

VIA EMMAUS:

A CHRIST-CENTERED WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE

Leviticus: Living in the Presence of a Holy God (6)

When you think of Leviticus what comes to mind?

Exodus + Leviticus

- **Exodus** Explains How to Build God's House
- **Leviticus** Explains How to Live Near God's House (**26:11-13**)

Leviticus 1-7 :: Sacrificial System

- Five Offerings: Burnt (1), Cereal (2), Peace (3), Sin (4:1-5:13), Guilt (5:14-6:7)
 - o Different Sins Unintentional Sins (5:15) | High-handed Sins (6:1-2)
 - o Different Offerings Cattle, Sheep, Birds, Grain
More costly for wealthy/leaders = greater accountability
Male, unblemished animal?
- Three Aspects
 - (1) Sin & Forgiveness (**4:20, 26, 31; 5:10, 13, 16, 18; 6:7**)
 - (2) Reconciliation & Relationship (**6:16, 18, 26, 29; 7:6, 16-27**)
 - (3) (Re)Dedication & Consecration
- Collectively they explain:
 - o What God Requires
 - o How Sinful Men Can Live Before a Holy God – Key Word: **Mediation**
 - o Compare with **Hebrews 10:1-14**

Leviticus 8-10 :: The Priesthood

- An Exposition of **Exodus 19:3-6** || A Comparison with **Hebrews 5:1-10; 7:23-28**
- The Importance of the Priesthood (**1-17**)
 - o Apparel & Ordination (8)
 - o Offering (9)
 - o Priestly Failure (10) – *Treat Me As Holy* (**cf. Num 20:12**)
 - o *The Priesthood was to protect the holiness of God in the camp.* (**Num 18**)

Leviticus 11-15 :: Laws on Cleanliness

- Based on God's Order (**Leviticus 11**)
- We are separated from God not only because of sin, but because of self (**Leviticus 13**)
- Priests mediate and make judgment
- *The purpose for all of these things are to make Israel a Holy People Before the LORD*

Leviticus 16-17 :: Day of Atonement / Life is in the Blood

- **16:1-5** How to enter the presence of the Lord (contra Leviticus 10)
- **16:6-14** “for himself”
- **16:15-19** “for the people”
- **16:20ff** The Scapegoat
- **17:10-11** “*The life is in the blood*” = Life for Life

Leviticus 18-25 :: Holiness Code

- **18:1-5** *Keeping the Law promises Life (cf. Rom 10:5)*
- **19:2** *God's Expectation (cf. 1 Pet 1:18)*
- **19:9-18** *Love One Another (cf. Rom. 13:8-10)*
- **19:19-37** *Holiness & Justice (cf. 24:17-20)*
- **25:1-55** *Ideal Society -- Foreshadows the New Heavens & New Earth*

Leviticus 23 :: The Feasts of Israel¹

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 (Col 2:16-17)

	Feast	Day / Month	Meaning for Israel	Meaning for Christian	New Testament References
v. 3	Sabbath	Every 7 th Day	God's rest after Creation / Man's Appointed rest	Salvation Rest In Christ	Matt 11:28-30 Heb 4:8-10
v. 5	Passover	14 th Day of the 1 st Month	Deliverance from Egypt (Death of lamb)	Deliverance from Sin (Death of Christ)	John 1:29; 19:31 1 Cor 5:7 1 Peter 1:19
v. 6-7	Unleavened Bread	15 th Day of the 1 st Month	Haste of Departure from Egypt	Sinless Life Of Christ	1 Cor 5:7-8 Heb 7:26
v. 10-11	First-Fruits	16 th Day of the 1 st Month	First Crop Early Harvest (Barley)	Resurrection (Christ the first-fruits from the dead)	Matt 28:1, 6 1 Cor 15:20, 23
v. 15-16	Weeks (Pentecost)	50 th Day from First-Fruits	First Crop Main Harvest (Wheat)	The Spirit Comes: power for evangelistic Harvest	Acts 1:8; 2:1-4 Matt 28:18-20
v. 24	Trumpets	1 st Day of the 7 th Month	Sabbatical month	Announcing the Imminent Return Of Christ	Matt 24:31 1 Cor 15:52 1 Thess 4:16
v. 27	Day of Atonement	10 th Day of the 7 th Month	Humbling – Reconciliation Thru Sacrifice	Humbling – Reconciliation Through Christ's Sacrifice	Rom 5:11 2 Cor 5:19 1Pet 3:18 1 John 1:6-9
v. 34	Tabernacles (Booths)	15 th Day of the 7 th Month	End of All Harvests	New Heavens & New Earth	2 Peter 3:13 Rev 21:1-4

Leviticus 26-27 :: Blessings & Curses

- Blessings & Curses (26) Relates Everything to the Covenant Relationship w/ God
- Acts of Devotion (27) *Are you living for Christ and seeking him first?*

¹Chart taken from Gareth Crossley, *The Old Testament: Explained and Applied* (Webster, NY: Evangelical Press, 2002), 123-24.