

## Preparation Time

Levites lived in priestly cities. Priests went off every morning and did their chores and service. We know they lived in priestly cities. Priests make sure before they go that they had nothing in their conscience. We blow the shofar one hour before the sacrifice because preparation is the main part of the sacrifice.

Without proper preparation we may as well not make the sacrifice. There can't be any sin upon us or our family. We are to be with our family. We know the teaching, how the meat was inspected for defects.

We now must judge our own piece of meat. We must be perfect. Being perfect means the blood is covering everything. We come to the sacrifice just like we come to the breaking of bread, with a perfect conscience. When the priests of old came to the sacrifice they were at perfect peace with their families, their children obedient. We see helter skelter Israel in 1 Samuel, with Eli not ruling over his family.

We must make that hour before the sacrifice for our children because we haven't seen them all day.

Children will have such a good conscience they will look forward to Abba coming home. This is a good time to spend with your family. This is one of the essential parts of the sacrifice. So we blow three blasts one hour before and two blasts to call for the sacrifice. Let's not neglect that part of the sacrifice. We have the opportunity to be with our family, teaching our children (Dt 6:6-7). We pass on the commandments, memorizing proverbs, teaching them portions of the gospel. It is worth everything in the world to our children to go over something with them for just five minutes. As it is now we're not even dressed and ready when the shofar blows, going into the sacrifice on one impulse.

This preparation time represents this age (Rev 17:14). If you're not dressed and ready, you're not faithful to the very end. This enduring makes us fit for the Kingdom. Enduring means restoration. For example when you restore a house think about all the things that house has to endure and suffer to the very end. The house can't say, "I've had enough!" in the middle of this restoration process. Only those faithful to the end will be taken up with Him (Rev 17:14; 19:14-20) — the Stone Kingdom. Those left behind, not taken up, will be weeping and moaning. It is too late to judge themselves. They have the Holy Spirit but weep and gnash their teeth that they didn't get ready. They will be taken to the judgment but won't be worthy of the Kingdom (2 Tim 2:12). They didn't endure, didn't exercise their spirit (Mt 24:13)

Those who endure to the end will be those who suffer and bear the suffering.

We are to be dressed and ready. We have to know what that means, we don't know the day or the hour, or what watch, the first, second or third. Only irregular communities won't have watchmen. In Boston we'll try to work it in some way to spend time with our children, talking to them for five minutes about Yahshua, tell them a short story, proverbs etc.