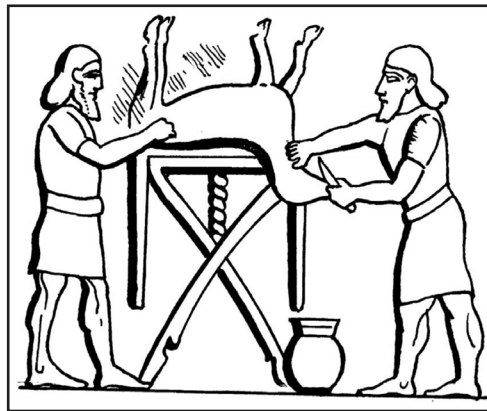


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In spring (April/May), the annual sheep shearing was a hallmark of the year for shepherds. For the shear, the legs of a sheep are bound; then its woolen fleece is removed with a shearing knife or a blade shear. (Gen. 31:19; 38:12-13; 1 Sam. 25:2-7; 2 Sam. 13:23-24; Song 4:2; Isa. 53:7; Acts 8:32)

In Israel, animals were slaughtered by cutting the carotid artery; the blood was caught in a bowl. After the animal was bloodless, it could be cooked or burned on the altar as sacrifice. Blood as bearer of life was splashed against the base of the altar. (Gen. 43:16; Exod. 12:6, 21; 29:11; Lev. 1:5, 11; Deut. 16:2-6; Prov. 7:22; 24:11; Isa. 14:21; 53:7; Jer. 11:19; 50:27; 51:40)



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