



The Book of Leviticus: Be Holy for God is Holy

Book	Genesis	Exodus	Leviticus	Numbers	Deuteronomy
Key Idea	Beginnings	Redemption	Worship	Wandering	Renewed Covenant
The Nation	Chosen	Delivered	Set Apart	Directed	Made Ready
The People	Prepared	Redeemed	Taught	Tested	Re-taught
God's Character	Powerful, Sovereign	Merciful	Holy	Just	Loving Lord
God's Role	Creator	Deliverer	Sanctifier	Sustainer	Rewarder
God's Command	"Let there be!"	"Let My people go!"	"Be holy"	"Go in!"	"Obey!"

Leviticus in the Pentateuch

Genesis	Exodus	Leviticus	Numbers	Deuteronomy
ORIGINS of the nation	DELIVERANCE of the nation	LIFE of the nation	TEST of the nation	REMINDERS to the nation
THEOCRACY BORN	THEOCRACY ESTABLISHED		THEOCRACY TESTED AND PREPARED FOR THE NEW HOME	

COVENANT
IS AMPLIFIED
 “Keep my
 covenant to be a
 peculiar
 treasure:
 “Kingdom of
 priests”
 “holy nation”
 (Exodus 19:5-6)

LAWS
ARE
PRESCRIBED
 “which if a
 man do, he
 shall live in
 them: I am the
LORD”
 (Lev. 18:5)

Irvin L. Jensen, p 102
 (Jensen’s Survey of the OT)

Genesis	Exodus
Human Effort and Failure	Divine Power and Triumph
Word of Promise	Work of Fulfillment
A People Chosen	A People Called
God's Electing Mercy	God's Electing Manner
Revelation of Nationality	Realization of Nationality

Exodus	Leviticus
Redemption and Deliverance	Sanctification and Cleansing
Building the Tabernacle	Serving in the Tabernacle
A People Called	A People Consecrated
God's Power Displayed	God's Holiness Displayed
Historical	Legislative
Beginning of Israel as a Nation	Beginning of Worship in Israel
Pardon / Salvation	Purity / Sanctification
God's Approach to Man	Man's Approach to God
Man's Guilt	Man's Defilement
A Great Act	A Long Process

LEVITICUS

Key Verses: 17:11; 11:45

Sacrifice		Sanctification														
Three Voluntary Offerings	1-5	Sanctification by Personal Purity	11-15	Sanctification by the Day of Atonement	16	Sanctification through Blood	17	Sanctification in Relationships	18-20	Sanctification by the Priests and Feasts		21-23	Sanctification in the Promised Land	24-27		
Laws of Offering	1:1-6:7	Laws of Consecration of Priests	6:8-10:20	Laws of Purity	11-15	Atonement	16-17	Holy People	18-20	Holy Priests	21-22	Holy Times	Holy Justice	26	Holy Vows	27
The Way to God		The Walk with God														
How to Approach a Holy God		How to Walk with a Holy God														
Worship		Walk														
Access to God by Sacrifice		Fellowship with God by Obedience														
“I the LORD your God am holy”		“You shall be holy”														
Location: at Mount Sinai / Duration: ONE MONTH																

Author: Moses – Leviticus states 56 times in 27 chapters that Yahweh imparted these laws to Moses (see 1:1; 4:1; 6:1,24; 8:1; ...; also see Matt 8:2-4 & Lev 14:1-4; Matt 12:4 & Lev 24:9; see also Luke 2:22)
Date: orally given c.1444 BC – beginning with the first Passover (Ex 12:2), the tabernacle was completed 1 year later (Ex 40:17). Leviticus begins in the first month of the second year (cf. Num 1:1 which begins with the second month). Moses could have put it in its final form before his death in Moab, about 1405 BC

Theme: Holiness (11:45; 19:2). It teaches that one must approach a holy God on the basis of sacrifice and priestly mediation, and that one can only walk with a holy God on the basis of sanctification and obedience. God’s chosen people must approach Him in a holy manner.

Purpose:

- 1) to show Israel how to live as a priestly kingdom and a holy nation in fellowship with God
- 2) to provide a guide for worship, a law code and a handbook on holiness for the priests
- 3) to reveal God’s grace as He accepts the death of a substitute as payment for the penalty of sin

I. Laws Pertaining to Sacrifice (Leviticus 1:1–7:38)

- A. Legislation for the Laity (1:1–6:7)
 - 1. Burnt offerings (chap. 1)
 - 2. Grain offerings (chap. 2)
 - 3. Peace offerings (chap. 3)
 - 4. Sin offerings (4:1–5:13)
 - 5. Trespass offerings (5:14–6:7)
- B. Legislation for the Priesthood (6:8–7:38)
 - 1. Burnt offerings (6:8–13)
 - 2. Grain offerings (6:14–23)
 - 3. Sin offerings (6:24–30)
 - 4. Trespass offerings (7:1–10)
 - 5. Peace offerings (7:11–36)
 - 6. Concluding remarks (7:37–38)

