

The Book of Leviticus
Overview and Concluding Remarks
Leviticus 1-27

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Part One: Overview

Major theme: Holiness, sanctification

Major message: Be holy, because I am holy
(Lev 19:2; 1 Peter 1:15-16)

Structure of the book:

- Chapters 1-7 = Five sacrifices
- Chapters 8-10 = Priesthood
- Chapters 11-15 = Clean vs unclean
- Chapter 16 = Day of Atonement
- Chapters 17-22 = Practical holiness
- Chapters 23-25 = Sabbaths, seasons & feasts
- Chapters 26-27 = Conditions for God's blessing

Christ in Leviticus:

- He is the ultimate sacrifice
(Jn 1:29; 1 Cor 5:7; Heb 9:28; 10:12; Rev 5:12; 13:8; 22:1)
- He is the ultimate High Priest
(Heb 2:17; 7:17, 26-28; 9:11-12; 9:7-8)
- He is the ultimate Sabbath / rest
(Matt 10:28-30; 12:8; Heb 4:8-9)
- He is the fulfillment of all of the feasts / festivals
(Gal 5:1-2; Col 2:16-17)

Part Two: Clarification

The problem of supposed inconsistency between the Old Testament and the New Testament.

Before Christ came (OT):

- The Law of Moses consisted of three areas of regulations - the civil, the ceremonial, and the moral laws.
- The Law prescribed how Israel was to worship and how they were to live
(Lev 7:37-38; 18:30; 19:37; 27:34)

After Christ came (NT):

- Jesus fulfilled the requirements of the law, including the ceremonial regulations through His death and resurrection (Matt 5:17; Gal 3:12-14, 23-25)
- The coming of Jesus changed how we now worship but not how we live (1 Peter 1:15-16 / Lev 19:2; Matt 22:39 / Lev 19:18; 2 Cor 6:16 / Lev 26:12)

The misunderstanding exemplified:

- *The problem* - a failure to understand that the whole Bible is about Jesus and God's plan to redeem and save people from the ravages of sin. (Matt 22:29; Luke 24:44-45; John 5:36-40, 45-47; 1 Cor 2:13-14)
- *Our responsibility* - To be so familiar with God's truth that we are unshaken in our faith and able to refute what is false (2 Tim 2:15; 1 Peter 3:15-16; Jude 3)