

Week Fifteen
Leviticus – The Law Continued

— PASTOR'S —
BIBLE STUDY

Our Conclusion last week

- 613 specific commandments to implement the Law
- Reaffirmed the covenant at Mt Sinai
- God has given the Law (Principles) in Exodus 20-24 and the Tabernacle in Exodus 25 - 40
- Instructions how to use the Tabernacle - Leviticus 1-7
- Rules of the Priesthood – Leviticus 8-10
- We are learning how the Law was implemented up to forbidding the eating of blood (Leviticus 17)

“you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation”

Lets begin

Leviticus 18 NIV

Unlawful Sexual Relations

18 The LORD said to Moses, ²“Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘I am the LORD your God. ³You must not do as they do in Egypt, where you used to live, and you must not do as they do in the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you. Do not follow their practices. ⁴You must obey my laws and be careful to follow my decrees. I am the LORD your God. ⁵Keep my decrees and laws, for the person who obeys them will live by them. I am the LORD.

Why?

6 “No one is to approach any close relative to have sexual relations. I am the LORD.

Unlawful Sexual Relations
This is important in a closed community

7 “Do not dishonor your father by having sexual relations with your mother. She is your mother; do not have relations with her.

The Israelite's are depending on each other for survival

8 “Do not have sexual relations with your father's wife; that would dishonor your father.

9 “Do not have sexual relations with your sister, either your father's daughter or your mother's daughter, whether she was born in the same home or elsewhere.

10 “Do not have sexual relations with your son's daughter or your daughter's daughter; that would dishonor you.

11 “Do not have sexual relations with the daughter of your father's wife, born to your father; she is your sister.

12 “Do not have sexual relations with your father's sister; she is your father's close relative.

You shall not commit adultery

13 “Do not have sexual relations with your mother's sister, because she is your mother's close relative.

14 “Do not dishonor your father's brother by approaching his wife to have sexual relations; she is your aunt.

15 “Do not have sexual relations with your daughter-in-law. She is your son's wife; do not have relations with her.

16 “Do not have sexual relations with your brother's wife; that would dishonor your brother.

17 “Do not have sexual relations with both a woman and her daughter. Do not have sexual relations with either her son's daughter or her daughter's daughter; they are her close relatives. That is wickedness.

18 “Do not take your wife's sister as a rival wife and have sexual relations with her while your wife is living.

19 “Do not approach a woman to have sexual relations during the uncleanness of her monthly period.

20 “Do not have sexual relations with your neighbor's wife and defile yourself with her.


21 “Do not give any of your children to be sacrificed to Molek, for you must not profane the name of your God. I am the LORD.

22 “Do not have sexual relations with a man as one does with a woman; that is detestable.


23 “Do not have sexual relations with an animal and defile yourself with it. A woman must not present herself to an animal to have sexual relations with it; that is a perversion.

Today this law has generated controversy in the Christian community – It can be a violative conversation that takes an objective look at the issue from a biblical perspective

For those interested in a biblically objective perspective copies of an article by Walter Brueggemann, one of the world's most renowned biblical scholars, whose scriptural scholarship includes a specific focus on the Hebrew prophets, taught from 1961 to 1986 at the Eden Theological Seminary in Webster Groves, Mo. Born in northeastern Nebraska, he earned a Ph.D. in education from St. Louis University in 1974



²⁴ “Do not defile yourselves in any of these ways, because this is how the nations that I am going to drive out before you became defiled. ²⁵ Even the land was defiled; so I punished it for its sin, and the land vomited out its inhabitants. ²⁶ But you must keep my decrees and my laws. The native-born and the foreigners residing among you must not do any of these detestable things, ²⁷ for all these things were done by the people who lived in the land before you, and the land became defiled. ²⁸ And if you defile the land, it will vomit you out as it vomited out the nations that were before you.



²⁹ “Everyone who does any of these detestable things—such persons must be cut off from their people. ³⁰ Keep my requirements and do not follow any of the detestable customs that were practiced before you came and do not defile yourselves with them. I am the LORD your God.”

Leviticus 19 NIV

Various Laws

19 The LORD said to Moses, ² “Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: ‘Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy.

Honor your
father and
your mother,

³ “Each of you must respect your mother and father, and you must observe my Sabbaths. I am the LORD your God.

