**The Book of Leviticus**

**Leviticus Chapter 1**

The Burnt Offering

1And Yahweh called to Moses and spoke to him from the Tent of Meeting, saying, 2“Speak to the children of Israel and tell them: When any one of you approaches with an approach-offering to Yahweh from the livestock, you may approach with your approach-offering from the herd or from the flock.

3“If his approach-offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he is to approach with a male without blemish. He must approach to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting in order to be accepted before Yahweh. 4He is to lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it will be accepted for him to make atonement for him. 5He is to slaughter the bull before Yahweh. Aaron’s sons, the priests, are to approach with the blood and throw the blood all around on the altar that is before the entrance of the Tent of Meeting. 6He is to skin the burnt offering and cut it into pieces. 7The sons of Aaron the priest will put fire on the altar and arrange wood on the fire, 8and Aaron’s sons, the priests, are to arrange the pieces, the head and the suet, on the wood that is on the fire that is on the altar; 9but its innards and its legs he must first wash with water. The priest will burn all of it into smoke on the altar for a burnt offering, an offering made by fire, a pleasing aroma to Yahweh.

10“If his approach-offering is from the flock, from the sheep or from the goats for a burnt offering, he is to approach with a male without blemish. 11He is to slaughter it before Yahweh on the north side of the altar. Aaron’s sons, the priests, are to throw its blood all around on the altar. 12He is to cut it into its pieces with its head and with its suet. The priest will arrange them on the wood that is on the fire that is on the altar, 13but the innards and the legs he is to wash with water. The priest is to approach with all of it and burn it into smoke on the altar. It is a burnt offering, an offering made by fire; a pleasing aroma to Yahweh.

14“If his approach-offering to Yahweh is a burnt offering of birds, then he is to approach with his approach-offering of turtledoves or of pigeons.[[1]](#footnote-31619) 15The priest is to approach with it to the altar and pinch off its head and burn *the head* into smoke on the altar and its blood is to be drained out on the side of the altar; 16and he will take away its crop with its feathers and cast it beside the east side of the altar, in the place for the ashes. 17He will tear it open by its wings, but is not to divide it, and the priest is to burn it on the altar, on the wood that is on the fire. It is a burnt offering, an offering made by fire, a pleasing aroma to Yahweh.

**Leviticus Chapter 2**

The Grain Offering

1“When anyone approaches with an approach-offering of a grain offering to Yahweh, his approach-offering must be of fine flour, and he is to pour oil on it and put frankincense on it. 2He is to bring it to Aaron’s sons, the priests, and the priest[[2]](#footnote-24022) will take his handful of its fine flour and of its oil, with all its frankincense, and the priest will burn this reminder portion into smoke on the altar, an offering made by fire, of a pleasing aroma to Yahweh. 3Whatever is left of the grain offering will be Aaron’s and his sons’, a most holy *portion* from the offerings of Yahweh made by fire.

4“When you approach with an approach-offering that is a grain offering baked in the oven, it must be unleavened cakes of fine flour mixed with oil, or unleavened wafers spread with oil. 5If your approach-offering is a grain offering from the griddle, it must be of unleavened fine flour mixed with oil. 6You are to break it in pieces and pour oil on it. It is a grain offering. 7If your approach-offering is a grain offering from a covered-pan, it must be made of fine flour with oil. 8You are to bring the grain offering that is made in these *ways* to Yahweh, and it is to be presented to the priest and he will bring it to the altar. 9The priest will take from the grain offering its reminder portion and will burn that *portion* into smoke on the altar, an offering made by fire, a pleasing aroma to Yahweh. 10Whatever is left of the grain offering will be Aaron’s and his sons’, a most holy *portion* from the offerings of Yahweh made by fire.

11“No grain offering that you offer to Yahweh is to be made with leaven; for you are not to burn into smoke any leaven or any honey as an offering made by fire to Yahweh. 12As firstfruits you may offer them to Yahweh as an approach-offering, but they are not to offer them up as a pleasing aroma on the altar. 13All of your approach-offerings that are a grain offering you are to season with salt. You must not allow the salt of the covenant of your God to be lacking from your grain offerings. With all your approach-offerings you are to offer salt.

14“If you offer a grain offering of firstfruits to Yahweh, for the grain offering you must offer fresh ears from your firstfruits—crushed new grain—roasted with fire. 15You are to put oil on it and place frankincense on it; it is a grain offering. 16The priest is to burn the reminder portion into smoke, from its crushed grain and its oil, along with all its frankincense; it is an offering made by fire to Yahweh.

**Leviticus Chapter 3**

The Peace Offering

1“If his approach-offering is a sacrifice of peace offerings, if he offers it from the herd, whether male or female, he must offer it without blemish before Yahweh. 2He is to lay his hand on the head of his approach-offering and slaughter it at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, and Aaron’s sons, the priests, will throw the blood all around on the altar. 3And from the sacrifice of the peace offering, he is to offer an offering made by fire to Yahweh, the fat that covers the innards, and all the fat that is on the innards, 4and the two kidneys and the fat that is on them that is at the sinews, and he is to remove the appendage on the liver, with the kidneys. 5Aaron’s sons will burn it *all* into smoke on the altar along with the burnt offering that is on the wood that is on the fire; it is an offering made by fire, a pleasing aroma to Yahweh.

6“If his approach-offering for a sacrifice of peace offerings to Yahweh is from the flock, a male or female, he must offer it without blemish. 7If he offers a sheep for his approach-offering, then he is to offer it before Yahweh, 8and he is to lay his hand on the head of his approach-offering and slaughter it before the Tent of Meeting, and Aaron’s sons will throw its blood all around on the altar. 9From the sacrifice of peace offerings he is to offer an offering made by fire to Yahweh, its fat, the entire fat tail he is to remove close to the backbone, and the fat that covers the innards, and all the fat that is on the innards, 10and the two kidneys and the fat that is on them, that is at the sinews, and he is to remove the appendage on the liver, with the kidneys. 11The priest will burn it into smoke on the altar as food, an offering made by fire to Yahweh.

12“If his approach-offering is a goat, then he is to offer it before Yahweh, 13and he must lay his hand on its head and slaughter it before the Tent of Meeting, and the sons of Aaron will throw its blood all around on the altar. 14He is to offer from it as his approach-offering, an offering made by fire to Yahweh; the fat that covers the innards, and all the fat that is on the innards, 15and the two kidneys and the fat that is on them, that is at the sinews, and he is to remove the appendage on the liver, along with the kidneys. 16The priest will burn them into smoke on the altar as food, an offering made by fire for a pleasing aroma. All the fat is Yahweh’s.

17This will be a lasting ordinance throughout your generations in all your dwelling places: you are not to eat any fat or any blood.”

**Leviticus Chapter 4**

The Sin Offering

1Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 2“Speak to the children of Israel, saying, if a person sins unintentionally by doing any of the things that Yahweh his God has commanded not to be done, and does *any* one of them….

3“If the anointed priest sins, bringing guilt on the people, then he is to offer to Yahweh a young bull without blemish as a sin offering for his sin that he has sinned. 4He is to bring the bull to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, before Yahweh, and he is to lay his hand on the head of the bull and slaughter the bull before Yahweh. 5Then the anointed priest is to take some of the blood of the bull and bring it into the Tent of Meeting. 6The priest is to dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle some of the blood seven times before Yahweh, in front of the veil of the Holy *of Holies*. 7Then the priest is to put some of the blood on the horns of the altar of fragrant incense before Yahweh that is in the Tent of Meeting. Then he is to pour out all of the rest of the blood of the bull at the base of the altar of burnt offering that is at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting. 8Then, from the bull of the sin offering he is to remove all the fat: the fat that covers the innards and all the fat that is on the innards, 9and the two kidneys and the fat that is on them that is at the sinews, and he is to remove the appendage on the liver, with the kidneys. 10(just as it is removed from the bull for the sacrifice of peace offerings), and the priest is to burn them into smoke on the altar of burnt offering. 11But the bull’s skin, all its flesh (with its head and with its legs), its innards, and its dung, 12and all the rest of the bull, he must carry outside the camp to a clean place where the ashes are poured out, and burn it on wood with fire. It is to be burned where the ashes are poured out.

13“If the whole congregation of Israel strays unintentionally and the matter is not noticed by the assembly, but they have done one of the things that Yahweh has commanded not to be done, and are guilty, 14when the sin that they have sinned is known, then the assembly must offer a young bull for a sin offering and bring it before the Tent of Meeting. 15The elders of the congregation are to lay their hands on the head of the bull before Yahweh, and the bull is to be slaughtered before Yahweh. 16The anointed priest will bring some of the blood of the bull into the Tent of Meeting, 17and the priest is to dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle it seven times before Yahweh, before the veil. 18He is to put some of the blood on the horns of the altar that is before Yahweh that is in the Tent of Meeting, and all the rest of the blood he is to pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering that is at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting. 19He is to take from it all its fat and burn it into smoke on the altar. 20And he is to do with the bull as he did with the bull for the sin offering; he is to do the same with this; thus the priest will make atonement for them, and they will be forgiven. 21He will carry the bull outside the camp and burn it just as he burned the first bull. It is a sin offering for the assembly.

22“When a leader sins unintentionally by doing one of all of the things that Yahweh his God has commanded not to be done, and he becomes guilty, 23if his sin in which he has sinned is made known to him, he is to bring as his approach-offering a goat, a male without blemish. 24He is to lay his hand on the head of the goat and slaughter it in the place where they slaughter the burnt offering before Yahweh. This is a sin offering. 25The priest is to take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering. And *the rest of* its blood he is to pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering. 26All its fat he is to burn into smoke on the altar like the fat of the sacrifice of peace offerings; thus the priest will make atonement for him concerning his sin and he will be forgiven.

27“And if one person of the common people[[3]](#footnote-27562) sins unintentionally by doing one of the things that Yahweh his God has commanded not to be done, and he becomes guilty, 28if his sin which he has sinned is made known to him, then he is to bring for his approach-offering a goat without blemish, a female, for his sin that he has sinned. 29He is to lay his hand on the head of the sin offering and slaughter the sin offering at the place of the burnt offering. 30The priest is to take some of its blood with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering. And all the rest of its blood he is to pour out at the base of the altar. 31He is to remove all its fat, just like the fat is removed from the sacrifice of peace offerings, and the priest is to burn it into smoke on the altar for a pleasing aroma to Yahweh; thus the priest will make atonement for him and he will be forgiven.

32“If he brings a sheep as his approach-offering for a sin offering, he is to bring a female without blemish. 33He is to lay his hand on the head of the sin offering and slaughter it for a sin offering at the place where they slaughter the burnt offering. 34The priest is to take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering. And all the rest of its blood he is to pour out at the base of the altar. 35He is to remove all its fat, just like the fat of the sheep is removed from the sacrifice of peace offerings, and the priest will burn them into smoke on the altar for an offering to Yahweh made by fire; thus the priest will make atonement for him concerning his sin that he has sinned, and he will be forgiven.”