II. Beginnings of the Priesthood (Leviticus 8:1–10:20)

- A. Ordination of Aaron and His Sons (chap. 8)
- B. First Sacrifices (chap. 9)
- C. Execution of Nadab and Abihu (chap. 10)

III. Prescriptions for Uncleaness (Leviticus 11:1–16:34)

- A. Unclean Animals (chap. 11)
- B. Uncleaness of Childbirth (chap. 12)
- C. Unclean Diseases (chap. 13)
- D. Cleansing of Diseases (chap. 14)
- E. Unclean Discharges (chap. 15)
- F. Purification of the Tabernacle from Uncleaness (chap. 16)

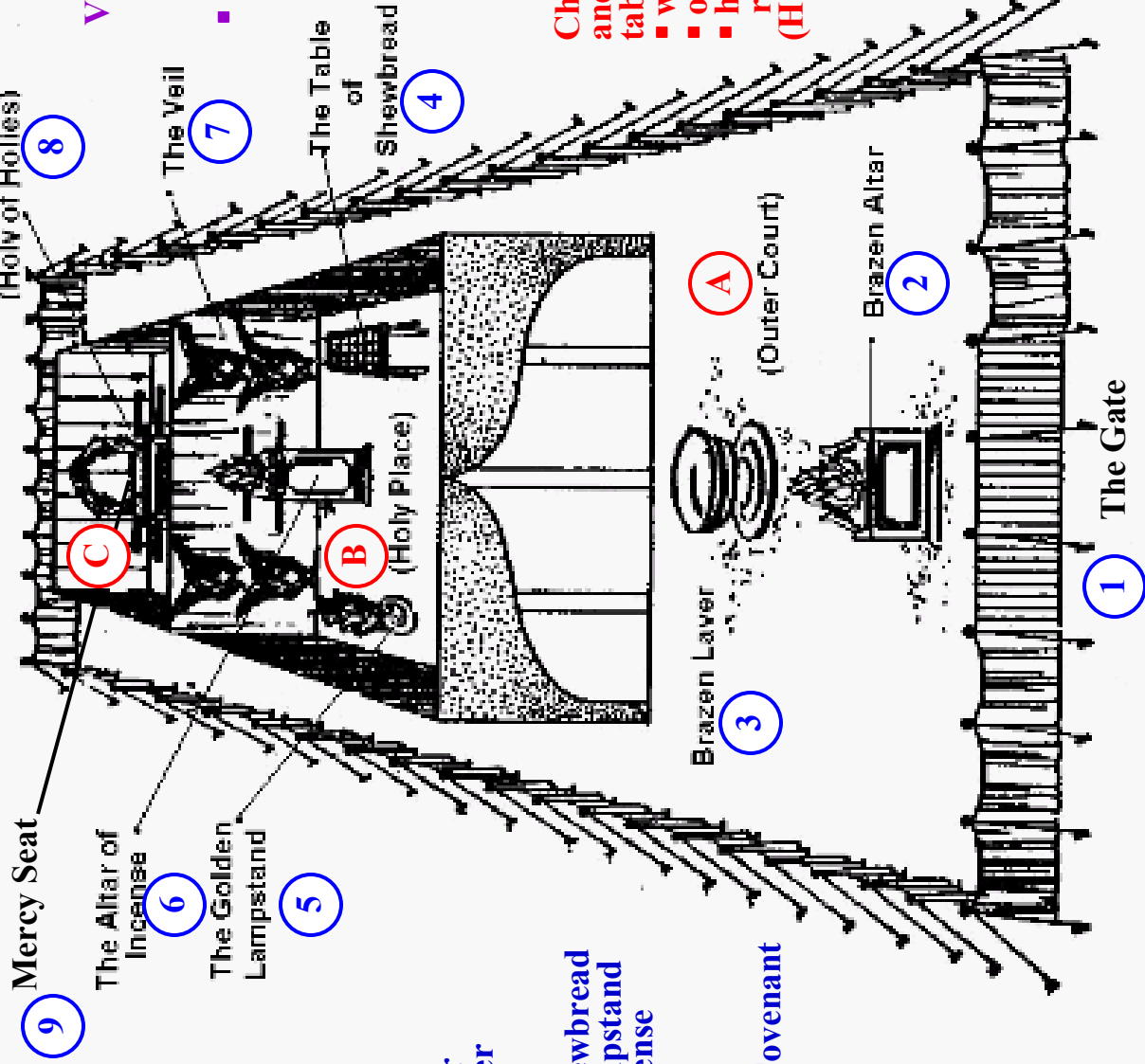
IV. Guidelines for Practical Holiness (Leviticus 17:1–27:34)

- A. Sacrifice and Food (chap. 17)
- B. Proper Sexual Behavior (chap. 18)
- C. Neighborliness (chap. 19)
- D. Capital/Grave Crimes (chap. 20)
- E. Instructions for Priests (chaps. 21, 22)
- F. Religious Festivals (chap. 23)
- G. The Tabernacle (24:1–9)
- H. An Account of Blasphemy (24:10–23)
- I. Sabbatical and Jubilee Years (chap. 25)
- J. Exhortation to Obey the Law: Blessings and Curses (chap. 26)
- K. Redemption of Votive Gifts (chap. 27)



