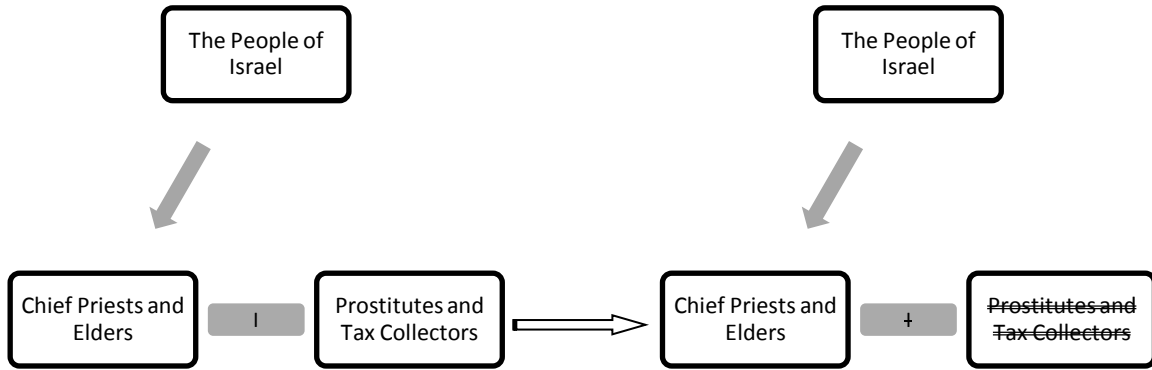


SCAPEGOAT MECHANISM – TYPE 3 (SMT3): SHAME



The chief priests and elders are guided by the fear of becoming a social outcast if they associate with the tax collectors and prostitutes. They have the tendency to *sacrifice* the tax collectors and prostitutes in order to protect a socially acceptable (*mimetically* mediated) self-image. This sacrifice shows itself in mental or physical acts of hetero-aggression. In short, the chief priests and elders deny affiliation with the tax collectors and prostitutes at all costs, primarily because they have learned to be ashamed of this affiliation. The tax collectors and prostitutes are victims of the chief priests' and elders' hypocrisy.

The chief priests' and elders' desire for recognition clashes with their (eventual) affiliation with the tax collectors and prostitutes.