**Leviticus Chapter 5**

Cases Requiring Sin Offerings

1“If anyone sins due to his hearing the call of a public oath[[4]](#footnote-14479) *to testify*, he being a witness because he has seen or known *something*, if he does not speak up, then he will bear his iniquity.

2“Or if anyone touches any unclean thing, whether it is the carcass of an unclean animal or the carcass of unclean livestock or the carcass of an unclean swarming creature, and it is unnoticed by him, he is unclean and guilty.

3“Or if he touches human uncleanness, whatever his uncleanness is by which he is unclean, and it is unnoticed by him, when he knows of it, then he *knows he* has been guilty.

4“Or if anyone swears rashly with his lips to do evil, or to do good, whatever it is that a man might utter rashly with an oath, and it is unnoticed by him; when he knows of it, then he *knows he* has been guilty of one of these.

5“When he is guilty of one of these, he is to confess the matter in which he has sinned 6and he must bring the penalty for his guilt to Yahweh because of his sin that he has sinned, a female from the flock, a lamb or a goat, for a sin offering; and the priest will make atonement for him concerning his sin.

7“If he cannot afford a lamb, then he may bring to Yahweh the penalty for his guilt, because he sinned, two turtledoves or two pigeons, one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering. 8He is to bring them to the priest, who will first offer the one that is for the sin offering and pinch off its head from its neck but must not sever it completely. 9He will sprinkle some of the blood of the sin offering on the side of the altar, and the rest of the blood is to be drained out at the base of the altar. It is a sin offering. 10He must offer the second for a burnt offering according to the ordinance, and the priest will make atonement for him concerning his sin that he has sinned, and he will be forgiven.

11“But if he cannot afford two turtledoves or two pigeons, then he may bring as his approach-offering, because he sinned, the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a sin offering. He is not to put oil on it, nor is he to put any frankincense on it, for it is a sin offering. 12He is to bring it to the priest and the priest will take his handful of it as the reminder portion and burn it into smoke on the altar, along with the offerings to Yahweh made by fire. It is a sin offering. 13Thus the priest will make atonement for him concerning his sin that he has sinned in *any* one of these things, and he will be forgiven, and the rest *of the flour* will be the priest’s as the grain offering.”

The Guilt Offering

14Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 15“If anyone acts unfaithfully, yes, unfaithfully, and sins unintentionally in the holy things of Yahweh, then he must bring his guilt offering to Yahweh, a ram without blemish from the flock of proper value in silver shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, for a guilt offering. 16He must make restitution for how he has sinned regarding the holy thing, and must add a fifth part to it and give it to the priest; and the priest will make atonement for him with the ram for the guilt offering, and he will be forgiven.

17“If anyone sins and does *any* one of the things that Yahweh has commanded not to be done, *even* though he did not know it, he is guilty and will bear his iniquity. 18He must bring to the priest a ram from the flock without blemish and of proper value for a guilt offering, and the priest will make atonement for him concerning the thing in which he sinned and did not know it, and he will be forgiven. 19It is a guilt offering. He incurred guilt, yes, guilt before Yahweh.”

**Leviticus Chapter 6**

1Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 2“If anyone sins and acts unfaithfully, yes, unfaithfully, against Yahweh and lies to his neighbor in a matter of deposit, or of something placed in someone’s hand *for safekeeping*, or through robbery, or has oppressed his neighbor, 3or has found what was lost and lied about it, and has sworn falsely in *any* one of all these things that a man does, sinning in this way, 4then it will be, since he has sinned and is guilty, he must restore what he took by robbery, or the thing that he has acquired by oppression,[[5]](#footnote-30037) or the deposit that was committed to him, or the lost thing that he found, 5or any thing about which he has sworn falsely; he must restore it in full and must add a fifth more to it. To him to whom it belongs, he is to give it to its owner on the day that he is found guilty. 6He must bring to the priest his guilt offering to Yahweh, a ram from the flock without blemish and of the proper value, as a guilt offering. 7The priest will make atonement for him before Yahweh, and he will be forgiven concerning whatever he did to become guilty.”

The Burnt Offering

8Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 9“Command Aaron and his sons, saying, This is the law of the burnt offering: the burnt offering must be on the hearth on the altar all night until the morning, and the fire of the altar is to be kept burning on it. 10The priest is to put on his linen garment and he is to put on his linen undergarments next to his body, and he is to remove the ashes from where the fire has consumed the burnt offering on the altar and he is to put them beside the altar. 11He must take off his garments and put on other garments and carry the ashes outside the camp to a clean place. 12The fire on the altar is to be kept burning on it, it must not go out. And the priest is to burn wood on it in the morning—*every* morning—and he is to arrange the burnt offering on it and is to burn the fat of the peace offerings into smoke on it. 13Fire must be kept burning on the altar continually; it must not go out.

The Grain Offering

14“This is the law of the grain offering: the sons of Aaron will present it before Yahweh, in front of the altar. 15He is to take from it his handful of the fine flour of the grain offering and of its oil, and all the frankincense that is on the grain offering, and is to burn it—its reminder portion—into smoke on the altar for a pleasing aroma to Yahweh. 16Whatever is left of it Aaron and his sons may eat. It is to be eaten without yeast in a holy place. They are to eat it in the court of the Tent of Meeting. 17It must not be baked with yeast. I have given it as their portion of my offerings made by fire. It is most holy, like the sin offering and the guilt offering. 18Every male among the children of Aaron may eat of it. This is a lasting ordinance for them throughout your generations from the offerings of Yahweh made by fire. All who touch the offerings[[6]](#footnote-22919) must be holy.”

The Grain Offering of Priests

19Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 20“This is the approach-offering of Aaron and of his sons that they must offer to Yahweh on the day when he is anointed: the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a perpetual grain offering, half of it in the morning and half of it in the evening. 21It is to be made on a griddle, *mixed* with oil. You are to bring it mixed. You are to offer the grain offering as baked pieces for a pleasing aroma to Yahweh. 22The anointed priest from among his sons that will succeed him is to offer it. By a statute forever, it is to be a whole offering burned into smoke to Yahweh. 23Every grain offering of a priest is to be a whole offering. It is not to be eaten.”

The Sin Offering

24Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 25“Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, ‘This is the law of the sin offering: in the place where the burnt offering is slaughtered, the sin offering must be slaughtered before Yahweh. It is most holy. 26The priest who offers it for sin is to eat it. It is to be eaten in a holy place, in the court of the Tent of Meeting. 27Whoever touches its flesh must be holy. When there is any of its blood sprinkled on a garment, you must wash the *garment* on which it was sprinkled in a holy place. 28But the earthen vessel in which the offering[[7]](#footnote-26686) is boiled must be broken, and if it is boiled in a bronze vessel, it must be scoured and rinsed in water. 29Every male among the priests may eat of it; it is most holy. 30No sin offering of which any of the blood is brought into the Tent of Meeting to make atonement in the Holy Place may be eaten; it must be burned with fire.’”

**Leviticus Chapter 7**

The Law of the Guilt Offering

1“This is the law of the guilt offering. It is most holy. 2In the place where they slaughter the burnt offering, he is to slaughter the guilt offering, and he is to throw its blood all around on the altar. 3He is to offer all of its fat: the fat tail and the fat that covers the innards, 4and the two kidneys and the fat that is on them that is at the sinews, and he is to remove the appendage on the liver, with the kidneys. 5And the priest will burn them into smoke on the altar as an offering made by fire to Yahweh; it is a guilt offering. 6Every male among the priests may eat of it. It is to be eaten in a holy place. It is most holy.

7“As is the sin offering, so is the guilt offering; there is one law for them. The priest who makes atonement by it will have it. 8The priest who offers any person’s burnt offering, that priest will have for himself the skin of the burnt offering that he has offered. 9Every grain offering that is baked in the oven, and all that is prepared in a covered pan or on the griddle, will be the priest’s who offers it. 10Every grain offering, dry or mixed with oil, belongs to all the sons of Aaron, one as well as another.

The Law of Peace Offerings

11“This is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings that a person offers to Yahweh. 12If he offers it as a thanksgiving, then with the sacrifice of thanksgiving he is to offer unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers smeared with oil, and cakes of fine flour mixed with oil. 13Along with the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving, he is to offer his approach-offering with cakes of leavened bread. 14And from it he must offer one of each *kind of* approach-offering as a contribution to Yahweh. It will belong to the priest who throws the blood of the peace offerings. 15The flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving must be eaten on the day of his offering. He is not to leave any of it until the morning.

16“But if the sacrifice that is his approach-offering is a vow or a freewill offering, it is to be eaten on the day that he offers his sacrifice, and on the next day what remains of it may be eaten, 17but what remains of the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day must be burned with fire. 18Now if any of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings is eaten, yes, eaten on the third day, it will not be accepted, nor will it be credited to him who offers it. It will be defiled *meat*, and the soul who eats any of it will bear his iniquity.

19“The flesh that touches anything unclean must not be eaten. It is to be burned with fire. As for the flesh, everyone who is clean may eat *the* flesh, 20but the soul who eats of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings that belongs to Yahweh while he is unclean,[[8]](#footnote-24534) that soul must be cut off from his people. 21When anyone touches anything unclean, the uncleanness of a human or an unclean animal or any unclean detestable *thing*, and eats some of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings that belong to Yahweh, that soul must be cut off from his people.”

Fat and Blood May Not Be Eaten

22Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 23“Speak to the children of Israel, saying, You are to eat no fat of a bull or sheep or goat. 24The fat of an animal that dies of itself and the fat of one that is torn by animals may be used for any other purpose, but you must never eat it. 25For whoever eats the fat of the animal from which an offering made by fire is offered to Yahweh, the soul who eats it must be cut off from his people. 26You must not eat any blood, whether it is of a bird or of an animal, in any of your dwelling places. 27Any person[[9]](#footnote-26452) who eats any blood, that person must be cut off from his people.”

The Portion for the Priests

28Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 29“Speak to the children of Israel, saying: The one who offers the sacrifice of his peace offerings to Yahweh, he *himself* must bring his offering to Yahweh from the sacrifice of his peace offerings. 30With his own hands he will bring the approach-offerings of Yahweh made by fire. He is to bring the fat with the breast so that the breast can be waved as a wave offering before Yahweh. 31The priest is to burn the fat into smoke on the altar, but the breast will be Aaron’s and his sons’. 32The right thigh you are to give to the priest as a contribution from the sacrifices of your peace offerings. 33He among the sons of Aaron who offers the blood of the peace offerings, and the fat, will have the right thigh as a portion. 34For the breast that is waved and the thigh that is a contribution, I have taken from the children of Israel out of the sacrifices of their peace offerings and have given them to Aaron the priest and to his sons as a lasting ordinance forever from the children of Israel.”

35This is the anointed *portion* for Aaron and the anointed *portion* for his sons out of the offerings of Yahweh made by fire since the day that he brought them near to serve as priests to Yahweh, 36which Yahweh commanded to be given to them from the children of Israel at the time that he anointed them; *this is* a lasting ordinance throughout their generations.