⁴ “Do not turn to idols or make metal gods for yourselves. I am the LORD your God.

⁵ “When you sacrifice a fellowship offering to the LORD, sacrifice it in such a way that it will be accepted on your behalf. ⁶ It shall be eaten on the day you sacrifice it or on the next day; anything left over until the third day must be burned up. ⁷ If any of it is eaten on the third day, it is impure and will not be accepted. ⁸ Whoever eats it will be held responsible because they have desecrated what is holy to the LORD; they must be cut off from their people.

Part of
Gods plan
for the
poor

⁹ “When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. ¹⁰ Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the LORD your God.

11 “Do not steal.

You shall not steal.

“Do not lie.

“Do not deceive one another.

12 “Do not swear falsely by my name and so profane the name of your God. I am the LORD.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor

13 “Do not defraud or rob your neighbor.

“Do not hold back the wages of a hired worker overnight.

14 “Do not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block in front of the blind, but fear your God. I am the LORD.

15 “Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge your neighbor fairly.

16 “Do not go about spreading slander among your people.

“Do not do anything that endangers your neighbor’s life. I am the LORD.

17 “Do not hate a fellow Israelite in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in their guilt.

18 “Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.

19 “Keep my decrees.

“Do not mate different kinds of animals.

“Do not plant your field with two kinds of seed.

“Do not wear clothing woven of two kinds of material.

20 “If a man sleeps with a female slave who is promised to another man but who has not been ransomed or given her freedom, there must be due punishment.^[a] Yet they are not to be put to death, because she had not been freed. 21 The man, however, must bring a ram to the entrance to the tent of meeting for a guilt offering to the LORD. 22 With the ram of the guilt offering the priest is to make atonement for him before the LORD for the sin he has committed, and his sin will be forgiven.

23 “When you enter the land and plant any kind of fruit tree, regard its fruit as forbidden.^[b] For three years you are to consider it forbidden^[c]; it must not be eaten. 24 In the

fourth year all its fruit will be holy, an offering of praise to the LORD. ²⁵ But in the fifth year you may eat its fruit. In this way your harvest will be increased. I am the LORD your God.

²⁶ “Do not eat any meat with the blood still in it.

“Do not practice divination or seek omens.

²⁷ “Do not cut the hair at the sides of your head or clip off the edges of your beard.

²⁸ “Do not cut your bodies for the dead or put tattoo marks on yourselves. I am the LORD.

²⁹ “Do not degrade your daughter by making her a prostitute, or the land will turn to prostitution and be filled with wickedness.

³⁰ “Observe my Sabbaths and have reverence for my sanctuary. I am the LORD.

³¹ “Do not turn to mediums or seek out spiritists, for you will be defiled by them. I am the LORD your God.

³² “Stand up in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the LORD.

33 “When a foreigner (Alien) resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. 34 The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the LORD your God.

35 “Do not use dishonest standards when measuring length, weight or quantity. 36 Use honest scales and honest weights, an honest ephah^[d] and an honest hin.^[e] I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt.

37 “Keep all my decrees and all my laws and follow them. I am the LORD.’”

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Leviticus 20 NIV

Punishments for Sin

20 The LORD said to Moses, 2 “Say to the Israelites: ‘Any Israelite or any foreigner residing in Israel who sacrifices any of his children to Molek is to be put to death. The members of the community are to stone him. 3 I myself will set my face against him and will cut him off from his people; for by sacrificing his children to Molek, he has defiled my sanctuary and profaned my holy name. 4 If the members of the community close their eyes when that man sacrifices one of his children to Molek and if they fail to put him to death, 5 I myself will set my face against him and his family and will cut them off from their people together with all who follow him in prostituting themselves to Molek.’”

⁶ “I will set my face against anyone who turns to mediums and spiritists to prostitute themselves by following them, and I will cut them off from their people.

Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

⁷ “Consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am the LORD your God. ⁸ Keep my decrees and follow them. I am the LORD, who makes you holy.

“Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death. Because they have cursed their father or mother, their blood will be on their own head.

John
8:1-11

¹⁰ “If a man commits adultery with another man’s wife—with the wife of his neighbor—both the adulterer and the adulteress are to be put to death.

John 8:1-11 NIV

⁸ ¹ but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

² At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. ³ The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group ⁴ and said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?” ⁶ They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.