The Tabernacle

Seriousness of Spurning God's Offer of Salvation (Heb 10:26-31)



**Veil, a palm breadth
60 feet long
30 feet wide
72 squares
▪ needed 300 priests
to manipulate it**

**Christ entered the greater
and more perfect
tabernacle
▪ with His own blood
▪ once for all
▪ having obtained eternal
redemption
(Heb 9;11-14)**

A The Outer Court

- 1 The Gate
- 2 The brazen Altar
- 3 The Brazen Laver

B The Holy Place

- 4 The Table of Shewbread
- 5 The Golden Lampstand
- 6 The Altar of Incense
- 7 The Veil

C The Holy of Holies

- 8 The Ark of the Covenant
- 9 The Mercy Seat

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How a Sinner Approach the Thrice Holy God





- **Holy Priests (Lev 21-22)**
- **Holy Times (Lev 23)**
- **Holy Oil, Holy Bread, Holy Name (Lev 24)**
- **Holy Years (Lev 25)**
- **Holy Justice (Lev 26)**
- **Holy Vows (Lev 27)**

Sanctification (Leviticus 11-27)



This chapter is a solemn conclusion of the main body of the levitical law. The precepts that follow in this and the following book either relate to some particular matters or are repetitions and explications of the foregoing institutions. Now this chapter contains a general enforcement of all those laws by promises of reward in case of obedience on the one hand, and threatenings of punishment for disobedience on the other hand, the former to work upon hope, the latter on fear, those two handles of the soul, by which it is taken hold of and managed. Here is,

- I. A repetition of two or three of the principal of the commandments (Lev 26:1, Lev 26:2).
- II. An inviting promise of all good things, if they would but keep God's commandments (Lev 26:3-13).
- III. A terrible threatening of ruining judgments which would be brought upon them if they were refractory and disobedient (v. 14-39).
- IV. A gracious promise of the return of mercy to those of them that would repent and reform (Lev 26:40, etc.). Deu. 28 is parallel to this.

Matthew Henry on Leviticus 26

Blessings of Obedience (Lev 26:1-13)

Introductory Summary of the Fundamentals of the Law (v1-2)

1 You shall not make for yourselves idols, nor shall you set up for yourselves an image or a sacred pillar, nor shall you place a figured stone in your land to bow down to it; for I am the LORD your God.

2 You shall keep My sabbaths and reverence My sanctuary; I am the LORD.

Holy Justice (Leviticus 26)

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Blessings of Obedience (Lev 26:1-13)

The Gift of Rain & Abundant Harvests (v3-5)

3 **If** you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments so as to carry them out, 4 **then I shall give you rains in their season, so that** the land will yield its produce and the trees of the field will bear their fruit. 5 **Indeed,** your threshing will last for you **until** grape gathering, and grape gathering will last **until** sowing time. You will **thus** eat your food to the full and live securely in your land.

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Blessings of Obedience (Lev 26:1-13)

The Gift of Peace in the Land (v6-10)

6 I shall also grant peace in the land, so that you may lie down with no one making you tremble. I shall also eliminate harmful beasts from the land, and no sword will pass through your land. 7 **But** you will chase your enemies, and they will fall before you by the sword; 8 five of you will chase a hundred, and a hundred of you will chase ten thousand, and your enemies will fall before you by the sword. 9 **So I will turn toward you and make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will confirm My covenant with you.** 10 **And you will eat the old supply and clear out the old because of the new.** 11 **Moreover, I will make My dwelling among you, and My soul will not reject you.** 12 I will also walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people. 13 **I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt so that you should not be their slaves, and I broke the bars of your yoke and made you walk erect.**

Holy Justice (Leviticus 26)

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Leviticus 26 - Blessings and Curses

A. Blessings and curses for Israel.

1. (1-13) Blessings for obedience.

- a. **If you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments, and perform them, then I will give you rain in its season:** God was determined to reveal Himself to the world through Israel, either by making them so blessed, the world would know only God could have blessed them so; or by making them so cursed, that only God could have cursed them and cause them to still survive. The choice was up to Israel.
- b. **And confirm My covenant with you:** As a literary form, this chapter is similar to ancient treaties between a king and his people; this is God the King, making a covenant with His people, Israel.
 - i. "In the ancient Near East it was customary for legal treaties to conclude with passages containing blessings upon those who observed the enactments, and curses upon those who did not." (Harrison)
- c. **Five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight:** This clearly speaks of a Divine blessing. These remarkable promises clearly have a supernatural element.

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- i. The principle behind that particular blessing is remarkable; the ratio of five to one hundred is one routing twenty; but the ratio of one hundred to ten thousand is one routing one hundred.
- ii. Gideon's 300 defeated 135,000 Midianites; Jonathan and his armor bearer alone defeated a Philistine army.
- d. **I will set My tabernacle among you, and My soul shall not abhor you. I will walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people:** The best promises are saved for last: First, that Israel would enjoy a special relationship with God. If not for this, all the material blessings described previously would be empty.
 - i. When Israel walked after the LORD, these blessings were real; one example of this is when the Queen of Sheba came to Solomon and saw a nation so blessed, she knew it had to be of God (1 Kings 10:1-13).
- e. **I have broken the bands of your yoke and made you walk upright:** This final blessing speaks of freedom and dignity. This passage almost feels like the New Testament, God proclaims the liberty of His people and then invites them to walk in it.