37This is the law of the burnt offering, and of the grain offering, and of the sin offering, and of the guilt offering, and of the ordination offering, and of the sacrifice of peace offerings 38that Yahweh commanded Moses in Mount Sinai on the day that he commanded the children of Israel to offer their approach-offerings to Yahweh in the wilderness of Sinai.

**Leviticus Chapter 8**

Ordination of Aaron and His Sons

1Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 2“Take Aaron, and his sons with him, and the garments and the anointing oil and the bull for the sin offering and the two rams and the basket of unleavened bread, 3and assemble all the congregation at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting.” 4Moses did as Yahweh commanded him, and the congregation was assembled at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting. 5Moses said to the congregation, “This is what Yahweh has commanded to be done.”

6Then Moses brought Aaron and his sons and washed them with water. 7He put the tunic on him, and wrapped the sash around him, and clothed him with the robe, and put the ephod on him. And *then* he tied the skillfully woven waistband of the ephod on him and fastened the ephod[[10]](#footnote-30265) to him with it. 8He placed the breastplate on him, and in the breastplate he put the Urim and the Thummim. 9He set the turban on his head, and on the front of the turban he set the gold medallion, the holy crown, as Yahweh commanded Moses.

10Moses took the anointing oil and anointed the tabernacle and all that was in it, and set them apart as holy. 11He sprinkled it on the altar seven times and anointed the altar and all its accessories. And *also* the *bronze* basin and its base, to set them apart as holy. 12He poured some of the anointing oil on Aaron’s head and anointed him to set him apart as holy. 13Moses brought Aaron’s sons and clothed them with coats, and wrapped sashes around them and put caps on them, as Yahweh commanded Moses.

14He brought the bull for the sin offering, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the bull for the sin offering. 15And he slaughtered it, and Moses took the blood and put it around on the horns of the altar with his finger, and purified the altar and poured out the blood at the base of the altar, and set it apart as holy in order to make atonement upon it. 16And he took all the fat that was on the innards, and the appendage on the liver, and the two kidneys and their fat, and Moses burned it into smoke on the altar. 17But the bull and its skin and its flesh and its dung, he burned with fire outside the camp, as Yahweh commanded Moses.

18He brought the ram for the burnt offering and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram. 19And he slaughtered it, and Moses threw the blood all around on the altar. 20He cut the ram into its pieces and Moses burned the head and the pieces and the suet into smoke. 21He washed the innards and the legs with water, and Moses burned the whole ram into smoke on the altar. It was a burnt offering for a pleasing aroma. It was an offering made by fire to Yahweh, as Yahweh commanded Moses.

22And he brought the second ram, the ram for ordination, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram. 23And he slaughtered it, and Moses took some of its blood and put it on the lobe of Aaron’s right ear and on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot. 24He brought Aaron’s sons, and Moses put some of the blood on the lobe of their right ears and on the thumbs of their right hands and on the big toes of their right feet, and Moses threw the *rest of the* blood all around on the altar. 25He took the fat, and the fat tail, and all the fat that was on the innards, and the appendage on the liver, and the two kidneys and their fat, and the right thigh; 26and out of the basket of unleavened bread that was before Yahweh he took one unleavened cake and one cake of oiled bread, and one wafer, and placed them on the fat and on the right thigh. 27He put all these in Aaron’s hands and in his sons’ hands and waved them as a wave offering before Yahweh. 28Moses took them from their hands and burned them into smoke on the altar with the burnt offering. They were an ordination offering for a pleasing aroma. It was an offering made by fire to Yahweh. 29Moses took the breast and waved it as a wave offering before Yahweh. It was Moses’ portion from the ram for ordination, just as Yahweh commanded Moses.

30Moses took some of the anointing oil and some of the blood that was on the altar and sprinkled it on Aaron, on his garments and on his sons and on his sons’ garments with him, and set apart as holy, Aaron *and* his garments and his sons and his sons’ garments with him.

31Moses said to Aaron and to his sons, “Boil the flesh at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting and eat it there, and the bread that is in the basket of ordination, just like I commanded, saying, Aaron and his sons are to eat it. 32What remains of the flesh and of the bread you are to burn with fire. 33You must not go out from the entrance of the Tent of Meeting for seven days, until the days of your ordination are fulfilled, for he will ordain you for seven days. 34What has been done this day, Yahweh has commanded to do to make atonement for you. 35You must stay at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting day and night *for* seven days and keep Yahweh’s command so that you do not die, for this is what I have been commanded.” 36Aaron and his sons did all the things that Yahweh commanded by Moses.

**Leviticus Chapter 9**

The Priestly Ministry Begins

1And on the eighth day Moses called Aaron and his sons and the elders of Israel, 2and he said to Aaron, “Take a calf, a young bull, for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering, *both* without blemish, and offer them before Yahweh. 3You are to speak to the children of Israel, saying, ‘Take a male goat for a sin offering, and a calf and a lamb, both a year old, without blemish, for a burnt offering; 4and a bull and a ram for peace offerings to sacrifice before Yahweh, and a grain offering mixed with oil, because today Yahweh will appear to you.’”

5They brought what Moses commanded before the Tent of Meeting, and all the congregation drew near and stood before Yahweh. 6Moses said, “This is what that Yahweh has commanded you to do, so that the glory of Yahweh will appear to you.” 7Moses said to Aaron, “Draw near to the altar and offer your sin offering and your burnt offering, and make atonement for yourself and for the people, and offer the approach-offering for the people and make atonement for them, as Yahweh commanded.”

8So Aaron drew near to the altar and slaughtered the calf for the sin offering that was for himself. 9The sons of Aaron brought the blood to him, and he dipped his finger in the blood and put it on the horns of the altar, and poured out the *rest of the* blood at the base of the altar; 10but the fat and the kidneys and the appendage on the liver of the sin offering he burned into smoke upon the altar, as Yahweh commanded Moses. 11But the flesh and the skin he burned with fire outside the camp.

12And he slaughtered the burnt offering, and Aaron’s sons handed the blood to him and he threw it all around on the altar. 13And they handed the burnt offering to him, piece by piece, and the head, and he burned them into smoke upon the altar. 14He washed the innards and the legs and burned them into smoke along with *the rest of* the burnt offering on the altar.

15He presented the people’s approach-offering and took the goat that was the sin offering for the people and slaughtered it and offered it for sin, like the previous one. 16He brought the burnt offering and did with it according to the ordinance. 17He presented the grain offering and filled his hand from it and burned *that part* into smoke upon the altar, in addition to the morning burnt offering.

18He also slaughtered the bull and the ram (the sacrifice of peace offerings that was for the people), and Aaron’s sons handed him the blood, which he threw all around on the altar. 19And they *handed him* the fat of the bull and of the ram, the fat tail and what covers the innards, and the kidneys and the appendage on the liver, 20and they put the fat upon the breasts and he burned the fat into smoke on the altar. 21And the breasts and the right thigh Aaron waved for a wave offering before Yahweh, as Moses commanded.

22And Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people and blessed them, then he came down after making the sin offering and the burnt offering and the peace offerings. 23Then Moses and Aaron went into the Tent of Meeting and came out and blessed the people, and the glory of Yahweh appeared to all the people. 24Then fire came out from the presence of Yahweh, and consumed the burnt offering and the fat upon the altar; and when all the people saw it they shouted and fell on their faces.

**Leviticus Chapter 10**

Nadab and Abihu

1But Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his firepan and put fire in it and laid incense on it and offered unauthorized fire before Yahweh, which he had not commanded them *to do*. 2And fire came out from before Yahweh and consumed them, and they died before Yahweh.

3Then Moses said to Aaron, “This is what Yahweh spoke, saying,

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|  | ‘I will show that I am holy  to those who come near me,  and before all the people  I will be glorified.’” |

And Aaron was silent.

4Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of Uzziel the uncle of Aaron, and said to them, “Come near *and* carry your brothers *away* from before the holy place *and* out of the camp.” 5So they came near and carried them in their tunics out of the camp as Moses had said.

6Moses said to Aaron and to Eleazar and to Ithamar, his sons, “Do not let *the hair of* your heads hang loose, nor tear your clothes, so that you do not die and Yahweh[[11]](#footnote-24088) is not angry with all the congregation. But let your brothers, the whole house of Israel, mourn the burning that Yahweh has kindled. 7You must not go out from the entrance of the Tent of Meeting or you will die, for the anointing oil of Yahweh is on you.” So they did according to the word of Moses.

Conduct Prescribed for Priests

8Yahweh spoke to Aaron, saying, 9“Do not drink wine or beer, neither you nor your sons with you, when you go into the Tent of Meeting, so that you do not die—*this will be* a statute forever throughout your generations— 10and so that you make a separation between the holy and the common, and between the unclean and the clean, 11and you are to teach the children of Israel all the statutes that Yahweh has spoken to them by Moses.”

12Moses spoke to Aaron and *also* to Eleazar and Ithamar, his sons who remained, “Take the grain offering that is left over from the offerings of Yahweh made by fire, and eat it unleavened, beside the altar, for it is most holy; 13and you are to eat it in a holy place because it is your portion and your sons’ portion of the offerings of Yahweh made by fire, for this is what I have been commanded. 14The waved breast and the thigh that is contributed you are to eat in a clean place, you and your sons and your daughters with you, for they are given as your portion and your sons’ portion out of the sacrifices of the peace offerings of the children of Israel. 15The thigh that is contributed and the waved breast they are to bring, together with the offerings made by fire of the fat, to wave as a wave offering before Yahweh, and it will be yours and your sons’ with you as a portion forever, as Yahweh has commanded.”

16And Moses inquired, yes, inquired about the goat for the sin offering, and behold, it had already been burned! And he was angry with Eleazar and with Ithamar, the sons of Aaron who remained, saying, 17“Why didn’t you eat the sin offering in the holy *area*, since it is most holy and he has given it to you to take away the iniquity of the congregation, to make atonement for them before Yahweh? 18Behold, its blood was not brought into the inner part of the holy place. You should have eaten, yes, eaten it in the holy *area*, as I commanded.”

19Aaron spoke to Moses, “Behold, this day they have offered their sin offering and their burnt offering before Yahweh, and *yet* such things as these have happened to me; so if I had eaten the sin offering today, would it have been pleasing in the eyes of Yahweh?” 20When Moses heard that, it was pleasing in his eyes.

**Leviticus Chapter 11**

Foods Permitted and Forbidden

1Yahweh spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying to them, 2“Speak to the children of Israel, saying, These are the living things that you may eat among all the animals that are on the earth. 3Whatever among the animals has a split hoof that is completely divided and chews the cud, that *animal* you may eat. 4But these you are not to eat of those that chew the cud, or of those that have a split hoof:

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|  | the camel, because it chews the cud  but does not have a split hoof; it is unclean to you. |
| 5 | The hyrax, because it chews the cud  but does not have a split hoof; it is unclean to you. |
| 6 | The hare, because it chews the cud  but does not have a split hoof; it is unclean to you. |
| 7 | The pig, because it has a split hoof that is divided  but it does not chew the cud; it is unclean to you. |

8You are not to eat *any* of their flesh and you are not to touch their carcasses; they are unclean to you.

