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The **wave** offering that was offered when Aaron and his sons were consecrated as priests included the rump and the right shoulder of the ram (along with two kidneys, a loaf of bread, a cake of oiled bread, and a wafer of unleavened bread). The offering was literally waved before the Lord.

- **Exodus 29:22-24:** "Also thou shalt take of the ram the fat and the rump, and the fat that covereth the inwards, and the caul above the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, and the right shoulder; for it is a ram of consecration: And one loaf of bread, and one cake of oiled bread, and one wafer out of the basket of the unleavened bread that is before the Lord: And thou shalt put all in the hands of Aaron, and in the hands of his sons; and shalt wave them for a wave offering before the Lord."

When Aaron and his sons were consecrated as priests and the **wave** offering was offered, its ingredients were to be burned on the altar as an offering made by fire unto the Lord.

- **Exodus 29:24-25:** "And thou shalt put all in the hands of Aaron, and in the hands of his sons; and shalt wave them for a wave offering before the Lord. And thou shalt receive them of their hands, and burn them upon the altar for a burnt offering, for a sweet savour before the LORD: it is an offering made by fire unto the LORD."

When Aaron and his sons were consecrated as priests and the

wave offering was offered, the breast from the ram was given to the priests. (That was the priestly share, which the priests were expected to eat.) Before the priests could eat it, though, it had to literally be waved before the Lord.

- **Exodus 29:26:** "And thou shalt take the breast of the ram of Aaron's consecration, and wave it for a wave offering before the LORD: and it shall be thy part."

It seems that the wave **offering** was also called the heave offering (because it was "heaved up" before the Lord).

- **Exodus 29:27:** "And thou shalt sanctify the breast of the wave offering, and the shoulder of the heave offering, which is waved, and which is heaved up, of the ram of the consecration, even of that which is for Aaron, and of that which is for his sons:"

Wave offerings were literally waved before the Lord.

- **Leviticus 7:30:** "His own hands shall bring the offerings of the LORD made by fire, the fat with the breast, it shall he bring, that the breast may be waved for a wave offering before the LORD."

When someone brought a peace offering to the Lord, the breast was **waved** before the Lord as a wave offering.

- **Leviticus 7:29-30:** "Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, He that offereth the sacrifice of his peace offerings unto the Lord shall bring his oblation unto the Lord of the sacrifice of his peace offerings. His own hands shall bring the offerings of the LORD made by fire, the fat with the breast, it shall he bring, that the breast may be

waved for a wave offering before the LORD."

When someone brought a peace offering to the Lord, the fat was burned as an offering to God. However, the breast was **waved** as a wave offering and then given to the priests as their portion to eat.

- **Leviticus 7:29-31:** "Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, He that offereth the sacrifice of his peace offerings unto the Lord shall bring his oblation unto the Lord of the sacrifice of his peace offerings. His own hands shall bring the offerings of the LORD made by fire, the fat with the breast, it shall he bring, that the breast may be waved for a wave offering before the LORD. And the priest shall burn the fat upon the altar: but the breast shall be Aaron's and his sons'."
- **Leviticus 7:34:** "For the wave breast and the heave shoulder have I taken of the children of Israel from off the sacrifices of their peace offerings, and have given them unto Aaron the priest and unto his sons by a statute for ever from among the children of Israel."

When Moses anointed Aaron and his sons as priests, Aaron and his sons were the ones who **waved** the wave offering before the Lord.

- **Leviticus 8:27:** "And he put all upon Aaron's hands, and upon his sons' hands, and waved them for a wave offering before the LORD."

When Moses anointed Aaron and his sons as priests, he burned the ingredients of the **wave** offering upon the altar of

burnt offerings (after those ingredients had been waved before the Lord).

- **Leviticus 8:27-28:** "And he put all upon Aaron's hands, and upon his sons' hands, and waved them for a wave offering before the LORD. And Moses took them from off their hands, and burnt them on the altar upon the burnt offering: they were consecrations for a sweet savour: it is an offering made by fire unto the LORD."

When Moses anointed Aaron and his sons as priests, he took the breast of the second ram and **waved** it as a wave offering before the Lord. That became his portion (which it seems he was expected to eat).

- **Leviticus 8:29:** "And Moses took the breast, and waved it for a wave offering before the LORD: for of the ram of consecration it was Moses' part; as the LORD commanded Moses."

Moses was the one who gave God's commandments regarding **wave** offerings.

- **Leviticus 9:21:** "And the breasts and the right shoulder Aaron waved for a wave offering before the LORD; as Moses commanded."

The children of the priests (both sons and daughters) were allowed to eat the **wave** breast and heave shoulder of peace offerings. God gave it to them as their portion.

- **Leviticus 10:14-15:** "And the wave breast and heave shoulder shall ye eat in a clean place; thou, and thy sons, and thy daughters with thee: for they be thy due, and thy

sons' due, which are given out of the sacrifices of peace offerings of the children of Israel. The heave shoulder and the wave breast shall they bring with the offerings made by fire of the fat, to wave it for a wave offering before the LORD; and it shall be thine, and thy sons' with thee, by a statute for ever; as the LORD hath commanded."

Under the Mosaic Law, if a person had leprosy but was pronounced clean, on the eighth day the priest was to **wave** a male lamb and a log of oil before the Lord as a wave offering (as part of the purification process to make him clean again).

