

Leviticus (Levitical, Levi, "Levy," "Cohen" for Priesthood)

Quick Outline

Leviticus 1-17	Holy Worship in the Presence of the Holy God
Leviticus 18-27	Holy Living in the Presence of the Holy God

Quick Notes

Theme: "Be Holy for I am Holy" or
 "The Holy Living God makes a way to dwell with His Unholy Dying People"
 See Leviticus. 11:44-47, 19:2, 20:7, 26, 21:8,
 Ephesians 1:4, 5:27, 1Peter 1:15-16, Revelation 22:11

God: Good like the Sun... "Holy" - Set Apart - God:
God Space: "Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name"

Look at the Way:

Exodus Ends (40:35) - Moses Outside the Tabernacle
 Leviticus Begins (1:1) - Moses Outside the Tabernacle
 Numbers Begins (1:1) - Moses Inside the Tabernacle

Jesus in Leviticus

*From Jeremiah Montgomery's Summary of Bible

- Leviticus begins with sacrifices because, without them, not even Moses can enter God's presence (cf. Ex 40.35)
- The five major sacrifices may be classified as either *propitiatory* or *expiatory*:
 - Propitiation - to turn away God's wrath by expiation (Rom 3.21-26, 1Jn 4.10):
 - Whole Burnt (Lev 1): sin requires the death of the sinner (Ezk 18.4, Rom 5.8)
 - Grain (Lev 2): bread is the staff of life; the whole of life is owed to God (Rom 5.19, 12.1-2)
 - Peace (Lev 3): sin breaks fellowship with God (2 Cor 5.17-21)
 - Expiation - to take away man's guilt (WSC 14, 1Jn 3.4):
 - Guilt (Lev 4): sin is "any want of conformity unto" God's law (Rom 5.10, 8.34)
 - Trespass (Lev 5): sin is any "transgression of" God's law (Col 1.21-22)

*From Gareth Crossley's Old Testament Explained & Applied

The feasts of the Israelites (Lev. 23)

Let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Colossians 2:16-17

	Feast	Day/Month	Meaning for Israel	Meaning for Christians	Biblical References
v.3	Sabbath	every seventh day	God's rest after creation	Salvation rest in Christ	Heb. 4:8-10; Matt. 11:28-30
v.5	Passover	14 th of the first	Deliverance from Egypt (death of lamb)	Deliverance from sin (death of Christ)	1 Cor. 5:7; 1 Peter 1:19; John 1:29; 19:31,36
vv.6-7	Unleavened Bread	15 th of the first (7 days)	Haste of departure from Egypt	Sinless life of Christ	Heb. 7:26; 1 Cor. 5:7-8
vv.10-11	First-fruits	16 th of the first	First crop early (barley) harvest	Resurrection (Christ the first-fruits from the dead)	Matt. 28:1,6; 1 Cor. 15:20; 1 Cor. 15:23
vv.15-16	Weeks (Pentecost)	50 th day from First-fruits	First crop main (wheat) harvest	The Spirit comes: power for world evangelization	Acts 2:1-4; 1:8; Matt. 28:18-20
v.24	Trumpets	1 st of the seventh	Sabbatical month	Announcing the imminent return of Christ	1 Cor. 15:52; Matt. 24:31; 1 Thess. 4:16
v.27	Day of Atonement	10 th of the seventh	Humbling — reconciliation through sacrifice	Humbling — reconciliation through Christ's sacrifice	1 John 1:6-9; Rom. 5:11; 2 Cor. 5:19
v.34	Tabernacles (Booths)	15 th of the seventh (7 days)	End of all harvests	New heavens and a new earth	2 Peter 3:13; Rev. 21:1-4

Leviticus in a Week		
Thursday	Leviticus 1	Intro to Leviticus
Friday	Leviticus 8	The Priesthood
Saturday	Leviticus 9	The Priesthood
Sunday	Leviticus 10	Execution of Priests
Monday	Lev. 11:44-47, 19:2, 20:7, 26, 21:8, Ephesians 1:4, 5:27, 1Peter 1:15-16, Revelation 22:11	"Be Holy For I Am Holy" Theme of Leviticus & Whole Bible
Tuesday	Leviticus 16	Day of Atonement
Wednesday	Leviticus 26-27	Blessings & Curses

Progression in Sacrifices:

- Genesis 3:21 Blood Sacrifice as Covering
- Genesis 22:15-19 Blood Sacrifice as Substitution
- Exodus 12 Substitution & Covering
 Salvation by Household (10:8-11, 12:13)
- Leviticus 1-5 Sacrificial System of Old Testament
- Leviticus 16 Day of Atonement by Penal Substitution

Earthly priests	Christ, the Heavenly Priest
are sinners, they offer sacrifice for their own sins first (Heb. 9:7)	is 'holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners' and has no sin for which to atone (Heb. 7:26; cf. 1 John 3:5)
die and need to be replaced (Heb. 7:23)	lives for ever (Heb. 7:24-25)
entered the Holy of Holies once a year (Heb. 9:7)	entered heaven's Holy of Holies and stayed there, having 'sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high' (Heb. 7:27; 1:3)
carried the blood of goats and calves (Heb. 9:12-13)	presented his own precious blood (Heb. 9:12)
brought the sacrifices for sins (Heb. 5:1)	is the sacrifice for sins; High Priest and sacrifice are one, it is he 'who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God' (Heb. 9:14; cf. John 10:17-18)
repeated the sacrifices daily (Heb. 10:11)	'offered one sacrifice for sins for ever' (Heb. 10:12)
offered sacrifices that could not take away sin (Heb. 10:4)	offered the perfect sacrifice for sin (Heb. 9:26; 1 John 1:7; 1 Peter 1:19)

Not all the blood of beasts,
 On Jewish altars slain,
 Could give the guilty conscience peace,
 Or wash away the stain.

But Christ, the heavenly Lamb,
 Takes all our sins away;
 A sacrifice of nobler name
 And richer blood than they.

My faith would lay her hand
 On that dear head of thine,
 While like a penitent I stand,
 And there confess my sin.

- Isaac Watts