9These you may eat of all that are in the waters: whatever has fins and scales in the waters, in the seas, and in the rivers; those you may eat. 10Anything that does not have fins and scales in the seas and in the rivers, of all that move in the waters and of all the living creatures that are in the waters, they are *to be* detestable things to you. 11Since they are detestable things to you, you are not to eat of their flesh and you are to detest their carcasses. 12Whatever in the waters has no fins or scales, that is a detestable thing to you.

13These you are to detest among the birds. They must not be eaten, they are detestable things:

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|  | the eagle and the vulture  and the black vulture, |
| 14 | and the red kite,  any kind of black kite, |
| 15 | any kind of raven, |
| 16 | the horned owl,  the screech owl, and the gull;  every kind of hawk, |
| 17 | the little owl, the cormorant,  the great owl, |
| 18 | the white owl, the desert owl,  the osprey, |
| 19 | the stork,  any kind of heron,  the hoopoe, and the bat. |

20All winged insects that walk on all fours are *to be* detestable things to you. 21But you may eat these: of all winged insects that go on all fours that have *jointed* legs above their feet with which to hop on the ground. 22From these you may eat:

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|  | any kind of locust, any kind of katydid,  any kind of cricket, and any kind of grasshopper. |

23But all *other* winged insects that have four feet are detestable to you.

Purification after Touching Dead Animals

24By these *following* *things* you will become unclean: whoever touches their carcass will be unclean until the evening. 25Whoever carries any part of their carcass must wash his clothes and be unclean until the evening. 26Every animal that has a split hoof but it is not *completely* divided, and it does not chew the cud, is unclean to you. Everyone who touches them will be unclean. 27Any animal that goes on its paws, among all animals that go on all fours, is unclean to you. Everyone who touches their carcass will be unclean until the evening, 28and he who carries their carcass must wash his clothes and will be unclean until the evening. They are unclean to you.

29These are they that are unclean to you among the creeping things that creep on the earth:

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|  | the mole, the mouse,  any kind of large lizard, |
| 30 | the gecko and the monitor lizard,  the lizard, the sand reptile,  and the chameleon. |

31These are they that are unclean to you among all that creep. Whoever touches them when they are dead will be unclean until the evening. 32On whatever any of them falls when they are dead, it will be unclean, whether it is any article of wood, or clothing, or skin, or sackcloth; any article that is used for any purpose. It must be put into water and it will be unclean until the evening, then it will be clean. 33Any earthenware vessel into which any of them falls, everything that is in it will be unclean and you must break it. 34Any food that may be eaten on which *such* water comes will be unclean, and every drink that can be drunk in every such vessel will be unclean. 35Everything on which part of their carcass falls will be unclean; whether *clay* oven or two-pot stove, it must be broken into pieces. They are unclean and will be unclean to you. 36Nevertheless, a spring or a cistern in which water is collected will be clean, but whoever touches their carcass will be unclean. 37If part of their carcass falls on any seed for sowing that is to be sown, it is clean. 38But if water is put on the seed and part of their carcass falls on it, it is unclean to you.

39If any animal that you may eat dies, he who touches its carcass will be unclean until the evening. 40He who eats of its carcass must wash his clothes and be unclean until the evening. He also who carries its carcass must wash his clothes and be unclean until the evening.

41Every creeping thing that creeps on the earth is detestable. It must not be eaten. 42Whatever goes on its belly and whatever goes on all fours, or whatever has many feet—all the creeping things that creep on the earth—you must not eat them, for they are detestable. 43You are not to make yourselves detestable by any creeping thing that creeps,[[12]](#footnote-25096) nor are you to make yourselves unclean by them, that you should be made unclean by them. 44For I am Yahweh your God. Therefore, make yourselves holy, and be holy, for I am holy. You must not make yourselves unclean by any creeping thing that moves on the earth. 45For I am Yahweh who is bringing you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You are to be holy, for I am holy.

46This is the law of the animal, and of the bird, and of every living creature[[13]](#footnote-31731) that moves in the waters, and of every creature that creeps on the earth, 47to make a distinction between the unclean and the clean and between the living thing that may be eaten and the living thing that may not be eaten.”

**Leviticus Chapter 12**

Purification after Childbirth

1And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 2“Speak to the children of Israel, saying, if a woman conceives[[14]](#footnote-18807) and bears a male child, then she will be unclean seven days like *she is* in the days of her menstrual impurity; she will be unclean, 3and on the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin must be circumcised. 4Then she is to continue in *a state of* blood purification for 33 *more* days. She must not touch any holy thing, nor come into the holy place until the days of her purifying are completed. 5But if she bears a female child, then she will be unclean two weeks, like *she is* in her menstrual impurity, then she is to continue in *a state of* blood purification for 66 *more* days.

6“And when the days of her purification are completed, for *either* a son or a daughter, she is to bring to the priest at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting a lamb of the first year for a burnt offering, and *also* a young pigeon or a turtledove for a sin offering, 7and he will offer it before Yahweh and make atonement for her, and she will be cleansed from the discharge of her blood. This is the law for a woman who gives birth, whether to a male or to a female. 8And if she cannot afford a lamb, then she is to bring two turtledoves or two pigeons, the one for a burnt offering and the other for a sin offering, and the priest will make atonement for her and she will be clean.”

**Leviticus Chapter 13**

Skin Diseases

1Yahweh spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, 2“When a person has on the skin of his body a swelling, or a scab, or a bright-spot, and it becomes a disease of leprosy in the skin of his flesh, then he is to be brought to Aaron the priest or to one of his sons the priests. 3And the priest will examine the disease on the skin of the body, and if the hair in the disease has turned white and the appearance of the disease is deeper than the body’s skin, it is the disease of leprosy. After the priest has examined him, he is to pronounce him unclean. 4If the bright-spot is white on the skin of his body and its appearance is not deeper than the skin, and its hair has not turned white, then the priest is to isolate the infected person for seven days. 5The priest is to examine him on the seventh day, and behold, if in his eyes the disease is the same and the disease has not spread on the skin, then the priest is to isolate him a second time for seven days. 6The priest is to examine him the second time on the seventh day, and behold, if the disease has faded and the disease has not spread on the skin, then the priest is to pronounce him clean. It is a scab. He is to wash his clothes and be clean. 7But if the scab has spread, yes, spread on the skin after he has shown himself to the priest for his cleansing, he is to show himself to the priest a second time. 8Then the priest is to examine him, and behold, if the scab has spread on the skin, then the priest is to pronounce him unclean. It is leprosy.

9“When the disease of leprosy is in a man, then he is to be brought to the priest 10and the priest is to examine him. Behold, if there is a white swelling on the skin and it has turned the hair white, and there is raw flesh in the swelling, 11it is a chronic leprosy in the skin of his body, and the priest is to pronounce him unclean. He is not *merely* to isolate him, because he is unclean. 12If the leprosy breaks out, yes, breaks out all over the skin and the leprosy covers all the skin of the infected person as far as the priest can see, from his head to his feet, 13then the priest is to examine him, and behold, if the leprosy has covered all his flesh, he is to pronounce him clean of the disease. It has all turned white, and he is clean. 14But whenever raw flesh appears on him, he will be unclean. 15The priest is to examine the raw flesh and pronounce him unclean; the raw flesh is unclean. It is leprosy. 16But if the raw flesh recovers and is changed to white, then he is to go to the priest, 17and the priest is to examine him, and behold, if the disease has turned white, then the priest is to pronounce him clean of the disease. He is clean.

18“When the body has a boil on its skin, and it has healed, 19and in the place of the boil there is a white swelling or a reddish-white bright-spot, then it is to be shown to the priest; 20and the priest is to examine it, and behold, if its appearance is deeper than the skin, and its hair has turned white, then the priest is to pronounce him unclean. It is the disease of leprosy. It has broken out in a boil. 21But if the priest examines it, and behold, there are no white hairs in it and it is not deeper than the skin, but it has faded, then the priest is to isolate him seven days. 22But if it should spread, yes, spread on the skin, then the priest is to pronounce him unclean. It is a disease. 23But if the bright-spot remains where it was and does not spread, it is the scar from the boil and the priest is to pronounce him clean.

24“Or, when the body has a burn on its skin from fire, and the raw flesh of the burn becomes a white or a reddish-white bright-spot, 25then the priest is to examine it, and behold, if the hair in the bright spot has turned white and its appearance is deeper than the skin, it is leprosy. It has broken out in the burn, and the priest is to pronounce him unclean. It is the disease of leprosy. 26But if the priest examines it, and behold, there is no white hair in the bright-spot, and it is not deeper than the skin, but is faded, then the priest is to isolate him seven days, 27and the priest is to examine him on the seventh day. If it has spread, yes, spread on the skin, then the priest is to pronounce him unclean. It is the disease of leprosy. 28But if the bright spot remains where it was and has not spread on the skin, but has faded, it is the swelling from the burn and the priest is to pronounce him clean because it is *only* the scar from the burn.

29“When a man or woman has a disease on the head or on the beard, 30then the priest is to examine the disease, and behold, if its appearance is deeper than the skin and the hair in it is yellow and thin, then the priest is to pronounce him unclean; it is a scall, it is a leprosy of the head or of the beard. 31But if the priest examines the disease of scall, and behold, its appearance is not deeper than the skin and there is no black hair in it, then the priest is to isolate the person infected with scall seven days. 32On the seventh day the priest is to examine the disease, and behold, if the scall has not spread and there is no yellow hair in it, and the appearance of the scall is not deeper than the skin, 33then he must be shaved, but he must not shave the scall; and the priest is to isolate the one who has the scall for a second seven days. 34On the seventh day, the priest is to examine the scall, and behold, if the scall has not spread on the skin and its appearance is not deeper than the skin, then the priest is to pronounce him clean. He is to wash his clothes and be clean. 35But if the scall has spread, yes, spread on the skin after his cleansing, 36then the priest is to examine him, and behold, if the scall has spread on the skin, the priest does not need to look for the yellow hair; he is unclean. 37But if in his eyes the scall remains where it was and black hair has grown in it, the scall is healed; he is clean. The priest is to pronounce him clean.

38“When a man or a woman has bright-spots on the skin of the body, white bright-spots, 39then the priest is to examine them, and behold, if the bright-spots on the skin of their body are a faded white, it is a *harmless* rash, it has broken out in the skin; he is clean.

40“If a man’s head has become smooth, he is bald. He is clean. 41If the front part of his head has become smooth, he is bald on his forehead; he is clean. 42But if there is on the bald head, or on the bald forehead, a reddish-white disease, it is leprosy breaking out on his bald head or his bald forehead. 43Then the priest is to examine him, and behold, if the swelling of the disease is reddish-white on his bald head or on his bald forehead, like the appearance of leprosy on the skin of the flesh, 44he is a leprous man. He is unclean, yes unclean. The priest is to pronounce him unclean. The disease is on his head.