- **Leviticus 14:12:** "And the priest shall take one he lamb, and offer him for a trespass offering, and the log of oil, and wave them for a wave offering before the LORD:"

Under the Mosaic Law, when the Israelites reaped the harvest of their field, they were required to bring to the priest a firstfruits offering, who would **wave** it before the Lord so that it would be accepted.

- **Leviticus 23:10-11:** "Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest: And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it."

Under the Mosaic Law, when the Israelites offered their firstfruits as a **wave** offering, they had to offer a male lamb as well as a burnt offering.

- **Leviticus 23:10, 12:** "Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest: ... And ye shall offer that day when ye wave the sheaf an he lamb without blemish of the first year for a burnt offering unto the LORD."

Under the Mosaic Law, 50 days after the Israelites offered their firstfruits offering, they had to offer two loaves of bread as a **wave** offering. (This is also known as Pentecost.) What's highly unusual about this is that God commanded the Israelites to offer loaves that were baked with leaven. (Usually God strictly forbade the use of leaven in sacrifices, but this one is an exception.)

- **Leviticus 23:16-17:** "Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the Lord. Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals; they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baken with leaven; they are the firstfruits unto the LORD."

Under the Mosaic Law, if a man was jealous of his wife and suspected that she had committed adultery, he could bring her to a priest to have her tested. After the priest gave the woman bitter water to drink, the priest was to **wave** a barley offering before the Lord. (The test would either prove that she was innocent, or reveal that she was guilty.)

- **Numbers 5:13-15, 25:** "And a man lie with her carnally, and it be hid from the eyes of her husband, and be kept close, and she be defiled, and there be no witness against her, neither she be taken with the manner; And the spirit

of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be defiled: or if the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be not defiled: Then shall the man bring his wife unto the priest, and he shall bring her offering for her, the tenth part of an ephah of barley meal; he shall pour no oil upon it, nor put frankincense thereon; for it is an offering of jealousy, an offering of memorial, bringing iniquity to remembrance. ... Then the priest shall take the jealousy offering out of the woman's hand, and shall wave the offering before the LORD, and offer it upon the altar:"

Under the Mosaic Law, when a person completed their Nazarite vow and offered the required sacrifices, and the priest gave them their portion of the offering, the portion of the offering that the priest **waved** was holy to the Lord. (Once that was done, the Nazarite was released from his vow and could consume grapes again.)

- **Numbers 6:20:** "And the priest shall wave them for a wave offering before the LORD: this is holy for the priest, with the wave breast and heave shoulder: and after that the Nazarite may drink wine."

The sons and daughters of the priests were allowed to eat the priestly portion of the heave and **wave** offerings.

- **Numbers 18:11:** "And this is thine; the heave offering of their gift, with all the wave offerings of the children of Israel: I have given them unto thee, and to thy sons and to thy daughters with thee, by a statute for ever: every one that is clean in thy house shall eat of it."

The **wave** breast and right shoulder was given to the priests as their portion of the offering.

- **Numbers 18:18:** "And the flesh of them shall be thine, as the wave breast and as the right shoulder are thine."

The psalmist said that sailors who are on ships mount up to heaven, and then go down again. (This is because the **waves** bring them up high and then drop them back down.)

- **Psalms 107:23, 26:** "They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters; ... They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble."

When God pulled Pharaoh out and judged him, He said that He was going to **brandish** His sword before the nations (which would fill them with fear).

- **Ezekiel 32:1-2, 10:** "And it came to pass in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, in the first day of the month, that the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, take up a lamentation for Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say unto him, Thou art like a young lion of the nations, and thou art as a whale in the seas: and thou camest forth with thy rivers, and troubledst the waters with thy feet, and fouledst their rivers. ... Yea, I will make many people amazed at thee, and their kings shall be horribly afraid for thee, when I shall brandish my sword before them; and they shall tremble at every moment, every man for his own life, in the day of thy fall."

The disaster that's spoken of in the book of Joel involved four

separate **waves** of insects, each one of which devastated the crops of Israel. (This seems to be an end-times judgment, since it is connected to the Day of the Lord.)

- **Joel 1:4, 15:** "That which the palmerworm hath left hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath the cankerworm eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath left hath the caterpillar eaten. ... Alas for the day! for the day of the Lord is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come."

Churches must fight against evil and not **waver** in the face of persecution.

- **1 Corinthians 16:13:** "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong."

When Paul dealt with the Corinthian church, he wasn't double-minded. He didn't **waver** between "yes" and "no".

- **2 Corinthians 1:17-18:** "When I therefore was thus minded, did I use lightness? or the things that I purpose, do I purpose according to the flesh, that with me there should be yea yea, and nay nay? But as God is true, our word toward you was not yea and nay."

We must not **waver** in our profession of faith in God.

- **Hebrews 10:23:** "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)"

Those who pray without faith (**waver**) are like items in the sea that are tossed around by currents in the wind. They're

unable to stay firmly rooted in one place, and can't go in the direction they would like.

- **James 1:6:** "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed."

Those who ask God for wisdom must have faith that He will grant that prayer, and must not **waver** in that faith.

- **James 1:5-6:** "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed."

If you want to receive something from the Lord then you must ask in faith, and you must not **waver**. Those who waver in their prayers won't receive anything from Him

- **James 1:6-7:** "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord."