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Sabbath Day	7th day of the week		Rest	Hebrews 4
Sabbath Year	Every 7th Year		Rest for the Land	
Year of Jubilee	Every 50th year		Liberty for land, people, and servants	
Passover	1st Month 14th Day	1 Day	Remember God's saving of their firstborn in Egypt	1 Cor. 5:7
Unleavened Bread	Day after Passover	7 Days	Remember they were redeemed from bondage	1 Cor. 5:6-8
First Fruits	1st day of harvest	1 Day	Remember God's Provision	1 Cor. 15:20
Weeks (Or Pentecost)	50 Days after First fruits	1 Day	Thankfulness for a bountiful harvest	Acts. 2:1
Trumpets	7th Month 1st Day	1 Day	Civil New Year. Thanks and looking to the future	1 Cor. 15:52
Day of Atonement	7th Month 10th Day	1 Day	Removal of sin & reestablished fellow-	Heb. 9:11-12
Tabernacles (Booths)	7th Month 15th Day	7 Days	Remember the Wilderness Journey	John 14:2-3

Leviticus 14-28

“You shall be holy..”

Overview

God had shown His mighty power and His ability to save. The Israelites witnessed the 10 plagues, the parting of the Red Sea, and other impressive miracles already. God had delivered them and called them to be His special people, but what would that mean? How would they worship God? Further, what would it mean to be God's chosen nation? The book of Leviticus deals with those very issues. The first portion of Leviticus (ch. 1-17) outlines how to worship a holy God. The final section (ch. 18-27)

then shows how worshipping a holy God should transform the participants into holy people that lead holy lives. This is one of the keys to Leviticus, and why the book is so important!

Leviticus highlights the holiness and perfection of God.. Approaching Him in worship is no trivial matter. The laws and regulations of sacrifice, diet, and cleanliness may seem strange and even harsh to us, but they accentuate the importance of reverently approaching the righteous and life-giving Creator. Further, worshipping a holy God is more than mere ritual—it should have a profound impact on the lives of the worshippers. As God's children worship Him and come to know Him, they should become more like Him. Their lives should take on the holiness of the Father, and they should be molded in His image. The command to “be holy” because God is holy is repeated five times in Leviticus (11:44, 45; 19:2; 20:7, 26). Clearly, God expects His children to strive for holiness. Lest we think such an idea is confined to the Old Testament, let us remember that Jesus and Peter echoed this command in the New Testament (Mt. 5:48; 1 Pet. 1:16)! So, let us pay close attention to this section of Scripture, and appreciate God's desire and expectation for holiness among His children!

Suggested Reading Schedule

Monday: Leviticus 14-16

Tuesday: Leviticus 17-19

Wednesday: Leviticus 20-22

Thursday: Leviticus 23-25

Friday: Leviticus 26-27

1. What holy day is discussed in Leviticus 16? _____
2. Why was blood not to be eaten/drunk? _____
3. Was immorality common among the Canaanites? _____
4. “You shall be _____, for I the _____ you _____ am holy.”
5. How was a stranger in the land to be treated? Why? _____

6. What was the punishment for blasphemy? _____
7. Every 50th year was a year of _____.
8. How many verses are dedicated to the blessings of obedience in chapter 26? _____
How many verses cover the punishment for disobedience? _____



The various laws of “clean” and “unclean” seem difficult to understand, but Leviticus 20:24-26 helps us understand them a bit better—they were ways of reminding the Israelites they were God's special people; a people separated from worldly ways which lead to death. The New Testament helps us further. It is interesting that many of the things which represented “uncleanness” were directly cured or abolished by Jesus. For instance,

he touched lepers, a woman suffering from a flow of blood, and deceased bodies in order to heal and bring back to life. The Mosaic Law didn't offer healing—it only prescribed cleanliness and uncleanness. Jesus, however, offers healing and thus cleanness. Not only is Christ the perfect sacrifice, He is the perfect purifier of souls!

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