

Sundry Rules for Priests

22:1 THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 “Tell Aaron and his sons to be careful with the holy *gifts* of the sons of Israel, which they dedicate to Me, so as not to profane My holy name; I am the LORD. 3 “Say to them, “^aIf any man among all your ¹descendants throughout your generations approaches the holy *gifts* which the sons of Israel dedicate to the LORD, while he has an uncleanness, that person shall be cut off from before Me. I am the LORD. 4 “No man, of the ¹descendants of Aaron, who is a leper or who has a discharge, may eat of the holy *gifts* until he is clean. ^bAnd if one touches anything made unclean by a corpse or if ^ca man has a seminal emission, 5 or ^aif a man touches any teeming things, by which he is made unclean, or any man by whom he is made unclean, whatever his uncleanness; 6 a ¹person who touches any such shall be unclean until evening, and shall not eat of the holy *gifts*, unless he has bathed his ²body in water. 7 ‘But when the sun sets, he shall be clean, and afterward he shall eat of the holy *gifts*, for ^ait is his ¹food. 8 ‘He shall not eat ^a*an animal* which dies or is torn *by beasts*, becoming unclean by it; I am the LORD. 9 ‘They shall therefore keep ^aMy charge, so that ^bthey may not bear sin because of it, and die thereby because they profane it; I am the LORD who sanctifies them.

10 “No ¹layman, however, is to eat the holy *gift*; a sojourner with the priest or a hired man shall not eat of the holy *gift*. 11 “But if a priest buys a ¹slave as *his* property with his money, ²that one may eat of it, and those who are born in his house may eat of his ³food. 12 ‘And if a priest’s daughter is married to a ¹layman, she shall not eat of the ²offering of the *gifts*. 13 ‘But if a priest’s daughter becomes a widow or divorced, and has no child and returns to her father’s house as in her youth, she shall eat of her father’s ¹food; ^abut no ²layman shall eat of it. 14 “But if a man eats a holy *gift* unintentionally, then he shall add to it a fifth of it and shall give the holy *gift* to the priest. 15 ‘And ^athey shall not profane the holy *gifts* of the sons of Israel which they offer to the LORD, 16 and *so* cause them ^ato bear ¹punishment for guilt by eating their holy *gifts*; for I am the LORD who sanctifies them.’”

Flawless Animals for Sacrifice

17 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 18 “Speak to Aaron and to his sons and to all the sons of Israel, and say to them, “^aAny man of the house of Israel or of the aliens in Israel who presents his offering, whether it is any of their ¹votive or any of their freewill offerings, which they present to the LORD for a burnt offering— 19 ^afor you to be accepted—*it must be* a male without defect from the cattle, the sheep, or the goats. 20 “^aWhatever has a defect, you shall not offer, for it will not be accepted for you. 21 ‘And when a man offers a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD ^ato ¹fulfill a special vow, or for a freewill offering, of the herd or of the flock, it must be perfect to be accepted; there shall be no defect in it. 22 ‘Those *that are* blind or fractured or maimed or having a running sore or eczema or scabs, you shall not offer to the LORD, nor make of them an offering by fire on the altar to the LORD. 23 ‘In respect to an ox or a lamb which has an ¹overgrown or stunted *member*, you may present it for a freewill offering, but for a vow it shall not be accepted. 24 ‘Also ^aanything *with its testicles* bruised or crushed or torn or cut, you shall not offer to the LORD, or ¹sacrifice in your land, 25 nor shall you accept any

such from the hand of a foreigner for offering ^aas the ¹food of your God; for their corruption is in them, they have a defect, they shall not be accepted for you.”

26 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, **27** “When an ox or a sheep or a goat is born, it shall ¹remain ^aseven days ²with its mother, and from the eighth day on it shall be accepted as a sacrifice of an offering by fire to the LORD. **28** “^aBut, *whether* it is an ox or a sheep, you shall not kill *both* it and its young in one day. **29** “And when you sacrifice ^aa sacrifice of thanksgiving to the LORD, you shall sacrifice it so that you may be accepted. **30** “It shall be eaten on the same day, you shall leave none of it until morning: I am the LORD. **31** “^aSo you shall keep My commandments, and do them: I am the LORD. **32** “And you shall not profane My holy name, but I will be sanctified among the sons of Israel: I am the LORD who sanctifies you, **33** ^awho brought you out from the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the LORD.”

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^a Lev. 7:20, 21; Num. 19:13

¹ Lit., *seed*

^a Lev. 14:1-32

¹ Lit., *seed*

^b Lev. 11:24-28, 39, 40

^c Lev. 15:16, 17

^a Lev. 11:23-28

¹ Lit., *soul*

² Lit., *flesh*

^a Num. 18:11

¹ Lit., *bread*

^a Lev. 7:24; 11:39, 40; 17:15

^a Lev. 18:30

^b Ex. 28:43; Lev. 22:16; Num. 18:22

^a Ex. 29:33; Lev. 22:13; Num. 3:10

¹ Lit., *stranger*

^a Gen. 17:13; Ex. 12:44

¹ Lit., *soul*

² Lit., *he may*

³ Lit., *bread*

¹ Lit., *stranger*

² Lit., *heave offering*

¹ Lit., *bread*

^a Lev. 22:10

² Lit., *stranger*

^a Lev. 5:15, 16

^a Num. 18:32

^a Lev. 10:17; 22:9

¹ Or, *iniquity requiring a guilt offering*

^a Num. 15:14

¹ Lit., *vows*

^a Lev. 21:18-21; Deut. 15:21

^a Deut. 15:21; 17:1; Mal. 1:8, 14; Heb. 9:14; 1 Pet. 1:19

^a Num. 15:3, 8

¹ Or, *make a special votive offering*

¹ Or, *a deformed*

^a Lev. 21:20

¹ Lit., *do*

^a Lev. 21:22

¹ Lit., *bread*

¹ Lit., *be*

^a Ex. 22:30

² Lit., *under*

^a Deut. 22:6, 7

^a Lev. 7:12

^a Lev. 19:37; Num. 15:40; Deut. 4:40

^a Lev. 11:45

ⁱ*The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.