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Penalties of Disobedience (Leviticus 26:14-46)

Distresses from Illness, Famine & Defeat (v14-17)

14 **'But if** you do not obey Me and do not carry out all these commandments, **15 if, instead,** you reject My statutes, **and if** your soul abhors My ordinances **so as** not to carry out all My commandments, **and so** break My covenant, **16 I, in turn, will do this to you: I will appoint over you a sudden terror, consumption and fever that shall waste away the eyes and cause the soul to pine away; also, you shall sow your seed uselessly, for your enemies shall eat it up. 17 And I will set My face against you so that you shall be struck down before your enemies; and those who hate you shall rule over you, and you shall flee when no one is pursuing you.**

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Penalties of Disobedience (Leviticus 26:14-46)

Drought and Bad Harvests (v18-20)

18 **'If also** after these things, you do not obey Me, **then I** will punish you **seven times more for your sins.** 19 **And I will also break down your pride of power; I will also make your sky like iron and your earth like bronze.** 20 **And your strength shall be spent uselessly, for your land shall not yield its produce and the trees of the land shall not yield their fruit.**

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Penalties of Disobedience (Leviticus 26:14-46)

Dread of Dangerous Animals (v21-22)

21 'If then, you act with hostility against Me and are unwilling to obey Me, I will increase the plague on you seven times according to your sins. 22 And I will let loose among you the beasts of the field, which shall bereave you of your children and destroy your cattle and reduce your number so that your roads lie deserted.

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Sword, Pestilence & Famine (v23-26)

23 **'And if** by these things you are not turned to Me, **but** act with hostility against Me, 24 **then I will act with hostility against you; and I, even I, will strike you seven times for your sins. 25 I will also bring upon you a sword which will execute vengeance for the covenant; and when you gather together into your cities, I will send pestilence among you, so that you shall be delivered into enemy hands. 26 When I break your staff of bread, ten women will bake your bread in one oven, and they will bring back your bread in rationed amounts, so that you will eat and not be satisfied.**

Holy Justice (Leviticus 26)



Penalties of Disobedience (Leviticus 26:14-46)

Devastation and Exile (v27-33)

27 **'Yet if** in spite of this, you do not obey Me, **but act with hostility against Me, 28 then I will act with wrathful hostility against you; and I, even I, will punish you seven times for your sins. 29 Further, you shall eat the flesh of your sons and the flesh of your daughters you shall eat. 30 I then will destroy your high places, and cut down your incense altars, and heap your remains on the remains of your idols; for My soul shall abhor you. 31 I will lay waste your cities as well, and will make your sanctuaries desolate; and I will not smell your soothing aromas. 32 And I will make the land desolate so that your enemies who settle in it shall be appalled over it. 33 You, however, I will scatter among the nations and will draw out a sword after you, as your land becomes desolate and your cities become waste.**

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Fear and Death in Exile (v34-39)

34 **Then** the land will enjoy its sabbaths **all the days** of the desolation, **while** you are in your enemies' land; **then** the land will rest and enjoy its sabbaths. 35 **All the days** of *its* desolation it will observe the rest which it did not observe on your sabbaths, **while** you were living on it. 36 **As** for those of you who may be left, **I will also bring weakness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies.** And the sound of a driven leaf will chase them and even when no one is pursuing, they will flee as though from the sword, and they will fall. 37 They will therefore stumble over each other as if running from the sword, although no one is pursuing; and you will have no strength to stand up before your enemies. 38 **But you will perish among the nations, and your enemies' land will consume you.** 39 **So** those of you who may be left will rot away **because** of their iniquity in the lands of your enemies; **and also because** of the iniquities of their forefathers they will rot away with them.

Holy Justice (Leviticus 26)

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Leviticus 26 - Blessings and Curses

A. Blessings and curses for Israel.

2. (14-39) Curses for disobedience.

- a. **If you do not obey Me . . . after all this, if you do not obey Me . . . if by these things you are not reformed by Me, but walk contrary . . . after all this, if you do not obey Me:** These verses describe a progression of rebellion. God brought these curses slowly to a disobedient Israel, desiring repentance; but if Israel would not repent, the curses intensified.
- b. **I will punish you yet seven times for your sins:** Significantly, God does not say He will forsake Israel, only that they will be cursed. Sadly, these curses became the tragic story of Israel's history - defeat, deprivation, exile, desolation, and disease all too often have marked Israel's past.
 - i. Even the horrific cannibalism described in Leviticus 26:29 was fulfilled in 2 Kings 6:26-29; Josephus also describes cannibalism in Jerusalem when under siege by the Romans; a woman killed and ate her own baby son (*Wars*, 6.3.4).

