

# TORAH TEACHINGS



Understanding YAH's Likes and dislikes

# # 26 Shemini (שְׁמִינִי)— Hebrew for “eighth”

Torah: Leviticus 9:1-11:47

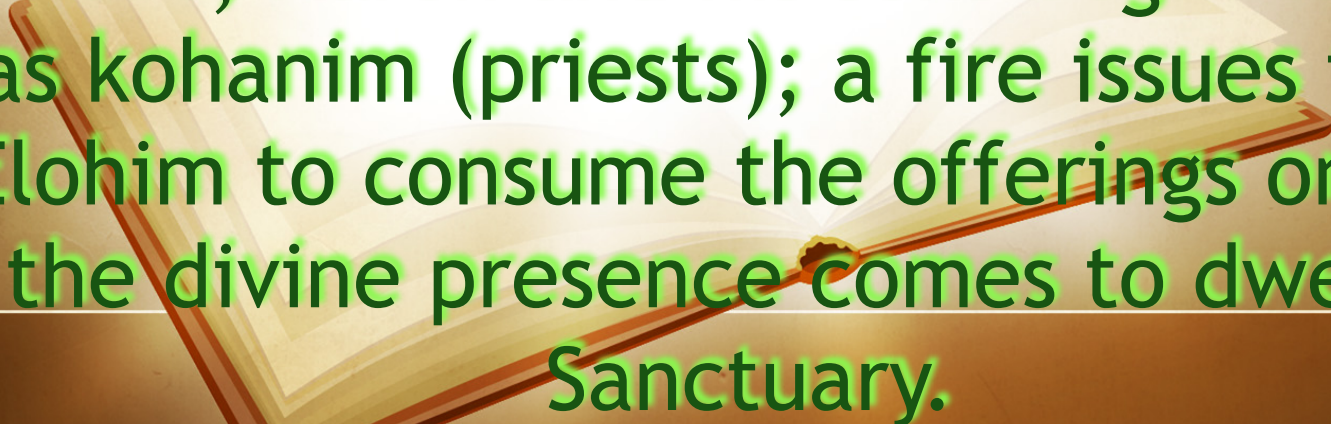
Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:16-38

II Samuel 6:1-19

# TOPICS IN THE PARSHA

## THIS WEEKS TORAH PARASHAT

On the eighth day, following the seven days of their anointing and inauguration for the Priesthood, Aaron and his sons begin to officiate as kohanim (priests); a fire issues forth from Elohim to consume the offerings on the altar, and the divine presence comes to dwell in the Sanctuary.



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Aaron's two elder sons, Nadav and Avihu, offer a "strange fire before Elohim, which He commanded them not" and die before Elohim. Aaron is silent in face of his tragedy. Moses and Aaron subsequently disagree as to a point of law regarding the offerings, but Moses concedes to Aaron that Aaron is in the right.

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Elohim commands the kosher laws, identifying the animal species permissible and forbidden for consumption. Land animals may be eaten only if they have split hooves and also chew their cud; fish must have fins and scales; a list of non-kosher birds is given, and a list of kosher insects (four types of locusts).

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Also in Shemini are some of the laws of ritual purity, including the purifying power of the mikvah (a pool of water meeting specified qualifications) and the wellspring. Thus the people of Israel are enjoined to “differentiate between the impure and the pure.”

## Consecration of Aaron and His Sons

Lev 8:1 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Lev 8:2 “Take Aharon and his sons with him, and the garments, and the anointing oil, and the bull of the sin offering, and the two rams, and the basket of unleavened bread,

Lev 8:3 and assemble all the congregation at the door of the Tent of Appointment.”

Lev 8:4 And Mosheh did as יהוה commanded him, and the congregation was assembled at the door of the Tent of Appointment.

Lev 8:5 And Mosheh said to the congregation, “This is the word יהוה commanded to be done.”

