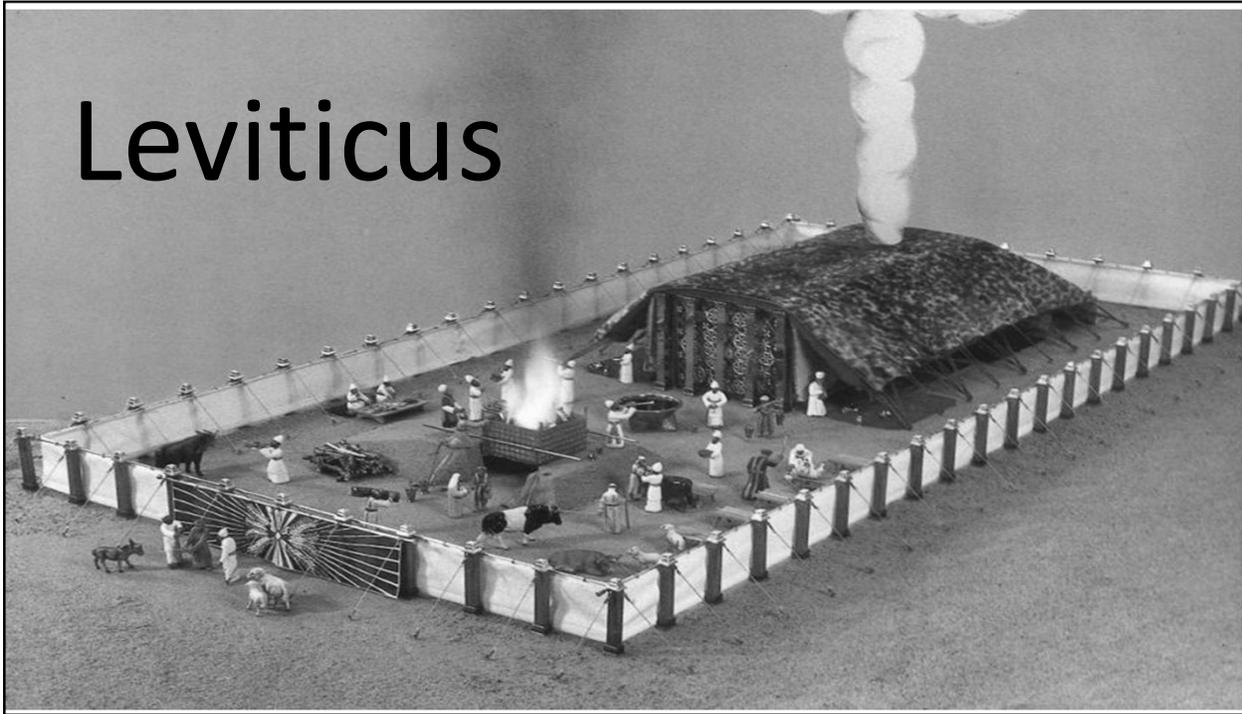


# Leviticus



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## Dealing with threats to holiness. 20:1-21; 27

- The threat of false teaching
  - Medium: One possessed by or consulting a ghost or spirit of the dead, especially for information about the future. (Holman Bible Dictionary)
  - Literally, one who chirps or mutters. Isaiah 8:19
  - Seeking supernatural insight from a source other than Yahweh v6 also 19:26,31
    - This opens a person to all sorts of deception ranging from the person who is delivering the message to the demonic deception designed to ultimately destroy. (John 10:10)

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## Dealing with threats to holiness. 20:1-21; 27

- The threat of disrespect for authority v9
  - The severity of the penalty for cursing father or mother reveals the importance of the home to establish respect for any and all authority.
- The threat of sexual immorality vv10-21
  - Sexual immorality is always an assault on the truth that a person is one made in the image of God.

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## Appeal for holiness 20:22-26

- God's statutes give the standard of holiness v22
- The sinful behavior identified in the preceding chapters detail the hazards of unholy living. v23
- God's people are to be a discerning people when it comes to right and wrong. vv. 24-26

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## Standard of holiness for the priests. 21:1-9

- No contact with the dead except for immediate family members. vv.1-3
- Engage in no behavior that would render him unclean as a husband. v4
- Avoid taking on pagan expressions of distress. v5

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## Standard of holiness for the priests. 21:1-9

- Reminder of their position and responsibilities v6, 8
- Cannot marry a prostitute or divorced woman (first mention of divorce in the Bible) v7
- Zero tolerance for sexual immorality of the daughter of a priest. v9

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## Standard of holiness for the High Priest 21:10-15

- Further expressions of mourning or distress forbidden. v10  
(See Matthew 26:65)
- No contact with the dead under any circumstances. v11
  - Could not leave the sanctuary when duty required him to be there even in the event of pressing personal matters. v12
- Could only marry a virgin. vv.12-14

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## Limitations on serving or functioning as a priest. 21:16-22:9

- Those with a physical blemish or permanent disability or abnormality may not serve as a priest. 21:16-24
- None may serve in a state of uncleanness 22:1-9

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People other than the priests who could eat of the priest's portion of the sacrifices. 22:10-16

- A person who is not a priest or a part of a priest's family is forbidden to eat of the holy things. vv.10-13
  - Includes a foreign guest
  - Includes a hired worker
  - Includes a married daughter who is married to someone who is not a priest.

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People other than the priests who could eat of the priest's portion of the sacrifices. 22:10-16

- People who are a part of the priest's family could eat of the holy things. vv.10-13
  - Includes a purchased servant and anyone in his household
  - Includes the daughter of a priest who is divorced or widowed, childless and living back in her father's home.

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People other than the priests who could eat of the priest's portion of the sacrifices. 22:10-16

- An unintentional infraction resulted in a penalty of replacing the thing eaten plus 20 percent. v14
- Care is to be given to not treat anything holy as common. vv.15-16

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The sacrifices offered to God are to reflect God's holiness. 22:17-33

- Only unblemished animals are acceptable for sacrifice. vv.17-25
  - The only exception is that an animal with an abnormally long or short limb could be offered for a freewill offering only. v23
  - Animals obtained from foreigners were not acceptable presumably because the males would have been castrated. v24-25

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The sacrifices offered to God are to reflect God's holiness. 22:17-33

- The limitations on the sacrifice of a young animal related to its mother reflects the fact that God is not greedy or cruel. vv.26-30
  - According to Exodus 22:30 the firstborn of the animals must be sacrificed but not until the eighth day.
  - The prohibition against killing an animal and her young on the same day reflects being thoughtful even when dealing with animals, thus reflecting God's holy character.

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The sacrifices offered to God are to reflect God's holiness. 22:17-33

- For many of His commands God gives no explanation other than to keep them is a recognition of His holiness and will showcase His holiness among His people and in doing so reveal His holiness to the world. vv.31-33

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