But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. ⁷ When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." ⁸ Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

⁹ At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. ¹⁰ Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

¹¹ "No one, sir," she said.


"Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

Leviticus 20 NIV (Continued)

¹¹ "If a man has sexual relations with his father's wife, he has dishonored his father. Both the man and the woman are to be put to death; their blood will be on their own heads.

¹² "If a man has sexual relations with his daughter-in-law, both of them are to be put to death. What they have done is a perversion; their blood will be on their own heads.

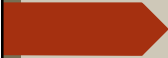
¹³ "If a man has sexual relations with a man as one does with a woman, both of them have done what is detestable. They are to be put to death; their blood will be on their own heads.



14 “If a man marries both a woman and her mother, it is wicked. Both he and they must be burned in the fire, so that no wickedness will be among you.

15 “If a man has sexual relations with an animal, he is to be put to death, and you must kill the animal.


16 “If a woman approaches an animal to have sexual relations with it, kill both the woman and the animal. They are to be put to death; their blood will be on their own heads.



17 “If a man marries his sister, the daughter of either his father or his mother, and they have sexual relations, it is a disgrace. They are to be publicly removed from their people. He has dishonored his sister and will be held responsible.

18 “If a man has sexual relations with a woman during her monthly period, he has exposed the source of her flow, and she has also uncovered it. Both of them are to be cut off from their people.


19 “Do not have sexual relations with the sister of either your mother or your father, for that would dishonor a close relative; both of you would be held responsible.



20 “If a man has sexual relations with his aunt, he has dishonored his uncle. They will be held responsible; they will die childless.


21 “If a man marries his brother’s wife, it is an act of impurity; he has dishonored his brother. They will be childless.

22 “Keep all my decrees and laws and follow them, so that the land where I am bringing you to live may not vomit you out. **23** You must not live according to the customs of the nations I am going to drive out before you. Because they did all these things, I abhorred



them. **24** But I said to you, “You will possess their land; I will give it to you as an inheritance, a land flowing with milk and honey.” I am the LORD your God, who has set you apart from the nations.

25 “You must therefore make a distinction between clean and unclean animals and between unclean and clean birds. Do not defile yourselves by any animal or bird or anything that moves along the ground—those that I have set apart as unclean for you. **26** You are to be holy to me because I, the LORD, am holy, and I have set you apart from the nations to be my own.



²⁷ “‘A man or woman who is a medium or spiritist among you must be put to death. You are to stone them; their blood will be on their own heads.’”

Leviticus 21 NIV



Rules for Priests

21 The LORD said to Moses, “Speak to the priests, the sons of Aaron, and say to them: ‘A priest must not make himself ceremonially unclean for any of his people who die, ² except for a close relative, such as his mother or father, his son or daughter, his brother, ³ or an unmarried sister who is dependent on him since she has no husband—for her he may make himself unclean. ⁴ He must not make himself unclean for people related to him by marriage,^[a] and so defile himself.

5 “Priests must not shave their heads or shave off the edges of their beards or cut their bodies. **6** They must be holy to their God and must not profane the name of their God. Because they present the food offerings to the LORD, the food of their God, they are to be holy.

7 “They must not marry women defiled by prostitution or divorced from their husbands, because priests are holy to their God. **8** Regard them as holy, because they offer up the food of your God. Consider them holy, because I the LORD am holy—I who make you holy.

9 “If a priest’s daughter defiles herself by becoming a prostitute, she disgraces her father; she must be burned in the fire.

10 “The high priest, the one among his brothers who has had the anointing oil poured on his head and who has been ordained to wear the priestly garments, must not let his hair become unkempt^[b] or tear his clothes. **11** He must not enter a place where there is a dead body. He must not make himself unclean, even for his father or mother, **12** nor leave the sanctuary of his God or desecrate it, because he has been dedicated by the anointing oil of his God. I am the LORD.

13 “The woman he marries must be a virgin. **14** He must not marry a widow, a divorced woman, or a woman defiled by prostitution, but only a virgin from his own people, **15** so that he will not defile his offspring among his people. I am the LORD, who makes him holy.’”

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Leviticus 22 NIV

22 The LORD said to Moses, ² “Tell Aaron and his sons to treat with respect the sacred offerings the Israelites consecrate to me, so they will not profane my holy name. I am the LORD.

