

GOD'S MASTERWORK, VOLUME ONE
BEGINNINGS—A SURVEY OF GENESIS–DEUTERONOMY
LEVITICUS: GOD'S PICTURE BOOK ON WORSHIP
A SURVEY OF LEVITICUS



The Heart of the Matter

In Genesis, we see humanity ruined by the fall. In Exodus, God's people were redeemed from bondage. In Leviticus, those people were revived through worship. Being the least popular of the first five Bible books, Leviticus is frequently passed off as an unimportant document of out-of-date details. Because the book is directly related to Israelites under the Mosaic Law, many Christians today choose to ignore its contents. But God has preserved Leviticus for a particular purpose. As is the case with other Old Testament books, it is filled with pictures of the Lord Jesus Christ. Without exception, every offering and every feast provides a vivid portrait of Christ, God's sacrificial Lamb, "who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). To study Leviticus apart from these portraits painted by the Spirit is to be bored with an ancient series of regulations. But when we see all of this in light of Christ's provision at Calvary, it becomes both interesting and enlightening.



Discovering the Way

1. General Facts about Leviticus

The name *Leviticus* means "pertaining to the Levites," and Leviticus was given as an instructional book for Israel's priests, all of whom were to come from the tribe of Levi.

2. The Way to God

The book of Leviticus describes five types of offerings that the Israelites were to use as a means of atonement and reconciliation with God: burnt, grain, peace, sin, and guilt offerings.



Starting Your Journey

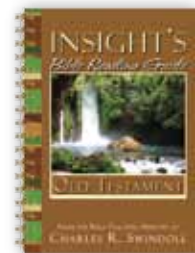
Leviticus also offers specifics for how an Israelite was to walk with God and focuses on three particular areas: holy living, holy times, and holy vows.



Tools for Digging Deeper



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LEVITICUS

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| | The Way to God Access <u>The approach: offerings</u> <u>The representative: priest</u> The laws: cleansing <i>Physically</i> <u><i>Spiritually</i></u> CHAPTERS 1-17 | The Walk with God Lifestyle <u>Practical guidelines</u> <u>Chronological observances</u> <u>Severe consequences</u> <u>Verbal promises</u> CHAPTERS 18-27 |
| Emphasis | Ritual (for worship) | Practical (for living) |
| Location | Mount Sinai . . . one full year | |
| Key Word | “Holy” (appears 90 times) | |
| Theme | How sinful humanity should worship a holy God | |
| Key Verses | 17:11; 19:2; 20:7-8 | |
| Christ in Leviticus | Pictured in each sacrifice and ritual | |

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