

## Sin [purification] offerings in Leviticus 4 and 16 – some commonalities and some differences

←-----Regular-----→←-----Day of Atonement-----→

	High priest [4:3-12] or congregation [4:13-21]	Leader [4:22-26] and regular citizen [4:27-35]	High Priest [and his priests] 16:2-4, 6, 11-14, 17-20, 23- 25, 27-28, 32-34	Congregation 16:5, 7-10, 15-22, 25-34
Circumstances	Unintentional sins [2-3,13-14]	Unintentional sins [22-23, 27-28]	10 <sup>th</sup> day of the 7 <sup>th</sup> month [29 - see also 23:27,32] For himself and his household [priests] [6, 11, 17, 33]	10 <sup>th</sup> day of the 7 <sup>th</sup> month [29 - see also 23:27,32] Uncleanness, rebellion, sins [16] wickedness, rebellion, all their sins [21]
Animal required	Bull [3, 14]	Flock animal [male goat for leader [23], female goat or lamb for citizen [28, 32]	Bull [3, 6, 11]	Two male goats - one slaughtered, the other sent away from the camp [5, 15, 20-22]
Blood	Brought into Holy Place; sprinkled 7 times before veil; put on horns of incense altar; remainder poured out at base of burnt offering altar [5-7, 16-18]	Put on horns of burnt offering altar; remainder poured out at base of burnt offering altar [25, 30, 34]	Brought into Holy of Holies; Sprinkled once on and 7 times before atonement cover and tent of meeting [ie incense altar - see Exod 30:10]; put on horns of and sprinkled 7 times on, burnt offering altar [14, 16, 18-19]	Brought into Holy of Holies; Sprinkled once on and 7 times before atonement cover and tent of meeting [ie incense altar - see Exod 30:10]; put on horns of and sprinkled 7 times on, burnt offering altar [15, 16, 18-19]
Officiant	High priest [3, 16]	Priest [25, 30]	High Priest	High Priest
Disposal of meat	Fat burned on burnt offering altar [8-10, 19-20]; remainder of meat burned outside the camp [11-12, 21 - see also 6:30]	Fat burned on burnt offering altar [26,31,35]; remainder of meat eaten by priests [6:24-30]	Fat burned on burnt offering altar [25]; remainder of meat burned outside the camp [27]	Fat burned on burnt offering altar [25]; remainder of meat burned outside the camp [27]

The above is adapted and expanded from the table by Jay Sklar, the Tyndale Old Testament Commentary on Leviticus [2013], p109. There are other sin offerings for other specific sins in 5:1-13, or circumstances such as purification after childbirth in 12:6, 8 or occasions like the commencement of the ministry of the priests 9:1-24 or Festival of weeks 23:19.