



# Leviticus



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GOD GRACIOUSLY PROVIDES A WAY  
FOR PEOPLE TO LIVE IN HIS PRESENCE





## Leviticus 19:1-2

1 YHWH spoke to Moses: 2 “Speak to the entire Israelite community and tell them: Be holy because I, YHWH your God, am holy.

# Leviticus Outline

(1-7) Sacrifices

(8-10) institution of priesthood/inauguration of cultus

(11-15) clean/unclean in daily life

(16) Day of Atonement

(17-20) Holy/profane in daily life

(21-22) Legislation for the priesthood

(23-27) Festivals/sacred time

Approaching God + atonement

Judgment/cleansing of everything

Communion w/God + holiness

## Sacrifices (Lev. 17)

The Tent is the exclusive place for interacting with YHWH

## Priests (Lev. 21-22)

Increased requirements for holiness due to increased nearness to YHWH

## Blessing (Lev. 26-27)

Applying what a holy people would look like

## Morality (Lev. 18-20)

Positive & negative moral commands based on 19:2, 18

## Calendar (Lev. 23-25)

Israel is in constant feasting with YHWH when their lives are centered on Him

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# Keeping the Covenant (Lev. 26:1-13)

## vv1-2: summary of holy living

- No idolatry + keep Sabbaths + honor tabernacle

## vv3-13: consequences of obedience:

- vv3-5 agricultural blessings
- vv6-8 military blessings
- ***vv9-13 religious blessings (rest with God)***
  - Fruitful + multiplying
  - Plenty of food
  - God dwelling in their midst
  - Freedom from slavery

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# Breaking the Covenant (Lev. 26:14-39)

## vv14-17: round one curses

- Opposite of blessings in vv3-8!

## vv18-20: round two of curses

- “discipline” by God 7x

## vv21-22 round three of curses

- Plagued like Egypt!

## vv23-26 round four of curses

- Struck by God 7x

## vv27-39 final round of curses

- Curses amplified...
- exile → punishment in exile → death in exile

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# Vows to God & Their Redemption (Lev. 27:1-25)

## vv1-8: redeeming people

- Valuation is based upon expected work production (not based on the worth of a person)

## vv7-13: redeeming animals

- Could be sacrificed or redeemed at a more expensive rate (depending on if it was clean or unclean)

## vv14-15: redeeming houses

- Could be redeemed based on the priestly valuation and then redeemed with a 20% tax

## vv16-25: redeeming fields

- Valued at expected productivity w/Jubilee in mind

# What Cannot Be Consecrated (Lev. 27:26-34)

## vv26-27: the firstborn

- They are already owned by God (cf. Ex. 13:2; 24:19-20)

## v28: the holy

- These are already owned by God too!

## v29: the profane

- These things cannot be redeemed
  - Like sacrificing to other gods (cf. Ex. 22:20)

## vv30-34: the tithe

- Also already owned by God (cf. Deut. 14:22-26)



# Leviticus 1:1

Then YHWH summoned  
Moses and spoke to him  
***from*** the tent of meeting

Numbers 1:1a

YHWH spoke to Moses *in*  
*the tent of meeting* in the  
Wilderness of Sinai,



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