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Penalties of Disobedience (Leviticus 26:14-46)

Repentance and Restoration Available (v40-45)

40 **'If** they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their forefathers, in their unfaithfulness which they committed against Me, and also in their acting with hostility against Me - 41 I also was acting with hostility against them, to bring them into the land of their enemies - **or if** their uncircumcised heart becomes humbled **so that** they **then** make amends for their iniquity, 42 **then I will remember My covenant with Jacob, and I will remember also My covenant with Isaac, and My covenant with Abraham as well, and I will remember the land.** 43 **For** the land shall be abandoned by them, and shall make up for its sabbaths while it is made desolate without them. They, **meanwhile**, shall be making amends for their iniquity, **because** they rejected My ordinances and their soul abhorred My statutes.

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Repentance and Restoration Available (v40-45)

44 Yet in spite of this, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not reject them, nor will I so abhor them as to destroy them, breaking My covenant with them; for I am the LORD their God. **45 But** I will remember for them the covenant with their ancestors, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their God. I am the LORD."

Concluding Summary (v46)

46 These are the statutes and ordinances and laws which the LORD established between Himself and the sons of Israel through Moses at Mount Sinai.

Holy Justice (Leviticus 26)

 E-entrusting the Word to the Faithful

Leviticus 26 - Blessings and Curses

A. Blessings and curses for Israel.

3. (40-46) The blessings of repentance.

- a. **If they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their fathers:** This displays the greatness of God's mercy. Despite how cursed Israel might be, God would always remember, receive, and bless a repentant Israel.
- b. **When they are in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, nor shall I abhor them, to utterly destroy them and break My covenant with them:** This also applies to Christians under the New Covenant. God will always be faithful to the covenant, for the sake of the covenant we have with God through Jesus.

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Leviticus 26 - Blessings and Curses

B. Blessing and cursing in a New Covenant perspective.

1. Are we under the same covenant of blessing and cursing? To some, Galatians 6:7 demonstrates this: *Do not be deceived, God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.* But in context, Paul is not promoting some law of spiritual "karma" that ensures we will get good when we do good, or always get bad when we do bad (such an absolute law would damn us all); instead he speaks simply about the management of our resources (see Galatians 6:6-10).
 - a. What Paul is simply saying is this: We may fool ourselves by expecting much when we sow little, but we cannot fool God, and the results of our poor sowing will be evident.
2. Galatians 3:13-14 makes it clear: Jesus received this curse upon Himself as He hung on the cross, fulfilling the Deuteronomy 21:23 promise of a curse to all who are not only executed but have their bodies publicly exposed to shame.
 - a. In the Jewish mind, such exposure was a fate worse than death itself; the humiliation brought upon the executed and their family was clear evidence of the curse.

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B. Blessing and cursing in a New Covenant perspective.

3. Jesus bore the curse that we (even Gentiles) might bear the blessings of Abraham (the blessing of righteousness and life by faith) - but these blessings only come to those *in Christ Jesus*.
 - a. So, we are blessed not because of obedience, but because we are in Christ Jesus; and there is no more curse for us from God, because all the curse was borne by Jesus.
 - b. This does not deny the chastening hand of God; but the correction of a loving parent is good and desirable, though not pleasant at the time (Hebrews 12:7-11).
 - c. Nor does it deny the cause-and-effect nature of sin in our world; sin often carries with its own curse, which in some ways is distinct from God's direct curse upon us.
4. These blessings and curses may be necessary motivation for the carnal man, but it is not the ground God wants us live on - believing Jesus didn't bear all the curses we deserved, and believing we can be blessed in any other way than in Christ Jesus.

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The Gradual Implementation of the Judgments

Curses

Blessings

v4 rains in its season
 v5 abundant harvests
 v5 eat food to the full, live securely in the land
 v6 peace in the land – **no one to make you tremble, no harmful beasts, no sword will pass through**
 v7-8 enemies defeated
 v9 be fruitful & multiply – **“I will confirm My covenant with you”**
 v10 plenty (of food)
 v11-12 Spiritual blessings: **“I will make My dwelling among you, & My soul will not reject you. I will also walk among you & be your God & you shall be My people”**
 v13 set free from slavery

Judgment Pronounced

“I, in turn, will do this to you”
 v16 sudden terror, consumption, fever
 v16 sow seed uselessly – eaten by enemies
 v17 defeated, killed by your enemies
 v17 ruled by those who hate you
 v17 flee when no one is pursuing

1st Seven-fold increase

“I will punish you seven times more for your sins”
 v19 pride of power broken
 v19 sky like iron, earth like bronze
 v20 spend strength uselessly – land won't yield its produce nor trees their fruit

2nd Seven Fold Increase

“I will increase the plague on you seven times according to your sins”
 v21 plague increased seven times
 v22 wild beasts shall eat your children, & cattle & reduce your number – so that your roads lie deserted

3rd Seven-Fold Increase

“I will act with hostility against you; and I, even I, will strike you seven times for your sins”
 v25 sword will execute vengeance for the covenant
 v25 pestilence in cities – delivered into enemies' hands
 v26 famine – eat & not be satisfied