Lev 8:6 So Mosheh brought Aharon and his sons and washed them with water,



**Lev 8:7** and put the long shirt on him, and girded him with the girdle, and dressed him in the robe, and put the shoulder garment on him, and girded him with the embroidered band of the shoulder garment, and with it tied the shoulder garment on him,

**Lev 8:8** and put the breastplate on him, and put the Urim and the Tummim in the breastplate,

**Lev 8:9** and put the turban on his head. And on the turban, on its front, he put the golden plate, the set-apart sign of dedication, as יהוה had commanded Mosheh.

**Lev 8:10** And Mosheh took the anointing oil and anointed the Dwelling Place and all that was in it, and set them apart.

**Lev 8:11** And he sprinkled some of it on the slaughter-place seven times, and anointed the slaughter-place and all its utensils, and the basin and its base, to set them apart.

**Lev 8:12** And he poured some of the anointing oil on Aharon's head and anointed him, to set him apart.

**Lev 8:13** And Mosheh brought the sons of Aharon and put long shirts on them, and girded them with girdles, and put turbans on them, as יהוה had commanded Mosheh.

**Lev 8:14** And he brought the bull for the sin offering, and Aharon and his sons laid their hands on the head of the bull for the sin offering,

**Lev 8:15** and it was slain. And Mosheh took the blood, and put some on the horns of the slaughter-place all around with his finger, and cleansed the slaughter-place. And he poured the blood at the base of the slaughter-place, and set it apart, to make atonement for it.

**Lev 8:16** And he took all the fat that was on the entrails, and the appendage on the liver, and the two kidneys with their fat, and Mosheh burned them on the slaughter-place.

**Lev 8:17** And the bull, and its skin, and its flesh, and its dung, he burned with fire outside the camp, as יהוה had commanded Mosheh.

**Lev 8:18** And he brought the ram of the ascending offering, and Aharon and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram,

**Lev 8:19** and it was slain. And Mosheh sprinkled the blood on the slaughter-place all around,

**Lev 8:20** and he cut the ram into pieces. And Mosheh burned the head, and the pieces, and the fat,

Lev 8:21 and he washed the entrails and the legs in water. And Mosheh burned the entire ram on the slaughter-place. It was an ascending offering for a sweet fragrance, and an offering made by fire to יהוה, as יהוה had commanded Mosheh.

Lev 8:22 And he brought the second ram, the ram of ordination, and Aharon and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram,

**Lev 8:23** and it was slain. And Mosheh took some of its blood and put it on the tip of Aharon's right ear, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot.

**Lev 8:24** And he brought near the sons of Aharon, and Mosheh put some of the blood on the tips of their right ears, and on the thumbs of their right hands, and on the big toes of their right feet. And Mosheh sprinkled the blood on the slaughter-place all around,



Lev 8:25 and took the fat and the fat tail, and all the fat that was on the entrails, and the appendage on the liver, and the two kidneys and their fat, and the right thigh,

Lev 8:26 and from the basket of unleavened bread that was before יהוה he took one unleavened cake, and a cake of bread anointed with oil, and one thin cake, and put them on the fat and on the right thigh,

**Lev 8:27** and placed all these in the hands of Aharon and in the hands of his sons, and waved them as a wave offering before יהוה.

