

LEVITICUS 1-7  
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INTRO TO LEVITICUS

- Author. Moses, cf. Mt. 8:2-4 (Lv. 13 and 14). N.B.: 1:1, *Then...*: continuation from Ex. (cf. Ex. 1:1, *Now...*) or JDEP?
- Time. The month after tabernacle was built, cf.: Ex. 40:17; Nu. 1:1.
- Two main themes:
  - WHO. Cf. "Holy" (90x; 60 in Ge+Ex. combined), eg. 11:45, *...you shall be Holy*, different, eg. 18:1-3...
  - WHAT. Cf. "Altar" (88x in Lv.):
    - Eg. Ge. 12:8, *altar...called*, the association of the two refers to approaching God through sacrifice.
    - Cf. "Unclean/clean/cleansed" 176x (6.5/ch); "Blood," 86x; "Atonement," 51x.
    - N.B.: not a new idea (eg. Ge. 8:20), only new conditions.

Exodus was about how God came to Israel. Leviticus is about how Israel can go to God.

I. 1:1-7:38, INSTRUCTIONS ON OFFERINGS. N.B.: not often explicitly explained, but symbolic: beware of getting too little or too much!

Offering	Main References	Elements	Purpose and Type	N.B.:
<b>Burnt</b>	1:3-17 6:8-13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Every morning and evening (Nu. 28:1-8, cf. Ex. 29:38-42) and more on the Sabbaths (Nu. 28:9, 10). N.B.: given in order of frequency.</li> <li>• Bull (1:3), ram (1:10), male goat (1:10) male dove or pigeon (1:14)</li> <li>• Wholly consumed/dedicated but skin (1:6, 9).</li> <li>• N.B.: 1:4 (Peace and Sin also), <i>lay hands...behalf</i>, identity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representing complete committal and self-surrender - "As it is wholly consumed, You wholly consume me"/"I completely give up myself." Dt. 6:5.</li> <li>• Type: Jesus' life and death: 9, cf. Eph. 5:1-2:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cf. Phlp. 2:7, <i>emptied...even to the cross</i>;</li> <li>- N.B.: Our life too, Rm. 12:1. <i>Take My Life...</i> (#98).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1:3-4, <i>that he may be accepted... atonement</i>, involved, but not main emphasis (cf. Sin and Guilt offerings).</li> </ul>
<b>Grain</b>	2:1-16 6:14-23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any fruit.</li> <li>• First fruits (1:12)</li> <li>• Early ripened fruit (1:14)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expression of devotion (Burnt offering: I give up my will; Grain: I take up Your will.) <i>Take My Life...</i> (#98)</li> <li>• Also, expression of recognition of God's providence (from Peace offering).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2:13, <i>the salt of the covenant... shall not be lacking...</i> linking the offering directly to the covenant. Salt preserves: if they obeyed the covenant, they would preserve it and <b>the covenant would preserve them</b>. Phlp. 1:5-6</li> </ul>
<b>Peace</b>	3:1-17 7:11-34	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any male or female from herd (3:1) or flock (3:6) without defect (<b>except</b> freewill offering, cf. 22:23)</li> <li>• Grains (7:12)</li> <li>• It <b>always</b> culminated in a feast (7:15, 16).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expression of recognition of God's providence, , eg. 1 Chron. 29:14-17 (2 Co. 9:6-15).</li> <li>• Expression devotion to covenant/God.</li> <li>• Type. LS (Col. 1:20, <i>having made peace through the blood of His cross</i>; 1 Co. 11).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actually and symbolically, the burnt offering served as a foundation for the peace offering (eg. 6:12; 8:18; 9:16-17): <b>don't expect peace without commitment</b>, 1 Co. 11:28-29.</li> <li>• 19:5, <i>that you may be accepted</i> (22:29)</li> </ul>
<b>Sin</b>	4:1-5:13 (5:1-6 are of omission, the rest are of commission) 6:24-30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young bull for high priest and congregation (4:3, 14)</li> <li>• Male goat for leader (4:25)</li> <li>• Female goat or lamb for commoner (4:28)</li> <li>• Turtle dove or pigeon for poor (5:7)</li> <li>• 10<sup>th</sup> of an ephah of fine flour for very poor (5:11-13)</li> <li>• 6:30, if the blood of a sin offering is brought into the tabernacle, the animal cannot be eaten, cf. 4:12, <i>...bring out to a clean place outside the camp...and burn it.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taught:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No forgiveness without blood (Hb. 9:22)</li> <li>- Vicarious suffering (4 et al)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Type: Christ's death (Hb. 10:1-4)</li> <li>★ "What you have done to yourself/to Me"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4:1 et al, <i>unintentionally</i>:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ct. Nu. 15:30-31 - intentional sins, for which no sacrifice may atone, and the death penalty is required, eg. Nu. 15:32-36 (Hb. 9:7; 10:26)</li> <li>- Cf. 1 Jn. 5:16; Mk. 3:29</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Guilt</b>	5:14-6:7 7:1-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ram (5:15)</li> <li>• Restitution (5:16)</li> <li>• Pay 20% fine. (5:16)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forgiveness</li> <li>• <b>Satisfaction*</b></li> <li>• Type: Christ's death (Isa. 53:10)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5:5 (Nu. 5:7), <i>confess</i>, cf. 16:21 - only other time mentioned.</li> <li>• 6:4-6, <i>...then...</i>, 1<sup>st</sup> things 1<sup>st</sup>. Mt. 3:7; 5:23-24.</li> </ul>