4th Seven-Fold Increase

“I will act with wrathful hostility against you; and I, even I, will punish you seven times for your sins”
 v29 cannibalism
 v30 high places & incense altars cut down, your remains heaped on idols – **My soul shall abhor you**
 v31, 33 cities & sanctuaries desolate – **I will not smell your soothing aromas**
 v32 land desolate – enemies appalled at it
 v33 exile – perish & rot away (v38)
 v36-37 those left – weakness & fear

**DISEASE
 WAR**

**FAMINE
 WEATHER =>
 economic ruin**

**WILD
 BEASTS**

**SWORD
 PESTILENCE
 FAMINE**

**EXILE / DESOLATE &
 DEVASTATED LAND
 LAND ENJOYS ITS
 SABBATHS**

The Judgments of God

Irrefutable Facts

1. This is God's World. **He** makes the rules.
2. God is immutable, & His judgments are immutable – no nation is exempt
3. Refusal to believe that God will judge & destroy the wicked does not negate the fact
4. Only escape from God's Judgments is in Christ

God's Judgments are According to Pattern

1. He first touches our blessings (Deuteronomy 28:3-6, 15-19; Jeremiah 5:23-25)
2. Then He punishes with a disobedient nation with destruction (Deuteronomy 28:45, 63)
3. Then He punishes severely with sword, famine and pestilence (Leviticus 26)
4. He uses Israel as His litmus test (Genesis 12:1-3)

Illustrations:

1. Deuteronomy 28 – blessings for obedience and curses for disobedience
2. Leviticus 26 – gradual implementation of the judgments

God's Principles in Judgment

1. Genesis 15:13-16 – full cup of iniquity
2. Ezekiel 14:12-23 –own righteousness delivers only oneself
3. Leviticus 18:24-30 – Sexual sins defile the land and cause the land to spew out its inhabitants

God's Future Judgments on the World

Isaiah 24:1-6; Revelation 6:12-17; Matthew 24:29-31

Facts that Must be Faced

Simply praying for Judgment to be averted or stayed, will accomplish nothing – Eg: WW2 which lasted for 5 years, with about 47 million killed, & billions of dollars lost

We can know the future by studying the past because God's ways are absolutely unchangeable when it comes to His dealings with sinful nations (see 1 Corinthians 10:6-11; 2 Peter 2:6)

Crossing the Line

1. Hardening your heart in the face of predicted judgment (Isaiah 22:12-14)
2. Shedding innocent blood (Psalm 94:21, 23; 9:12; cf. 2 Kings 24:3-4)
3. Rise of militant homosexual power (Genesis 19; Judges 19)
4. Ignoring the warnings of the prophets (Jeremiah 7:1-5) & of history (Jeremiah 7:12)

Don't Misread the Times

1. Search Bible History to discover how God has dealt with all other nations to know how He will act in all His judgments
2. Follow Daniel's example in Daniel 9:2 – he studied the revealed Word of God & gained prophetic insight into his times (Leviticus 26; Deuteronomy 28)
3. Seek the Lord until He gives you a word



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THEIR SIN: stubborn & rebellious heart; turned aside, no fear of God, iniquities, sin

THEIR JUDGMENT: rain in its season withheld, poor or no harvests, good withheld

2. Then He punishes a disobedient nation with destruction (Deuteronomy 28:45, 63)

- a. by disease (Deut 28:21-22, 27-29, 35, 58-61)
- b. by drought (Deut 28:23-24)
- c. by war (Deut 28:25-26, 49-50)

d. with corresponding **consequences** of:

- 1) loss of family & possessions (Deut 28:30-34, 41-42, 51-57, 62)
- 2) exile & idolatry (Deut 28:36, 41, 63-64)
- 3) become a byword (Deut 28:37, 46)
- 4) crop failure = economic failure (Dt 28:38-40)
- 5) become the tail instead of the head (Deut 28:43-44)
- 6) living in constant fear (Deut 28:65-67)
- 7) slavery (Deut 28:47-48, 68)

3. Then He punishes severely with sword, famine and pestilence (Leviticus 26)



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Genesis 15:12-16 – the full cup of iniquity

12 **Now when** the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; **and behold**, terror *and* great darkness fell upon him.

13 And God said to Abram, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years. 14 **But** I will also judge the nation whom they will serve; **and afterward** they will come out with many possessions. 15 And **as** for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. 16 **Then in the fourth generation** they shall return here, **for** the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet complete."

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Ezekiel 14:12-23

Your own Righteousness Delivers only Yourself

12 **Then** the word of the LORD came to me saying, 13 "Son of man, **if** a country sins against Me by committing unfaithfulness, and I stretch out My hand against it, destroy its supply of bread, send famine against it, and cut off from it both man and beast, 14 even *though* these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job were in its midst, by their own righteousness they could *only* deliver themselves," declares the Lord God.

15 "**If** I were to cause wild beasts to pass through the land, and they depopulated it, and it became desolate **so that** no one would pass through it because of the beasts, 16 *though* these three men were in its midst, **as** I live," declares the Lord GOD, "they could not deliver either *their* sons or *their* daughters. They alone would be delivered, **but** the country would be desolate."

