

OT3: Leviticus (Lev: 27 Chapters) The Law

Theme: Jehovah's Laws of Worship

Leviticus contains little historical matter, but much law. Emphasis is placed on Israel's separation from all heathen influence so God's people can maintain their purity.

Brief Outline:

- Lev 1-16: I. How the sinner attains fellowship with Jehovah
 - Lev 1-7: A. Oblation (Offerings)
 - Lev 8-10: B. Mediation (Priestly)
 - Lev 11-15: C. Separation (between clean & unclean)
 - Lev 16: D. Expiation (the day of atonement)
- Lev 17-27: II. How the believer maintains fellowship with Jehovah
 - Lev 17-22: A. Sanctification (holiness in eating, drinking, & sex)
 - Lev 23-25: B. Celebration (Religious Festivals)
 - Lev 26-27: C. Ratification (Promises & Threats)

Expanded Outline:

- I. Lev 1-16 How the Sinner attains fellowship with Jehovah
 - A. Lev 1-7 Oblation (Offerings)
 - Lev 1. Burnt Offerings: 1:13 “A male without blemish”
 - Lev 2. Grain – only to burn a “memorial portion” – the rest was to be food for Aaron & sons. Offering was to contain no honey or leaven. Must have salt. (the “salt of the covenant”)
 - Lev 3. Peace
 - Lev 4. Sin – for the Priest, Congregation of Israel, Leader, Common People (Individual)
 - Lev 5. Sin & Guilt offerings (Trespass Offerings)
 - Lev 6-7. Laws concerning the above offerings
 - B. Lev 8-10 Mediation (Priestly)
 - Lev 8. Aaron and Sons Consecrated. Moses conducts ceremony.
 - Lev 9. Priestly Ministry Begins. Aaron's sacrifice is accepted.
 - Lev 9:24 And fire came out from before the LORD and consumed the burnt offering and the pieces of fat on the altar, and when all the people saw it they shouted and fell on their faces.
 - Lev 10. **Profane/strange fire of Nadab & Abihu. Consumed by fire of the Lord. “And Aaron held his peace.”** Aaron's other sons Eleazar & Ithamar engage in Priestly activity.
 - C. Lev 11-15 Separation (between clean & unclean): foods, animals, childbirth, leprosy, bodily discharges
 - Lev 11. Clean & Unclean Animals
 - Lev 12. Purification After Childbirth
 - Lev 13. Leprosy: How to Diagnose
 - Lev 14. Leprosy: Cleansing Lepers & Leprous Houses
 - Lev 15. Bodily Discharges
 - D. Lev 16 Expiation (the day of Atonement). Rules on approaching the Holy place. Mention of Azazel.
- II. Lev 17-27 How the believer maintains fellowship with Jehovah
 - A. Lev 17-22 Sanctification (holiness in eating, drinking, & sex)

- Lev 17 Place of Sacrifice, Laws against eating blood
 - Lev 17:11 “For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life”
- Lev 18 Unlawful sexual relations: Incest, Nakedness, Homosexuality, Bestiality
 - Lev 18:1-5: And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2"Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the LORD your God. 3 You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. 4 You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the LORD your God. 5 You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD.
 - Lev 18:28-30: lest the land vomit you out when you make it unclean, as it vomited out the nation that was before you. 29For everyone who does any of these abominations, the persons who do them shall be cut off from among their people. 30 So keep my charge never to practice any of these abominable customs that were practiced before you, and never to make yourselves unclean by them: I am the LORD your God."
- Lev 19:2 “You shall be holy for I, the Lord your God, am Holy”
 - **Lev 19:18 “...you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the Lord”**
 - Lev 19:28 Mention of Tattoos
- Lev 20 Death Penalty for child sacrifice, sexual immorality, adultery, Incest, Bestiality, Homosexuality
- Lev 21-22 Laws & regulations for the priests
 - Lev 21 Only Aaron’s descendants without blemish are permitted to offer bread to God.
- B. Lev 23-25 Celebration (Religious Festivals)
 - Lev 23. Feast of Sabbath, Passover, First Fruits, Weeks, Trumpets, Day of Atonement, Tabernacles
 - Lev 24. An Israelite (with an Egyptian Father) stoned for blaspheming God.
 - 24:17-22 Hamurabi’s Code: Eye for an Eye....
 - Lev 25. The Sabbath Year (every 7th yr); Year of Jubilee (every 50th Year); Redemption of property, slaves & Servants.
- C. Lev 26-27 Ratification (Promises & threats)
 - **Lev 26:1-13 Blessings & Prosperity for Obedience**
 - Lev 26:13 “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that you should not be their slaves.And I have broken the bars of your yoke and made you walk erect.”
 - **Lev 26:14-46 Discipline & Curse for Disobedience**
 - Lev 27 Laws about vows