

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

Leviticus

INTRODUCTION

Title: In Hebrew: *Wayiqra*' - ““And He called”” (1:1)

Septuagint (LXX): “Levitical” - a book pertaining to the Levites

Author: Moses

Date of Events: 30 days (cf: Ex 40:17 with Num 1:1)

Theme: Dedication/Holiness

(God’s Instruction On Holy Living - cf. 20:22-26)

Purpose: Yahweh gave instruction that enabled Him to live among His chosen people and enabled His people to have fellowship with Him.

OUTLINE

I. The Way to God - Sacrifice

(1:1 - 17:16)

A. Laws of five sacrifices (1:1-7:38)

B. Laws of priests (8:1-10:20)

C. Laws of purity (11:1-15:33)

D. Laws of national atonement (16:1-17:16)

OUTLINE

- II. The Walk with God - Sanctification (18:1 - 27:34)
 - A. Laws for the people (18:1-20:27)
 - B. Laws for the priesthood (21:1-22:33)
 - C. Laws for worship (23:1-24:23)
 - D. Laws for the land of Canaan (25:1-26:46)
 - E. Laws for vows (27:1-34)

ALTERNATE OUTLINE

I. Way 1-10

II. Walk 11-20

III. Worship 21-24

IV. Witness 25-27

Name	Nature	Kind	Actions of Offerer	Actions of Priest	Purpose	Passage
BURNT	EXCEPT FOR THE HIDE, COMPLETELY BURNED	MALE WITHOUT BLEMISH FROM HERD OR FLOCK; OR TWO BIRDS	1) BRINGS ANIMAL 2) HAND ON HEAD 3) KILLS ANIMAL 4) CUTS ANIMAL 5) WASHES ENTRAILS	1) BLOOD ON ALTAR 2) PLACE ON ALTAR 3) PLACE ON ALTAR 4) KEEP HIDE	TO ATONE FOR BASIC HUMAN SINFULNESS	LEV 1:3-17; 6:8-13 LEV 7:8
GRAIN	TOKEN BURNED	GRAIN WITH OIL AND FRANKINCENCE	1) BRINGS OFFERING 2) TAKES HANDFUL	1) BURNS HANDFUL 2) EATS THE REST	TO RENDER TRIBUTE TO SOVEREIGN YAHWEH	LEV 2:1-16; 6:14-23; 7:9-10
PEACE / THANK / VOW / FREEWILL	FAT BURNED, REMAINDER EATEN	MALE WITHOUT BLEMISH FROM HERD OR FLOCK; OR TWO BIRDS	1) BRINGS OFFERING 2) HAND ON HEAD 3) KILLS ANIMAL 4) CUTS ANIMAL 5) EATS PART OF ANIMAL	1) BLOOD ON ALTAR 2) BURNS FAT 3) EATS PART OF ANIMAL	TO PRAISE YAHWEH & DECLARE FELLOWSHIP 1) DELIVERANCE 2) FULFILL VOW 3) EXTOL YAHWEH	LEV 3:1-17; 7:11-36 7:12 7:16
SIN	FAT BURNED, REMAINDER EATEN	ANIMAL, BIRD, OR FLOUR	SEE BURNT OFFERING	1) SEE BURNT OFFERING 2) BURNS FAT 3) EATS MEAT	TO ATONE FOR UNWITTING SIN	LEV 4:1-5:13; 6:24-30
GUILT	FAT BURNED, REMAINDER EATEN	ANIMAL, BIRD, OR FLOUR	SEE BURNT OFFERING + RESTITUTION	SEE SIN OFFERING	TO REPAIR BREECH OF FAITH	LEV 5:14-6:7; 7:1-7

KEY CHAPTERS

1-7 Five sacrifices

10 Nadab & Abihu

16 Day of Atonement

18 Regulations of sexual conduct

KEY CHAPTERS

23 Seven feasts

25 Sabbath (7) & Jubilee (50) years

26 Obedience = blessing

Disobedience = judgment

KEY PASSAGES

17:11 "it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement"

19:2 "you shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy"

20:6-8 no mediums/spiritualists

KEY PEOPLE

Nadab & Abihu - two eldest sons of Aaron, consecrated as priests, slain by YHWH for offering "strange fire," ch. 10

HELPFUL RESOURCES

- Mark F. Rooker, *Leviticus* (New American Commentary series).
- Allen Ross, *Holiness to the LORD*.