and slay it before the tent of meeting, and the sons of Aaron shall sprinkle its blood around on the altar.

The same instructions were given for the burnt offering in chapter 1 (with one exception, if it was an offering of birds).

It is a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your dwellings: you shall not eat any fat or any blood.

It’s interesting that this command about the fat is seldom mentioned.