

LEVITICUS

“You Shall Be Holy”

Self-Study Guide

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Lesson 1: Laws of Offerings

Text: Leviticus 1-7

INTRODUCTION

Leviticus is not usually counted as one of the more interesting books of the Bible because of the amount of details God includes as part of His laws. The book, however, will come alive to us if we seek the spiritual significance of these laws. **Hebrews 10:1** tells us that these things are a “shadow of the good things to come.” When we can see the *shadow*, we will be able to better see the *good things to come*.

1. Compare **Exodus 40:17** with **Numbers 1:1**. How long does it take for the book of Leviticus to be delivered?

2. What does the word *Leviticus* mean?

3. Study carefully the **survey chart** on the previous page. Skim through the book chapter by chapter paying special attention to the chapter titles in your Bible. Record the basic message or content of each chapter on your **survey chart**.
 - a. What is the key word of the book? How many times is it used? Explain what this word means in the life of a godly person.

 - b. What are the key verses in the book? Where are they quoted in the New Testament?

 - c. Explain why the first part of the book is labeled *Redemption* and *Way to God* while the last part of the book is labeled *Restoration* and *Walk with God*.

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CHAPTERS 1-7

The five offerings discussed in these chapters have a wonderful significance both to Israel and to us. The charts on the next two pages will help you in discovering the things that are important to know about the offerings. As you read, fill in these charts. The **Laws of the Offerings** chart explores the important differences in how each sacrifice was offered. The **Lessons from the Offerings** chart will help you see 1) what each sacrifice was to teach or mean to the Israelites, 2) what these offerings should mean to us, and 3) how Christ was the fulfillment of each offering.

QUESTIONS FOR CLASS DISCUSSION:

1. What do we learn about God when we see the amount of details He includes in His instructions?

LAWS OF THE OFFERINGS						
<u>Name</u>	Burnt	Grain	Peace	Sin	Trespass	
<u>Reference</u>	1:3-17; 6:8-13	2:1-16; 6:14-23	3:1-17; 7:11-34	4:1 – 5:13; 6:24-30	5:14 – 6:7; 7:1-10	
<u>Where Blood was Sprinkled</u>						
<u>What was burned and where</u>						
<u>Other instructions</u>						
<u>Who ate of the offering</u>						

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LESSONS FROM THE OFFERINGS		HOW CHRIST FULFILLED IT	WHAT IT MEANS TO US	WHAT IT MEANT TO ISRAEL
<u>OFFERING</u>				
<u>Burnt</u>				
<u>Grain</u>				
<u>Peace</u>				
<u>Sin</u>				
<u>Trespass</u>				
		<i>In</i> Communion with God		<i>For</i> Communion with God

Lesson 2: Laws of Priests

Text: Leviticus 8-10

CHAPTER 8

In the space below, jot down the main events in this chapter, as well as points of interest. Be prepared to discuss your findings in class.

CHAPTER 9

In the space below, jot down the main events in this chapter, as well as points of interest. Be prepared to discuss your findings in class. [Notice the order of the sacrifices Aaron was commanded to offer: sin offering, burnt offering, grain offering, and peace offering. Knowing the meaning of these offerings, explain why this order makes sense.]

CHAPTER 10

In the space below, jot down the main events in this chapter, as well as points of interest. Be prepared to discuss your findings in class.

QUESTIONS FOR CLASS DISCUSSION:

1. What does **Heb. 7:26-28** tell us about the fact that a sin offering had to be offered for Aaron?

Lesson 3: Laws of Purity

Text: Leviticus 11-15

CHAPTER 11

In the space below, jot down the main events in this chapter, as well as points of interest. Be prepared to discuss your findings in class. Give the general rule for clean and unclean animals in the following categories:

Land Animals:

Sea Life:

Birds:

Creeping Things:

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CHAPTER 13

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CHAPTER 14

In the space below, jot down the main events in this chapter, as well as points of interest. Be prepared to discuss your findings in class. [What spiritual lesson do we learn from the laws concerning leprosy?]

CHAPTER 15

In the space below, jot down the main events in this chapter, as well as points of interest. Be prepared to discuss your findings in class. [Notice v. 31. What does this teach us about approaching God in worship?]

QUESTIONS FOR CLASS DISCUSSION:

1. Since God obviously does not care what we eat today (see **1 Tim. 4:1-5**), why did He care what Israel ate? What was God teaching them?
2. What do the laws concerning clean & unclean and separation for periods of time teach us about worship and our relationship to God?

Lesson 4: Atonement & Holy People

Text: Leviticus 16-20

CHAPTER 16

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CHAPTER 17

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CHAPTER 18

In the space below, jot down the main events in this chapter, as well as points of interest. Be prepared to discuss your findings in class. [Who was the nearest of kin that Israel was allowed to marry?]

CHAPTER 19

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CHAPTER 20

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QUESTIONS FOR CLASS DISCUSSION:

1. What does the word *atonement* mean?

2. The two goats that were taken for the people represent two sides of atonement.

The goat for the Lord teaches us:

The scapegoat teaches us:

3. Compare Aaron’s service on this day to the service of Jesus:

<u>Aaron</u>	<u>Jesus</u>
dressed in white	
entered the Most Holy Place	
took the blood of animals	
sacrifices offered yearly	
other differences?	

Lesson 5: Holy Priests & Times

Text: Leviticus 21-23

CHAPTER 21

In the space below, jot down the main events in this chapter, as well as points of interest. Be prepared to discuss your findings in class.

CHAPTER 22

In the space below, jot down the main events in this chapter, as well as points of interest. Be prepared to discuss your findings in class. [Chapters 21 and 22 repeatedly warn against who can sacrifice and what can be sacrificed. What should this teach us about our worship today?]

CHAPTER 23

In the space below, jot down the main events in this chapter, as well as points of interest. Be prepared to discuss your findings in class. [The chart on the next page covers the holy times of chapters 23 and 25. Fill in the chart and be prepared to discuss this in class.]

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HOLY TIMES				
Passages	Holy Time	Date	Purpose for Israel	N.T. Parallel
Lev. 23:3 Ex. 20:8-11 Deut. 5:12-15	Sabbath			
Lev. 23:5 Num. 28:16 Deut. 16:1-2	Passover			
Lev. 23:6-8 Num. 28:17-25 Deut. 16:3-8	Unleavened Bread			
Lev. 23:9-14 Ex. 23:16 Num. 28:26-31	Firstfruits			
Lev. 23:15-22 Ex. 34:22 Deut. 16:9-12	Pentecost (Harvest or Weeks)			
Lev. 23:23-25 Num. 29:1-6	Trumpets			
Lev. 23:26-32 Num. 29:7-11 Lev. 16	Day of Atonement			
Lev. 23:33-44 Num. 29:12-40 Deut. 16:13-15 Neh. 8	Tabernacles			
Lev. 25:1-7 Ex. 23:10-11	Sabbath Year*			
Lev. 25:8-55	Jubilee*			

* The Sabbath Year and the Jubilee will be covered in the next lesson.

Lesson 6: Rest or Ruin

Text: Leviticus 24-27

CHAPTER 24

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CHAPTER 25

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CHAPTER 26

In the space below, jot down the main events in this chapter, as well as points of interest. Be prepared to discuss your findings in class. [Notice that there are five degrees of punishment (each getting worse) if Israel continued to disobey.]

