

# Leviticus



## Background

- How is the book of Leviticus related to the earlier books of the Pentateuch?
- What is the meaning of the title “Leviticus”? What does this tell us about the content of this book?
- What is the significance of the Hebrew title for this book? Why does this matter?
- Who is the author and when was Leviticus written? How does this relate to the rest of the Torah?
- How is the content of Leviticus related to the history narrated in the Pentateuch? What does this tell us about the content and significance of Leviticus?
- How does the Lecture describe the purpose of Leviticus? How is this related to the tabernacle described in Exodus?
- What point does the lecture make about the difficulty of Leviticus? What is the proposed solution to this difficulty? How does this apply?

## Outline

- What are the two main divisions of Leviticus? What does each division teach? What difference does this make?
- What is the name by which the second section is sometimes called? What does this tell about the contents of that section? How does this apply?
- What are the four subsections of the first main section? What does each describe? Why do each of these things matter?

## Content

- What are the key verses of Leviticus? What does each highlight? What does each tell us about the overall content and message of Leviticus? What does each tell us about how God relates to His people?
- What is holiness and why does God command this from His people?
- What is atonement and why is it necessary? How can atonement be made, according to Leviticus? What does this teach us about how we can relate to God?
- Define and describe each of the five types of offerings described in Leviticus? What is the reason each offering was given?
- What are the two ways the offerings are grouped? What is the summary phrase used with each group? What does this tell us about the purpose and result of those offerings? What is the significance of this for us?
- How could an ancient Israelite be assured his sins were forgiven in respect to the tabernacle sacrifices described in Leviticus?
- How does Leviticus describe the acceptable priesthood? How is this contrasted with the Unacceptable priesthood? What makes the unacceptable priesthood unacceptable? What did they do that displeased God? Why was that displeasing to Him? How did God respond? What should we learn and apply from this story?
- How does Leviticus describe acceptable worshippers? How is this related to the idea of clean and unclean? Why is that a big deal to God in Leviticus? How is this related to the idea of

holiness and separateness? In what specific ways are the ideas of clean and unclean applied in Leviticus? How should we respond?

- What is the “Day of Atonement”? What happened on that day? Why? What was special about that day? What did all these rituals accomplish? What did they symbolize?
- What is the “holiness code”? Why is it called that? What is its purpose? How does this apply to us?
- On what are all the laws of the holiness code based? What are the reasons given for obeying these instructions? What difference does that make? How should we apply this concept in current moral debates?
- What is the significance of the festivals described in Leviticus? What were their function? What can we learn from this?

## Themes

- Explain each of the theological themes in your own words. What does each tell about the content, message and significance of Leviticus? How should each idea be applied in current life?
- What does Leviticus tell us about priesthood? What was/were the function(s) of the priesthood? What difference does this make for us?
- Summarize what is taught about holiness in Leviticus. Why does this matter? How should we respond?
- Summarize what is taught about sacrifice and atonement in Leviticus. What does this tell us about God and how He relates to His people? What difference does this make for us?
- What are festivals as described in Leviticus? What was their purpose?

## Review

Review the two Goals (organization) of Leviticus and work toward committing this to memory.  
Review the key themes of Leviticus and work toward committing them to memory.