

Leviticus: “Holiness Unto the Lord”

¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵ but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” - 1 Peter 1:14-16 ESV

Context

- Historical Context:

Mid 15th century BC

Still at the foot of Mount Sinai

At/In the tabernacle

- Redemptive-Historical Context:

Promises are being fulfilled!

Israel getting ready to enter the land Yahweh has promised.

Israel instructed in how to be holy.

Theme

God is _____, and therefore His people must be _____ too.

The Offerings at the Tabernacle – Leviticus 1-7

Regulations for Aaron and His Sons – Leviticus 8-10

Yahweh Will Show Himself Holy – Leviticus 9:22-10:3

The Holiness Code – Leviticus 11-15, 18-27

The Day of Atonement – Leviticus 16

A Study Outline for Leviticus

- I. Leviticus 1-15 – LAW*
 - A. Chapters 1-7: Offerings
 - B. Chapters 8-10: Obedience of Priesthood
 - C. Chapters 11-15: Separation from the Unclean
- II. Leviticus 16-17 – GRACE
The Day of Atonement
- III. Leviticus 18-27 – HOLINESS
Ethical Purity of the People & Religious Festivals

*Notice that the flow of the book follows a real gospel train of thought: First there are laws to tell the Israelites how they might approach Yahweh (part I). But when they fail in their obedience, provision is made for them in the form of a substitutionary sacrifice (part II). Then, from that position of forgiveness and grace, the people are called to live holy lives (part III).