

graceWORKS ! GOING DEEPER¹ The Papou Study Bible is a daily study provided by me to



help folks explore the depth and joy of the “conneXion” life of God. It’s my personal study, and is not intended as a doctrinal statement or statement of any church or denomination or congregation. It’s also my belief that “grace” works, and the servant of God should always want to go deeper. Multi-tasking as usual, I’m also calling this the “Papou Study Bible.” I’m writing it as if I were speaking to my girls who love me and any descendant they have that love their Papou too. And to anyone who wants to consider me a spiritual Dad or “Papou.” I want them to be able to study the Bible with Papou (grandpa in Greek) after I’m gone---and if they don’t, I’ll haunt them. The Scriptures say it’s noble to “search the Scriptures daily” to verify truth like the ancient Bereans did (Acts 17:11). My folks came from Berea. My incredible Dad (and your grandfather and great grandfather, guys), Vasil Charles Valekis taught me to do this like he did---every day until I die. He taught me and everyone I know to go to church no matter what and to put God first. While Mama (Maria Pagona Stratakis Valekis) never really did this, she made sure we listened to Daddy on this one. She would have hit us with a spatula or frying pan or worse if we didn’t. This is a simple sharing my “daily search.” And I’d like to think it is a continuation of God’s life through my Dad through me. Both my “Dads” by the way. And a way to honor him, mama and our loving “Dad”---God. And for all of us to be together, in Spirit, even when we I join them in heaven. I like to use the Blue Letter literal, very “visual,” Greek translation a lot to help “visualize” these truths the beautiful way Greek enables you to view. And I like to share this with folks serving in an elder capacity, or any capacity, to grow them, challenge them, and stretch them. But especially share it with anyone I’ve ever brought to Christ and family members who truly love me. And when you study these, I’ll make sure to connect with you from heaven. *Ever an orthodox Greek, Jim Valekis*

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Christ IN You Series

Colossians 1:27 (King James Version)

²⁷To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is *Christ in you*, the hope of glory

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Ezekiel 45 Part 3²

So offerings are continually being offered in this vision. Again, since there is not need for any more offerings than the body of Jesus, what is the Lord depicting to us?

I submit He’s depicting our ongoing need for sacrificial offering for our continued existence. And He’s simply picturing what our Lord is doing for us always---- maintaining our existence and being by His love, and mercy and sacrifice. I love the concept of a “burnt offering”---a total offering to God for His complete use. We’ll see what else the Lord has to say about this subject.

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Here's a picture of this from a website called: bethelreadstheword.wordpress.com

Ezekiel 45 Christian Standard Bible (CSB)

It's amazing the lengths God goes to ensure our continued existence and our continued thriving! Yesterday I covered this already, but I want to review it a little more closely today before I move forward. There is something intriguing to me about the "percentages" being allocated, and perhaps there is a lesson for me in my Christian walk to learn how to divide my time and efforts for the Lord and for certain specific reasons. Again, let me start with the table I created that translated the measurements spoken of. I need to correct some of the measurements

Liquid measure	Larger capacity liquid measure (cor)	Dry measure	Larger capacity dry measure
5 ½ gallons	55 gallons	½ bushel	5 bushels
22 quarts	220 quarts	4 dry gallons/32 quarts	40 dry gallons/320 quarts

¹⁰“You are to have honest scales, an honest dry measure,^[l] and an honest liquid measure.^[m]

¹¹ The dry measure^[n] and the liquid measure^[o] will be uniform, with the liquid measure containing 5½ gallons^[p] and the dry measure holding half a bushel.^[q] Their measurement will be a tenth of the standard larger capacity measure.^[r] ¹² The shekel^[s] will weigh twenty gerahs. Your mina will equal sixty shekels.

Gerahs (2 ½ cents)	Shekels (20 gerahs) (42 cents)	Minah (60 shekels)(\$25.40)
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¹³“This is the contribution you are to offer: Three quarts^[t] from six bushels^[u] of wheat and^[v] three quarts from six bushels of barley.

Wheat/barley: 3 quarts from 6 bushels (3 quarts from 48 quarts – 6.25 %)

¹⁴ The quota of oil in liquid measures^[w] will be one percent of every^[x] cor. The cor equals ten liquid measures or one standard larger capacity measure,^[y] since ten liquid measures equal one standard larger capacity measure.

Oil: 1% of every 55 gallons, or 0.55 gallons – about a half of a gallon

¹⁵ And the quota from the flock is one animal out of every two hundred from the well-watered pastures of Israel. These are for the grain offerings, burnt offerings, and fellowship offerings, to make atonement for the people.”

Flock: 1 in 200 (0.5%)

So in addition to their tithes (10 %) there was an additional percentage (varying) for the extra sacrifice rendered by the “prince” for burnt offerings (whole offerings to the Lord), grain offerings, and drink offerings and sin offerings.

In my way of thinking, the Priest and Prince were Jesus.