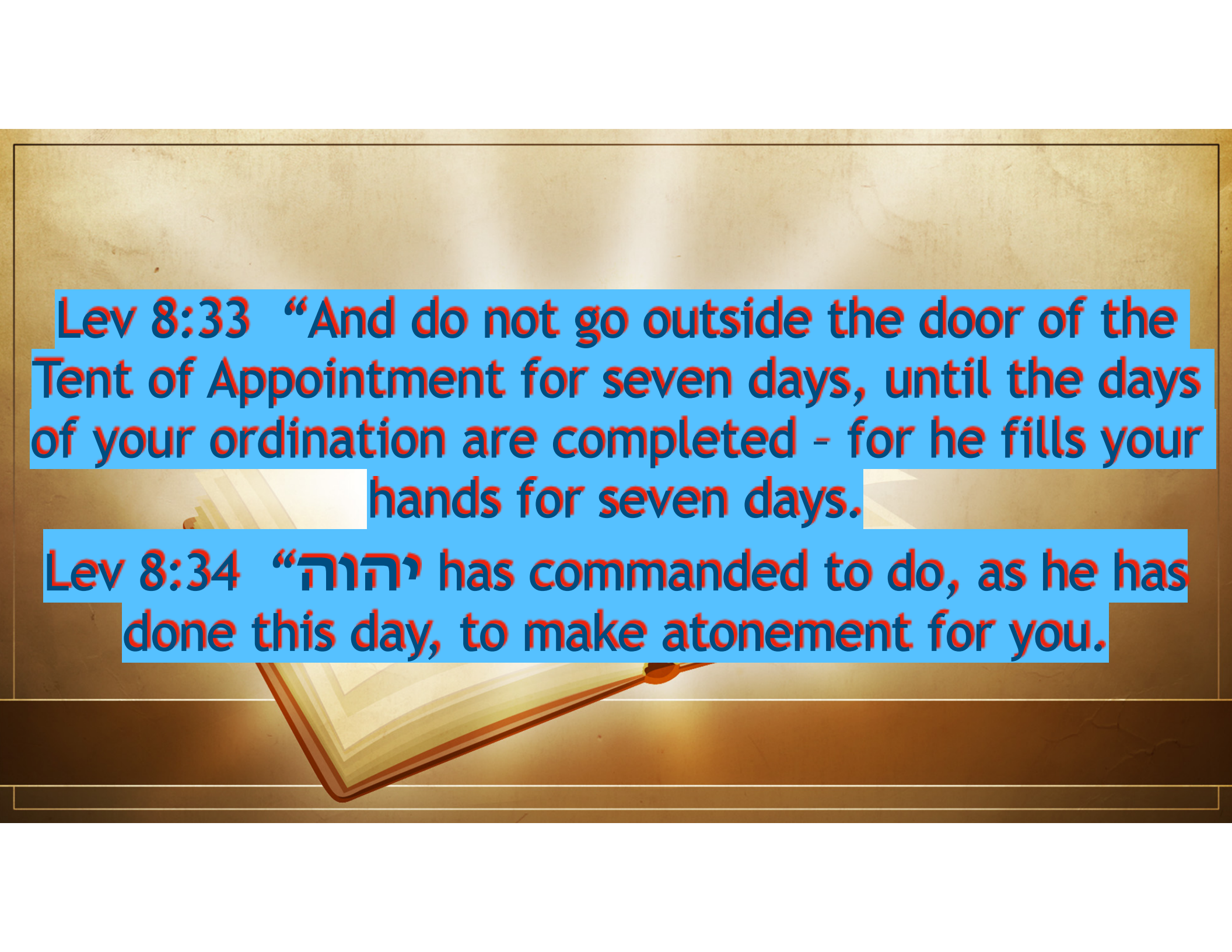
**Lev 8:28** Mosheh then took them from their hands and burned them on the slaughter-place, on the ascending offering. They were ordinations for a sweet fragrance. It was an offering by fire to יהוה.

**Lev 8:29** And Mosheh took the breast and waved it, a wave offering before יהוה. It was Mosheh's portion of the ram of ordination, as יהוה had commanded Mosheh.

**Lev 8:30** And Mosheh took some of the anointing oil and some of the blood which was on the slaughter-place, and sprinkled it on Aharon, on his garments, and on his sons, and on the garments of his sons with him. And he set apart Aharon, his garments, and his sons, and the garments of his sons with him.

