



MZBMP

A Survey of the Book of Leviticus

Leviticus – “*that which pertains to the Levites*” The Levites were from the tribe of Levi, who became priests (Heb. 7:11). The Jews called the book from the first words of verse 1: “*Called unto*” (similar to called out – similar and applicable to *ekklesia*).

Writer: Moses (Gen. 1:1; Exo. 1:1; Lev. 1:1; Num. 1:1; Deut. 1:1).

Author: The Holy Spirit (2 Pet. 1:21; 1 Pet. 1:11; Lu. 1:70; 2 Tim. 3:16).

Theme: Holiness (of the LORD).

Lev. 19:2 “Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God am holy.”

Lev. 20:7-8 “Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the LORD your God. (v.8) And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I am the LORD which sanctify you.”

Outline:

Leviticus (1-27) – The Holiness of God						
The Way to God (1-17)			The Walk with God (18-27)			
(1-7)	(8-10)	(11-15)	(16-17)	(18-20)	(21-22)	(23-27)
Ritual	Priesthood	Purity	Day of Atonement	Purity	Priesthood	Ritual
Offerings	Consecrations	laws		laws	Holy priests	Holy practices

Time: 1446-1440 B.C. – at Mt. Sinai. During the time of their 40 years of wilderness wanderings.

Biblical Background: Exo. 40:33-38 and Lev. 1:1-2ff. (Conclusion: Num. 1:1).

Leviticus is a book of worship – the order and rules of worship.

We must remember:

Rom. 15:4 “For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.”

1 Cor. 10:6, 11 “Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.” (v.11) “Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.”

Heb. 11:13 “These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.”

The Way to God is by SACRIFICE. (Atonement meaning “covering”); 43X.

The Walk with God is by SANCTIFICATION. (Holy meaning “set apart”); 77X.

Saved people must learn to live sanctified lives (Heb. 13:20-21).