1:9c, *aroma*, expression of a right relationship, cf.: Ge. 8:21; Lv. 26:31.

The fat was the best: Nu. 18:12; 1 Sm. 2:15-16, 29.

## II. RANDOM THOUGHTS

- A. The involvement: 1:4; 3:2, *He...shall slay*. 1 Co. 14:13-15. [Re. 4:2...27 - Did women slay? Cf.: 12:6; 15:13-15 w. 29-30, 31-33; 1 Sm. 2:11 w. 1:24-25? Nu. 27:1-3...7? Dt. 29:29.]
- B. “God isn’t concerned about how you worship, just as long as your heart is right.”
  - 1. Cf. 1:11, *northward*; 16, *eastward*; etc., cf. 1 Chron. 13:1-9.
  - 2. 1 Co. 14:26...34 (1 Co. 4:16-17)
  - 3. “But a law of freedom, liberty!” Cf. Gal. 5:5, freedom from LOM (not Law, 6:2); Ja. 1:25, liberty from sin, not Law (context becomes “while assembled,” 2:1ff)..
- C. Re. The “Five Acts of Worship”: Giving? Cf. Phlp. 4:18! (Re. preaching, cf.: Neh. 8:...5; Ac. 13:48.)

## III. 6:8-7:38, INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRIESTS CONCERNING SACRIFICES. N.B.:

- A. 5:17, *unaware...guilty*; ignorance is no excuse. Cf. 1 Thess. 2:16.
- B. 6:10-11, *put on his linen robe...take off his garments...*, another emphasis of being properly prepared before serving the Lord..
- C. 6:15, *handful*, 16, *what is left...eat*, cf. 26; 7:6, 34; 21:6, 8, 17, 21, 22, *the food of their God*; Nu. 18:8-20.
- D. 7:18, *will not be accepted...reckoned....* Unacceptable worship.
  - 1. Right action with wrong motive
  - 2. Wrong action with right motive

**TEXT OUTLINE**

**1:3-17, THE BURNT OFFERING**

**2:1-16, THE GRAIN OFFERING**

**3:1-17, THE PEACE OFFERING**

**4:1-5:14, THE SIN OFFERING**

**5:1-6:7, THE GUILT OFFERING**

**6:8-13, THE BURNT OFFERING II**

**6:14-23, THE GRAIN OFFERING II**

**6:24-30, THE SIN OFFERING II**

**7:1-10, THE GUILT OFFERING II**

**7:11-36, THE PEACE OFFERING II**

**7:37-38, CONCLUDING REMARKS (RE. OFFERINGS)**