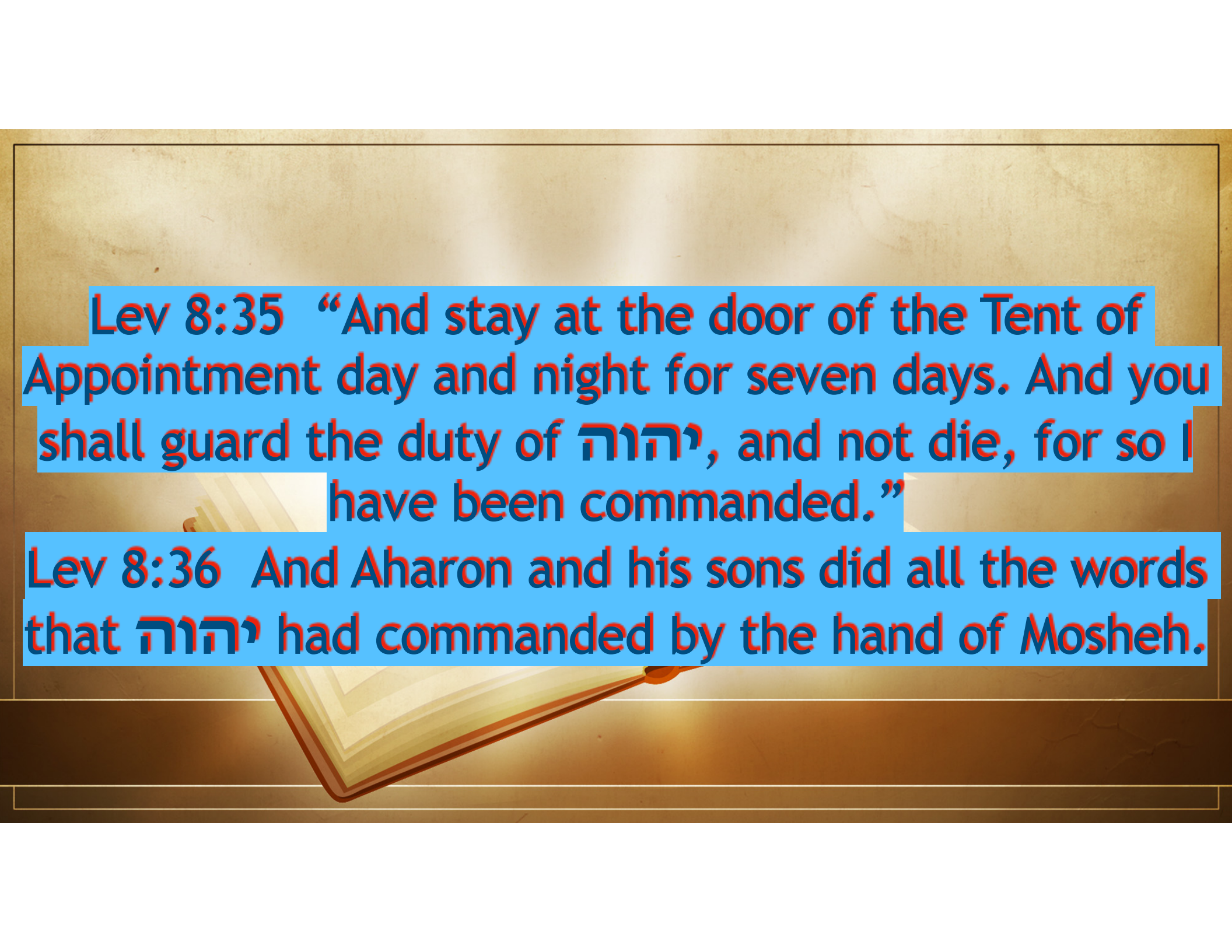
**Lev 8:31** And Mosheh said to Aharon and his sons,  
“Cook the flesh at the door of the Tent of  
Appointment, and eat it there with the bread that  
is in the basket of the ordinations, as I have  
commanded, saying, ‘Aharon and his sons are to eat  
it.’”