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17 "Or if I should bring a sword on that country and say, 'Let the sword pass through the country and cut off man and beast from it,' 18 **even though** these three men were in its midst, **as I live,**" declares the Lord GOD, "they could not deliver either *their* sons or *their* daughters, **but** they alone would be delivered.

19 "Or if I should send a plague against that country and pour out My wrath in blood on it, to cut off man and beast from it, 20 **even though** Noah, Daniel, and Job were in its midst, **as I live,**" declares the Lord GOD, "they could not deliver either *their* son or *their* daughter. They would deliver only themselves by their righteousness."

21 **For thus** says the Lord GOD, "How much more **when** I send My four severe judgments against Jerusalem: sword, famine, wild beasts, and plague to cut off man and beast from it!"

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Leviticus 18:24-30 – Sexual sins defile the land and cause the land to spew out its inhabitants

24 'Do not defile yourselves by any of these things; for by all these the nations which I am casting out before you have become defiled.

25 For the land has become defiled, therefore I have visited its punishment upon it, so the land has spewed out its inhabitants.

26 But as for you, you are to keep My statutes and My judgments, and shall not do any of these abominations, neither the native, nor the alien who sojourns among you 27 (for the men of the land who have been before you have done all these abominations, and the land has become defiled); 28 so that the land may not spew you out, should you defile it, as it has spewed out the nation which has been before you. 29 For whoever does any of these abominations, those persons who do so shall be cut off from among their people. 30 Thus you are to keep My charge, that you do not practice any of the abominable customs which have been practiced before you, so as not to defile yourselves with them; I am the LORD your God."

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Isaiah 24:1-6

1 **Behold**, the LORD lays the earth waste, devastates it, distorts its surface, and scatters its inhabitants. 2 And the people will be **like** the priest, the servant **like** his master, the maid **like** her mistress, the buyer **like** the seller, the lender like the borrower, the creditor like the debtor. 3 The earth will be completely laid waste and completely despoiled, **for** the LORD has spoken this word. 4 The earth mourns *and* withers, the world fades *and* withers, the exalted of the people of the earth fade away. 5 The earth is also polluted by its inhabitants, **for** they transgressed laws, violated statutes, broke the **everlasting** covenant. 6 **Therefore**, a curse devours the earth, and those who live in it are held guilty. **Therefore**, the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men are left.

God's Future Judgments on the World

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Revelation 6:12-17

12 And I looked **when** He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black **as** sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became **like** blood; 13 and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, **as** a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind. 14 And the sky was split apart **like** a scroll **when** it is rolled up; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. 15 And the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; 16 and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; 17 **for** the great day of their wrath has come; and who is able to stand?"

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Matthew 24:29-31

"But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken, 30 and then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory. (Armageddon)

31 And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

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GOSPEL PREACHED INTO WHOLE WORLD

BIRTH PANGS

SAINTS WILL BE PURGED, PURIFIED & REFINED

BIRTH

And then... the End shall come!

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE TIMES

- religious deceivers
- wars, rumors of wars, disturbances
- famines, earthquakes, plaques
- terrors, great signs from heaven
- **persecution of believers**
- apostasy
- false Christs & false prophets
- lawlessness increased
- **love of many grow cold**

10 horns
Little horn

- uproots 3 horns
- battles with kings of the South & the North
- other countries, the Beautiful Land, & Egypt
- Edom, Moah & Ammon rescued
- destroys many who are at ease

Covenant made for one week

ISRAEL BECOMES A NATION
ISRAEL TAKES
BACK JERUSALEM

1948 1967

Michael shall arise

THE GREAT TRIBULATION
or
THE TRIBULATION
Days cut short for the elect's sake

Little horn will devour, tread down, crush the whole earth, He wages war with saints overpowers them wears them down alters time and law **Dominion will be annihilated Destruction is decreed**

- destroyed without human agency

RESCUE FOR JEWS (Dan 12:1)

TIME OF GREAT DISTRESS
Reward

- Rescue
- Resurrection

THRONES SET UP ANCIENT OF DAYS SON OF MAN

- Stone cut without hands
- God's eternal indestructible Kingdom
- the Highest One
- saints
- people of the saints



1290 days → 1335 days

Power of Holy People Blessedness Shattered (Dan 12:7)

Sacrifice & Grain Offering stopped
Abomination of Desolation set up

Complete destruction on one who makes desolate (Dan 9:27)

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The Judgments of God

Irrefutable Facts

1. This is God's World. **He** makes the rules.
2. God is immutable, & His judgments are immutable – no nation is exempt
3. Refusal to believe that God will judge & destroy the wicked does not negate the fact
4. Only escape from God's Judgments is in Christ

God's Judgments are According to Pattern

1. He first touches our blessings (Deuteronomy 28:3-6, 15-19; Jeremiah 5:23-25)
2. Then He punishes with a disobedient nation with destruction (Deuteronomy 28:45, 63)
3. Then He punishes severely with sword, famine and pestilence (Leviticus 26)
4. He uses Israel as His litmus test (Genesis 12:1-3)

Illustrations:

1. Deuteronomy 28 – blessings for obedience and curses for disobedience
2. Leviticus 26 – gradual implementation of the judgments

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And make your name great;
And so you will be a blessing;
3 And I will bless those who bless you,
And **the one who curses you I will curse.**
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qalal = to be slight, of little account, lightly esteemed, to make despicable, to curse, make light of, treat with contempt, dishonor
And in you all the families on the earth shall be blessed.”