45“As for the leper who has the disease, he must wear torn clothes and the hair of his head must hang loose. He must cover his upper lip and must cry out, ‘Unclean! Unclean!’ 46All the days in which he has the disease he will be unclean. He is unclean. He must live alone; his dwelling place must be outside the camp.

Regulations About Defiled Fabrics

47“Also, the clothing that the disease of leprosy is on, whether it is woolen clothing or linen clothing, 48whether it is in warp or woof of linen or of wool, or whether *it is* on an *animal* hide or on anything made of hide, 49if the disease is greenish or reddish on the clothing or on the skin or in the warp or in the woof, or on any article made of *animal* hide, it is the disease of leprosy and it is to be shown to the priest. 50The priest is to examine the disease and isolate the disease for seven days, 51then he is to examine the disease on the seventh day. If the disease has spread on the garment, either in the warp or in the woof or on the *animal* hide, whatever the hide is used for, the disease is a malignant leprosy. It is unclean. 52He is to burn the garment, or the warp or the woof, the wool or the linen, or any article of *animal* hide where the disease is, because it is a malignant leprosy. It must be burned in the fire.

53“But if the priest examines it, and behold, the plague has not spread on the garment, either in the warp or in the woof, or on any article of *animal* hide, 54then the priest is to command that they wash the thing on which the disease is and he is to isolate it a second time for seven days. 55Then the priest is to examine it after the disease has been washed. And behold, if the disease has not changed its color even though the disease has not spread, it is unclean. You must burn it in the fire. It is decay, whether the bald spot is on the front or back.

56But if the priest looks, and behold, the disease has faded after it is washed, then he must tear it out of the garment, or out of the *animal* hide, or out of the warp or out of the woof, 57but if it appears again in the garment, either in the warp or in the woof, or in any article of *animal* hide, it is spreading. You must burn with fire whatever has the disease. 58The clothing, or the warp or the woof, or any article of *animal* hide, if the plague is gone from it when you have washed it, then it is to be washed a second time and it will be clean.

59“This is the law for the disease of leprosy on clothing of wool or linen, or in the warp or the woof, or on any article of *animal* hide, for pronouncing it clean or for pronouncing it unclean.”

**Leviticus Chapter 14**

Cleansing of Skin Diseases

1Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 2“This is to be the law of the leper.[[15]](#footnote-20875) On the day of his cleansing he is to be brought to the priest, 3and the priest is to go out of the camp. The priest is to examine him, and behold, if the plague of leprosy is healed in the leper, 4then the priest will command them to take for the one who is to be cleansed two living clean birds, and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop. 5The priest is to command them to slaughter one of the birds in an earthen vessel over living water. 6As for the living bird, he is to take it and the cedar wood and the scarlet and the hyssop, and is to dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird that was slaughtered over the living water. 7He is to sprinkle *it* seven times on the one who is to be cleansed from the leprosy, and is to pronounce him clean, and he is to let the living bird go into the open field. 8The one being cleansed is to wash his clothes and shave off all his hair, and bathe himself in water, and he will be clean. After that he may come into the camp, but must live outside his tent seven days. 9On the seventh day, he is to shave all his hair off his head and his beard and his eyebrows—all his hair he is to shave off. He is to wash his clothes and bathe his body in water, then he will be clean.

10“On the eighth day he must take two male lambs without blemish and one ewe lamb a year old without blemish, and three-tenths of an ephah of fine flour for a grain offering, mingled with oil, and one log of oil. 11The priest who cleanses him will set the man who is to be cleansed, and those things, before Yahweh at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting. 12The priest is to take one of the male lambs and offer it for a guilt offering with the log of oil, and wave them for a wave offering before Yahweh. 13He is to slaughter the male lamb in the place where they slaughter the sin offering and the burnt offering, in the place of the sanctuary; for as the sin offering is the priest‘s, so is the guilt offering. It is most holy. 14The priest is to take some of the blood of the guilt offering, and the priest will put it on the lobe of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot. 15The priest will take some of the log of oil and pour it into the palm of the priest’s *own* left hand. 16The priest will dip his right finger in the oil that is in his left hand, and will sprinkle some of the oil with his finger seven times before Yahweh. 17The priest will put some of the rest of the oil that is in his hand on the lobe of the right ear of the one who is to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot, upon the blood of the guilt offering. 18The rest of the oil that is in the priest’s hand he is to put on the head of him who is to be cleansed. This *is how* the priest is to make atonement for him before Yahweh: 19the priest is to offer the sin offering and make atonement for him who is to be cleansed because of his uncleanness, and afterward he will slaughter the burnt offering. 20Then the priest is to offer the burnt offering and the grain offering on the altar. The priest is to make atonement for him and he will be clean.

21“But if he is poor and cannot afford so much, then he is to take one male lamb for a guilt offering to be waved to make atonement for him, and one-tenth of an ephah of fine flour mingled with oil for a grain offering, and a log of oil; 22and two turtledoves or two pigeons, such as he is able to afford; and the one is to be a sin offering and the other a burnt offering. 23On the eighth day he is to bring them for his cleansing to the priest, to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting before Yahweh. 24The priest is to take the lamb for the guilt offering and the log of oil, and the priest is to wave them for a wave offering before Yahweh. 25He is to slaughter the lamb for the guilt offering. The priest is to take some of the blood of the guilt offering and put it on the lobe of the right ear of the one who is to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot. 26The priest will pour some of the oil into the palm of the priest’s *own* left hand, 27and the priest is to sprinkle with his right finger some of the oil that is in his left hand seven times before Yahweh. 28Then the priest is to put some of the oil that is in his hand on the lobe of the right ear of the one who is to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot, on the place the blood of the guilt offering *was put*. 29The rest of the oil that is in the priest’s hand he is to put on the head of the one who is to be cleansed to make atonement for him before Yahweh. 30He is to offer one of the turtledoves or of the pigeons, such as he is able to afford, 31the one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering, with the grain offering, such as he is able to afford. The priest is to make atonement for him who is to be cleansed before Yahweh. 32This is the law for him on whom is the plague of leprosy, who is not able to afford the sacrifice for his cleansing.”

Cleansing of Contaminated Objects

33Yahweh spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, 34“When you have come into the land of Canaan that I am giving to you for a possession, and I give a spreading leprosy in a house in the land of your possession, 35then he who owns the house is to come and tell the priest, saying, ‘There seems to me to be some sort of plague in the house.’ 36The priest is to command that they empty the house before the priest goes in to examine the plague, so that all that is in the house is not made unclean, and afterward the priest will go in to inspect the house. 37He will examine the plague, and behold, if the plague is in the walls of the house with greenish or reddish sunken *spots*, and it appears to be deeper than the wall, 38then the priest is to go out of the house to the door of the house and close up the house seven days. 39The priest is to come back again on the seventh day, and examine *it*. If the plague has spread in the walls of the house, 40then the priest is to command that they take out the stones on which is the plague and throw them to an unclean place outside of the city. 41Then he is to have the inside of the house scraped all over, and they are to dump into an unclean place outside of the city the mortar[[16]](#footnote-28111) that they had scraped off. 42They are to take other stones and put them in the place of the *original* stones, and he is to take other mortar and plaster the house.

43“But if the plague comes again and breaks out in the house after he has taken out the stones and after the house has been scraped and after it was plastered, 44then the priest is to come in and examine *it*, and behold, if the plague has spread in the house, it is a malignant leprosy in the house. It is unclean. 45He is to tear down the house, its stones and its timber and all the mortar[[17]](#footnote-16960) of the house. He is to carry them out of the city into an unclean place. 46And anyone who goes into the house while it is closed up will be unclean until the evening. 47He who lies down in the house is to wash his clothes, and he who eats in the house is to wash his clothes.

48“Now if the priest enters, yes, enters *the house* and examines *it*, and behold, the plague has not spread in the house after the house was plastered, then the priest is to pronounce the house clean, because the plague is healed. 49To cleanse the house he is to take two birds and cedar wood and scarlet and hyssop. 50He is to slaughter one of the birds in an earthen vessel over living water. 51He is to take the cedar wood and the hyssop and the scarlet and the living bird, and dip them in the blood of the bird that was slaughtered and in the living water, and sprinkle the house seven times. 52He is to cleanse the house with the blood of the bird and with the living water, with the living bird, with the cedar wood, with the hyssop and with the scarlet; 53but he is to let the living bird go out of the city into the open field. In this way he will make atonement for the house, and it will be clean.

54“This is the law for any plague of leprosy and for a scall, 55and for the leprosy of a garment and of a house, 56and of a swelling, and of a scab, and of a bright-spot, 57to instruct when it is unclean and when it is clean. This is the law of leprosy.”

**Leviticus Chapter 15**

Bodily Discharges

1Yahweh spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, 2“Speak to the children of Israel, and tell them, ‘When any man has a discharge from his flesh, his discharge is unclean. 3This is his uncleanness in regard to his discharge: *whether* his flesh continues flowing with his discharge or his body stops up the discharge, it is *still* his uncleanness. 4Every bed on which he who has the discharge lies will be unclean and any article he sits on will be unclean. 5Whoever touches his bed is to wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening. 6He who sits on an article on which the man who has the discharge sat is to wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening. 7He who touches the flesh of him who has the discharge is to wash his clothes and bathe himself in water and be unclean until the evening. 8If the one who has the discharge spits on someone who is clean, then that person[[18]](#footnote-19679) is to wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening. 9Any saddle that the one who has the discharge rides on will be unclean. 10Whoever touches anything that was under the one who was unclean will be unclean until the evening, but he who carries those things is to wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening. 11Anyone whom the one who has the discharge touches, unless he *who has the discharge* has rinsed his hands in water, the person *who has been touched* is to wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening. 12And an earthenware vessel that the one who has the discharge touches must be broken, and every vessel of wood must be rinsed in water.

13“When he who has a discharge is cleansed of his discharge, then he is to count seven days for himself for his cleansing. Then he is to wash his clothes and bathe his flesh in living water and he will be clean. 14On the eighth day he is to take two turtledoves or two pigeons and come before Yahweh to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting and give them to the priest, 15and the priest is to offer them, the one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering. The priest is to make atonement for him before Yahweh for his discharge.

16“If any man has an emission of semen, then he is to bathe all his flesh in water and be unclean until the evening. 17Every garment and every *animal* skin that semen comes upon must be washed with water and be unclean until the evening. 18If a man lies with a woman and there is an emission of semen, both of them are to bathe themselves in water and be unclean until the evening.

