

Leviticus- 27 chapters

Title:

Leviticus- literally “about the Levites [sons of Levi- priests]
Hebrew Title- “and He called” (1:1)

Author:

Anonymous, attributed to Moses

Occasion and Purpose:

Written at the Exodus for the new nation to understand their identity, heritage and responsibility.

A ‘priest’s manual’ giving clear instructions on how the newly formed covenant nation is to rightly live and rightly worship. It is concerned with holiness- how a sinful nation can have and maintain fellowship with a holy God.

Themes:

1. Sacrifice/Atonement
2. Holiness
3. Festivals

Summary:

Continuation of the Law given by God. Specific ways to be pure and Holy as a special nation in relationship to God. Explains how ritual fellowship with God can be guarded and maintained.

Organization:

Right Worship	Acceptable Sacrifice	Burnt Offering – 1:1-17	1:1-7:38
		Cereal Offering – 2:1-16	
		Peace Offering – 3:1-17	
		Sin Offering – 4:1-5:13	
		Guilt Offering – 5:14-6:7	
		Summary regulations – 6:8-7:38	
Acceptable Priesthood		8:1-10:20	
Right Worship	Acceptable Worshippers	Clean and Unclean – 11:1-15:33	11:1-16:34
		Day of Atonement – 16:1-34	
Right Living	Holiness code	Blood – 17:1-16	17:1-24:23
		Moral Laws – 18:1-20:27	
		Religious observance – 21:1-24:9	
		Blasphemy – 24:10-23	
	Jubilee	Sabbath year – 25:1-7	25:1-55
		Jubilee year – 25:8-55	
	Rewards and Punishments		26:1-46
Dedicated to the Lord		27:1-34	

Key Verses:

11:44-45; 16:9-10; 16:15-16; 17:11-12; 19:2