

# TIPS FOR READING LEVITICUS

USE THESE TIPS AND TOOLS TO HELP YOU READ ONE OF THE BIBLE'S MOST DIFFICULT BOOKS



## MAIN IDEAS OF LEVITICUS

KEEP THE FOUR SECTIONS OF LEVITICUS AND THEIR MAIN IDEAS IN MIND AS YOU READ:

- LEVITICUS 1-7 : LAWS ON MAKING SACRIFICES
- LEVITICUS 8-10: THE PRIESTHOOD IS FORMED
- LEVITICUS 11-16: HOW TO TREAT RITUAL UNCLEANNES
- LEVITICUS 17-27: HOW TO BE MORALLY HOLY



## QUESTIONS TO ASK WHILE READING

ASK THESE QUESTIONS AS YOU READ THROUGH THE LAW CODES OF LEVITICUS

- WHAT DOES THIS LAW TEACH ME ABOUT GOD'S CHARACTER AND WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO HIM?
- WHAT DOES THIS LAW TEACH ME ABOUT SIN?
- WHAT IS THE MAIN POINT OF GOD GIVING HIS PEOPLE HIS LAW - WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE DOES HE WANT THEM TO BE?
- HOW DOES JESUS FULFILL OR EMBODY THIS LAW?



## TAKE NOTES WHILE READING

PRINT OUT A DOUBLE-SPACED COPY OF THE BOOK OF LEVITICUS AND TAKE NOTES WHILE YOU READ. SOME THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR:

- REPEATED WORDS
- COMMANDS
- IF/THEN STATEMENTS
- PROMISES
- RECURRING THEMES
- ATTRIBUTES OF GOD
- LISTS
- CONSEQUENCES
- QUESTIONS YOU HAVE

USE THIS TABLE TO KEEP TRACK OF THE LAWS ON SACRIFICES IN CHAPTERS 1-7

OFFERING	ANIMALS (OR MATERIALS) USED	USE OF BLOOD	WHAT IS OFFERED TO THE LORD? (BURNT ON THE ALTAR)	WHAT IS EATEN? BY WHOM? WHERE?	PURPOSE OF THE OFFERING
Burnt (1:3-17)					
Grain (2:1-16)					
Fellowship or Peace (3:1-17)					
Purification or Sin (4:1 - 5:13)	HIGH PRIEST: CONGREGATION: LEADER: COMMON PERSON:				
Guilt or Reparation (5:14-6:7)					

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USE THIS TABLE TO KEEP TRACK OF THE CLEAN AND UNCLEAN ANIMALS IN CH. 11

	CLEAN (MAY BE EATEN)	UNCLEAN (MAY NOT BE EATEN)
LAND ANIMALS		
WATER ANIMALS		
BIRDS		
INSECTS		
SWARMING CREATURES		

USE THIS TABLE TO KEEP TRACK OF THE PROCEDURES FOR BECOMING  
CLEAN IN CH. 12-15

CASE OF UNCLEANNESS	RITUAL PROCEDURE TO BECOME CLEAN
EATING OR TOUCHING UNCLEAN OR DEAD ANIMALS (CH. 11)	
CHILDBIRTH (CH. 12)	MALE CHILD:  FEMALE CHILD:
DISEASE OF THE SKIN (CH. 14:1-32)	
DISEASE IN A GARMENT (CH. 13:47-59)	
DISEASE IN A HOUSE (14:33-57)	
NORMAL MALE BODILY DISCHARGE (CH. 15)	
NORMAL FEMALE BODILY DISCHARGE (CH. 15)	
ABNORMAL DISCHARGES (CH. 15)	

USE THIS TABLE TO KEEP TRACK OF THE DAY OF ATONEMENT PROCEDURES  
FROM CHAPTER 16

PROCEDURES	PURPOSE OF PROCEDURE

USE THIS TABLE TO TRACK THE LAWS REGARDING HOLINESS FROM  
CHAPTERS 17-20

	SUMMARY OF LAW AND INSTRUCTIONS	PURPOSE OF THE LAW	WHAT THIS LAW REVEALS ABOUT GOD
SACRIFICE & FOOD (CH. 17)			
SEXUAL BEHAVIOR (CH. 18)			
PRINCIPLES OF GOOD NEIGHBORLINESS (CH. 19)			
CAPITAL CRIMES (CH. 20)			

USE THIS TABLE TO TRACK THE LAWS REGARDING HOLINESS FROM LEVITICUS 21-24

	SUMMARY OF LAW AND INSTRUCTIONS	PURPOSE OF THE LAW	WHAT THIS LAW REVEALS ABOUT GOD
DISQUALIFICATIONS FOR PRIESTS (CH. 21)			
RULES ON SACRIFICE (CH. 22)			
THE TABERNACLE LAMPS AND LOAVES (CH. 24:1-9)			
BLASPHEMY (CH. 24:10-23)			

USE THIS TABLE TO KEEP TRACK OF THE HOLY DAYS AND FESTIVALS IN CH. 23

HOLY DAY	MONTH & DAY	OFFERING WITH IT?	WORK PROHIBITION?	PURPOSE OF THE HOLY DAY
WEEKLY SABBATH (23:3)				
PASSOVER (23:4-5)				
FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD (23:6-8)				
FEAST OF FIRSTFRUITS (23:9-14)				
FEAST OF WEEKS (23:15-22)				
FEAST OF TRUMPETS (23:23-25)				
DAY OF ATONEMENT (23:26-32)				
FEAST OF BOOTHES (23:33-44)				

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