19“If a woman has a discharge, and her discharge from her flesh is blood, she will be in her menstrual impurity seven days, and whoever touches her will be unclean until the evening. 20Everything that she lies on in her menstrual impurity will be unclean. And everything that she sits on will be unclean. 21Anyone who touches her bed is to wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening. 22Anyone who touches any article that she sits on is to wash his clothes and bathe himself in water and be unclean until the evening. 23If it is on the bed or on any article on which she sits, when he touches it he will be unclean until the evening. 24If any man lies, yes, lies with her and her menstrual impurity is on him, he will be unclean seven days; and every bed on which he lies will be unclean.

25“If a woman has a discharge of her blood many days not in the time of her menstrual impurity, or if she has a discharge beyond her menstrual impurity, all the days of the discharge of her uncleanness will be as in the days of her menstrual impurity; she is unclean. 26Every bed on which she lies all the days of her discharge will be like the bed of her menstrual impurity, and every article that she sits on will be unclean, as the uncleanness of her menstrual impurity. 27Whoever touches these things will be unclean and is to wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and *he will* be unclean until the evening. 28But if she is clean from her discharge, then she is to count for herself seven days, and after that she will be *ritually* clean. 29Then on the eighth day she is to take two turtledoves or two pigeons and bring them to the priest to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting. 30The priest is to offer the one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering; and the priest is to make atonement for her before Yahweh for the uncleanness of her discharge.

31“Thus, you are to separate the children of Israel from their uncleanness, so they will not die because of their uncleanness when they make my tabernacle that is in their midst unclean. 32This is the law of him who has a discharge and of him who has an emission of semen, becoming unclean by it; 33and of she who is in the infirmity of her menstrual impurity; and of a man or woman who has a discharge; and of he who lies with her who is unclean.”

**Leviticus Chapter 16**

The Day of Atonement

1Yahweh spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron when they drew near the presence of Yahweh and died. 2And Yahweh said to Moses, “Tell Aaron your brother not to come at any time *he wants to* into the Holy *place* inside the veil *that is* in front of the atonement-cover that is on the ark, so that he does not die; for I will appear in the cloud over the atonement-cover.

3“Instead, this is how Aaron is to come into the Holy *place*: with a young bull for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering. 4He is to put on the holy linen tunic and he is to have the linen undergarments upon his body, and is to put on the linen sash, and he is to be clothed with the linen turban. They are the holy garments. He is to bathe his body in water and put them on. 5He is to take from the congregation of the children of Israel two male goats for a sin offering and one ram for a burnt offering.

6“Aaron is to offer the bull for the sin offering that is for himself, and make atonement for himself and for his house. 7He is to take the two male goats and set them before Yahweh at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting. 8Aaron is to place lots upon the two goats: one lot “for Yahweh” and the other lot “for Azazel.” 9Aaron is to bring the goat on which the lot came up for Yahweh and offer him as a sin offering. 10But the goat on which the lot came up for Azazel is to be left standing alive before Yahweh to make atonement by means of it, to send it away to Azazel into the wilderness.

11“Aaron is to bring the bull as the sin offering that is for himself and is to make atonement for himself and for his house, and he is to slaughter the bull as the sin offering that is for himself. 12And he is to take a firepan full of coals of fire from the altar before Yahweh and *two* handfuls of finely-ground fragrant incense and bring it inside the veil. 13and he is to put the incense on the fire in the presence of Yahweh so that the incense cloud will cover the atonement-cover that is on the testimony so that he does not die. 14He is to take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger *on top* of the atonement-cover, toward the front, and he is to sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times in front of the atonement-cover.

15“Then he is to slaughter the goat for the sin offering that is for the people, and bring his blood inside the veil and do with his blood as he did with the blood of the bull and sprinkle it on *top of* the atonement-cover and in front of the atonement-cover, 16and he will make atonement for the Holy *place* because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel and because of their transgressions, for all their sins; and he will do that for the Tent of Meeting, which dwells with them in the midst of their uncleanness. 17No one is to be in the Tent of Meeting when he enters to make atonement in the Holy *place* until he comes out and has made atonement for himself and for his household and for all the assembly of Israel. 18Then he is to go out to the altar that is before Yahweh and make atonement for it, and is to take some of the bull’s blood and some of the goat’s blood and put it around on the horns of the altar. 19He is to sprinkle some of the blood on it with his finger seven times and cleanse it, and make it holy from the uncleanness of the children of Israel.

20“When he has finished making atonement for the Holy *place*, the Tent of Meeting, and the altar, he is to bring near the live goat. 21Aaron is to lay both his hands on the head of the live goat and confess over it all the iniquities of the children of Israel and all their transgressions, for all their sins. And he is to put them on the head of the goat and is to send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a man appointed *for the job*, 22and the goat will carry all their iniquities on itself to a solitary land, and he is to let the goat go in the wilderness.

23“Aaron is to come into the Tent of Meeting and is to take off the linen garments that he put on when he went into the Holy *place*, and is to leave them there. 24Then he is to bathe himself in water in a holy place and put on his garments, and come out and offer his burnt offering and the burnt offering of the people and make atonement for himself and for the people. 25The fat of the sin offering he is to burn into smoke on the altar. 26He who lets the goat go to Azazel is to wash his clothes and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he may come into the camp. 27The bull for the sin offering and the goat for the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the Holy *place*, must be carried outside the camp, and they must burn in the fire their skins, their flesh, and their dung. 28He who burns them is to wash his clothes and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he may come into the camp.

29“And *this* is to be a statute for you forever: in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you are to afflict your souls and are not to do any kind of work, neither the native-born *Israelite* nor the sojourner who lives among you. 30For on this day will atonement be made for you, to cleanse you: before Yahweh you will be clean from all your sins. 31It is a Sabbath of complete rest to you, and you are to afflict your souls. *It is* a statute forever. 32The priest who is anointed and who is consecrated to be priest in his father’s place is to make the atonement and is to put on the linen garments, even the holy garments. 33Then he is to make atonement for the Holy Sanctuary, and he is to make atonement for the Tent of Meeting and for the altar, and he is to make atonement for the priests and for all the people of the assembly. 34This is to be an everlasting statute for you, to make atonement for the children of Israel once in the year because of all their sins.” It was done as Yahweh commanded Moses.

**Leviticus Chapter 17**

Forbidden Sacrifices

1Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 2“Speak to Aaron and to his sons and to all the children of Israel and say to them: This is the thing that Yahweh has commanded: 3Any man from the house of Israel who slaughters an ox or sheep or goat in the camp, or who slaughters it outside the camp 4and does not bring it to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting to offer it as an approach-offering to Yahweh in front of the tabernacle of Yahweh, bloodguilt will be imputed to that man. He has shed blood, and that man must be cut off from among his people. 5The reason for this is so that the children of Israel will bring their sacrifices that they have been sacrificing in the open field; that they bring them to Yahweh, to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting to the priest, and sacrifice them as sacrifices of peace offerings to Yahweh. 6The priest is to throw the blood on the altar of Yahweh at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting and burn the fat into smoke for a soothing aroma to Yahweh. 7They must no longer sacrifice their sacrifices to the goat demons that they have prostituted themselves with. This will be a statute forever to them throughout their generations.

8“You are to say to them: Any man—any man—of the house of Israel or of the strangers who live as foreigners among them who offers a burnt offering or sacrifice 9and does not bring it to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting to sacrifice it to Yahweh, that man must be cut off from his people.

Laws Against Eating Blood

10“And any man of the house of Israel, or any of the strangers who live as foreigners among them, who eats any blood, I will set my face against that soul who eats blood and will cut him off from among his people, 11for the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have assigned it for you on the altar to make atonement for your lives; for it is the blood that makes atonement because of the life *it has*. 12Therefore I have said to the children of Israel: No person among you may eat blood; nor may any stranger who lives as a foreigner among you eat blood.”

13“And any man of the children of Israel or of the strangers who live as foreigners among them who takes in hunting any animal or bird that may be eaten, he must pour out its blood and cover it with dust. 14For as for the life of all flesh, its blood is its life: therefore I said to the children of Israel, You must not eat the blood of any kind of flesh; for the life of all flesh is its blood. Whoever eats it must be cut off.

15“Any person who eats that which dies of itself or what is torn by animals, whether he is native-born or a foreigner, he is to wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening; then he will be clean. 16But if he does not wash them or bathe his flesh, then he will bear his iniquity.’”

**Leviticus Chapter 18**

Unlawful Sexual Relations

1Yahweh said to Moses, 2“Speak to the children of Israel and say to them: I am Yahweh your God. 3Do not do as they do in the land of Egypt where you lived, and you do not do as they do in the land of Canaan where I am bringing you, nor are you to walk in their statutes. 4You are to do my ordinances, and you are to keep my statutes and walk in them; I am Yahweh your God. 5You must therefore keep my statutes and my ordinances, which if a person does, he will live by them; I am Yahweh.

6“None of you is to approach anyone who are his close relatives to uncover their nakedness; I am Yahweh. 7You are not to uncover the nakedness of your father, nor the nakedness of your mother; she is your mother. You must not uncover her nakedness. 8You are not to uncover the nakedness of your father’s wife; it is your father’s nakedness. 9You are not to uncover the nakedness of your sister, the daughter of your father, or the daughter of your mother, whether born at home or born abroad. 10You are not to uncover the nakedness of your son’s daughter or of your daughter’s daughter, even their nakedness; for theirs is your own nakedness. 11You are not to uncover the nakedness of your father’s wife’s daughter, conceived by your father, since she is your sister. 12You are not to uncover the nakedness of your father’s sister; she is your father’s near kinswoman. 13You are not to uncover the nakedness of your mother’s sister; for she is your mother’s near kinswoman. 14You are not to uncover the nakedness of your father’s brother, you are not to approach his wife; she is your aunt. 15You are not to uncover the nakedness of your daughter-in-law; she is your son’s wife. You are not to uncover her nakedness. 16You are not to uncover the nakedness of your brother’s wife; it is your brother’s nakedness. 17You are not to uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter. You are not to take her son’s daughter, or her daughter’s daughter, to uncover her nakedness; they are near kinswomen. It is wickedness. 18You are not to take a wife to be a rival *wife* to her sister, uncovering her nakedness while her sister is still alive.

19“You are not to approach a woman to uncover her nakedness, as long as she is impure by her uncleanness. 20You are not to lie carnally with your neighbor’s wife and defile yourself with her.

21“You are not to give any of your children to sacrifice to Molech, nor are you to profane the name of your God: I am Yahweh. 22You are not to lie with a man as with a woman. That is detestable. 23You are not to lie with any animal to defile yourself with it, nor is any woman to give herself to an animal to lie down with it; it is a perversion.

24“Do not defile yourselves in any of these things, for the nations that I am casting out before you were defiled in all these *ways* 25and the land has become defiled; therefore I have visited its iniquity upon it, and the land vomited out her inhabitants. 26Therefore, you are to keep my statutes and my ordinances and must not do any of these abominations; neither the native-born, nor the stranger who lives as a foreigner among you 27(for the men of the land that were before you have done all these abominations, and the land became defiled), 28so that the land does not vomit you out also when you defile it, as it vomited out the nation that was before you. 29For whoever does any of these abominations, the souls that do them must be cut off from among their people. 30Therefore you must keep my requirements so that you do not practice any of these abominable customs that were practiced before you, and so that you do not defile yourselves with them. I am Yahweh your God.”