³ “Say to them: ‘For the generations to come, if any of your descendants is ceremonially unclean and yet comes near the sacred offerings that the Israelites consecrate to the LORD, that person must be cut off from my presence. I am the LORD.

⁴ “If a descendant of Aaron has a defiling skin disease^[a] or a bodily discharge, he may not eat the sacred offerings until he is cleansed. He will also be unclean if he touches something defiled by a corpse or by anyone who has an emission of semen, ⁵ or if he touches any crawling thing that makes him unclean, or any person who makes him unclean, whatever the uncleanness may be. ⁶ The one who touches any such thing will be unclean till evening. He must not eat any of the sacred offerings unless he has bathed himself with water. ⁷ When the sun goes down, he will be clean, and after that he may eat the sacred offerings, for they are his food. ⁸ He must not eat anything found dead or torn by wild animals, and so become unclean through it. I am the LORD.

⁹ “The priests are to perform my service in such a way that they do not become guilty and die for treating it with contempt. I am the LORD, who makes them holy.

¹⁰ “No one outside a priest’s family may eat the sacred offering, nor may the guest of a priest or his hired worker eat it. ¹¹ But if a priest buys a slave with money, or if slaves are born in his household, they may eat his food. ¹² If a priest’s daughter marries anyone other than a priest, she may not eat any of the sacred contributions. ¹³ But if a priest’s daughter becomes a widow or is divorced, yet has no children, and she returns to live in her father’s household as in her youth, she may eat her father’s food. No unauthorized person, however, may eat it.

¹⁴ “Anyone who eats a sacred offering by mistake must make restitution to the priest for the offering and add a fifth of the value to it. ¹⁵ The priests must not desecrate the sacred offerings the Israelites present to the LORD ¹⁶ by allowing them to eat the sacred offerings and so bring upon them guilt requiring payment. I am the LORD, who makes them holy.’”

Unacceptable Sacrifices

¹⁷ The LORD said to Moses, ¹⁸ “Speak to Aaron and his sons and to all the Israelites and say to them: ‘If any of you—whether an Israelite or a foreigner residing in Israel—presents a gift for a burnt offering to the LORD, either to

What you
bring is
important

Genesis
Chapter 4
and
Malicai

fulfill a vow or as a freewill offering, ¹⁹ you must present a male without defect from the cattle, sheep or goats in order that it may be accepted on your behalf. ²⁰ Do not bring anything with a defect, because it will not be accepted on your behalf. ²¹ When anyone brings from the herd or flock a fellowship offering to the LORD to fulfill a special vow or as a freewill offering, it must be without defect or blemish to be acceptable. ²² Do not offer to the LORD the blind, the injured or the maimed, or anything with warts or festering or running sores. Do not place any of these on the altar as a food offering presented to the LORD. ²³ You may, however, present as a freewill offering an ox^[b] or a sheep that is deformed or stunted,

Genesis 4 The Message

Cain and Abel

What you
bring is
important!

What
should we
give God?

Our best or
our
leftovers?

4 Adam slept with Eve his wife. She conceived and had Cain. She said, "I've gotten a man, with GOD's help!"
2 Then she had another baby, Abel. Abel was a herdsman and Cain a farmer.
3-5 Time passed. Cain brought an offering to GOD from the produce of his farm. Abel also brought an offering, but from the firstborn animals of his herd, choice cuts of meat. GOD liked Abel and his offering, but Cain and his offering didn't get his approval.

Malachi 1 NLT

Last book in
Hebrew
Scriptures

Dated 430
BCE

Deals with 8
Issues

We are
looking at
two of them

Issue 1
Verse 2

1 This is the message^[a] that the LORD gave to Israel through the prophet Malachi.^[b]

The LORD's Love for Israel

2 "I have always loved you," says the LORD.

But you retort, "Really? How have you loved us?"

And the LORD replies, "This is how I showed my love for you: I loved your ancestor Jacob, **3** but I rejected his brother, Esau, and devastated his hill country. I turned Esau's inheritance into a desert for jackals."

Unworthy Sacrifices

Issue 2
Verse 6

6 The LORD of Heaven's Armies says to the priests: "A son honors his father, and a servant respects his master. If I am your father and master, where are the honor and respect I deserve? You have shown contempt for my name!"