Jesus our High Priest	Jesus our Prince
<p>Hebrews 6:20 where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.</p> <p>Hebrews 7:23-(NIV) ²³ Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; ²⁴ but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. ²⁵ Therefore he is able to save completely^[a] those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.</p> <p>Since He was God and flesh, what He did once in time exists eternally and in an ongoing way in God, who lives out of time. ²⁶ Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens.</p> <p>Outside of this physical universe. ²⁷ Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸ For the law appoints as high priests men in all their weakness;</p> <p>Asthenia – literally “unfirmness.” Connotes impermanence to me. Weak, frail. Human, created. but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect forever.</p> <p><i>Footnotes:</i></p> <p>1. Hebrews 7:25 Or <i>forever</i></p>	<p>Acts 5:31 God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins.</p> <p>Greek for Prince: G747 archegos ar-khay-gos' from G746 and G71; a chief leader.</p> <p>Hebrew word for Prince: H5387 nasiy' naw-see' or nasi8 {naw-see'}; from H5375; properly, an exalted one, i.e. a king or sheik; also a rising mist.</p> <p>KJV: captain, chief, cloud, governor, prince, ruler, vapour.</p>

This is the declaration of the Lord GOD. ¹⁶“All the people of the land must take part in this contribution for the prince in Israel. ¹⁷ Then the burnt offerings, grain offerings, and drink offerings for the festivals, New Moons, and Sabbaths—for all the appointed times of the house of Israel—will be the prince’s responsibility. He will provide the sin offerings, grain offerings, burnt offerings, and fellowship offerings to make atonement on behalf of the house of Israel.

This obviously refers to Jesus. Again, savor this passage.

Hebrews 10 New International Version (NIV)

Christ’s Sacrifice Once for All

10 The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming—not the realities themselves.

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For the law, having a shadow of the impending good things, not the selfsame image of the matters, they, with their same *sacrifices which they are offering year^{ac}by year, are never |able~ to perfect^{io} to a *finality *those approaching~.

10:1	σκιαν	γαρ	εχων	ο	νομος	των	μελλοντων	αγαθων	ουκ	αυτην	την	εικονα
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	SHADE	for	HAVING	THE	LAW	OF-THE ^(p)	BEING_ABOUT	GOOD ^(p)	NOT	SAME	THE	image
	shadow	for	having	the	law	of-the	impending	good ^(p)	not	same	the	image
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	tOn	pragmatOn	kat	eniauton	tais	autais	thusiais	autOn	has			
	OF-THE ^(p)	PRACTISING-effects	accordING_to	year	to-THE ^(p)	SAME ^(p)	SACRIFICES	OF-them	WHICH ^(p)			
	of-the	matters	according-to	year	to-the	same	sacrifices	of-them	which			
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	ones-approaching	to-perfect										

“Coming” also means “impending.” In our Reality in which we are hidden with Christ, there are a lot of things that are “impending.”

For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship. ² Otherwise, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins. ³ But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins. . . .

⁸ First he said, “Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them”—though they were offered in accordance with the law. ⁹ Then he said, “Here I am, I have come to do your will.” He sets aside the first to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ **once for all.**

¹¹ Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; **again and again** he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when this priest had offered for all time **one sacrifice for sins**, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. ¹⁴ **For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.**

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For by one approach present He has perfected ¹⁰to a *finality *those who are |hallowed*.

10:14	μια	γάρ	προσφορά	ΤΕΤΕΛΕΙΩΚΕΝ	ΕΙΣ	ΤΟ	ΔΙΗΓΕΚΕΣ	ΤΟΥΣ
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	to-ONE	for	TOWARD-CARRY	He-HAS-maturED	INTO	THE	THRU-CARRY	THE ^(pl)
	to-one	for	offering	he-has-perfected	into	the	finality	the

αγιαζομενους
 hagiāzomenous
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 ones-being-hallowed

So this Temple shows Sacrifices happening in an ongoing and complete way. Notice how they occur monthly and on special occasions.

¹⁸ ““This is what the Sovereign LORD says: In the first month on the first day you are to take a young bull without defect and purify the sanctuary. ¹⁹ The priest is to take some of the blood of the sin offering and put it on the doorposts of the temple, on the four corners of the upper ledge of the altar and on the gateposts of the inner court. ²⁰ You are to do the same on the seventh day of the month for anyone who sins unintentionally or through ignorance; so you are to make atonement for the temple.

The atonement is for sins that are unintentional or through ignorance. The blood was placed at the “entrance” to the Temple. Our entrance is the gate, Jesus Christ. (John 10)

²¹ ““In the first month on the fourteenth day you are to observe the Passover, a festival lasting seven days, during which you shall eat bread made without yeast. ²² On that day the prince is to provide a bull as a sin offering for himself and for all the people of the land. ²³ Every day during the seven days of the festival he is to provide seven bulls and seven rams without defect as a burnt offering to the LORD, and a male goat for a sin offering. ²⁴ He is to provide as a grain offering an ephah for each bull and an ephah for each ram, along with a hin of olive oil for each ephah.

²⁵ ““During the seven days of the festival, which begins in the seventh month on the fifteenth day, he is to make the same provision for sin offerings, burnt offerings, grain offerings and oil.

I’m intrigued with “7 bulls” and “7 rams” offered by the Prince on behalf of Himself and the people. The number seven represents the perfect number, the perfect amount. Again, that’s what Christ fulfilled.

God obviously depicts the perfection of what Christ has done and sustains forever in our lives---sacrificial forgiveness and atonement that is permanent. And the totality of the burnt offerings, represented by bulls and rams, the strongest of the animals listed, is intriguing too. I wonder if it’s from this we get the command, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and all your mind and all your might.”

All means all. Total.

Ok, ready for Ezekiel 46.