**Leviticus Chapter 19**

Laws of Holiness

1Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 2“Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel and tell them: You are to be holy, for I, Yahweh your God, am holy.

3“Each one of you is to respect his mother and his father. You are to keep my Sabbaths. I am Yahweh your God. 4Do not turn to idols, and you are not to make cast metal gods for yourselves. I am Yahweh your God.

5“When you offer a sacrifice of peace offerings to Yahweh, you are to offer it in such a way that you will be accepted. 6It is to be eaten the same day you offer it and on the next day. If anything remains until the third day it must be burned with fire. 7If it is eaten, yes, eaten on the third day it is an abomination. It will not be accepted, 8and everyone who eats it will bear his iniquity because he has defiled the holy thing of Yahweh, and that soul must be cut off from his people.

9“Now when you harvest the harvest of your land, you are not to entirely harvest the corners of your field, nor are you to gather the gleanings of your harvest. 10You are not to glean your vineyard, nor are you to gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you are to leave them for the poor and for the foreigner. I am Yahweh your God.

11“You must not steal. You must not lie. You must not deceive one another. 12You must not swear by my name falsely and defile the name of your God. I am Yahweh.

13“You are not to oppress your neighbor, or rob him. The wages of a hired servant must not remain with you all night until the morning. 14You are not to curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you are to fear your God. I am Yahweh.

15“You are not to do any injustice in judgment: you must not show favor to the poor, nor give preference to the rich, but you must judge your neighbor fairly. 16You must not go around as a slanderer among your people. You are not to do anything that endangers the life of your neighbor. I am Yahweh.

17“You are not to hate your brother in your heart. You are to rebuke, yes, rebuke your neighbor and not incur guilt because of him. 18You must not take vengeance, nor hold a grudge against the children of your people, but you must love your neighbor as yourself. I am Yahweh.

19“You are to keep my statutes. You must not crossbreed different kinds of animals. You must not sow your field with two kinds of seed, nor must there come upon on you a garment made of two kinds of material.

20“If a man lies carnally with a woman who is a slave girl, pledged to be married to another man, and not ransomed or given her freedom; they must be punished. They are not to be put to death, because she was not free. 21He must bring his guilt offering to Yahweh, to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, even a ram for a guilt offering. 22The priest will make atonement for him with the ram for the guilt offering before Yahweh for his sin that he has committed, and the sin that he has committed will be forgiven him.

23“When you come into the land, and have planted all kinds of trees for food, then you are to count their fruit as forbidden. They will be forbidden to you for three years. It is not to be eaten. 24But in the fourth year all its fruit must be holy for giving praise to Yahweh. 25In the fifth year you may eat its fruit, that it may yield its increase to you. I am Yahweh your God.

26“You are not to eat any meat with the blood still in it; nor are you to use enchantments or practice sorcery. 27You are not to cut the hair on the sides of your heads, neither are you to clip off the edge of your beard. 28You are not to make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor tattoo any marks on you. I am Yahweh.

29“Do not profane your daughter to make her a prostitute, lest the land fall to prostitution and the land become full of wickedness. 30You must keep my Sabbaths and reverence my sanctuary; I am Yahweh.

31“Do not turn to those who are mediums, nor to those who have familiar spirits. Do not seek them out and so become defiled by them. I am Yahweh your God.

32“You are to rise up before the gray head and honor the face of an old man, and you are to fear your God. I am Yahweh.

33“If a stranger lives as a foreigner with you in your land, you must not do him wrong. 34The stranger who lives as a foreigner with you must be to you as the native-born among you, and you are to love him as yourself; for you lived as foreigners in the land of Egypt. I am Yahweh your God.

35“You must not use dishonest standards in measures of length, of weight or of quantity. 36You are to have just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin. I am Yahweh your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. 37You must observe all my statutes and all my ordinances and do them. I am Yahweh.”

**Leviticus Chapter 20**

Punishment for Child Sacrifice

1Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 2“Moreover, you are to tell the children of Israel: Anyone of the children of Israel or of the strangers who live as foreigners in Israel who gives any of his seed to Molech, he must surely be put to death. The people of the land must stone him with stones. 3I also will set my face against that person and will cut him off from among his people because he has given of his seed to Molech, to defile my sanctuary and to profane my holy name. 4If the people of the land all hide their eyes from that person when he gives of his seed to Molech, and do not put him to death, 5then I will set my face against that man and against his family, and will cut him off from among their people, and also all who are prostituting themselves after him to prostitute themselves after Molech.

6“The person who turns to those who are mediums and to those who have familiar spirits to prostitute themselves after them, I will even set my face against that person and will cut him off from among his people. 7Therefore, make yourselves holy and be holy, for I am Yahweh your God. 8You are to keep my statutes and do them. I am Yahweh who makes you holy.

9“For everyone who treats his father or his mother with contempt must be put to death, yes, death. He has treated his father or his mother with contempt, his blood will be upon him.

Punishments for Sexual Immorality

10“The man who commits adultery with another man’s wife, even he who commits adultery with his neighbor’s wife, the adulterer and the adulteress must surely be put to death. 11The man who lies with his father’s wife has uncovered his father’s nakedness; both of them must surely be put to death. Their blood will be upon them. 12If a man lies with his daughter-in-law, both of them must surely be put to death; they have committed a perversion. Their blood will be upon them. 13If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they must surely be put to death. Their blood will be upon them. 14If a man takes a wife and her mother, it is wickedness. They must be burned with fire, both he and they, so that there will be no wickedness among you. 15If a man lies with an animal, he must surely be put to death, and you are to kill the animal. 16If a woman approaches any animal and lies down with it, you are to kill the woman and the animal; they must be put to death, yes, death. Their blood will be upon them. 17If a man takes his sister, his father’s daughter, or his mother’s daughter, and sees her nakedness, and she sees his nakedness, it is a shameful thing; and they must be cut off in the sight of the children of their people. He has uncovered his sister’s nakedness; he will bear his iniquity. 18If a man lies with a woman having her monthly period and uncovers her nakedness, he has made naked her discharge and she has uncovered the discharge of her blood, and both of them must be cut off from among their people. 19You must not uncover the nakedness of your mother’s sister, nor of your father’s sister, for he has made naked his close relative; they will bear their iniquity. 20If a man lies with his uncle’s wife, he has uncovered his uncle’s nakedness. They will bear their sin; they will die childless. 21If a man takes his brother’s wife, it is an impurity; he has uncovered his brother’s nakedness. They will be childless.

You Shall Be Holy

22“You are to therefore keep all my statutes and all my ordinances and do them, so that the land where I am bringing you to live will not vomit you out. 23You must not walk in the customs of the nation that I am casting out before you; for they did all these things, and therefore I abhorred them. 24But I have said to you: You will inherit their land, and I will give it to you to possess it, a land flowing with milk and honey. I am Yahweh your God who has separated you from the peoples. 25You must therefore make a separation between the clean animal and the unclean, and between the unclean fowl and the clean: and you are not to make yourselves abominable by animal or by bird, or by anything with which the ground teems that I have separated from you as unclean for you. 26You are to be holy to me, for I, Yahweh, am holy, and have set you apart from the peoples, that you should be mine.

27“A man or a woman who is a medium or who has a familiar spirit must be put to death, yes, death; they are to stone them with stones. Their blood will be upon them.”

**Leviticus Chapter 21**

The Holiness of the Priests

1Yahweh said to Moses, “Speak to the priests, the sons of Aaron, and say to them: A priest is not to defile himself for the dead among his people, 2except for his relatives that are near to him; for his mother, for his father, for his son, for his daughter, for his brother, 3and for his virgin sister who is near to him who has had no husband, for her he may defile himself. 4He is not to defile himself, being a chief man among his people, to profane himself.

5“They are not to make bald patches on their heads, nor are they to shave off the corners of their beards, nor make any cuttings in their flesh. 6They are to be holy to their God and not profane the name of their God, for they offer the offerings of Yahweh made by fire, the food of their God; therefore they must be holy. 7They are not to marry a woman who is a prostitute, or profane; nor are they to marry a woman divorced from her husband, for the priest is holy to his God. 8You are to sanctify him therefore, for he offers the bread of your God: he will be holy to you, for I, Yahweh, who make you holy, am holy. 9The daughter of any priest, if she profanes herself by prostituting herself, she profanes her father; she must be burned with fire.

10“He who is the high priest among his brothers, upon whose head the anointing oil is poured, and who has been ordained to put on the garments, must not let the hair of his head hang loose, nor tear his clothes; 11nor is he to go in to *a place where there is* any dead body, nor defile himself for his father or for his mother; 12nor is he to go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the crown of the anointing oil of his God is upon him. I am Yahweh.

13“He is to take a wife in her virginity. 14A widow, or one divorced, or a woman who has been defiled, or a prostitute, these he is not to marry; but a virgin of his own people is he to take as a wife. 15He must not profane his seed among his people, for I am Yahweh who makes him holy.”

Physical Defects and Priests

16Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 17“Say to Aaron: None of your seed throughout their generations who has a blemish may approach to offer the food of his God. 18For no man who has a blemish is to approach: a blind man, or a lame, or he who has a flat nose, or any deformity, 19or a man who has an injured foot, or an injured hand, 20or hunchbacked, or a dwarf, or one who has a defect in his eye, or an itching disease, or scabs, or who has damaged testicles. 21No man of the seed of Aaron the priest who has a blemish is to approach to offer the offerings of Yahweh made by fire. Since he has a blemish, he is not to approach to offer the food of his God. 22He may eat the food of his God, both of the most holy, and of the holy. 23He must not approach the veil or approach the altar, because he has a blemish, so that he does not profane my sanctuaries, for I am Yahweh who makes them holy.” 24So Moses told *this* to Aaron and to his sons and to all the children of Israel.

**Leviticus Chapter 22**

Priests and Their Food

1Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 2“Tell Aaron and his sons to separate themselves from the holy things of the children of Israel that they make holy to me, and that they not profane my holy name. I am Yahweh. 3Tell them: If anyone of all your seed throughout your generations approaches the holy things that the children of Israel make holy to Yahweh, having his uncleanness on him, that soul will be cut off from before me. I am Yahweh. 4Whoever of the seed of Aaron is a leper or has a *bodily* discharge, he is not to eat of the holy things until he is clean. Whoever touches anything that is unclean by the dead, or a man whose seed goes from him, 5or whoever touches any creeping thing whereby he may be made unclean, or a man of whom he may take uncleanness, whatever uncleanness he has; 6the person that touches any such will be unclean until the evening and is not to eat of the holy things unless he bathe his body in water. 7When the sun is down, he will be clean; and afterward he may eat of the holy things, because it is his bread. 8What dies of itself or is torn by animals he must not eat, defiling himself by it. I am Yahweh. 9They must therefore follow my requirements, lest they bear sin for it and die in it if they profane it. I am Yahweh who makes them holy.

