

# IS THE OT RELEVANT TO NT CHRISTIANS?

Three Case Examples

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“If **NT** Christians are not subject to the Law in the **OT**, of what value is the OT to us?”

# Three Uses of OT **in** NT



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**Devotional  
Application**

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**Typology**

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**To Show the  
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# Hobab



## Relatives or Promised Land?

● **Numbers 10:29-30 (NASB)** <sup>29</sup> Then Moses said to Hobab the son of Reuel the Midianite, Moses' father-in-law, "We are setting out to the place of which the Lord said, 'I will give it to you'; come with us and we will do you good, for the Lord has promised good concerning Israel." <sup>30</sup> But he said to him, "I will not come, but rather will go to my own land and relatives."

# Use of OT for NT Christians

## Hobab

### Devotional Application

- “Do you want your relatives or do you want God?”
- “If God’s promises not realized yet, do you have faith to believe they will be?”



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# Use of OT for NT Christians

## Typology

### Peace Offering

- General Description
  - Three Kinds
    - Thanksgiving
    - Vow
    - Freewill

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- General Description
  - A common meal with offerors and priest

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## Typology

### Peace Offering

#### □ General Description

##### □ Four foodstuffs used

##### □ Fat & Kidneys

□ belonged to God

##### □ Meat

□ Right shoulder belonged to **officiating** priest

□ some say it was “heaved” to God

□ Breast belonged to **high** priest

□ All but right shoulder & breast was the offeror’s

##### □ Bread

□ some belonged to God (memorial portion)

□ some belonged to the priests

##### □ Wine

□ belonged to God

# Use of OT for NT Christians

## Typology

### Peace Offering

#### □ Fat & Kidneys

□ **Leviticus 3:3 (NASB)** ~'From the sacrifice of the peace offerings he shall present an offering by fire to the Lord, the fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails, **(v4)** and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them, which is on the loins, and the lobe of the liver, which he shall remove with the kidneys.

# Use of OT for NT Christians

## Typology

### Peace Offering

#### ☐ Meat

##### ☐ For the PRIESTS

##### ☐ High Priest

☐ **Leviticus 7:31(NASB)** <sup>31</sup> ~'The priest shall offer up the fat in smoke on the altar, but the **breast** shall belong to **Aaron and his sons**.

##### ☐ Officiating Priest

☐ **Leviticus 7:32** <sup>32</sup> ~'You shall give the **right thigh** to the priest as a contribution from the sacrifices of your peace offerings. <sup>33</sup> ~'The one among the sons of Aaron who **offers** the blood of the peace offerings and the fat, the **right thigh** shall be his as *his* portion. <sup>34</sup> ~'For I have taken the **breast** of the wave offering and the from the sons of Israel from the sacrifices of their peace offerings, and have given them to Aaron the priest and to his sons as *their* due forever from the sons of Israel.

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## Typology

### Peace Offering

#### ☐ Meat

##### ☐ For the OFFEROR

☐ Deuteronomy 12:17-18 (NASB) <sup>17</sup> "You are not allowed to eat within your gates... any of your votive offerings which you vow, or your freewill offerings, ... <sup>18</sup> "But you shall eat them before the Lord your God in the place which the Lord your God will choose...

☐ "within your gates"

☐ offeror wasn't supposed to eat at home

☐ "before the Lord"

☐ offeror was supposed to eat at the Tabernacle

# Use of OT for NT Christians

## Typology

### Peace Offering

#### □ Bread

##### □ The PRIEST's portion

□ **Leviticus 7:12-14 (NASB)** <sup>12</sup> ~'If he offers it by way of thanksgiving, then along with the sacrifice of thanksgiving he shall offer unleavened **cakes** mixed with oil, and unleavened **wafers** spread with oil, and **cakes of well stirred fine flour mixed with oil.** <sup>13</sup> ~'With the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving, he shall present his offering with **cakes of leavened bread.** <sup>14</sup> ~'Of this he shall present one of every offering as a contribution to the Lord; it shall **belong to the priest** who sprinkles the blood of the peace offerings.