**Lev 8:32** “Then burn the rest of the flesh and the  
bread with fire.”



Lev 8:33 “And do not go outside the door of the Tent of Appointment for seven days, until the days of your ordination are completed - for he fills your hands for seven days.

Lev 8:34 “יהוה has commanded to do, as he has done this day, to make atonement for you.



Lev 8:35 “And stay at the door of the Tent of Appointment day and night for seven days. And you shall guard the duty of יהוה, and not die, for so I have been commanded.”

Lev 8:36 And Aharon and his sons did all the words that יהוה had commanded by the hand of Mosheh.

## The Yehovah Accepts Aaron's Offering

Lev 9:1 And on the eighth day it came to be that Mosheh called Aharon and his sons and the elders of Yisra'ěl.

Lev 9:2 And he said to Aharon, "Take for yourself a young bull as a sin offering and a ram as an ascending offering, a perfect one, and bring them before יהוה.

Lev 9:3 “And speak to the children of Yisra’ĕl, saying, ‘Take a male goat as a sin offering, and a calf and a lamb, both a year old, perfect ones, as an ascending offering,

Lev 9:4 and a bull and a ram as peace offerings, to slaughter before יהוה, and a grain offering mixed with oil. For today יהוה shall appear to you.’ ”

Lev 9:5 And they took what Mosheh commanded before the Tent of Appointment, and all the congregation drew near and stood before יהוה.



Lev 9:6 And Mosheh said, “This is the word which יהוה commanded you to do, so that the esteem of יהוה appears to you.”

Lev 9:7 And Mosheh said to Aharon, “Go to the slaughter-place, and prepare your sin offering and your ascending offering, and make atonement for yourself and for the people. And make the offering of the people, and make atonement for them, as יהוה has commanded.”

Lev 9:8 So Aharon came near to the slaughter-place and slew the calf of the sin offering, which was for himself.

**Lev 9:9** And the sons of Aharon brought the blood to him, and he dipped his finger in the blood, and put it on the horns of the slaughter-place, and poured the blood at the base of the slaughter-place.

**Lev 9:10** And the fat, and the kidneys, and the appendage on the liver of the sin offering he burned on the slaughter-place, as יהוה had commanded Mosheh.

**Lev 9:11** And the flesh and the skin he burned with fire outside the camp.

**Lev 9:12** And he slew the ascending offering, and the sons of Aharon presented to him the blood, which he sprinkled on the slaughter-place all around.

**Lev 9:13** And they presented the ascending offering to him, with its pieces and head, and he burned them on the slaughter-place.

**Lev 9:14** And he washed the entrails and the legs, and burned them with the ascending offering on the slaughter-place.

**Lev 9:15** And he brought the people's offering, and took the goat, which was the sin offering for the people, and slew it and made it a sin offering, like the first one.

**Lev 9:16** And he brought the ascending offering and made it, according to the right-ruling.

**Lev 9:17** He also brought the grain offering, and filled his hand with it, and burned it on the slaughter-place, besides the ascending offering of the morning.

**Lev 9:18** And he slew the bull and the ram as a slaughtering of peace offerings, which were for the people. And Aharon's sons presented to him the blood, which he sprinkled on the slaughter-place all around,

