

מִזְבֵּחַ (*mizbeah*), literally means "place of slaughter" a sacrificial sacrifice. This is the same word used for altar within the Bible. The masculine noun מִזְבֵּחַ (*mizbeah*) literally means "place of זָבַח (*zebah*),"

If we consider the second part of the word for altar, we get a better understanding in reference to the purpose of a place of slaughter.

זָבַח (*zebah*), means a sacrifice or the act of sacrificing.

But what is the significance of this word for us.?

Judges 6:6 -10 Israel was brought very low because of Midian; and the children of Israel cried to Yaweh. When the children of Israel cried to Yaweh because of Midian, Yaweh sent a prophet to the children of Israel; and he said to them, "Thus says Yaweh, the God of Israel, 'I brought you up from Egypt, and brought you out of the house of bondage; and I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all who oppressed you, and drove them out from before you, and gave you their land; and I said to you, "I am Yaweh your God; you shall not fear the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell." But you have not listened to my voice.'"

The disobedience to the covenant that God made with Israel was the only cause of their trouble. But God send a messenger to help Israel to overcome the enemy, Gideon was the instrument God intended to use.

WHAT DISOBEDIENCE CAUSED THE WRATH OF GOD UPON ISRAEL, WHEN WE READ IN VERSE 6 THAT THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL CRIED UNTO YAHWEH. THEY KNEW GOD, THEY CRIED OUT UNTO HIM, SO WHAT STOOD AGAINST THEM?

The answer to the question
is found in God's directive
to Gideon.

Judges 6:25-26 That same night, Yahweh said to him, “Take your father’s bull, even the second bull seven years old, and throw down the altar of Baal that your father has, and cut down the Asherah that is by it; and build an altar to Yahweh your God on the top of this stronghold, in an orderly way, and take the second bull, and offer a burnt offering with the wood of the Asherah which you shall cut down.”

We have been asked, why do we struggle?

The question we should however ask, is there anything that stand against us in relation to the covenant agreement we have with God.

Like altars that stand against us before the throne of God, altars that we allow, altars that sacrifice to idols as with Gideon's father's house.

The obvious answer would
be no!

We would not allow such
an altar to be erected.

Then Consider this :

Dhabīḥah* (or *zabiha*, Arabic: ذَبِيْحَة *dhabīḥah* IPA: [ðæ 'biːħə], 'slaughter'^(noun)) is, in Islamic law, the prescribed method of ritual slaughter of all lawful halal animals (goats, sheep, cows, chicken) excluding locusts, fish, and most sea-life. Unlawful animals like pigs, dogs, lions, bears, etc. are not allowed to be slaughtered or *zabihah*. This method of slaughtering lawful animals has several **conditions to be fulfilled. The butcher must be Muslim, the name of God or "In the name of God" (*Bismillah*) must be called by the butcher upon slaughter of each halal animal separately, and it should consist of a swift, deep incision with a very sharp knife on the throat, cutting the wind pipe, jugular veins and carotid arteries of both sides but leaving the spinal cord intact.^[1]*

The precise details of the **slaughtering method arise from Islamic tradition educated by Muhammad**, himself. It is used to **comply with the conditions stated in the Quran:**

Altars in South Africa

A lot of the abattoirs in South Africa is currently Halal certified, meaning that the animals are ritually sacrificed in compliance with the Islamic law.

This is what God told Gideon that stood against them and thus God allowed the Median invasion.

Let's consider the word "halal"

Based upon what God said to Gideon, and in reference to the fact that we have abattoirs that are halal compliant in a “Christian” country, lets look at the word halal.

The Muslim meaning of the word halal when used as a religious term, means “permissible” , something a Muslim can do, the opposite of haram “impermissible” or something a Muslim cannot do.

The Hebrew reference to the same word chalal is to profane oneself, defile oneself, pollute oneself.

If we consider that the two religions oppose one another, it may be considered that what is permissible for a Muslim based on his religion, and consequent sacrifice is not permissible to the other religion.

If God ordained that we should not eat food offered to an idol, we must acknowledge that to the believers of that idol, the food would be permissible, but to the believers in the one true God, and Father of Jesus Christ, that food would be impermissible.

Let us consider what the Bible say about food offered to idols.

Acts 15:28-29 For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay no greater burden on you than these necessary things: that you abstain from things sacrificed to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality, from which if you keep yourselves, it will be well with you. Farewell.

Rev 2:14 But I have a few things against you, because you have there some who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to throw a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality.

Rev 2:20 But I have this against you, that you tolerate your d woman, Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess. She teaches and seduces my servants to commit sexual immorality, and to eat things sacrificed to idols.

If then halal means to offer a sacrifice to the god of the Muslims, and we partake in the food offered to idols, we are in disagreement with the covenant God made with us through His Son Jesus Christ.

For the same Jesus that said, if you love me, you will obey me, said in Revelation that He have it against us that we taught to eat food offered to idols.

Consider for yourself.

May the Lord bless you with understanding in love.

There is a testimony of a man who was part of a
abattoir who was halal compliant. His testimony is
that God showed him the error of his way to be
unequally yoked.