
THE UNIQUENESS OF THE *PARAH ADUMAH*

- A *chukat ha'Torah* – “decree of the Torah”
- Only sacrifice that *must* be female
- Only sacrifice that *must* be a certain color
- Only sacrifice slaughtered *outside* the camp
- High priest (Aaron) not involved, deputy priest (Elazar) spectates
- Blood sprinkled *toward* (not *in*) the tabernacle
- Sacrifice is not skinned or dismembered
- Cedar wood, hyssop & scarlet thread burned with it
- The participants are made ritually unclean by their involvement...
- ...but the sacrifice's ashes provide purification
- Its ashes are gathered and kept *outside* the camp and taken to all parts of Israel
- No repetition of this sacrifice is commanded