

Leviticus Week 1

Leviticus used to be the first book that Jewish children studied in the synagogue. In the modern Church it tends to be the last part of the Bible anyone looks at seriously. This neglect is understandable, since Leviticus is largely concerned with subjects that seem incomprehensible and irrelevant to contemporary man. Rituals for sacrifice and regulations concerning uncleanness appear to have nothing to say to men living in the closing years of the twentieth century. "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Lev. 19:18) is the only memorable maxim in what is to many an otherwise dull book. In practice then, though not of course in theory, Leviticus is treated as though it does not really belong to the canon of sacred Scripture.

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What does 1:1-2 tell us about what's coming next?

What changes at 6:19-23?

7:37-38 closes off this section.

1 to 7	Rules for Sacrifices	8 to 10	Role of the priests
11 to 16	What is Clean and Unclean	17 to 27	Rules about Conduct

The name of the book

Read Chapter 1

Tabernacle

Burnt offerings (Whole animal, what does it create?)

What animals?