**Rumination 837\_(Special Chinese New Year Meditation), Feb. 12, 2021 by K.C. Ung**

The **T**heme: **The Year of The Bullock** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: *If his offering be a burnt sacrifice of the herd…he shall kill* ***the bullock*** *before the LORD:* Lev. 1:3, 5

The **T**hots: [based on a study given on 25 Jan. 2009] By KC Ung

Intro.: Is it the Year of the Ox/Bull/Bullock/or Cow? Is there any difference?

 Be it a Bull, a Bullock, a **C**ow or an **O**x, God **O**wns all by right of **C**reation: Psa. 50:10; Acts 17:24, 25

1. **The Ox is a Picture of the Sinner.**
	1. An Ox is a **C**astrated **C**reature.
		1. Cf. The Sinner is “**C**ut-off” from Christ and God, Eph. 2:12
		2. Cf. The Sinner **C**annot be “offered” to God. Lev. 22:24, NIV
	2. An Ox is a **B**east of **B**urden. I Chr. 12:40
2. Cf. The **S**inner is a **B**earer of Sin’s **B**urden. Mt. 11:28
3. Ct. The **S**aint **C**asts his daily burden upon **C**hrist. I Pet. 5:7

* 1. An Ox engages in **W**orthless **W**ork for itself.
		+ 1. It engages in **F**utile **L**abour – treading in circles. Deut. 25:4
			2. It engages in **F**ruitless **L**iving – it cannot reproduce and it ends up as meat. Deut. 14:4 Cf. Eph. 2:8, Tit. 3:5
1. **The Bull or Bullock is a Picture of the Saviour. Christ is the Bullock in …**
	1. **…The Burnt Offering**. Lev. 1:2-9 cf. Heb. 10:6-10
2. The **S**acrifice must be **S**potlessly **P**erfect. Lev. 1:3
3. **S**crupulously **S**crutinised for “**P**ollution” 1:6-9a, NIV
4. **S**olely God’s **P**ersonal **P**ossession 1:9
5. be of **S**weet **S**avour and all-**P**leasing to Him. 1:9c
	1. **…The Sin Offering.** Lev. 4:3 II Cor. 5:21, 22
6. Blood must be shed for **A**tonement. 4:5-7 cf. Heb. 9:22

 and sins confessed on the **A**nimal. 4:4 cf. 16:21, 22

1. Only its fat was burnt on the **A**ltar 4:8, 10 cf. 3:16

**A**ll the rest burnt outside the Camp. 4:8-12 cf. Heb. 13:13

1. Its **A**biding Law: *Where the burnt offering is killed shall the sin offering be killed:* 6:25
	1. **The Peace Offering –** it brings about Fellowship. Lev. 3:1 cf. Eph. 2:14-18
2. The **B**ullock is the **M**eans, and the **B**lood the **M**aintenance, of Fellowship. Lev. 3:1, 2-7 cf. I Jn. 1:7
3. The **B**est of the Sacrifice is the **M**arrow of Fellowship – *the fat* Lev. 3:3-5, 16 cf. 7:23-25
4. The “**B**urning” of the **S**acrifice is the **M**ake-up of the Fellowship – sweet or otherwise.
	1. Burnt, *katar* = smoke, i.e. turn into fragrance by fire (esp. an act of worship) Lev. 1:9; 3:5 cf. Eph. 5:2
	2. Burnt, *saraph* = burn utterly, consume. (Used only of the Sin Offering) Lev. 4:12
5. The **B**reast and right **S**houlder of the Sacrifice is the **M**eal of the Fellowship. Lev. 7:29, (30-32)-34
* Cf. The Lord’s Supper – God sharing Christ with His people. I Cor. 10:16, 17
1. **The Cow is a Picture of the Saint** I Sam 6.7-14 (9- 12, NIV)

The **C**ows transported the Ark of God in a new **C**art **C**hoosing to follow His **C**ourse

and **C**onfirming God’s **C**ontrolling **A**uthority over them. Nothing was left to **C**hance. cf.Pro. 3:6

**The Cows Carried the emblems on a new Cart**.

They testified to the **P**resence and **P**ower of God cf. the Ark and the images. I Sam. 6:11 cf. Mt: 5:16

**The Cows had to Chose to follow their natural Instincts or God’s Instructions.**

They were **M**ilch cows **M**othering their calves – *they took two milch cows* I Sam. 6:10a, NRSV

The **C**ows were separated from their **C**alves to **C**hoose between them and God’s **C**ourse. I Sam. 6:7, 9, 10

They kept to the straight path of God’s **C**ourse – it was not **C**hance that Plagued the Philistines. 6:12

*…He that loveth son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.* Mt. 10:37 cf. Pro. 3:6

**The Cows Became a Burnt Offering unto the Lord.** I Sam. 6:14b

Their obedience to God in following God’s course led them to their deaths and be sacrificed as burnt offerings.

1. Cf. Jesus, the Burnt Offering, *obedient unto death, even the death of the cross*. Phil. 2:8
	1. Cf. Abraham obedient to the extent of sacrificing his son as a burnt offering: Gen. 22:2
2. Cf. **P**aul, ready to be a Burnt Offering in life and in death. Phil. 1:20, 21; II Tim. 4:6

**Conclusion and Challenge for the Year of the Bullock:** Rom. 12:1, 2

Are you (as the **Cow**) ready to **C**hoose above all others to be obedient to the Lord and to surrender your will and life to Him as a **Living** **Burnt Offering** to prove what is His *Good, Perfect and Acceptable Will*?

Be not an **Ox**, but be a **Cow** and seek to follow the **Bullock** for this Year of the Bullock. Pro. 3:5, 6

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK:**

For a Full Outline of this Study and More Lessons on the Cow, Visit…

<http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com/messages-notes/Year%20of%20the%20Bullock-Cow_2009.doc>

*A* ***B****lessed and* ***B****ountiful Chinese New Year of the* ***B****ullock to you and your family.*

*May your Year be* ***P****rosperous*

*as the Lord Blesses you with His Choicest* ***P****ortions:*

**Genesis 39:3 -** *And his master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to* ***prosper*** *in his hand*.

**Genesis 39:23 -** *The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing that was under his hand; because the LORD was with him, and that which he did, the LORD made it to* ***prosper***.

**Joshua 1:8 -** *This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way* ***prosperous****, and then thou shalt have good success.*

**Psalm 1:1-3 -** *Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly,*

*nor standeth in the way of sinners,*

*nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.*

***B****ut his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.
And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water,*

*that* ***B****ringeth forth his fruit in his season;*

*his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall* ***prosper****.*

*From*

*My wife and Family to all!*