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Thoughts On The Book of Hebrews & The Torah

When reading the book of Hebrews, I find the subject of the Torah something worth investigating.

Hebrews seems to say the Torah is a shadow of true redemption – the animal sacrifices being deficient, and Messiah's sacrifice being sufficient in taking away sin and making one perfect. (Heb. 7:11 – 10:22) Concerning this, I find a few things that need to be investigated.

1. Yeshua said in Matthew 5:17-19 that He didn't come to destroy the Law or the prophets, but to fulfill or complete – FOR until heaven and earth pass away, not one yod or tittle will pass from the Law – till all is done. Here heaven and earth passing away is linked up with all being done – so when heaven and earth pass away, all will be done, and until then, not the least part of the torah will pass away. I don't see any way around this, and those yod's (smallest Hebrew letter) and other Hebrew letters speak of animal sacrifices... So how can Yeshua's sacrifice do away with animal sacrifices?
2. Heb. 10:4 – “For it is impossible for blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.” This may be true, yet notice in the torah, when the sin offering is offered by the priest, the priest does make atonement for the sinner, and the sin is forgiven the man! (Leviticus 4:29-31) So while perhaps animal sacrifice cannot totally purge and take away sin and make perfect, the ceremony was sufficient to make atonement – “covering” – and it did provide for forgiveness. But perhaps the animal sacrifices could not perfect a man as Yeshua can.
3. Heb. 7:12, 18-19 says there is a change in priesthood – from Levitical to Melchizedekian, and thus there is a change in law (vs. 12). A change from the torah to something else? In light of Matt. 5:17-19, Romans 3:31, 7:7, 7:12 all supporting the law? It continues – there is apparently a laying aside of the “former command because of its weakness and unprofitableness, for the Torah perfected nothing...” (vs. 18-19). How can this be if not one yod or tittle will pass from the Law till heaven and earth pass away?

Does Yeshua now “become” every single type of animal/grain/drink offering?

Or maybe not one yod or tittle passing just means that the written witness is still there of the animal types of Yeshua.

As you can see, Hebrews brings up some questionable issues, and I don't have all the answers yet. Maybe you, reader, can add some bit of insight – feel free to comment to me:

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