

"Offerings" [Hebrew, *oloth*] to YHWH in Samuel

The cart came into the field of Joshua of Beth-shemesh, and stopped there. A large stone was there; so they split up the wood of the cart and offered the cows as a **burnt offering** to YHWH. The Levites took down the ark of YHWH and the box that was beside it, in which were the gold objects, and set them upon the large stone. Then **the people of Beth-shemesh offered burnt offerings** and presented sacrifices on that day to YHWH. (1 Samuel 6.14-15)

So Samuel took a sucking lamb and offered it as a whole burnt offering to YHWH; Samuel cried out to YHWH for Israel, and YHWH answered him. As Samuel was offering up the **burnt offering**, the Philistines drew near to attack Israel; but YHWH thundered with a mighty voice that day against the Philistines and threw them into confusion; and they were routed before Israel. (1 Samuel 7.9-10)

And you shall go down to Gilgal ahead of me; then **I [Samuel] will come down to you to present burnt offerings and offer sacrifices of shalom.** Seven days you shall wait, until I come to you and show you what you shall do." (1 Samuel 10.8)

So Saul said, "Bring the burnt offering here to me, and the offerings of shalom." And he offered the **burnt offering**. As soon as he had finished offering the **burnt offering**, Samuel arrived; and Saul went out to meet him and salute him. Samuel said, "What have you done?" Saul replied, "When I saw that the people were slipping away from me, and that you did not come within the days appointed, and that the Philistines were mustering at Michmash, I said, 'Now the Philistines will come down upon me at Gilgal, and I have not entreated the favor of YHWH'; so **I forced myself, and offered the burnt offering.**" Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly; you have not kept the commandment of YHWH your God, which he commanded you. YHWH would have established your kingdom over Israel forever, but now your kingdom will not continue; YHWH has sought out a man after his own heart; and YHWH has appointed him to be ruler over his people, because you have not kept what YHWH commanded you." (1 Samuel 13.9-14)

And **Samuel said, "Has YHWH as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices,** as in obeying the voice of YHWH? Surely, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams. For rebellion is no less a sin than divination, and stubbornness is like iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of YHWH, he has also rejected you from being king." (1 Samuel 15.22-23)

They brought in the ark of YHWH, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and **David offered burnt offerings and offerings of shalom** before YHWH. When David had finished offering the **burnt offerings** and the **offerings of shalom**, he blessed the people in the name of YHWH of hosts, (2 Samuel 6.17-18)

Then Araunah said to David, "Let my lord the king take and offer up what seems good to him; here are the oxen for the **burnt offering**, and the threshing sledges and the yokes of the oxen for the wood. All this, O king, Araunah gives to the king." And Araunah said to the king, "May YHWH your God respond favorably to you." But the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will buy them from you for a price; I will not offer **burnt offerings** to YHWH my God that cost me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. **David built there an altar to YHWH, and offered burnt offerings and offerings of shalom.** So YHWH answered his supplication for the land, and the plague was averted from Israel. (2 Samuel 24.22-25)