

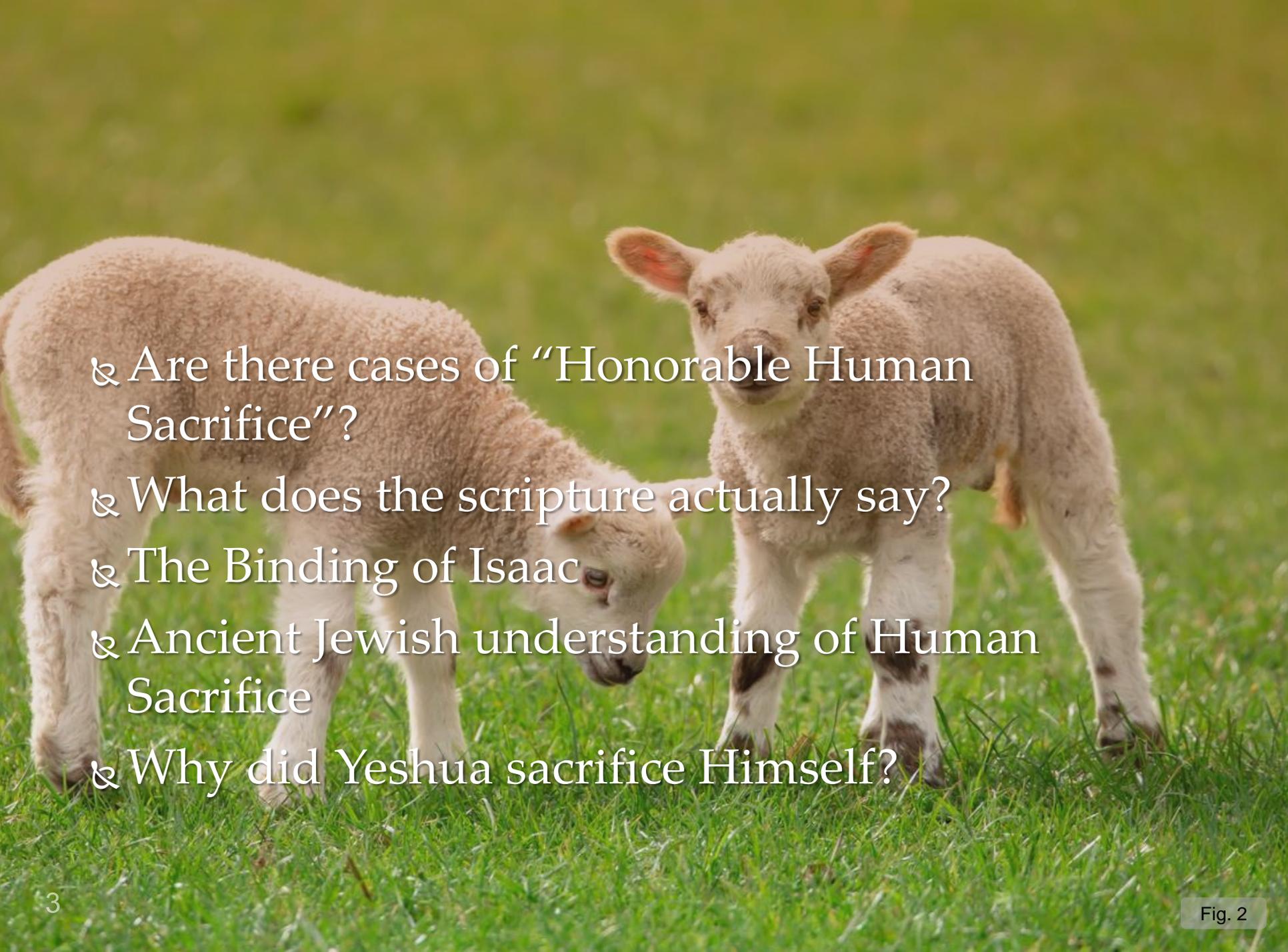


# Yeshua

*a Sacrifice or Not?*

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“But doesn’t God hate  
human sacrifice?”

