

# Old Testament Shadows of Redemption

## The Sacrificial System

# The Sacrificial Lamb

- ◆ From the beginning God desired a **blood sacrifice** (lamb) – Gen. 4:1-5; Heb. 11:4; Rom. 10:17; 1 Jn. 3:7
- ◆ **The Passover Lamb** – Ex. 12
  - ◆ All Israel households offered a lamb of the first year and without blemish – 12:3,5
  - ◆ Lamb's blood put on doorposts and lintel of their houses and the lamb eaten with unleavened bread and bitter herbs – 12:6-8, 11
  - ◆ The **lifeblood** of this **lamb saved** those within the house – 12:12-13, 22-23
  - ◆ It was to be observed as a memorial throughout their generations – 12:14



# The Levitical Sin/Trespass Sacrifices

- ◆ Provided for **unintentional** sins – Num. 15:30; Heb. 10:26-27
- ◆ **High priest/congregation**—Unblemished bull, blood sprinkled on the altar of incense and poured on altar of burnt offerings, carcass burned outside the camp – Lev. 4:1-3, 7, 11-12
- ◆ **Leaders/Israelites**—Unblemished goat/lamb, blood sprinkled and poured on altar of burnt offerings, remainder eaten by priests – 4:22-23, 27-32; 6:24-30
- ◆ **Trespass offering** – for purifying those guilty of specific sins, required lamb/goat without blemish – Lev. 5-6

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# Sin/Trespass Sacrifices – Atonement/Forgiveness

◆ Have you done the math?

◆ About 2.5 million Jews left Egypt in 1446 BC, with 600,000 being males/soldiers – Ex. 12:37

◆ Passover (600,000 x 1300) meant **780,000,000** lambs killed!

◆ If only 1,200,000 sin offerings x 1300 years = **1,560,000,000** animals whose blood was shed by the time of Christ's ministry!

◆ Now we see the **magnitude** of the sacrificial shadow!

◆ This was only the beginning costs—only a shadow!

◆ This should open our eyes to what the Jew had to grasp in the gospel – Heb. 10:1-4



# The Substance

Jesus, “the Lamb of God who takes away  
the sin of the world” – John 1:29