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 Many blessing to all and hoping you are enjoying these hot days, well at lease staying cool. As mention on last month **Bible Scripture Letter**, our topic this month will be “Will there be animals sacrifices during the Millennial Kingdom?” As a new believer, I really never gave this a thought till I got interested in “End Time Prophecy”. This was not a topic

I search for but in time when the Holly Spirit was leading me in studying the Millennial Kingdom, it was then I came across “animals sacrifice during the Millennial Kingdom”. My question was “Why”. As you read this letter you to will know “Why”.

 In the following scripture, I made words in BOLD to emphasis the importance of the word or words. Red italic lettering is my input for clarity.

In months’ pasts, we have studied four topics on the “Millennial Kingdom” and there is one more topic I feel addressing in which I need to study/research before presenting it to you. So, our next month **Bible Scripture Letter** will be: “The End of the Millennial Kingdom”.

So, let’s get started.

Your Brother in Christ, Tony Gonzalez

**1 Peter 3:15**

but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, **always being prepared to make a defense** to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

**Will there be animal sacrifices during the Millennial Kingdom?**

Bible Scripture Letter #16

There are several passages in the Old Testament that clearly indicate animal sacrifice will be re-instituted during the millennial kingdom. Some passages mention it in passing as the topic of the millennial kingdom is discussed, passages like [**Isaiah 56:6-8**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Isa%2056.6-8)**;**[**Zechariah 14:16**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Zech%2014.16)**;** and[**Jeremiah 33:15-18**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Jer%2033.15-18)**.**

[**Isaiah 56:6-8**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Isa%2056.6-8)

* **6** “And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,

and holds fast my covenant—

* **7** these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” *“holy mountain” referring to Jerusalem*
* **8** The Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, “I will gather yet others to him

besides those already gathered.”

[**Zechariah 14:16**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Zech%2014.16)

* **16** Then everyone who survives of all the nations that have come against Jerusalem shall go up year after year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the **Feast of Booths.** *Animals sacrifices will be part of “Feast of Booths”.*

[**Jeremiah 33:15-18**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Jer%2033.15-18)

* **15** In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
* **16** In those days **Judah will be saved**,  and **Jerusalem will dwell securely**. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’
* **17** “For thus says the Lord:  David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel,
* **18** and the Levitical priests shall never lack a man in my presence **to offer burnt offerings**, to burn grain offerings, and to **make sacrifices forever**.”

The passage that is the most extensive, giving the greatest detail, is [**Ezekiel 43:18-46:24**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Ezek%2043.18-46.24). It should be noted that this is part of a greater passage dealing with the millennial kingdom, a passage that begins with [**Ezekiel 40**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Ezek%2040). In [**Ezekiel 40**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Ezek%2040), the Lord begins to give details of the [**temple**](https://www.gotquestions.org/Ezekiel-temple.html)that will **exist during the millennial kingdom**, a temple that dwarfs all other temples previously built, even Herod’s temple that was quite large, which existed during the earthly ministry of Christ.

 After giving details concerning the size and appearance of the temple and the altar, the Lord then begins to give detailed instruction as to the ***animal sacrifices*** that will be offered

- [**Ezekiel 43:18-27**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Ezek%2043.18-27).

* **18** And he said to me, “Son of man, thus says the Lord God: These are the ordinances for the altar: On the day when it is erected for offering **burnt offerings** upon it a for throwing **blood** against it, *Animal blood*
* **19** you shall give to the Levitical priests of the family of Zadok, who draw near to me to minister to me, declares the Lord God, **a bull from the herd for a sin offering**.
* **20** And you shall take some of its **blood** and put it on the four horns of the altar and on the four corners of the ledge and upon the rim all around. Thus, you shall purify the altar and make atonement for it.
* **21**You shall also take the **bull** of the sin offering, and it **shall be burned** in the appointed place belonging to the temple, outside the sacred area.
* **22** And on the second day you shall offer a **male goat** without blemish for a sin offering; and the altar shall be purified, as it was purified with the bull.

* **23** When you have finished purifying it, you shall offer a bull from the herd without blemish and a **ram** from the flock without blemish.

* **24** You shall present them before the Lord, and the priests shall sprinkle salt on them and **offer them up as a burnt offering to the Lord**.

* **25** For seven days you shall provide daily a male goat for a sin offering; also, a bull from the herd and a ram from the flock, without blemish, shall be provided.
* **26** Seven days shall they make atonement for the altar and cleanse it, and so consecrate it.
* **27** And when they have completed these days, then from the eighth day onward the priests shall offer on the altar your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, and I will accept you, declares the Lord God.”

In chapter 44, the Lord gives instructions as to who will be offering sacrifices to the Lord. The Lord states that all of the Levites will not be offering blood and fat to the Lord due to previous sin; it will be those from the lineage of **Zadok** (verse 15). Chapters 45 and 46 continue to mention that animal sacrifices will be made.

 The primary objection made to the idea of animal sacrifices returning during the millennial kingdom is that Christ has come and offered a perfect sacrifice for sin, and there is therefore no need to sacrifice animals for sin. However, it must be remembered that animal sacrifice never removed the sin that spiritually separated a person from the Lord.

 [**Hebrews 10:1-4**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Heb%2010.1-4)says, *“For the Law, since it has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the very form of things, can never by the same sacrifices year by year, which they offer continually, make perfect those who draw near. Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, because the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have had consciousness of sins? But in those sacrifices, there is a reminder of sins year by year. For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins"* (NASB).

 It is incorrect to think that animal sacrifices took away sins in the Old Testament, and it is incorrect to think they will do so in the millennial kingdom. Animal sacrifices served as object lessons for the sinner, that sin was and is a horrible offense against God, and that the result of sin is death. [**Romans 3:20**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rom%203.20)says, *“Because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.”*

 Most premillennial scholars agree that the purpose of animal sacrifice during the millennial kingdom is memorial in nature. As the Lord’s Supper is a reminder of the death of Christ to the Church today, animal sacrifices will be a reminder during the millennial kingdom. To those born during the millennial kingdom, animal sacrifices will again be an object lesson. During that future time, righteousness and holiness will prevail, but **those with earthly bodies will still have a sin nature, and there will be a need to teach about how offensive sin is to a holy and righteous God**. Animal sacrifices will serve that purpose, "but in those sacrifices, there is a reminder of sins year by year" ([**Hebrews 10:3**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Heb%2010.3)).

*The Bold letters in the paragraph above is stating that there will be sin during the Millennial Kingdom. Why ? because babies will be born during this period and have their earthly bodies.*

*Source:* gotquestions.org

Here is a summary of the animal sacrifices in Leviticus and Ezekiel.

**Sacrifice** **Levitical Reference** **Millennial Reference**

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| Burnt Offering | Leviticus 1:1-17; 6:8-13 Numbers 28:1-29:40 | Ezekiel 40:39 |
| Grain Offering | Leviticus 2:1-16; 6:14-23 | Ezekiel 45:15 |
| Peace Offering | Leviticus 3:1-17; 7:11-36 | Ezekiel 45:15 |
| Sin Offering | Leviticus 4:1-5:13; 6:24-30 | Ezekiel 40:39 |
| Guilt Offering | Leviticus 5:14-6:7; 7:1-10 | Ezekiel 40:39 |
| Drink Offering | Leviticus 23:13, 37 | Ezekiel 45:17 |

*Source:* neverthirsty.org