Ramon Bennett says in *Saga*, page 65:

“The LORD has promised to curse, to bring great trouble and harm to those who have a low opinion of the Jewish people. The LORD promises to curse and bring great trouble upon those who cause the dignity or personal pride of the Jewish people to suffer. The LORD promises to curse and bring great trouble upon those who subject the Jewish people to ridicule. The LORD promises to curse and bring great trouble upon those who reproach the Jewish people or subject them to abusive language. The LORD promises to curse and bring great trouble upon those who think that the Jew is lacking in worth or are inferior or beneath notice. The LORD promises to curse and bring great trouble upon those who speak reproachfully of His holy people, Israel.”

Today, *both* Israel and the Church of Jesus Christ are the gauges of people’s true feelings toward God, the only difference is that Israel is a *nation*, while the Church comprises of *people of many nations*.

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NATION JUDGED, THEIR SIN	THEIR JUDGMENT
Syria threshed Gilead with iron implements (Amos 1:3-5)	Fire consumes citadels; inhabitants cut off, exile
Philistines deported an entire population to Edom (Amos 1:6-8)	Fire consumes citadels, inhabitants cut off, remnant perish
Phoenicia delivered an entire population to Edom, did not remember covenant of brotherhood	Fire consumes citadels (Amos 1:9-10)
Edom pursued his brother with the sword, stifled compassion, only anger & fury	Fire consumes citadels (Amos 1:11-12)
Ammon ripped open pregnant women of Gilead to enlarge their borders (Amos 1:13-15)	Fire consumes citadels, war, king & princes exiled
Moab burned bones of king of Edom to lime (Amos 2:1-3)	Fire consumes citadels, war, death
Judah rejected the law of the Lord, not kept His statutes, their lies led them astray – idolatry	Fire consumes citadels of Jerusalem (Amos 2:4-5)
Israel oppressed the righteous, the needy, the helpless & the humble, immorality, drunkenness in God's house (Amos 2:6-8)	No escape from death (Amos 2:14-16); exile (3:12-116)

LEVITICUS

Key Verses: 17:11; 11:45

Sacrifice		Sanctification															
Three Voluntary Offerings	1-5	Sanctification by Personal Purity	11-15	Sanctification by the Day of Atonement	16	Sanctification through Blood	17	Sanctification in Relationships	18-20	Sanctification by the Priests and Feasts		21-23	Sanctification in the Promised Land	24-27			
Laws of Offering	1:1-6:7	Laws of Consecration of Priests	6:8-10:20	Laws of Purity	11-15	Atonement	16-17	Holy People	18-20	Holy Priests	21-22	Holy Times	Holy Justice	26	Holy Vows	27	
Laws of Offering		6:8-10:20		11-15		16-17		18-20		21-22		23-25		26		27	
The Way to God		The Way to God		The Walk with God		The Walk with God		The Walk with God		The Walk with God		The Walk with God		The Walk with God		The Walk with God	
How to Approach a Holy God		How to Approach a Holy God		How to Approach a Holy God		How to Approach a Holy God		How to Approach a Holy God		How to Approach a Holy God		How to Approach a Holy God		How to Approach a Holy God		How to Approach a Holy God	
Worship		Worship		Worship		Worship		Worship		Worship		Worship		Worship		Worship	
Access to God by Sacrifice		Access to God by Sacrifice		Access to God by Sacrifice		Access to God by Sacrifice		Access to God by Sacrifice		Access to God by Sacrifice		Access to God by Sacrifice		Access to God by Sacrifice		Access to God by Sacrifice	
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Author: Moses – Leviticus states 56 times in 27 chapters that Yahweh imparted these laws to Moses (see 1:1; 4:1; 6:1,24; 8:1; ...; also see Matt 8:2-4 & Lev 14:1-4; Matt 12:4 & Lev 24:9; see also Luke 2:22)
Date: orally given c.1444 BC – beginning with the first Passover (Ex 12:2), the tabernacle was completed 1 year later (Ex 40:17). Leviticus begins in the first month of the second year (cf. Num 1:1 which begins with the second month). Moses could have put it in its final form before his death in Moab, about 1405 BC

Theme: Holiness (11:45; 19:2). It teaches that one must approach a holy God on the basis of sacrifice and priestly mediation, and that one can only walk with a holy God on the basis of sanctification and obedience. God's chosen people must approach Him in a holy manner.

Purpose:

- 1) to show Israel how to live as a priestly kingdom and a holy nation in fellowship with God
- 2) to provide a guide for worship, a law code and a handbook on holiness for the priests
- 3) to reveal God's grace as He accepts the death of a substitute as payment for the penalty of sin