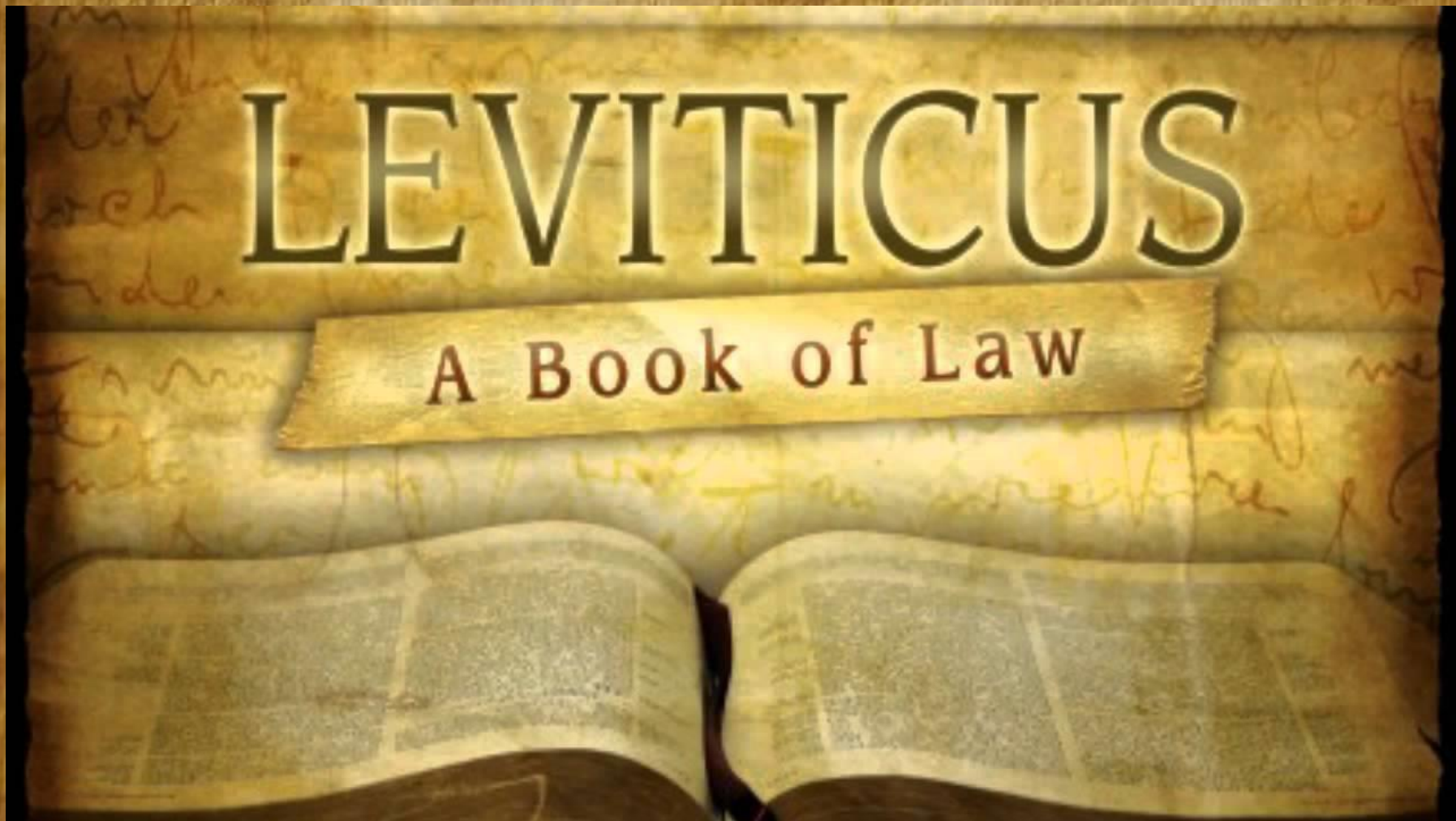


LEVITICUS

A Book of Law



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Leviticus: How to be Holy

Leviticus is known as a book of rules, but really Leviticus is a book of worship..

