

“Why Will There Be Animal Sacrifices in the Millennial Kingdom?” (Part 2)
Ezekiel 40-48 (45:17-25)

- Unpacking Sacrifices Biblically:
 - There is an “atonement” that purifies the flesh and things for the service of God (Ezekiel 45:18-20), and there is an “atonement” that purifies the conscience (Hebrews 9:13-14).
 - There is a “cleanness” or “holiness” that comes from the blood of bulls and goats, and there is a “cleanness” or “holiness” that comes from the blood of Christ (Hebrews 10:1-4, 11-18).
 - The reason that on the Day of Atonement only Israel was “atoned” for is because they were the ONLY Nation under the Theocratic rule of God (Leviticus 16). During the Millennial Reign of Christ all Nations will be under the Theocratic rule of Christ (Psalm 2:1-12).
 - *“And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority (to Judge) in heaven (Spiritually) and on earth (Theocratically) has been given to Me.’” (Matthew 28:18)*
 - *“Pray then like this: . . . Your Kingdom come (Theocratic Kingdom), Your will be done (His rule and authority), on earth (Theocratic reign) as it is in heaven (Spiritual Kingdom).” (Matthew 6:9a, 10)*
 - There is an “atonement” Biblically that allowed Israel to be near to God physically, and there is an “atonement” that allows all men to be near to God spiritually.
 - *“But in this way Aaron shall come into the Holy Place: with a bull from the herd for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering.” (Leviticus 16:3)*
 - *“Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.” (Hebrews 10:22)*
 - There was a physical penalty for rebelling against God’s Theocratic rule, and there is a spiritual penalty/death for rebelling against God’s spiritual rule over our lives.
 - *“Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses (Old Covenant) dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. . . .”*
 - *“How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant (New Covenant). . . .” (Hebrews 10:28-29)*
 - Romans 13:1-7: All Government (Israel in the Old Covenant) is a “shadow” of the rule of Christ in the Millennial Kingdom.
 - “Let every person be subject”: (Psalm 2:8)
 - “Resists what God has appointed”: (Psalm 2:8)
 - “He is God’s servant for your good”: (Psalm 2:12)
 - “He does not bear the sword in vain”: (Psalm 2:9 & 12)
 - “Pay to all what is owed”: (Psalm 2:10-11)

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** For more information about our July donation collection, please see the July Newsletter! ***THIS Sunday is the LAST day for this collection!***

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** We are having a Fellowship Lunch THIS Sunday, July 27th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the Entryway, please sign-up to bring something for the meal. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the food and the fellowship with us.

★**CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER:** Our monthly Church Night of Prayer is THIS Sunday, July 27th, from 5:30-7pm. During this prayer time we will be praying for specific prayer requests within the church body. Please consider joining us for a portion of this time or for the full time of prayer.

★**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY MEETING:** We are having a Children's Ministry Meeting on Sunday, August 3rd, immediately following the worship service. If you currently serve in the Children's Ministry, please plan on staying for this important meeting!

★**CEDAR POINT:** Christina Strawn is organizing a group trip to Cedar Point on Saturday, August 23rd. Group Admission tickets are \$50 each. Please contact Christina Strawn if you would like to go or if you have any questions (740)755-6512.