

# **Pentateuch**

## **Leviticus: The Way to Holiness**

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# Pentateuch (OT3)

1. Introduction to the Pentateuch
2. Genesis 1-11; The Primeval Prologue
3. Genesis 12-50; The Patriarchs
4. Exodus 1-18; God's Deliverance
5. Exodus 19-40; The Covenant at Sinai
6. Leviticus; The Way to Holiness
7. Numbers; In the Dessert
8. Deuteronomy; Final Exam

# The Book of Leviticus

- Author: Moses
- Date: c. 1445 BC-1400 BC
- Theme: Explanations of Law and Sacrifice.
- Purpose: To instruct Israel on how to become holy & then how to remain holy.
- Outline: Sacrifice (chs. 1-7)  
Priesthood (chs. 8-10)  
Clean and unclean (chs. 11-15)  
Day of Atonement (ch. 16)  
Laws for daily life (chs. 17-27)

# ***The Book of Leviticus***

<i>Focus</i>	Sacrifice				Sanctification				
<i>Reference</i>	1:1-----8:1-----11:1-----16:1-----18:1----21:1--23:1--25:1--27:1-27:34								
<i>Division</i>	The Laws of Sacrifice				The Laws of Sanctification				
	The Offerings	Consecrating Priests	Consecrating the People	National Atonement	For the People	For Priests	In Worship	In Canaan	In Vows
<i>Topic</i>	The Way to God				The Walk with God				
	The Laws of Acceptable Approach to God				The Laws of Continued Fellowship With God				
<i>Location</i>	Mount Sinai								
<i>Time</i>	c. 1 Month								

# The Book of Leviticus

## Key Verse

*‘Consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am the LORD your God. <sup>8</sup> Keep my decrees and follow them. I am the LORD, who makes you holy.’*

Leviticus 20:7-8

# The Book of Leviticus

- Name: from Greek “*Luetikos*”/Latin “*Leviticus*” meaning “pertaining to the Levites.”
  - Hebrew name is “*wayyiqra*” – “*and he called*” – from the first words of the book.
- **Major divisions of Leviticus:**
  1. Laws on sacrifice; the five types of offering (burnt, grain, fellowship, sin, guilt) (chs. 1-7)
  2. Installation & ordination of priests (chs. 8-10)
  3. Clean & unclean; purification (chs. 11-15)
  4. The annual Day of Atonement (16)
  5. The Holiness Code: Living holy lives (chs. 17-27)

# Importance of the Book of Leviticus

- Having been told in Exodus that they were to be God's Chosen People, the Book of Leviticus then tells the Israelites specifically how that relationship was going to work. Leviticus defines the terms of the relationship between God & the Jewish people.
- Specifically, it explained how the people were to become holy, then how they were to remain holy.
- Leviticus tells the people of Israel how they are to become a nation (rather than just a people). It is their Constitution.
- As part of God's Word, "Leviticus still speaks to us about reverence in worship, purity in lifestyle, and our need for forgiveness."

# Major Themes in Leviticus

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1. Law
2. Sacrifice
3. Offering
4. Atonement
5. Forgiveness
6. Holiness
7. Purity (Clean & Unclean)
8. Priesthood