1. The Eternal One called to Moses and spoke to him from the Tent of Meeting, saying: 2. Speak to the Israelite people, and say to them: When any of you presents an offering of cattle to the Eternal: You shall choose your offering from the herd or from the flock. 3. If your offering is a burnt offering from the herd, you shall make your offering a male without blemish. You shall bring it to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, for acceptance in your behalf before the Eternal.

4. You shall lay a hand upon the head of the burnt offering, that it may be acceptable in your behalf, in expiation for you. 5. The bull shall be slaughtered before the Eternal; and Aaron’s sons, the priests, shall offer the blood, dashing the blood against all sides of the altar which is at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting. 6. The burnt offering shall be flayed and cut up into sections. 7. The sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire on the altar and lay out wood upon the fire; and Aaron’s sons, the priests, shall lay out the sections, with the head and the suet, on the wood that is on the fire upon the altar. 8. Its entrails and legs shall be washed with water, and the priest shall turn the whole into smoke on the altar as a burnt offering, an offering by fire of pleasing odor to the Eternal.
The people I formed for Myself are meant to recount My praise. Yet you have not called upon Me, O Jacob, or wearied yourself for Me, O Israel. You brought Me no sheep for burnt offerings, nor honored Me with your sacrifices. I did not burden you with meal offerings, nor weary you by demanding incense. You have not spent your coin to give Me sweet cane, nor sated Me with the fat of your sacrifices: instead, you have burdened Me with your sins, and wearied Me with your offenses. I am the One who blots out your transgressions, for My own sake, and your sins will I remember no more. Now [if you think I don’t recall your merits] help Me remember! Let us arrive at judgment! State your case and justify yourself! Your first ancestor sinned, and your leaders have rebelled against Me.