

## Leviticus – “Be Ye Holy”



Ladies Class – Spring 2012

## Hebrew – wayyiqra

- Hebrew – “and he called”
- Latin Vulgate – Leviticus or “priestly matters”
- Septuagint – Adapted the Latin Vulgate

## "a kingdom of priests and a holy nation"

Exodus 19 –

3 And Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: 4 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and *how* I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself. 5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth *is* Mine. 6 And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These *are* the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."

## ...and you?

1 Peter–

4 "Coming to Him *as* to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God *and* precious, 5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

9 "But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy."



## Sanctification – By His Glory



“And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and *the tabernacle* shall be sanctified by My glory.”

Exodus 29: 43

## What is Law?

- Vines – Greek word NOMOS
  - Primarily refers to that which is assigned by usage, custom, or statute.
  - A set standard
- Webster
  - “a sequence of events in human activities that has been observed to occur with unvarying uniformity under the same conditions.”
  - Example – Gravity

In short, a law is the principle stating the **WAY THINGS WORK**. ...*this is easily seen in natural laws*

## Lawlessness... "a law unto one's self"

### Matthew 7

21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' 23 And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'

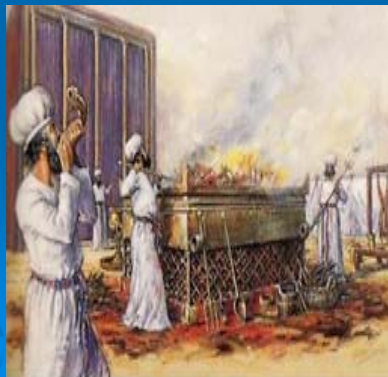
## Chapters 1-7: Laws of Sacrifice

### Chapters 1-5: Laws for worshippers

- Burnt offering
- Cereal offering
- Peace offering
- Purification offering
- Reparation offering

### Chapters 6-7: Instructions for Priests

- Burnt offering
- Cereal offering
- Priest's cereal offering
- Purification offering
- Reparation offering
- Summary



## Chapters 8-10: Institution of Priesthood



- Chapter 8: Ordination of Aaron and Sons
- Chapter 9: Aaron's first sacrifices
- Chapter 10: Judgment of Nadab and Abihu

## Chapters 11-16: Uncleaness and its Treatment

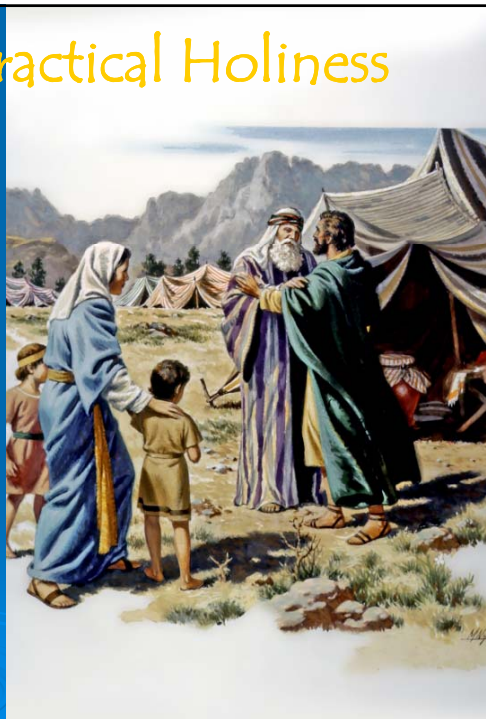
- Unclean Animals
- Uncleaness of Childbirth
- Unclean Diseases
- Cleansing of Diseases
- Unclean Discharges
- Purification of the Tabernacle from Uncleaness





## Chapters 17-27: Practical Holiness

- Sacrifice and Food
- Sexual Behavior
- Neighborliness
- Capital and Grave Crimes
- Rules for Priests
- Rules for Eating Sacrifices
- Religious Festivals
- Rules for the Tabernacle
- Blasphemy
- Sabbatical and Jubilee Years
- Exhortation to Obey the Law
- Redemption of Vow Gifts



## The Old Testament:

- Points to Christ
- Shows the unfolding purpose of God
- Instructs in Salvation
- Provides Examples of Righteousness
- Warns of Disobedience
- Gives Hope
- Reveals the Nature of God