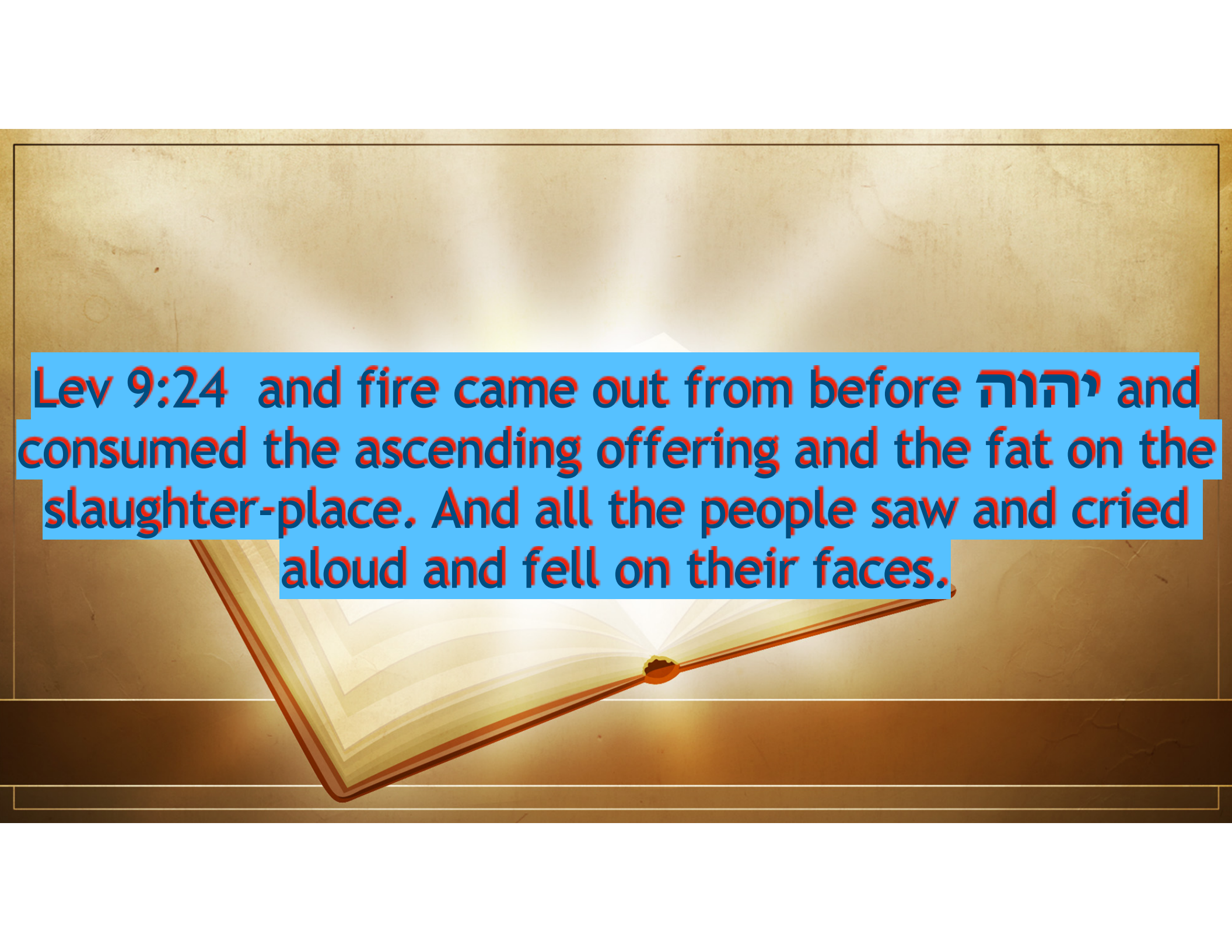
**Lev 9:19** and the fat from the bull and the ram, the fat tail, and the covering, and the kidneys, and the appendage on the liver,

**Lev 9:20** and they placed the fat on the breasts, and he burned the fat on the slaughter-place.

Lev 9:21 But the breasts and the right thigh Aharon waved as a wave offering before יהוה, as Mosheh had commanded.

Lev 9:22 Aharon then lifted up his hand toward the people and blessed them, and came down from making the sin offering, and the ascending offering, and the peace offerings.

Lev 9:23 And Mosheh and Aharon went into the Tent of Appointment, and came out and blessed the people. And the esteem of יהוה appeared to all the people,



Lev 9:24 and fire came out from before יהוה and consumed the ascending offering and the fat on the slaughter-place. And all the people saw and cried aloud and fell on their faces.