



# THE THIRD BOOK OF MOSES CALLED LEVITICUS

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**Notable Themes:** Sacrifices; day of atonement; the seven feasts; holiness; purity.

The Talmud calls this book “*The Law of the Priest*” or “*The Law of Sacrifice*.” The book of Leviticus interestingly opens with these words: “And Jehovah called unto Moses and spake unto him *out of the tabernacle of the congregation*.” This first verse relates to the story of redemption, and the rest of the book deals with the types of Jesus in the sacrifices; laws to keep God’s people healthy; the day of atonement; the seven feasts that outline the plan of redemption from the life of Jesus to the final gathering of the redeemed; the Jubilee; blessings and curses; and also the tithing system. A general theme of the book is **humility** in approaching God and **holiness** and **purity** in the presence of God.

## RITUALS AND PRIESTS

## PURITY

## ATONEMENT

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## PRIESTS AND RITUALS

### RITUAL SACRIFICES

Instructions on:  
1. Burnt offerings  
2. Meat offerings  
3. Peace offerings  
4. Sin offerings  
5. Trespass offerings

The laws concerning the offerings are given, and also the priests’ offering and their due portions of the meat, burnt, and peace offerings. The prohibition against eating blood and fat is also given.

### ORDINATION OF PRIESTS

Aaron and his sons are now consecrated to the Lord. The tabernacle is anointed, and the priestly family offer their sacrifices. Offerings for the people are offered. God accepts the offerings and sends fire from heaven to consume the offering on the altar. In an act of folly, Nadab and Abihu enter the sanctuary and were slain.

### HEALTH LAWS

First mentioned in Genesis 7:2, clean and unclean animals are given distinction. The law of purity is also given concerning leprosy, molds, of men, of women, etc.

### THE DAY OF ATONEMENT

The rituals on the day of atonement are given in detail. The Lord’s goat and the scapegoat receive their respective fates. Other instructions were also given afterward.

### MORAL PURITY

Moral and civil laws are given. Israelites are not to follow the Canaanites in their wickedness, nor should they be given into marriages with the heathen.

### QUALIFICATION OF PRIESTS

Precepts regarding priests, their qualifications, rights, and duties are given.

### FEASTS AND CALL TO FAITHFULNESS

The seven feasts:  
1. Passover  
2. Unleavened Bread  
3. Firstfruits  
4. Pentecost  
5. Trumpets  
6. Day of Atonement  
7. Tabernacles

Chapters 24-27: Additional laws on the sanctuary service; sin of blasphemy; laws on violence; the year of Jubilee; the Sabbath; blessings and curses; supplementary laws.

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