

Leviticus—Context and Content

1) 4 reasons why it is worthwhile to study Leviticus

a) Leviticus is a word from God that reveals God to us

b) Leviticus gives us a fuller understanding of what Jesus achieved on the cross

c) Leviticus provides an excellent guide for how to be godly

d) Leviticus is often cited in the debates about homosexuality

2) The Context of Leviticus

a) Exodus 1-18: How God rescued Israel from slavery in Egypt

b) Exodus 19-24: The Covenant between God and Israel

c) Exodus 25-40: Making what was needed to worship God properly in accordance with the Covenant

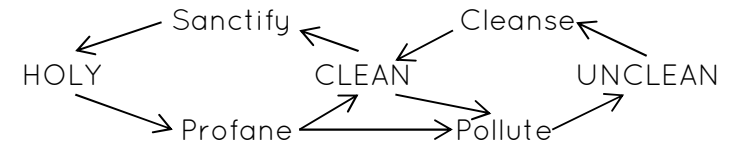
3) The Concepts in the Book of Leviticus

a) The goal of the Book of Leviticus

Leviticus 19:1-2

b) How Leviticus defines holiness

i) In Leviticus 1-16, Holiness refers to having a right standing before God



- There are 3 types of standing that one could have before God – Holy, Clean and Unclean

- Clean and Unclean are states of unholiness

- A Holy standing before God came about through the offering of sacrifices

- An Unclean person couldn't make a sacrifice without first being cleansed

ii) In Leviticus 17-27, Holiness also refers to living in obedience to God

4) Leviticus is part of the obsolete Old Covenant

Hebrews 8:13

Hebrews 9:10b

Romans 13:9-10

Homework

Read the sections of Leviticus 1-7 that refer to the Burnt Offering, the Grain Offering and the Fellowship Offering. As you read these sections ask yourself 2 questions about each offering: 1) What's unique about this offering? 2) What's the purpose of this offering?