

An Outline of Leviticus

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 - b. Cooked cereal offerings (2:4–10)
 - c. Leaven, honey, and salt in the cereal offering (2:11–13)
 - d. The cereal offering at the firstfruits (2:14–16)
 - e. The disposal of the cereal offering and the priest's cereal offering (6:14–23)
 4. The peace offering (3:1–17; 7:11–36)
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 - 1) The peace offering from the cattle or herd (3:1–5)
 - 2) The peace offering from the flock or sheep (3:6–11)
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 - c. The sin offering of the whole congregation (4:13–21)
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- c. The logistics of the trespass offering (7:1–10)
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 - 5. A discussion of contact with corpses (24–40)
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 - A. Warning and instructions about the high priest entering the Holy of Holies (1–5)
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- V. Overcoming Unholiness (19:1–27:34)
 - A. Holiness and Locality: there is no place where holiness is unimportant (19–22)
 - 1. Holiness in the camp (19–20)
 - a. A call to holiness (19:1–2)
 - b. Holiness requires obedience in various areas of life (19:3–18)
 - c. Holiness mandates certain imperatives to the Israelites (19:19–31)
 - d. Holiness involves proper treatment of the elderly and foreigner (19:32–36)
 - e. A final exhortation regarding holiness (19:37)
 - f. Holiness demands punishment for offences (20:1–27)
 - 2. Holiness in the tabernacle (21:1–22:33)
 - a. The priests were held to a very high standard of holiness (1–9).
 - b. The high priest was held to even higher standards of holiness (10–15).
 - c. Only physically whole men are qualified for the Levitical priesthood (21:16–22:9).
 - d. Regulations concerning eating of the holy things of the Lord (22:10–16).
 - e. Holiness and unblemished offerings (22:17–33)
 - B. Holiness and Temporality: There is never a time to neglect holiness (23–27)
 - 1. *Weekly* participation in worship at the Sabbath is important (23:1–3; 24:5–9).
 - 2. *Once-a-year* participation in worship at feasts and special days is required (23:4–44).
 - 3. *Daily* participation in worship is expected (24:1–4, 10–23).
 - 4. Radical *year-long* participation in worship is emphasized: special laws concerning Sabbath and Jubilee years (25–27).
 - a. The regular occasion of the Sabbath year (25:1–7)
 - b. The celebration of the Jubilee Year (25:8–55)



- 1) General Information (8–22)
- 2) Redemption of property at the Jubilee (23–34)
- 3) Redemption of people at the Jubilee (35–55)
- c. Blessings for obedience and curses for disobedience to God’s commands (26:1–46)
 - 1) Blessings for obedience (1–13)
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- d. Vows and tithes connected to the year of Jubilee (27:1–34)
 - 1) Rules concerning the making of vows to God (1–29)
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