##### □ GOD's portion

□ **Leviticus 6:15-16 (NASB)** <sup>15</sup> ~'Then one *of them* shall lift up from it a handful of the fine flour of the grain offering, with its oil and all the incense that is on the grain offering, and he shall offer *it* up in smoke on the altar, a soothing aroma, as its memorial **offering to the Lord.** <sup>16</sup> ~'What is left of it Aaron and his sons are to eat...

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#### □ Wine

□ **Numbers 15:8-10 (NASB)** <sup>8</sup> ~'When you prepare a bull as a burnt offering or a sacrifice, to fulfill a special vow, or for peace offerings to the Lord, <sup>9</sup> then you shall offer with the bull a grain offering of three-tenths *of an ephah* of fine flour mixed with one-half a hin of oil; <sup>10</sup> and you shall offer as the drink offering one-half a hin of wine as an offering by fire, as a soothing aroma to the Lord.

□ Note that v9 also mentions the peace offerings *grain offering* (bread)

□ the bread and the wine were “consumed” by God at the same time



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## Typology

### Peace Offering

#### □ Eaten as a Meal

##### □ Scriptures

□ **Leviticus 7:16 (NASB)** ~'But if the sacrifice of his offering is a votive or a freewill offering, it shall be eaten [by the offeror and his family] on the day that he offers his sacrifice, and on the next day what is left of it may be eaten;

□ **Deuteronomy 12:17-18 (NASB)** <sup>17</sup> "You are not allowed to eat within your gates... any of your votive offerings which you vow, or your freewill offerings, ... <sup>18</sup> "But you shall eat them before the Lord your God in the place which the Lord your God will choose...

□ this shows priests and offerors ate together

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### Peace Offering

#### □ Eaten as a Meal

##### □ Authorities

##### □ Jewish Encyclopedia

□ “Peace-offerings were usually private sacrifices, their characteristic feature being the fact that the worshippers entered into a common feast... Sometimes guests were invited, and the poor, the stranger, and the Levite, as well as the male and female servants, could join the domestic circle (Deut. xii. 17-18, xvi. 11; comp. Ps. xxii. 27)... The meals were in general of a joyful character, wine being freely indulged in. Meat that was unconsumed might not be profaned.”

□ <http://www.jewishencyclopedia.com/articles/11966-peace-offering>

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#### □ Eaten as a Meal

##### □ Authorities

##### □ John W. Ritenbaugh

□ “In addition, since all parties—God, priest, and man—share the same meal and satisfaction, it shows all in peaceful communion or fellowship”

□ <http://www.bibletools.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/Topical.show/RTD/cgg/ID/1273/Peace-Offering.htm>

# Use of OT for NT Christians

## Typology

### Peace Offering

#### □ Summary

- A fellowship meal
  - Eaten in communion with God and man
  - Meat, wine, and bread are involved
- **What NT institution does this remind us of?**



**Q & A**

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## Show Justice of God

### Jealousy Trial

#### □ Introduction

- some say it's the most bizarre passage in Scripture
- liberals love to use this to defame God's good name
  - God is said to be
    - just like all the pagan gods of barbarous tribes
    - unjust to women
    - in favor of abortion

# Use of OT for NT Christians

## Show Justice of God

### Jealousy Trial

#### □ Occasion

- Husband suspects wife of adultery

  - But he has no proof

- **Numbers 5:12b-14** 'If any man's wife goes astray and is unfaithful to him, 13 and a man has intercourse with her and it is hidden from the eyes of her husband and she is undetected, although she has defiled herself, and there is no witness against her and she has not been caught in the act, 14 if a spirit of jealousy comes over him and he is jealous of his wife when she has defiled herself, or if a spirit of jealousy comes over him and he is jealous of his wife when she has not defiled herself,

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## Show Justice of God

### Jealousy Trial

#### □ Procedure

- The **Husband** takes wife to a priest
  - Brings along a grain offering for a guilt offering
    - With no oil or incense with the grain
- The **priest** does the following...
  - mixes water and dust from tabernacle floor, puts into a clay jar
  - loosens the woman's hair
  - Pronounces an oath and curses over the woman
  - writes the curses on a piece of paper
  - washes curses off the paper and puts into the clay jar
- The **woman** does the following...
  - Says amen to the curse
  - drinks the bitter water from the clay jar