"But you ask, 'How have we ever shown contempt for your name?'

7 "You have shown contempt by offering defiled sacrifices on my altar.

"Then you ask, 'How have we defiled the sacrifices?^[c]'

"You defile them by saying the altar of the LORD deserves

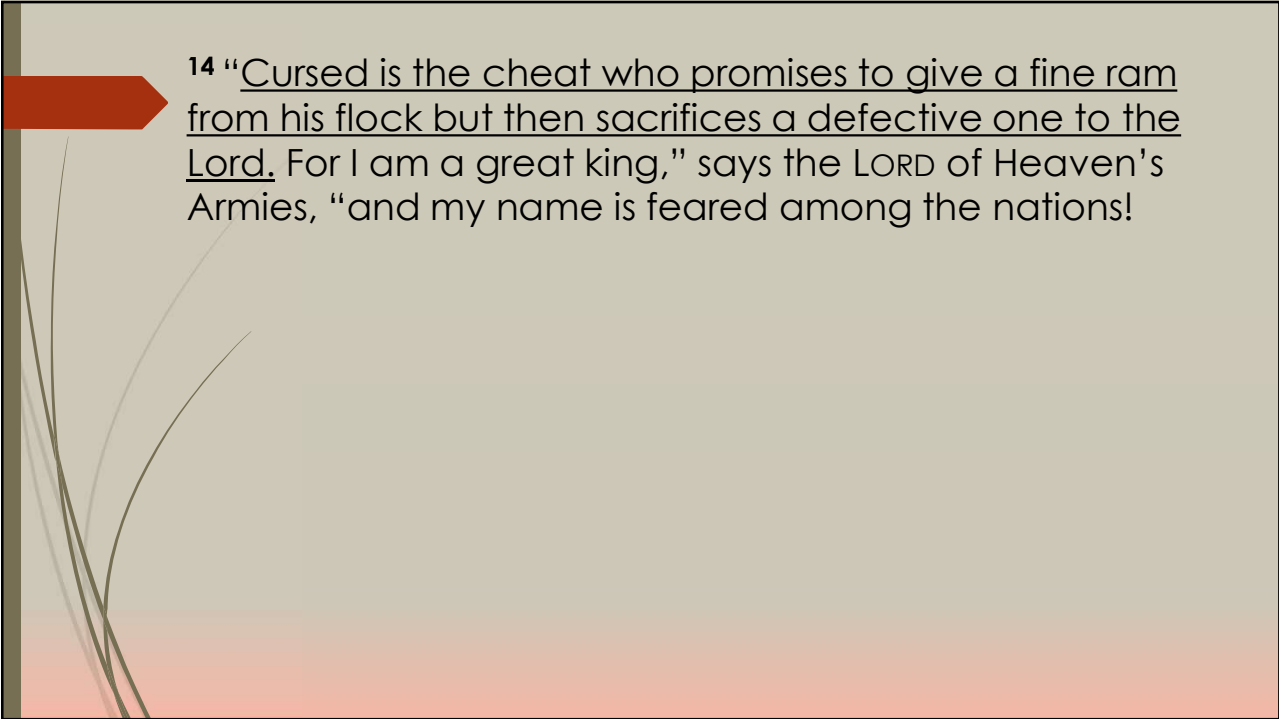
no respect. ⁸ When you give blind animals as sacrifices, isn't that wrong? And isn't it wrong to offer animals that are crippled and diseased? Try giving gifts like that to your governor, and see how pleased he is!" says the LORD of Heaven's Armies.

⁹ "Go ahead, beg God to be merciful to you! But when you bring that kind of offering, why should he show you any favor at all?" asks the LORD of Heaven's Armies.

¹⁰ "How I wish one of you would shut the Temple doors so that these worthless sacrifices could not be offered! I am not pleased with you," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, "and I will not accept your offerings. ¹¹ But my name is

