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LEVITICUS 1-2

Keep in mind that the book of Leviticus fits within the section of Ex. 25:1 - Num.10:10, and covers a 1 month period Ex.40:17, Num.1:1.

- The book of Leviticus deals with the worship and walk of Israel with Jehovah through sacrificial offerings.
- The book was to remind them about their distinctiveness from the heathen of the land.
- The first 7 chapters contain the various offerings and their laws, there were voluntary offerings and mandatory offerings, there were bloody sacrifices and non bloody sacrifices.
- The book of Hebrews is the New Testament commentary on the book of Leviticus.
- Augustine, "The Old Testament is in the New Testament revealed; the New Testament is in the Old Testament contained."

1:1-2 The Provision For Offerings

1:1 The Lord called to Moses and spoke to him - revelatory formula appearing 56 times in the book, 20 of the 27 chapters the Lord addresses Moses as mediator.
Tabernacle of meeting place - Let the tent of appointment Ex.25:22, 29:42, 30:6.

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1:2 Children of Israel - Kingdom of priest and holy nation Ex.19:6.
offering (qorban) a gift dedicated to the Lord Mk.7:14.
livestock - personal possession to incur cost 2 Sam.24:24.

1:3-9 The Procedure For The Offering.

1:3 burnt sacrifice - means to offer up, go up, dedication and consecration of ones life completely.
- it was the most common and oldest Gen.3:4, 8:20,21, 22:3, Ex.8:12, 24:5, Job1:5.

Requirements:

- 1) herd a male
- 2) without blemish
- 3) of free will
- 4) at tabernacle door before the Lord

1:4 Hands on head - To transfer sin in identification on one's behalf for atonement Heb.9:22, Jn.1:29, 2 Cor.5:21

* Day of Atonement was the epitome of this Ch.16.

1:5 He shall kill - The Offerer Rom.6:23a.

blood - The priest would sprinkle it on the brass alter.

1:6 **skin** - The offerer for the priest's wages 7-8.

cut it in pieces every area of life would be exposed to God nothing hidden.

1:7-8 The priest would prepare the alter and arrange the parts on the alter.
head - representing the carnal mind.
fat - representing the natural man's energies.

1:9 **wash** - The offerer himself.
Eph.5:26, Jn.15:3.

legs - symbolic of his walk dedicated to God in holiness.

extrails - The intestines, the visceral region symbolic of the very core of life and inner purity.

shall burn all - The priest symbolic of the complete life dedication to God.

sweet aroma to the Lord - pleasing, delightful Eph.5:2.

1:10-13 The Second Optional Offering

1:10 Sheep or goat with some requirements.

1:11 **north** - The animal would be slaughtered on the North side of the alter of brass by the offerer.
blood - The priest again.

1:12 Same as vs. 6.
2 Chron.29:34-35 The priest cut it up.

1:13 **sweet aroma** - pleasing.

1:14-17 The Third Optional Offering

1:14 Turtle dove or pigeon was a mark of poverty
- Jesus was dedicated with this offering or poverty Lk.2:24.

1:15 **wring off head** - some say cut off others break without severing.
blood - alter.

1:16 removal of crops and feathers.

1:17 **split** - apart not severed.
sweet aroma - pleasing to God.
law of the burnt offering. 6:8-13.

2:1-3 The Grain Offering

2:1 **Grain Offering** - symbolic of dedication for service.

- bringing that which had to be harvested and prepared with ones hands (bloodless).

- This offering at times would follow the burnt offering.

- Service does not always mean my will or pleasure.

fine flour - ground wheat swifted luxury Ezk.16:13.

oil - symbol of Holy Spirit for the work to be done.

frankincense - exudes fragrance only when crushed symbolic of prayer Ps. 141:2, Lk.1:10, Rev.5:8.

- used for oil, incense, perfume, bread and offered to Christ at birth. Ex 30:34, Jer. 6:20, Song Sol.3:6, Lev.24:7, Matt.2:11.

2:2 The priest would offer a portion as a memorial to God of their dedication to serve.

* Sweet aroma because it a voluntary offering.

2:3 **rest** - wages of priest about one gallon

- Law of grain offering 6:14-23.

2:4-10 The Variety Of Grain Offerings

2:4 **first baked in oven** - Large ceramic pot.

unleavened cakes - symbolic of sin in Scripture 2 Cor.5:7.

oil - Holy Spirit for service.

2:5-6 **Second pan** - flat pan or griddle.

2:7 **3rd covered pan** - deep pot and deep fried.

2:8-9 **memorial portion** - reminder or record of ones vow for service to God.

2:10 remainder of priest's wages.

2:11-16 Prohibitions And Special Details For First Fruits.

2:11 Prohibitions

- 1) Leaven or type of sin.
 - 2) Honey - type of sin by fermentation
- used for preparation of vinegar.

2:12 **first fruits** - The first and choicest of the crop.

- offered as evidence that God would provide the same in what followed. 23:9-14.

- Christ the first fruit in resurrection
1 Cor.15:20.

2:13 **salt** - purifying agent and
preservative 2 King 2:20-22.
covenant - Num. 18:19, 2
Chron.13:5
- Arabs eat bread and salt for
covenant.
- We are the salt of the earth
Matt.5:13.

2:14-15 The manner of offering.

2:16 Memorial portion.