# Use of OT for NT Christians

## Show Justice of God

### Jealousy Trial

#### □ The Curse

- If the woman is guilty...
  - “her abdomen will swell and her thigh will waste away...” (NIV)
    - Options as to what this might mean
      - miscarriage
      - inability to conceive
      - prolapse of the uterus
    - struck right at the heart’s desire of an oriental woman
      - Which was to get pregnant
      - their whole worth measured by ability to conceive (NIV SB)

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## Show Justice of God

### Jealousy Trial

#### □ Obvious Advantage

- A terribly strong disincentive to wives committing adultery
  - Hebrew wives knew that...
    - if husband could prove her adultery
      - Deuteronomy 22:22 (NASB) "If a man is found lying with a married woman, then both of them shall die, the man who lay with the woman, and the woman; thus you shall purge the evil from Israel.
    - If husband could NOT prove her adultery
      - he could put her through jealousy trial

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## Show Justice of God

### Jealousy Trial

#### ❑ Problems

- ❑ How could drinking the water of cursing indicate guilt?
  - ❑ Answer → There is no natural cause
    - ❑ the damaged belly would be a supernatural act of God
- ❑ On its face, the procedure seems unfair to wives
  - ❑ Husband does not have to have probable cause to accuse wife
  - ❑ Apparently, wife could not accuse the husband
- ❑ Does jealousy trial give moral precedent for abortion?

# Use of OT for NT Christians

## Show Justice of God

### Jealousy Trial

#### ❑ Problems Answered

- ❑ #1 Husband does not have to have probable cause to accuse wife
  - ❑ Seems that unreasonably jealous husbands could unjustly accuse wife
  - ❑ Answers
    - ❑ No husband would lightly accuse his wife
      - ❑ if she's innocent and her belly doesn't swell...
        - ❑ He looks vindictive
        - ❑ He is exposed to public as a cuckold
    - ❑ unjustly accused wife would welcome ordeal
      - ❑ would give her a chance to publicly vindicate herself
      - ❑ no guilty woman would take such an awful oath upon herself

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## Show Justice of God

### Jealousy Trial

#### □ Problems Answered

□ #1 Husband does not have to have probable cause to accuse wife

□ “the innocent wife, outraged to the quick by the suspicions voiced by her husband, could insist upon this public justification of herself, to the deep humiliation of the man unjustly accusing her...this event should not be viewed as being entirely about punishment, but equally about vindication”

□ Paul E. Kretzman

□ <http://www.zianet.com/maxey/reflx328.htm>



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## Show Justice of God

### Jealousy Trial

#### ❑ Problems Answered

- ❑ #1 Husband does not have to have probable cause to accuse wife
  - ❑ Compare Roman and Sharia law
    - ❑ husband had the right to take private action
      - ❑ Nathan Albright
        - ❑ <http://edgeinducedcohesion.wordpress.com/2011/04/02/numbers-5-11-31-concerning-jealous-husbands/>
- ❑ Mosaic law, husband had to go through judicial process

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### Jealousy Trial

#### □ Problems Answered

##### □ #2 Wife could not accuse husband

##### □ Answer

##### □ Husbands had greater need to prove paternity

##### □ if a wife unfaithful

##### □ hard to know who is the father

##### □ if a husband unfaithful

##### □ the wife still knew her child was hers

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### Jealousy Trial

#### ❑ Problems Answered

❑ #3 Does jealousy trial give moral precedent for abortion?

#### ❑ Answer

❑ God's judicial punishment not the same as human's murdering people

❑ Oftentime offspring suffer for sins of parents

#### ❑ Examples

❑ Bathsheba's baby

❑ all of Adam and Eve's children

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### Jealousy Trial

#### Problems Answered

□ #3 Does jealousy trial give moral precedent for abortion?

□ “Would God actually permit the death of such an innocent life as a consequence of another's sin? One only has to think of the death of the child of David and Bathsheba to find the answer [2 Sam. 12:14-15], which should serve as an example to His people of the costliness of one's rebellion against Him. It can be quite costly. Such a divine punishment, however, is certainly not even remotely connected with the godless notions pertaining to the mind-numbing slaughter of millions of fetuses today. For anyone to appeal to this passage as justification for the practice of abortion in certain circumstances is appalling.”

□ Al Maxey

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