

Through the Bible Course

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**Leviticus**

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Key Word: Holiness – appears 87 times in the book.

Key Verse: Leviticus 20:26

Purpose: To record the revelation given to Moses concerning the sacrifices, laws, ordinances, and ceremonies pertaining to the worship and life of God's redeemed people. Always keeping in mind the sinfulness of man and holiness of God which makes approach to God possible only by means of blood sacrifice.

I. Offerings – chapters 1-7

1. Law of Offerings – 1:1-5

- a. Must be perfect without spot or blemish – vs. 3
  - b. Imputation – hands upon head of animal – vs. 4
  - c. Substitution – animal accepted for sinner – vs. 4b
  - d. Death – vs. 5
  - e. Blood sprinkled – necessary for forgiveness – vs. 5
- Note: Christ anti-type of all of this – Hebrews 9:22

2. There are five offerings.

- a. Burnt offerings – complete dedication – 1:3
- b. Meat offerings – consecration of possessions – chapter 2
- c. Peace offerings – fellowship with God – chapter 3
- d. Sin offering – penalty paid for sin – chapter 4
- e. Trespass offering – restoration to fellowship – chapter 5

II. Law of Priests – chapters 8-10

Note: Must be a mediator between sinful man and holy God.

1. Cleanses with water – purity – 8:6

2. Clothing of priests – 8:7-13

3. Consecration – 8:14-30

- a. Bullock offered as sin offering – 14-17
  - i. Christ needed none – Hebrews 7:27-28
- b. Ram for burnt offering – 18-22
- c. Ram for consecration – 23-29; blood applied, vs. 24
- d. Sprinkled with oil and blood. Cleanses with blood; anointed with Holy Spirit – vs. 30

4. After consecration begins service.

Note: Man dedicates; God consecrates – chapter 9

5. Strange fire of Nadab and Abihu shows truth that God expects all to be done according to His plan – not will of man – chapter 10.

### III. Holiness in daily life – chapters 11 to 22

1. Their food – chapter 11
  - a. Nothing unclean to come near them because they are clean.
  - b. God interested in their health.
2. Law of motherhood – chapter 12
3. Law of Leprosy – chapters 3 and 4
  - a. Leprosy a type of sin. It must be cleansed or one who has it must remain out of fellowship.
4. The Day of Atonement – chapters 16 and 17
  - a. National day of penitence and humiliation.
  - b. Bullock of sin offering of priest.
  - c. Two goats for people.
    - i. one killed, blood sprinkled – 16:15
    - ii. live goat bears sins far away – 16:21
  - d. Can be no acceptance with God until penalty for sin is paid.

Note: Day of Atonement came once a year, but Christ offered one sacrifice forever – Hebrews 9:25,26.
5. A holy walk of separated people demanded – 18-22

### IV. Feasts – chapter 23

Note: Reminders that they as pilgrims are a holy people belonging to God and should be holy.

1. Passover – Commemoration of their redemption from Egypt – vs. 4-5. Christ is our Passover Lamb – Mark 14:12-25; 1 Corinthians 5:7
2. Unleavened bread speaks of separation – vs. 6-8
3. First fruits speaks of resurrection of Christ and His Pentecost vs. 9-14; 1 Cor. 15:23
4. Wave Offering 50 days after first fruits – vs. 15-22

Note: These offerings signify forgiveness, cleansing, and consecration followed by Pentecost or filling of Holy Spirit.
5. Trumpets – speaks of testimony and gathering – vs. 23-25
6. Day of Atonement – vs. 26-32
7. Tabernacles – Yearly reminder they were pilgrims upon the earth lest become too attached to the world – vs. 34-44

### V. Some Instructions – chapters 24-27

1. Oil for lamps – 24:1-4; the showbread – 24:5-9; penalty of blasphemy – 24:10-16; penalty for killing man or beast – 24:17-23
2. Law of Sabbath – i.e. Sabbatical Year, Year of Jubilee, redemption of inheritance – chapter 25
3. Conditions of blessing and curse – chapter 26
  - a. For blessing – vs. 3-13
  - b. Curses – cause and chastisement – vs. 14-46
4. Concerning things which belong to God – chapter 27
  - a. Those things vowed or dedicated – vs. 1-25
  - b. Three things belong to Lord absolutely – vs. 26-34
    - i. first fruits of beasts – vs. 26,27

- ii. everything dedicated – vs. 28,29
- iii. all tithes of the land – vs. 30-34