

# Leviticus 5:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,**

This verse falls within the section on **Guilt Offerings**. The guilt offering (אַשָׁם, asham) addressed specific trespasses requiring both sacrifice and restitution, emphasizing sin's relational damage.

The New Testament reveals that Christ's sacrifice accomplishes what the Levitical system could only symbolize—complete forgiveness and restoration of relationship with God.

## Historical Context

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The guilt offering (אַשָׁם, asham) addressed specific trespasses requiring both sacrifice and restitution, emphasizing sin's relational damage. Leviticus was given to Israel at Mount Sinai, shortly after the tabernacle's construction described in Exodus. The name 'Leviticus' (from Latin Leviticus, referring to the Levites) reflects its focus on priestly duties, though the Hebrew title Wayyiqra ('And He called') emphasizes God's initiative in revealing these laws. The first seven chapters detail the five main offerings, providing both worshiper instructions and priestly procedures. Ancient Near Eastern cultures had various sacrificial systems, but Israel's sacrificial worship was unique in its ethical foundation, monotheistic framework, and emphasis on atonement rather than appeasement. Unlike pagan rituals focused on manipulating deities, Israel's sacrifices acknowledged God's

sovereignty and sought reconciliation based on His gracious provision. The tabernacle's design parallels ancient Near Eastern temple architecture, yet its portable nature and absence of divine images distinguished it from pagan temples.

## Related Passages

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

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. What does this verse teach about the seriousness of sin, the cost of redemption, or the beauty of holiness?
2. In what ways does this verse challenge contemporary cultural values or your personal attitudes?
3. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?

## Interlinear Text

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לִאמְרָה: מֵשֶׁה אֶל הָיָה יְהוָה שָׁבֵת רַבָּה  
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