

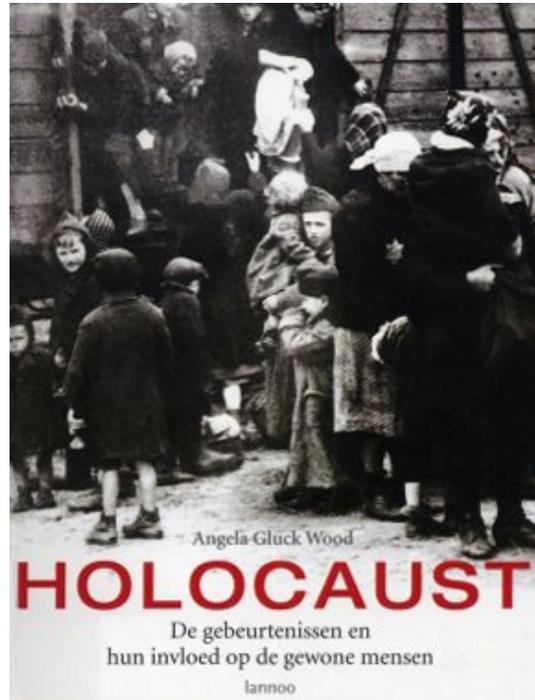
#1813 The Yom Kippur War and the Abomination of Desolation – The post-World War II U.S. waxing great toward the South and toward the East as a *second* Syria/Antiochus IV Epiphanes, part 72, **Irving Berlin and God Bless America: The Holocaust Sacrifices in the Old Testament, (i)**

Holocaust. Today, the world is familiar with the term *Holocaust* because it is often the word used to refer to the mass slaughter of European Jews in Nazi concentration camps during World War II.

However, the word *holocaust* first appeared in the English language in the 14th century, used in reference to the biblical sacrifice in which a male animal was wholly burnt on the altar in worship of God. *Holocaust* comes from the Greek *holokauston*, “that which is completely burnt.” *Holos* is “whole”, and *kaustos* is “burnt”. Burnt offerings in the Old Testament where the animal was entirely consumed are thus also known as *holocaust* offerings.

Thus, the various modern day definitions of *holocaust* include:

1. **A sacrifice completely consumed by fire; burnt offering.**
2. A great or complete devastation or destruction, especially by fire.
3. **The systematic mass slaughter of European Jews in Nazi concentration camps during World War II** (usually preceded by the word *the* and usually having a capital H).
4. Any mass slaughter or reckless destruction of life.



Burnt (holocaust) offerings



Holocaust sacrifices



Key Understanding: *The holocaust sacrifices in the Old Testament.* Not only does the word *Holocaust* that refers to the mass slaughter of European Jews in World War II have its *linguistic* roots in the Old Testament *holocaust* sacrifices of animals, but the *Holocaust* itself has its *prophetic* roots in those same sacrifices. In other words, the reason behind the Lord's ordainment of the *Holocaust* is prophetically tied to the *holocaust* sacrifices of the Old Testament.

In the Old Testament there were (a) **burnt (holocaust) offerings** (Leviticus 1, most of which is shown below; Leviticus 6:8-13; 8:18-21; 16:24), (b) **grain offerings** (Leviticus 2; 6:14-23), (c) **fellowship offerings** (Leviticus 3; 7:11-34), (d) **sin offerings** (Leviticus 4:1-5:13; 6:24-30; 8:14-17; 16:3-22), and (e) **guilt offerings** (Leviticus 5:14-6:7; 7:1-6).

Leviticus 1:1-13 (NIV) The LORD called to Moses and spoke to him from the Tent of Meeting. He said,

2 “*Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘When any of you brings an offering to the LORD, bring as your offering an animal from either the herd or the flock.*

3 “***‘IF THE OFFERING IS A BURNT*** [holocaust] ***OFFERING FROM THE HERD,*** *he is to offer a male without defect. He must present it at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting so that it will be acceptable to the LORD.*

4 *He is to lay his hand on the head of the burnt [holocaust] offering, and it will be accepted on his behalf to make atonement for him.*

5 *He is to slaughter the young bull before the LORD, and then Aaron’s sons the priests shall bring the blood and sprinkle it against the altar on all sides at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.*

6 *He is to skin the burnt [holocaust] offering and cut it into pieces.*

7 *The sons of Aaron the priest are to put fire on the altar and arrange wood on the fire.*

8 *Then Aaron’s sons the priests shall arrange the pieces, including the head and the fat, on the burning wood that is on the altar.*

9 *He is to wash the inner parts and the legs with water, and the priest is to burn all of it on the altar. It is a burnt [holocaust] offering, an offering made by fire, an aroma pleasing to the LORD.*

10 “*If the offering is a burnt [holocaust] offering from the flock, from either the sheep or the goats, he is to offer a male without defect.*

11 *He is to slaughter it at the north side of the altar before the LORD, and Aaron’s sons the priests shall sprinkle its blood against the altar on all sides.*

12 *He is to cut it into pieces, and the priest shall arrange them, including the head and the fat, on the burning wood that is on the altar.*

13 *He is to wash the inner parts and the legs with water, and the priest is to bring all of it and burn it on the altar. It is a burnt [holocaust] offering, an offering made by fire, an aroma pleasing to the LORD.*

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