

Old Testament Israel: Law, Judges, Kingdoms

Part One: Genesis and Exodus – Establishment

Part Two: Leviticus – The Law

Part Three: Deuteronomy – One nation under God

Leviticus Chapters 1-7 Sacrifices

Sacrifice	Purpose	Sacrificial Element
Burnt offering	Atonement for Sin	Bull, sheep, goat, or turtledove
Grain offering	Thanksgiving and Dedication	Flour or grain
Peace offering	Thanksgiving and desire for fellowship	Bull, sheep, or goat
Sin offering	Specific sins	Bull, goat
Guilt offering	Specific sins, with compensations required	Ram

Lesson Text: Leviticus Chapters 8-11

Chapters 8-9 – Initial consecration of Aaronic priests

Chapter 10 – Strange fire and holy fire (6:12-13, more detail 16:11-13)

Chapter 11 – Dietary Laws

3-8 Herds: Divides hoof + chews cud

9-12 Fish: Fins + scales

11-19 Birds: Some are, some aren't

20-23 Insects: Wings + jumps

27-28 Cats & Dogs: Nothing with paws

29-30 Mice: No mice, moles, (bats)

29-30 Lizards: No reptiles of any kind

39 Already dead: No



Discussion:

Note regarding chapter 10, the events are narrated before the chapter detailing the requirement (Ch 16), but remember that all of the Law was initially given on Mt. Sinai. This is a topical arrangement, and does not proceed the requirements in Ch. 16.

Note the translation issue of a Shaphan being called a coney in KJV, NIV and a badger in NASB 1977. Other instances rename types of animals or trees.

Open Question:

Describe the benefits under Grace of being able to eat cats, dogs, mice, bats, lizards, etc. Discuss the civil nature of Mosaic Law.