

upon the head of the bull of purification offering, ¹⁵and it was slaughtered. Moses took the blood and with his finger put some on each of the horns of the altar, purifying the altar; then he poured out the blood at the base of the altar. Thus he consecrated it in order to make expiation upon it.

¹⁶Moses then took all the fat that was about the entrails, and the protuberance of the liver, and the two kidneys and their fat, and turned them into smoke on the altar. ¹⁷The rest of the bull, its hide, its flesh, and its dung, he put to the fire outside the camp—as the LORD had commanded Moses.

¹⁸Then he brought forward the ram of burnt offering. Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the ram's head, ¹⁹and it was slaughtered. Moses dashed the blood against all sides of the altar. ²⁰The ram was cut up into sections and Moses turned the head, the sections, and the suet into smoke on the altar; ²¹Moses washed the entrails and the legs with water and turned all of the ram into smoke. That was a burnt offering for a pleasing odor, a gift to the LORD—as the LORD had commanded Moses.

²²He brought forward the second ram, the ram of ordination. Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the ram's head, ²³and it was slaughtered. Moses took some of its blood and put it on the ridge of Aaron's right ear, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot. ²⁴Moses then brought forward the sons of Aaron, and put some of the blood on the ridges of their right ears, and on the thumbs of their right hands, and on the big toes of their

ובגניו את ידיהם על ראש פר הקטאת: ¹⁵וישחט ויקח משה את הדם ויתן על קרנות המזבח סביב באצבעו ויחטא את המזבח ואת הדם יצק אל יסוד המזבח ויקדשהו לכפר עליו:

¹⁶ויקח את כל החלב אשר על הקרב ואת יתרת הפבד ואת שתי הפלית ואת חלבה ויקטר משה המזבחה: ¹⁷ואת הפר ואת ערו ואת בשרו ואת פרשו שרף באש מחוץ למחנה באשר צוה יהוה את משה:

¹⁸ויקרב את איל העלה ויסמכו אהרן ובגניו את ידיהם על ראש האיל: ¹⁹וישחט ויזרק משה את הדם על המזבח סביב: ²⁰ואת האיל נתח לנתחיו ויקטר משה את הראש ואת הנתחים ואת הפדר: ²¹ואת הקרב ואת הפרעים רחץ במים ויקטר משה את כל האיל המזבחה עלה הוא לריח ניחח אשה הוא ליהוה באשר צוה יהוה את משה:

²²ויקרב את האיל השני איל המלאים ויסמכו אהרן ובגניו את ידיהם על ראש האיל: ²³וישחט ויקח משה מדמו ויתן על תנופה אֶזְנוֹ אֶהְרֹן הִימָנִית וְעַל-בִּהֶן יְדוֹ הִימָנִית וְעַל-בִּהֶן רִגְלוֹ הִימָנִית: ²⁴ויקרב את בני אהרן ויתן משה מן הדם על תנופה אֶזְנוֹם הִימָנִית וְעַל-בִּהֶן יָדָם

15. he consecrated it in order to make expiation upon it Expiatory sacrifices required an altar.

18–21. The function of this sacrifice was to evoke a favorable response from God before making an approach with other sacrifices.

23. blood... Aaron's right ear Dabbing sacrificial blood on certain extremities of the body is essentially a rite of purification. In this manner

Aaron and his sons were purified as they entered into their new status.

24. the rest of the blood Moses dashed against every side of the altar This is similar to what occurred during the covenantal ceremony at Sinai (Exod. 24:6–8). In the ordination of the priests, the sacrificial blood served a dual function. It purified the priests and also bound them in a covenant of service to God in the tabernacle.