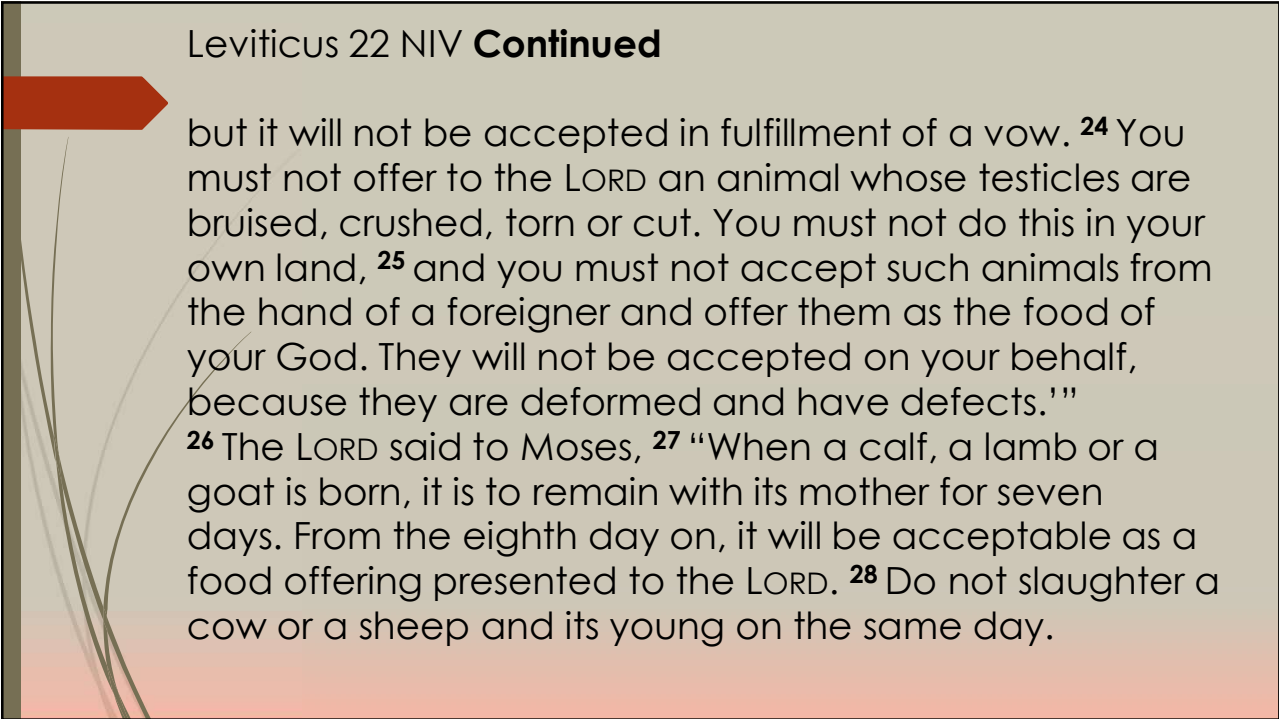
honored^[d] by people of other nations from morning till night. All around the world they offer^[e] sweet incense and pure offerings in honor of my name. For my name is great among the nations," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies.

¹² "But you dishonor my name with your actions. By bringing contemptible food, you are saying it's all right to defile the Lord's table. ¹³ You say, 'It's too hard to serve the LORD,' and you turn up your noses at my commands," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. "Think of it! Animals that are stolen and crippled and sick are being presented as offerings! Should I accept from you such offerings as these?" asks the LORD.



¹⁴ “Cursed is the cheat who promises to give a fine ram from his flock but then sacrifices a defective one to the Lord. For I am a great king,” says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies, “and my name is feared among the nations!

Leviticus 22 NIV **Continued**



but it will not be accepted in fulfillment of a vow. ²⁴ You must not offer to the LORD an animal whose testicles are bruised, crushed, torn or cut. You must not do this in your own land, ²⁵ and you must not accept such animals from the hand of a foreigner and offer them as the food of your God. They will not be accepted on your behalf, because they are deformed and have defects.’”

²⁶ The LORD said to Moses, ²⁷ “When a calf, a lamb or a goat is born, it is to remain with its mother for seven days. From the eighth day on, it will be acceptable as a food offering presented to the LORD. ²⁸ Do not slaughter a cow or a sheep and its young on the same day.

29 “When you sacrifice a thank offering to the LORD, sacrifice it in such a way that it will be accepted on your behalf. **30** It must be eaten that same day; leave none of it till morning. I am the LORD.

31 “Keep my commands and follow them. I am the LORD. **32** Do not profane my holy name, for I must be acknowledged as holy by the Israelites. I am the LORD, who made you holy **33** and who brought you out of Egypt to be your God. I am the LORD.”