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- ⌘ Are there cases of “Honorable Human Sacrifice”?
  - ⌘ What does the scripture actually say?
  - ⌘ The Binding of Isaac
  - ⌘ Ancient Jewish understanding of Human Sacrifice
  - ⌘ Why did Yeshua sacrifice Himself?

<sup>ESV</sup> **Matthew 1:21** She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

<sup>ESV</sup> **Isaiah 59:1-2** Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear; but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.

ESV **Leviticus 17:11** For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life.

<sup>ESV</sup> **Mark 10:45** For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom (atonement) for many."

<sup>ESV</sup> **John 15:13** Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends.

# Acceptable Human Sacrifice



Fig. 3

Specialist Ross McGinnes  
US Army

Medal of Honor, Silver  
Star, Bronze Star

June 14, 1987 – Dec. 4, 2006

# Acceptable Human Sacrifice



Fig. 4

# Human Sacrifice in Torah



ESV **Leviticus 18:21**  
You shall not give  
any of your children  
to offer them to  
Molech, and so  
profane the name of  
your God: I am the  
LORD.

# Human Sacrifice in Torah



ESV **Leviticus 20:2** "Say to the people of Israel, Any one of the people of Israel or of the strangers who sojourn in Israel who gives any of his children to Molech shall surely be put to death. The people of the land shall stone him with stones.

# Human Sacrifice in Torah



ESV **Deuteronomy 12:31**  
You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way, for every abominable thing that the LORD hates they have done for their gods, for they even burn their sons and their daughters in the fire to their gods.

# Human Sacrifice in Torah



ESV **Deuteronomy 18:10**

There shall not be found among you anyone who burns his son or his daughter as an offering, anyone who practices divination or tells fortunes or interprets omens, or a sorcerer . .

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ESV Psalm 106:34-38 They did not destroy the peoples, as the LORD commanded them, <sup>35</sup> but they mixed with the nations and learned to do as they did. <sup>36</sup> They served their idols, which became a snare to them. <sup>37</sup> They sacrificed their sons and their daughters to the demons; <sup>38</sup> they poured out innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan, and the land was polluted with blood.

<sup>ESV</sup> **Ezekiel 23:37** For they have committed adultery, and blood is on their hands. With their idols they have committed adultery, and they have even offered up to them for food the children whom they had borne to me.

<sup>ESV</sup> **Jeremiah 19:4-5** Because the people have forsaken me and have profaned this place by making offerings in it to other gods whom neither they nor their fathers nor the kings of Judah have known; and because they have filled this place with the blood of innocents, <sup>5</sup> and have built the high places of Baal to burn their sons in the fire as burnt offerings to Baal, which I did not command or decree, nor did it come into my mind-

# MURDER

<sup>ESV</sup> **Deuteronomy 19:11-13** But if anyone hates his neighbor and lies in wait for him and attacks him and strikes him fatally so that he dies, and he flees into one of these cities, <sup>12</sup> then the elders of his city shall send and take him from there, and hand him over to the avenger of blood, so that he may die. <sup>13</sup> Your eye shall not pity him, but you shall purge the guilt of innocent blood from Israel, so that it may be well with you.

# Willing Sacrifice

- ⌘ “Abraham, offer your only son as a burnt offering”
- ⌘ Packed a donkey with enough wood to consume the body
- ⌘ On third day, transferred wood to Isaac

