

# Exodus 24:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And he sent young men of the children of Israel, which offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen unto the LORD.**

'Young men' (הַנְּעָרִים, hane'arim) offer sacrifices—likely firstborn sons, since the Aaronic priesthood hasn't been instituted yet. 'Burnt offerings' (עֹלֹת, olat) ascend wholly to God, representing total consecration. 'Peace offerings' (זִבְחֵי שְׁלָמִים, zevachim shelamim) are shared meals, representing fellowship. The dual offerings depict covenant's two aspects: consecration to God and communion with Him. The oxen blood (v. 6) will seal the covenant—foreshadowing Christ's blood establishing the New Covenant. Without blood-shedding there's no covenant (Hebrews 9:22). Animal blood pointed to Christ, 'the Lamb of God who takes away the world's sin' (John 1:29).

## Historical Context

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Pre-Aaronic sacrifices were offered by family heads or appointed representatives. The burnt and peace offerings together depicted comprehensive covenant relationship—consecration and communion with God.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. What do burnt offerings (wholly to God) and peace offerings (shared meals) together teach about covenant relationship?
2. How does the blood used in covenant ratification point forward to Christ's blood establishing the New Covenant?

## Interlinear Text

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And he sent	H853	young men	of the children	of Israel	which offered
H7971		H5288	H1121	H3478	H5927
עֹלֹת	וַיִּזְבֹּחַ ו	זִבְחֵי ים	שְׁלָמֵי ים	לַיהוָה ה	פָּרִים:
burnt offerings	and sacrificed	offerings	peace	unto the LORD	of oxen
H5930	H2076	H2077	H8002	H3068	H6499

## Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 18:12** (Sacrifice): And Jethro, Moses' father in law, took a burnt offering and sacrifices for God: and Aaron came, and all the elders of Israel, to eat bread with Moses' father in law before God.