

# Pearl Seeking

## TREASURING HIS WORD

Let's do a quick overview of the entire Torah portion:

Monday:	Num. 13:1-25	One man from each of the twelve tribes sent to spy out the land of Kena'an
Tuesday:	Num. 13:26-33	The spies return with a report
Wednesday:	Num. 14	The children of Yisra'el rebel; Mosheh intercedes for the people; Yahweh relents, pronounces judgments
Thursday:	Num. 15:1-31	Instructions for various offerings and unintentional sins
Friday:	Num. 15:32-41	Penalty for violating Shabbat; Torah regarding tzitziyot

In this week's Parsha Pearls lesson, Yahweh gives Mosheh details regarding different offerings that He wants the children of Yisra'el to bring to Him when they enter the land. We will review the offerings that we learned about in parashot Vayikra and Tzav, as well as give more details about these offerings. Now, let's read Num. 15:1-31.

## PARSHA POINTS

- Yahweh told Mosheh to speak to the children of Yisra'el regarding the offerings they were to perform when they entered Kena'an - 15:1-2

### *Instructions for Various Offerings*

- Yahweh gave Mosheh instructions regarding offerings made by fire for the following (15:3-13):
  - in fulfilling a vow
  - in bringing one (**achat**) of the 3 (**shalosh**) voluntary offerings (burnt, grain, peace) in observing His Appointed Times

- The natives (**eizrach**) were instructed to bring the following animals to be offered as sweet fragrances to Yahweh (15:13):

- lamb
- ram
- young bull
- young goat



- With each lamb they were to include (15:4-5):
  - a grain offering (1/10<sup>th</sup> of an ephah of fine flour mixed with 1/4<sup>th</sup> of a hin of oil)
  - a drink offering (1/4<sup>th</sup> of a hin of wine)



- With each ram they were to include (15:6-7):
  - a grain offering (2/10<sup>th</sup> of an ephah of fine flour mixed with 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of a hin of oil)
  - a drink offering (1/3<sup>rd</sup> of a hin of wine)



- With each young bull or goat, they were to include (15:8-10):
  - a grain offering (3/10<sup>th</sup> of an ephah of fine flour mixed with 1/2 a hin of oil)
  - a drink offering (1/2 a hin of wine)



- When the stranger (**ger**) who sojourned among the natives made an offering made by fire as a sweet fragrance to Yahweh, the following instructions would apply (15:14-16):
  - One law would apply to both the native and to the stranger
  - It was to be a law forever throughout their generations
  - As the native would be, so a stranger would be before Yahweh
  - One Torah and one right-ruling would apply to both the native and for the stranger



### **First-fruits Contribution**

- Yahweh instructed Mosheh to tell the children of Yisra'el that they should bring to Him a contribution of a cake (**challah**) made of the first of their dough from their threshing floor - 15:17-21
- This was to be a contribution (**terumah**) throughout their generations - 15:21



### **Sin Offering (congregation)**

- When the congregation sinned by mistake and failed to do all the commands which Yahweh had instructed, then the children of Yisra'el must offer the following (15:24):
  - a young bull as a burnt offering as a sweet fragrance to Yahweh
  - + grain offering
  - + drink offering
  - + male goat as a sin offering
- Then the priest was to make atonement for all the congregation; because the trespass was done by mistake, it would be forgiven them - 15:25-26



### **Sin Offering (individual)**

- When a person sinned by mistake and failed to do all the commands which Yahweh had instructed, the individual must offer (15:27):
  - a female goat a year old
- Then, because the trespass was done by mistake, the priest was to make atonement for the individual, and it would be forgiven him - 15:28
- For the one who sinned by mistake, there would be one Torah for both the native and the stranger - 15:29
- The being who sinned defiantly, whether he was a native or a stranger, was guilty of reviling Yahweh. For despising the word of Yahweh and breaking His command, that one must be cut off from all his people - 15:30-31



# DIGGING DEEPER

Parents/Teachers may choose to use these prompts for further discussion of the Torah portion.

- Notice that the instructions about offerings in Chapter 15 follow on the heels of the incident with the spies. Although Yahweh must punish them for doubting and slandering Him, could this be His way of reassuring them that the day will come when He would bring His people into the land of Promise?
- Notice in v. 30-31 that Yahweh mentions no offering that can be brought for one who acts defiantly. Discuss whether that would work in today's society. If so, how?