LEVITICUS

- **LEVITICUS** - You could sum up the book of Leviticus with God's repeated command: "Be holy, as I am holy."
- This book is filled with details on how the people of God should live, eat, sacrifice, celebrate, and more.
- The name "Leviticus" refers to the many laws for the priests, all of whom belonged to the tribe of Levi.

LEVITICUS

- **God (Yahweh)**

- **This whole book is about how the nation of Israel needs to live in order to survive living in the presence of such a powerful, holy being.**

- **Moses –**

- **He led the Israelites from Egypt to Sinai. At this point in the story, Moses has already passed along many, many laws to the people of Israel on God's behalf. In Leviticus, Moses continues to list the ways Israel can stay pure enough to live alongside their God.**

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- **Aaron**

- **Moses' older brother and the high priest of Israel, Aaron is a character to keep an eye on throughout the Pentateuch.**
- **Leviticus's narrative elements have a lot to do with Aaron. In this book, Aaron is consecrated as the high priest, but this is also the book in which God kills Aaron's sons.**

LEVITICUS - KEY THEMES

Thus you are to be holy to me,
for I the Lord am holy;

I have set you apart from the peoples
to be
mine



LEVITICUS – KEY THEMES

- **Holiness**

- **“Holy” means “set apart”–but it’s a lot more involved than just being special.**
- **God is Holy: far greater in love, goodness, power, and justice than humans.**
- **Until this point in the Bible, God has been a long way off from the people of earth. Although God has communicated with humans He has yet to publicly manifest his presence on earth since the garden of Eden.**

LEVITICUS – KEY THEMES

- **Holiness**
- **God has made Israel his people: a people that now represent him on earth.**
- **He has now established his presence in the tabernacle, where God can dwell in the midst of his new nation.**
- **But if people are going to live in the presence of God, some things will need to change. Because God is so “other” from the world, the people associated with him must become “others” too. God is holy, and his people need to be holy as well.**

LEVITICUS – KEY THEMES

- **Cleanliness and Uncleanliness**
- **The ancients understood holiness was in terms of whether something was “clean” or “unclean.” This isn’t the same as “good” or “bad.” It’s a sense of purity. Is something aligned with the god we are approaching? Or is it unaligned?**
- **When someone is operating in alignment with God’s purity laws, they are “clean.”**
- **The point is to live in a manner that respects the presence of God.**

LEVITICUS – IN CONTEXT

- **After a dramatic exit from Egypt, God makes a special agreement with Israel, making them his people and himself their only God. The people then build a tabernacle, and the Creator of the world begins dwelling among his people.**
- **That's why Leviticus is so important. It's a new normal: Yahweh is publicly living with humans.**

LEVITICUS – IN CONTEXT

- **Not a lot of story happens in Leviticus. The people stay camped at Mount Sinai throughout the book.**
- **It's not until the book of Numbers that they resume their journey to the promised land—and that journey isn't completed until the book of Joshua.**

LEVITICUS – ROLE IN THE BIBLE

- **Leviticus is about holiness (being set apart, separate)–both God’s holiness and the holiness He expects of His people.**
- **Leviticus shows us the holiness of God in fine detail. God spells out His expectations for His priests and people so that the congregation can appropriately worship and dwell with Him.**

LEVITICUS – ROLE IN THE BIBLE

- **The call to holiness in Leviticus resounds throughout Scripture, both the Old and New Testaments.**
- **Parts of the Levitical law are fulfilled in Jesus Christ, but the call to holiness still stands**
- **Peter even cites Leviticus when he encourages us to be holy in all our behavior (1 Peter 1:15–16).**

LEVITICUS – QUICK OUTLINE

- **How to give offerings (1 – 7)**
- **Aaron and sons ordained (8 – 10)**
- **Cleanliness laws for the congregation (11 – 15)**
- **Atonement for sin (16 – 17)**
- **How to be a holy culture (18 – 27)**