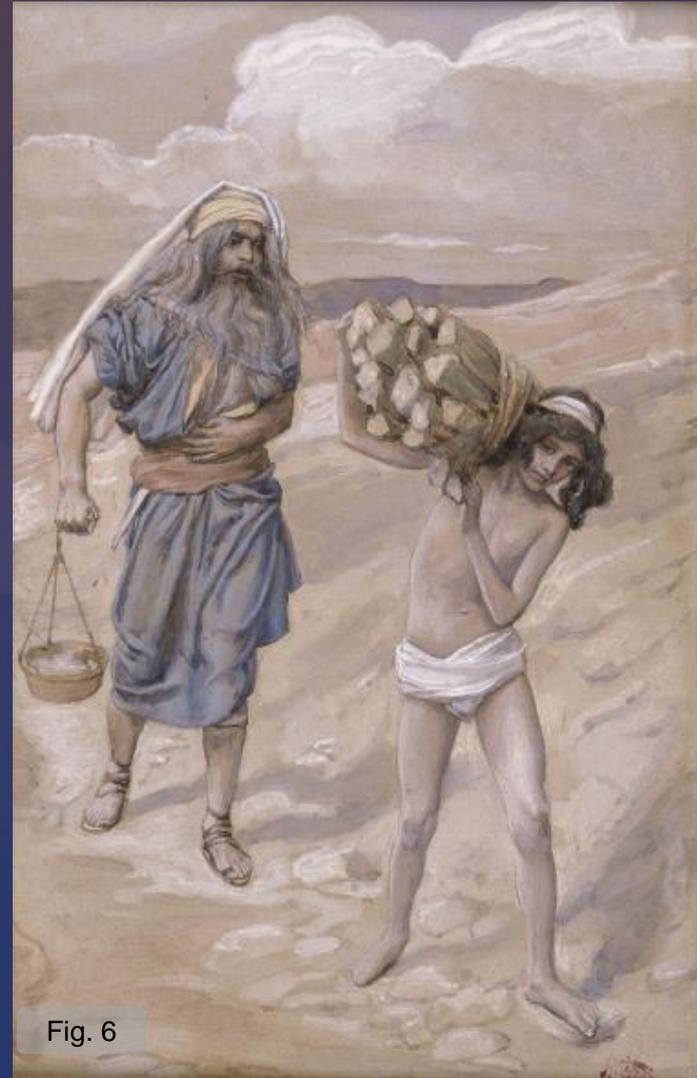


Fig. 6

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ESV **John 17:1** . . . "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you . . ."

"Father, the hour has come; weigh down your Son that the Son may glorify you . . ."  
-Tim Kelley translation

"glorify" = "kabad" ( **כָּבַד** Strong's 3513)

# 1<sup>st</sup> Century Jewish Understanding

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Fig.7

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LXE Exodus 32:32 And now if thou wilt forgive their sin, forgive *it*; and if not, blot me out of thy book, which thou hast written.

# 1<sup>st</sup> Century Jewish Understanding



ESV Isaiah 53:5-11 But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. . . .

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<sup>10</sup> Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

# 1<sup>st</sup> Century Jewish Understanding



<sup>11</sup> Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

# 1<sup>st</sup> Century Jewish Understanding

Jewish Objections to Jesus  
by Michael Brown

# 1<sup>st</sup> Century Jewish Understanding

“The children of the world are members of one another, and when the Holy One desires to give healing to the world, He smites one just man amongst them, and for his sake, heals all the rest. Whence do we learn this? From the saying, ‘He was wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities’ . . . In general, a just person is only smitten in order to procure healing and atonement for a whole generation.”

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*“It is written that they prayed ‘Cause our chastisement to be an expiation for them. Make my blood their purification and take my sould as a ransom for their souls’ (4 Maccabees 6:28-29). Of these righteous martyrs it is recorded: ‘They have become as a ransom for the sin of our nation, and by the blood of these righteous men and the propitiation of their death, Divine Providence delivered Israel’ (4 Maccabees 17:22)”*

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- ⌘ It was a common belief that one righteous person could die to heal the nation as a whole . . .
- ⌘ And that the death of the righteous atones for the sins of the nation as well

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<sup>ESV</sup> **Isaiah 52:3** For thus says the LORD: "You were sold for nothing, and you shall be redeemed without money."

“healed” = “rapha” ( **רָפָה** Strong’s 7495)



A woman with long blonde hair, wearing a white dress and a green floral crown, stands on a wooden bridge. She is looking towards the camera. The background is a lush green forest with many trees. The bridge has a wooden railing.

# Review . . .

- ⌘ YHVH is not opposed to human sacrifice, but He is opposed to an unwilling sacrifice
- ⌘ Willing sacrifices are honored
- ⌘ Isaac was offered as a willing sacrifice
- ⌘ Jewish sages were OK with willing sacrifices
- ⌘ Yeshua was a willing sacrifice

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