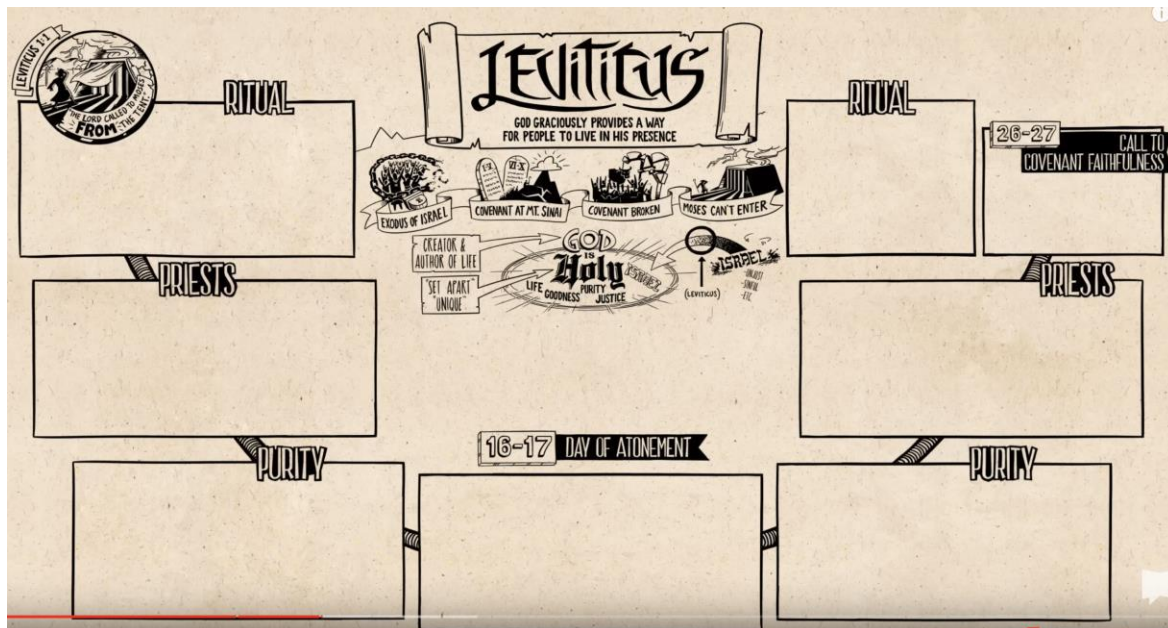


An Outline of the Book of Leviticus

The Book of Leviticus is the third book of the Hebrew Bible and the Old Testament of the Christian Bible. It is a central text in the Torah and primarily deals with religious and ritual matters, including laws, sacrifices, and the duties of the priesthood. It outlines the importance of holiness, ritual purity, and obedience to divine commandments.



Chapter 1-7: Laws of Offerings | **Rituals**

- Chapter 1: Instructions for burnt offerings, primarily focusing on offerings from cattle.
- Chapter 2: Regulations for grain offerings, which consist of various types of grains and are presented with oil and frankincense.
- Chapter 3: Laws regarding peace offerings, often associated with communal meals.
- Chapter 4: Details on sin offerings, which are made for unintentional sins and vary in terms of the offender's status.
- Chapter 5-6: Expands on sin offerings and introduces guilt offerings.
- Chapter 7: Further instructions on offerings and describes the share of the priests in the offerings.

Chapter 8-10: Consecration of the Priests | **Priests**

- Chapter 8: The consecration of Aaron and his sons as priests, including anointing them and offering sacrifices.
- Chapter 9: The first official offerings performed by the newly consecrated priests.
- Chapter 10: The tragic story of Nadab and Abihu, Aaron's sons, who are consumed by fire for offering unauthorized incense.

Chapter 11-15: Laws of Purity | **Ritual Purity**

- Chapter 11: Dietary laws regarding clean and unclean animals.

- Chapter 12: Regulations concerning purification after childbirth.
- Chapter 13-14: Laws about leprosy, including its diagnosis, quarantine, and purification procedures.
- Chapter 15: Rules about bodily discharges and purification.

Chapter 16-17: The Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) - Instructions for the annual ritual of atonement, which includes offering sacrifices for the sins of the priests and the people, the scapegoat ceremony, and purification rituals. Includes laws about the proper place for offering sacrifices, emphasizing centralization at the Tabernacle (later the Temple).

Chapters 18-20: Laws of Ethics | Moral Purity

- Chapter 18: Moral and ethical laws, including prohibitions against incest and other sexual taboos.
- Chapter 19: Ethical and religious commandments, including instructions on loving one's neighbor and the holiness code.
- Chapter 20: Penalties for various sins and offenses.

Chapters 21- 22: Holiness for the Priests | Priests

- Chapter 21/22: Regulations for the holiness and sanctity of the priests
- Chapter 22:

Chapters 23-25: Major feasts, festivals and Sabbath | Rituals

- Chapter 23: Instructions regarding the appointed festivals and holy days.
- Chapter 24: The laws concerning the Tabernacle's menorah, showbread, and blasphemy.
- Chapter 25: Laws of the sabbatical and Jubilee years.

Chapters 26-27: Call to Covenant Faithfulness

- Chapter 26: Promises of blessings and warnings of punishments for obedience or disobedience to God's laws.
- Chapter 27: Regulations concerning vows and the redemption of people and animals consecrated to the Lord.