

A Tour Through the Divine Library
(Leviticus)

I. General Introduction to Leviticus

-Title: “pertaining to Levites” (Ex. 13:2; Num. 3:11-13)

-Author/Date: Moses (“the Lord spoke to, commanded Moses” *passim*; Matt. 8:4), one year after the institution of the Passover for a period of not more than one month (Ex. 12:2; 40:17; Lev. Lev. 25:1, 2; 26:46; 27:34; Num. 1:1).

-Theme/Purpose: holiness (Lev. 11:45; 19:2; 20:7)

-Character: a series of laws explicitly from God Himself; earthy (slaughter of animals, diseases, bodily functions, sexual behavior, etc.)

II. Structure of Leviticus

<u>Laws of Acceptable Approach to God</u> (Sacrifice; Way to God; Coming)	<u>Laws of Continued Fellowship with God</u> (Sanctification; Walk with God; Communion)
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1) Offerings (Burnt, Grain, Peace, Sin, Guilt)	chs. 1-7	
2) Priests	chs. 8-10	chs. 21, 22
3) People (Uncleannes and Purity)	chs. 11-15	chs. 18-20
4) Day of Atonement	chs. 16, 17	
5) Festivals (Passover, Unleavened Bread, Firstfruits, Pentecost, Trumpets, Day of Atonement, Booths)		chs. 23-26
6) Vows		ch. 27

III. Prominent Themes in Leviticus

-God’s Character: holy (11:44, 45; 20: 7, 8); glorious (9:6, 23; 16:2); wrathful (10:2); accessible (16:12-15)

-Human Sinfulness

-Atonement (Lev. 17:11)

-Worship

IV. Christ in Leviticus

-Offerings and Sacrifices (Lev. 16:21, 22; Heb. 10:1-4, 11, 12, 14)

-The High Priest (Ex. 28:29; 1 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 4:14, 15; 7:26-28; 9:11, 12)

-The Day of Atonement (Heb. 7:23-25, 27; 9:11, 12, 14; 10:11, 12, 14)

Practical Lessons

1) Lessons about Approach to God (Heb. 9:22)

2) Lessons about Fellowship with God

-God’s people are to be a holy people (1 Pet. 1:14-16).

-God's people are to be a worshipping people.