Leviticus 22 NIV

22 The LORD said to Moses, **2** “Tell Aaron and his sons to treat with respect the sacred offerings the Israelites consecrate to me, so they will not profane my holy name. I am the LORD.

3 “Say to them: ‘For the generations to come, if any of your descendants is ceremonially unclean and yet comes near the sacred offerings that the Israelites consecrate to the LORD, that person must be cut off from my presence. I am the LORD.

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Leviticus 23 NIV **THE JEWISH CALENDAR**


Slow down we
move to fast

The Appointed Festivals

23 The LORD said to Moses, ² "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'These are my appointed festivals, the appointed festivals of the LORD, which you are to proclaim as sacred assemblies.'

The Sabbath

³ "There are six days when you may work, but the seventh day is a day of sabbath rest, a day of sacred assembly. You are not to do any work; wherever you live, it is a sabbath to the LORD.

The Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread

⁴ "These are the LORD's appointed festivals, the sacred assemblies you are to proclaim at their appointed times: ⁵ The LORD's Passover begins at twilight on the fourteenth day of the first month. ⁶ On the fifteenth day of that month the LORD's Festival of Unleavened Bread begins; for seven days you must eat bread made without yeast. ⁷ On the first day hold a sacred assembly and do no regular work. ⁸ For seven days present a food offering to the LORD. And on the seventh day hold a sacred assembly and do no regular work.'"



Offering the Firstfruits

Paul says, Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. 1 Cor 15:3

⁹ The LORD said to Moses, ¹⁰ “Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘When you enter the land I am going to give you and you reap its harvest, bring to the priest a sheaf of the first grain you harvest. ¹¹ He is to wave the sheaf before the LORD so it will be accepted on your behalf; the priest is to wave it on the day after the Sabbath. ¹² On the day you wave the sheaf, you must sacrifice as a burnt offering to the LORD a lamb a year old without defect, ¹³ together with its grain offering of two-tenths of an ephah^[a] of the finest flour mixed with olive oil—a food offering presented to the LORD, a pleasing aroma—and its drink offering of a quarter of a hin^[b] of wine. ¹⁴ You must

not eat any bread, or roasted or new grain, until the very day you bring this offering to your God. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come, wherever you live.

The Festival of Weeks (7 Weeks)

50th day
Pentecost
(means 50)
Remembers the giving of the law at Mt. Sinai

¹⁵ “From the day after the Sabbath, the day you brought the sheaf of the wave offering, count off seven full weeks. ¹⁶ Count off fifty days up to the day after the seventh Sabbath, and then present an offering of new grain to the LORD. ¹⁷ From wherever you live, bring two loaves made of two-tenths of an ephah of the finest flour, baked with yeast, as a wave offering of firstfruits to

the LORD. ¹⁸ Present with this bread seven male lambs, each a year old and without defect, one young bull and two rams. They will be a burnt offering to the LORD, together with their grain offerings and drink offerings—a food offering, an aroma pleasing to the LORD. ¹⁹ Then sacrifice one male goat for a sin offering^[c] and two lambs, each a year old, for a fellowship offering. ²⁰ The priest is to wave the two lambs before the LORD as a wave offering, together with the bread of the firstfruits. They are a sacred offering to the LORD for the priest. ²¹ On that same day you are to proclaim a sacred assembly and do no regular work. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come, wherever you live.

²² “‘When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor and for the foreigner residing among you. I am the LORD your God.’”

The Festival of Trumpets

²³ The LORD said to Moses, ²⁴ “Say to the Israelites: ‘On the first day of the seventh month you are to have a day of sabbath rest, a sacred assembly commemorated with trumpet blasts. ²⁵ Do no regular work, but present a food offering to the LORD.’”

Rosh Hashanah
Beginning of the year – blowing of the Rams Horn

The Day of Atonement

Yom
Kippur

²⁶ The LORD said to Moses, ²⁷ “**The tenth day** of this seventh month is the Day of Atonement. Hold a sacred assembly and deny yourselves,^[d] and present a food offering to the LORD. ²⁸ Do not do any work on that day, because it is the Day of Atonement, when atonement is made for you before the LORD your God. ²⁹ Those who do not deny themselves on that day must be cut off from their people. ³⁰ I will destroy from among their people anyone who does any work on that day. ³¹ You shall do no work at all. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come, wherever you live. ³² It is a day of sabbath rest for you, and you must deny yourselves. From the evening of the ninth day of the month until the following evening you are to observe your sabbath.”

