

“Why Will There Be Animal Sacrifices in the Millennial Kingdom?” (Part 3 — Continued)  
Ezekiel 40-48 (45:17-25)

*“During the Millennial Reign of Christ, God will provide a final demonstration of the validity of animal sacrifices as **an instructional and disciplinary instrument** for Israel. The entire world will see the true purpose of this system. Of course, the system never has and never will function on the level of Calvary’s Cross, where infinite and eternal guilt was dealt with once and for all. But the system did accomplish, under God, some very important teaching and disciplinary purposes for Israel under the Old Covenant.” – (John Whitcomb)*

- 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)
- One of the main purposes of the earthly kingdom of Christ is to vindicate His people and that they would fulfill their calling as a light to the nations. (Ezekiel 36:22-38)
  - *“I will make you as a light for the nations, that My salvation may reach the end of the earth.” (Isaiah 49:6b)*
  - *“And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.” (Isaiah 60:3)*
  - *“Now if their (Israel) trespass means riches for the world, and if their failure means riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean?” (Romans 11:12)*
- The Apostle Paul did not see a contradiction between offering animal sacrifices and the work of Christ. (Acts 21:21-26)
  - Paul participated in Jewish purification.
  - Paul paid their expenses.
  - Paul was free as a Jew to keep the Law, but not to associate the Law with salvation or to put the burden of the Law on a Gentile. (Acts 16:3)
    - *“To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law.” (1 Corinthians 9:20)*
- The New Covenant Sacrifices differ greatly from the Old Covenant Sacrifices (Hebrews 9:1-5).
  - There is no Ark of the Covenant, no Tablets of the Law, no Mercy Seat, no veil, no Golden Candlestick, or Table of Showbread.
  - There is also no High Priest (prince), no Day of Atonement, and no evening sacrifices.

**Announcements:**

★**COMMUNION:** We will be partaking of and celebrating Communion together THIS Sunday, August 3rd.

★**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY MEETING:** We are having a Children's Ministry Meeting ***THIS*** 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.