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Burnt Offering	1	Voluntary	Atonement	Heb. 9:13-14
Grain Offering	2	Voluntary	Memorial showing honor and respect	Heb. 2:17-18
Peace Offering	3	Voluntary	Gratitude for Peace given by God	Eph. 2:14-16
Sin Offering	4	Required	Restored Fellowship after sin	2 Cor. 5:21
Trespass (Guilt) Offering	5	Required	Remove Guilt and provide Restitution	2 Cor. 5:18-19

Questions:

- Where did the Lord speak to Moses? _____
- Any animal sacrifice was to be an animal without _____.
- “By those who come near Me I must be regarded as _____; and before all the people I must be _____.” (NKJV)
- Aaron and his sons were not permitted to drink _____ or _____ when they went into the tabernacle of meeting.
- The priests were supposed to:
 - Distinguish between the holy and the _____
 - Distinguish between the _____ and the unclean
 - Teach the children of Israel all the _____ of the Lord
- What made land animals (animals that are on the earth) “clean”? _____
- On what day was a newborn male child to be circumcised? _____

THEMES

Looking for themes is always helpful when studying Bible passages and books. Leviticus tackles the biggest Biblical themes there are! As you read Leviticus, consider these major themes and what the book teaches about them.

Worship

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Holiness

“That You May Grow Thereby...”

A weekly Bible reading plan



Leviticus 1-13 Sacrifice and Worship

Overview

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Suggested Reading Schedule

- Monday: Leviticus 1-3
- Tuesday: Leviticus 4-6
- Wednesday: Leviticus 7-9
- Thursday: Leviticus 10-11
- Friday: Leviticus 12-13

In many ways, Leviticus is the foundation of Hebrew history, because it is the Law given to the nation. How the Jews worshiped and lived is a focal point throughout the Old Testament. Both holy living and worship are the focal point of Leviticus, and thus it is much more than a book of rules—it is a book that defined holiness for the Israelites. God’s desire is that His children be holy, like He is holy (19:2). Thus, we can learn a great deal about holiness in this book. Most importantly, Leviticus shows us the terrible price of sin (the requirement of blood and sacrifice is a major part of the Law), and thus it also teaches us about the sacrifice of Christ. If passages about various sacrifices seem tedious and difficult, remember that they point towards Jesus, and thus teach us something of the Lord’s gift to us on the cross!

Strange Fire

Leviticus chapter 10 contains the one section of narrative in the book, and what a warning it provides! Nadab and Abihu, sons of Aaron, were killed by God when they offered “strange,” that is “unauthorized” fire. This tragic story demonstrates the seriousness of worship, and the danger of supposing we can worship God how we choose instead of as He has commanded!



Outline

- I. Sacrifice & Worship (1-17)
 1. The Sacrifices (1-7)
 2. The Priesthood (8-10)
 3. Laws of Cleanliness (11-15)
 4. Atonement (16-17)
- II. Sanctification & Holy Living (18-27)
 1. Laws of Behavior (18-20)
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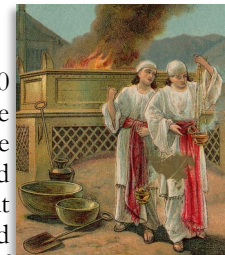
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