The Festival of Tabernacles

Commemorates
the
wanderings in
the wilderness
for 40 years
under Moses

³³ The LORD said to Moses, ³⁴ “Say to the Israelites: ‘On the **fifteenth day** of the seventh month the LORD’s Festival of Tabernacles begins, and it lasts for seven days. ³⁵ The first day is a sacred assembly; do no regular work. ³⁶ For seven days present food offerings to the LORD, and on the eighth day hold a sacred assembly and present a food offering to the LORD. It is the closing special assembly; do no regular work.

³⁷ (“These are the LORD’s appointed festivals, which you are to proclaim as sacred assemblies for bringing food offerings to the LORD—the burnt offerings and grain offerings, sacrifices and drink offerings required for each day. ³⁸ These offerings are in addition to those for

the LORD's Sabbaths and^[e] in addition to your gifts and whatever you have vowed and all the freewill offerings you give to the LORD.)

39 “So beginning with the fifteenth day of the seventh month, after you have gathered the crops of the land, celebrate the festival to the LORD for seven days; the first day is a day of sabbath rest, and the eighth day also is a day of sabbath rest. **40** On the first day you are to take branches from luxuriant trees—from palms, willows and other leafy trees—and rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days. **41** Celebrate this as a festival to the LORD for seven days each year. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come; celebrate it in the

seventh month. **42** Live in temporary shelters for seven days: All native-born Israelites are to live in such shelters **43** so your descendants will know that I had the Israelites live in temporary shelters when I brought them out of Egypt. I am the LORD your God.’”

44 So Moses announced to the Israelites the appointed festivals of the LORD.

Leviticus 24 NIV

Olive Oil and Bread Set Before the LORD

24 The LORD said to Moses, ²“Command the Israelites to bring you clear oil of pressed olives for the light so that the lamps may be kept burning continually. ³Outside the curtain that shields the ark of the covenant law in the tent of meeting, Aaron is to tend the lamps before the LORD from evening till morning, continually. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come. ⁴The lamps on the pure gold lampstand before the LORD must be tended continually.

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Leviticus 25 NIV

The Sabbath Year

25 The LORD said to Moses at Mount Sinai, ²“Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘When you enter the land I am going to give you, the land itself must observe a sabbath to the LORD. ³For six years sow your fields, and for six years prune your vineyards and gather their crops. ⁴But in the seventh year the land is to have a year of sabbath rest, a sabbath to the LORD. Do not sow your fields or prune your vineyards. ⁵Do not reap what grows of itself or harvest the grapes of your untended vines. The land is to have a year

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Leviticus 26 NIV

Reward for Obedience

26 “Do not make idols or set up an image or a sacred stone for yourselves, and do not place a carved stone in your land to bow down before it. I am the LORD your God.

2 “Observe my Sabbaths and have reverence for my sanctuary. I am the LORD.

3 “If you follow my decrees and are careful to obey my commands, **4** I will send you rain in its season, and the ground will yield its crops and the trees their fruit. **5** Your threshing will continue until grape harvest and the grape

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Leviticus 27 NIV

Redeeming What Is the LORD's

27 The LORD said to Moses, **2** “Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘If anyone makes a special vow to dedicate a person to the LORD by giving the equivalent value, **3** set the value of a male between the ages of twenty and sixty at fifty shekels^[a] of silver, according to the sanctuary shekel^[b]; **4** for a female, set her value at thirty shekels^[c]; **5** for a person between the ages of five and twenty, set the value of a male at twenty shekels^[d] and of a female at ten shekels^[e]; **6** for a person between one month and five years, set the value of a male at five

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Conclusion

- Reaffirmed the covenant at Mt Sinai
- God has given the Law (Principles) in Exodus 20-24 and the Tabernacle in Exodus 25 - 40
- Instructions how to use the Tabernacle - Leviticus 1-7
- Rules of the Priesthood – Leviticus 8-10
- The Israelites have learned how to implement the law.
- 613 specific commandments to implement the Law
 - 365 thou shall not's
 - 248 thou shall do
- *It's time to move on to the promised land*
“you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation”