

Vayikra (ויקרא | And he called)

Torah: Leviticus 1:1-5:26

Haftarah: Isaiah 43:21-44:23

Brit Chadashah: Romans 12:1–2

Leviticus 1:1–5 (CJB)

- **¹ *ADONAI* called to Moshe and spoke to him from the tent of meeting. He said, ² “Speak to the people of Isra’el; say to them, ‘When any of you brings an offering to *ADONAI*, you may bring your animal offering either from the herd or from the flock. ³ If his offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he must offer a male without defect. He is to bring it to the entrance of the tent of meeting, so that it can be accepted by *ADONAI*. ⁴ He is to lay his hand upon the head of the burnt offering, and it will be accepted on his behalf to make atonement for him. ⁵ He is to slaughter the young bull before *ADONAI*; and the sons of Aharon, the *cohanim*, are to present the blood. They are to splash the blood against all sides of the altar, which is by the entrance to the tent of meeting.**

Leviticus 1:6–9 (CJB)

- **⁶ He is to skin the burnt offering and cut it in pieces. ⁷ The descendants of Aharon the *cohen* are to put fire on the altar and arrange wood on the fire. ⁸ The sons of Aharon, the *cohanim*, are to arrange the pieces, the head and the fat on the wood which is on the fire on the altar. ⁹ He is to wash the entrails and lower parts of the legs with water, and the *cohen* is to cause all of it to go up in smoke on the altar as a burnt offering; it is an offering made by fire, a fragrant aroma for *ADONAI*.**

- ***“When ADONAI saw that he had gone over to see, God called to him from the middle of the bush, “Moshe! Moshe!” He answered, “Here I am.”” (Exodus 3:4, CJB)***

- ***“Moshe went up to God, and ADONAI called to him from the mountain: “Here is what you are to say to the household of Ya‘akov, to tell the people of Isra’el:” (Exodus 19:3, CJB)***

- ***“The glory of ADONAI stayed on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days. On the seventh day he called to Moshe out of the cloud.”*** (Exodus 24:16, CJB)

- ***“He is to wash the entrails and lower parts of the legs with water, and the cohen is to cause all of it to go up in smoke on the altar as a burnt offering; it is an offering made by fire, a fragrant aroma for ADONAI.” (Leviticus 1:9, CJB)***

Isaiah 1:11–13 (TLV)

- **¹¹ “For what is it to Me— the multitude of your sacrifices?” says *ADONAI*. “I am full of burnt offerings of rams and fat of fed animals. I have no delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs or he-goats. ¹² When you come to appear before Me, who has required this at your hand— trampling My courts? ¹³ Bring no more worthless offerings! Incense is an abomination to Me. New Moon and *Shabbat*, the calling of convocations —I cannot endure it— iniquity with solemn assembly.**

Jeremiah 6:20 (TLV)

- **20 Of what use to Me is frankincense coming from Sheba or sweet cane from a distant country? Your burnt offerings are not acceptable, nor are your sacrifices pleasing to Me.”**

Malachi 1:10 (TLV)

- **10 “If just one of you would shut the doors, and not light My altar uselessly! I have no delight in you,” says *ADONAI-Tzva’ot*. “Nor will I accept any offering from your hand.**

Romans 12:1–2 (CJB)

- **¹ I exhort you, therefore, brothers, in view of God’s mercies, to offer yourselves as a sacrifice, living and set apart for God. This will please him; it is the logical “Temple worship” for you. ² In other words, do not let yourselves be conformed to the standards of the *‘olam hazeah*. Instead, keep letting yourselves be transformed by the renewing of your minds; so that you will know what God wants and will agree that what he wants is good, satisfying and able to succeed.**