



Parashat Pinchas

Most laws of the korbanot are found in the Book of Vayikra. Why did Hashem decide to place the laws of the tamid and mussaf-offering here, at the end of parashat Pinchas, instead of including them in the book of Vayikra?

1. Some of our Sages explain that Bnei Yisrael did not bring mussaf-offerings while they wandered in the desert. These laws apply only in Eretz Yisrael. Therefore, Hashem first decided which Jews would enter the land. Afterwards Moshe described the details of the mussaf-offerings which they would have to keep in Eretz Yisrael (Rambam).
2. Hashem chose to give these laws shortly before Moshe's death. He was thinking that after Moshe's death, when his zechut would no longer be with them, the Jews would need the merit of the offerings. The korbanot would help protect them against their enemies (Sifte Kohen, Tzor HaMor).

Shabbat Shalom,
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