10“No stranger is to eat of the holy thing. A foreigner living with the priests, or a hired servant, is not to eat of the holy thing. 11But if a priest buys a slave as a purchase with his money, he may eat of it; and those who are born in his house, they may eat of his bread. 12If a priest’s daughter is married to an outsider, she is not to eat *any* of the contribution of the holy offerings. 13But if a priest’s daughter is a widow or divorced and has no child, and has returned to her father’s house as in her youth, she may eat of her father’s bread; but no stranger may eat any of it. 14If a man eats something holy unwittingly, then he must add the fifth part of its value to it and must give the holy thing to the priest. 15The priests must not profane the holy things of the children of Israel that they offer to Yahweh 16and so cause them to bear the iniquity that brings guilt when they eat their holy things; for I am Yahweh who makes them holy.”

Acceptable Sacrifices

17Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 18“Speak to Aaron and to his sons and to all the children of Israel and say to them: Whoever is of the house of Israel or of the foreigners in Israel who offers his approach-offering, whether it is any of their vows or any of their freewill offerings that they offer to Yahweh for a burnt offering 19so that you may be accepted, you must offer a male without blemish, of the bulls, of the sheep or of the goats. 20But whatever has a blemish, that you are not to offer for it will not be acceptable for you.

21“Whoever offers a sacrifice of peace offerings to Yahweh from the herd or from the flock to accomplish a vow or for a freewill offering, it has to be perfect to be accepted; no blemish can be on it. 22Blind, injured, maimed, having a wart, festering, or having a running sore, you must not offer these to Yahweh, nor make an offering by fire of them on the altar to Yahweh. 23Either a bull or a lamb that has any deformity or lacking in his parts, that you may offer for a freewill offering; but for a vow it will not be accepted. 24Whatever has its testicles bruised, crushed, broken or cut, you must not offer to Yahweh. You are not to do this in your land. 25Nor are you to offer the bread of your God from the hand of a foreigner of any of these, because their corruption is in them. There is a blemish in them. They will not be accepted for you.”

26Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 27“When a bull or a sheep or a goat is born, then it must remain seven days with its mother; and from the eighth day and thereafter it will be accepted for the approach-offering of an offering made by fire to Yahweh. 28Whether it is a cow or ewe, you are not to slaughter it and its young both in one day. 29When you sacrifice a sacrifice of thanksgiving to Yahweh, you are to sacrifice it so that you may be accepted. 30It is to be eaten on the same day; you are to leave none of it until the morning. I am Yahweh.

31“Therefore you are to keep my commandments and do them. I am Yahweh. 32You must not profane my holy name, but I am to be treated as holy among the children of Israel. I am Yahweh who makes you holy, 33who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God. I am Yahweh.”

**Leviticus Chapter 23**

Feasts of Yahweh

1Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 2“Speak to the children of Israel and tell them: the appointed festivals of Yahweh that you are to proclaim to be holy assemblies, my appointed times are these.

The Sabbath

3“Six days may work be done, but on the seventh day is a Sabbath of complete rest, a holy assembly; you are to do no kind of work. It is a Sabbath to Yahweh in all your dwelling places.

Pesach, The Passover

4“These are the appointed times of Yahweh; holy assemblies that you are to proclaim in their appointed times. 5In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, between the *two* evenings, is Yahweh’s Passover.

Hag Ha-Matzot, The Feast of Unleavened Bread

6“On the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to Yahweh. Seven days you must eat unleavened bread. 7In the first day you are to have a holy assembly. You are to do no customary work. 8But you are to offer an offering made by fire to Yahweh seven days. In the seventh day is a holy assembly; you must do no customary work.”

Firstfruits Offered

9Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 10“Speak to the children of Israel, and tell them: When you have come into the land that I give to you and you reap its harvest, then you are to bring the sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest, 11and he will wave the sheaf before Yahweh to be accepted for you. On the next day after the Sabbath the priest is to wave it. 12On the day when you wave the sheaf, you are to offer a male lamb without blemish a year old for a burnt offering to Yahweh. 13The grain offering with it is to be two tenth parts of an ephah of fine flour mingled with oil, an offering made by fire to Yahweh for a pleasing aroma; and the drink offering with it will be of wine, the fourth part of a hin. 14You must eat neither bread nor roasted grain nor fresh grain until this same day, until you have brought the approach-offering of your God. This is a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwelling places.

Shavuot, The Feast of Weeks

15“You are to count from the next day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering, seven Sabbaths are to be completed; 16even to the next day after the seventh Sabbath you are to number 50 days, and you are to offer a new grain offering to Yahweh. 17You are to bring out of your habitations two loaves of bread as a wave offering made of two tenth parts of an ephah of fine flour. They are to be baked with leaven as firstfruits to Yahweh. 18Along with the bread you are to present seven lambs without blemish a year old, and one young bull and two rams. They will be a burnt offering to Yahweh, with their grain offering and their drink offerings, even an offering made by fire of a pleasing aroma to Yahweh. 19You are also to offer one male goat for a sin offering and two male lambs a year old for a sacrifice of peace offerings. 20The priest will wave them with the bread of the firstfruits for a wave offering before Yahweh with the two lambs. They will be holy to Yahweh for the priest. 21You are to make a proclamation on the same day; you are to have a holy assembly. You are to do no customary work. This is a statute forever in all your dwelling places throughout your generations. 22When you reap the harvest of your land, you are not to reap to the very edges of your field, nor are you to you gather the gleanings of your harvest. You are to leave them for the poor and for the foreigner. I am Yahweh your God.”

Rosh Hashanah, The Feast of Trumpets

23Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 24“Speak to the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you are to have a solemn rest, a memorial proclaimed with blasts of shofars, a holy assembly. 25You must do no customary work, and you must offer an offering made by fire to Yahweh.”

Yom Kippur, The Day of Atonement

26Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 27“Also, on the tenth day of this seventh month is the day of atonement; it is to be a holy assembly for you, and you are to afflict your souls, and you are to offer an offering made by fire to Yahweh. 28You are to do no kind of work in that same day; for it is a day of atonement, to make atonement for you before Yahweh your God. 29For whoever it is who will not deny himself on that same day must be cut off from his people. 30Whoever it is who does any kind of work in that same day, that person I will destroy from among his people. 31You are to do no kind of work: it is a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwelling places. 32It will be a Sabbath of complete rest for you, and you are to afflict your souls. In the ninth day of the month at evening, from evening to evening, you are to keep your Sabbath.”

Sukkot, The Feast of Booths

33Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 34“Speak to the children of Israel and say: On the fifteenth day of this seventh month is the Feast of Booths for seven days to Yahweh. 35On the first day there is to be a holy assembly; you are to do no customary work. 36Seven days you are to offer an offering made by fire to Yahweh. On the eighth day is to be a holy assembly for you, and you are to offer an offering made by fire to Yahweh. It is a solemn assembly; you are to do no customary work.

37“These are the appointed times of Yahweh that you are to proclaim to be holy assemblies to offer offerings made by fire to Yahweh: burnt offerings and grain offerings, sacrifices and drink offerings, each on its own day, 38besides the Sabbaths of Yahweh and besides your gifts, and besides all your vows, and besides all your freewill offerings that you give to Yahweh.

39“So on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the fruit of the land, you are to keep the feast of Yahweh seven days; on the first day will be a solemn rest, and on the eighth day will be a solemn rest. 40Now on the first day, you are to take for yourselves the fruit of majestic trees, branches of palm trees and boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and you are to rejoice before Yahweh your God seven days. 41You are to keep it as a feast to Yahweh seven days in the year; it is a statute forever throughout your generations. You must keep it in the seventh month. 42You are to live in booths for seven days. All who are native-born in Israel must live in booths, 43so that your descendants will know that I made the children of Israel to live in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt. I am Yahweh your God.” 44Moses declared to the children of Israel the appointed times of Yahweh.

**Leviticus Chapter 24**

Tabernacle Oil and Bread of the Presence

1Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 2“Command the children of Israel that they bring to you pure olive oil beaten for the light, to cause a lamp to burn regularly. 3Outside of the veil of the Testimony in the Tent of Meeting Aaron is to keep it in order from evening to morning before Yahweh continually; it is to be a statute forever throughout your generations. 4He must tend the lamps on the pure gold menorah before Yahweh continually.

5“You are to take fine flour and bake 12 cakes of it: two-tenths of an ephah[[19]](#footnote-21873) are to be in each cake. 6You are to set them in two stacks, six in a stack, on the pure gold table before Yahweh. 7You are to put pure frankincense on each stack, that it may be a memorial portion for the bread, even an offering made by fire to Yahweh. 8Every Sabbath day he is to set it in order before Yahweh continually. It is on the behalf of the children of Israel an everlasting covenant. 9It will belong to Aaron and his sons, and they are to eat it in a holy place; for it is most holy to him of the offerings of Yahweh made by fire—*this is* a perpetual statute.”

A Case of Blasphemy

10The son of an Israelite woman whose father was an Egyptian went out among the children of Israel; and the son of the Israelite woman and a man of Israel strove together in the camp. 11The son of the Israelite woman blasphemed the Name and cursed, and they brought him to Moses. His mother’s name was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan. 12They put him in custody until the will of Yahweh should be declared to them.

13Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 14“Bring out of the camp him who cursed, and let all who heard him lay their hands on his head and let all the congregation stone him. 15You are to speak to the children of Israel, saying, ‘Anyone, anyone, who curses his God will bear his sin.’ 16But whoever blasphemes the name of Yahweh, he is to be put to death, yes, death. All the congregation is to stone, yes, stone him; the foreigner as well as the native-born, when he blasphemes the Name, is to be put to death!

An Eye for an Eye

17“And if a man takes the life[[20]](#footnote-16429) of any human being, he must be put to death, yes, death. 18He who strikes an animal mortally is to make it good, life for life.[[21]](#footnote-15698) 19If anyone injures his neighbor, as he has done, so it is to be done to him: 20fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth. As he has injured someone, so is it to be done to him. 21He who kills an animal is to make restitution, but he who kills a human is to be put to death. 22You are to have one kind of law, for the foreigner as well as the native-born; for I am Yahweh your God.”

23Moses spoke to the children of Israel, and they brought out him who had cursed out of the camp and stoned him with stones. The children of Israel did as Yahweh commanded Moses.

**Leviticus Chapter 25**

The Sabbath Year

1Yahweh spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, saying, 2“Speak to the children of Israel and tell them: When you come into the land that I give you, then the land must observe a Sabbath to Yahweh. 3Six years you may sow your field, and six years you may prune your vineyard and gather in the produce. 4But in the seventh year there must be a Sabbath of complete rest for the land, a Sabbath to Yahweh. You are not to sow your field or prune your vineyard. 5You are not to reap what grows by itself from your harvest, and you are not to gather the grapes of your untrimmed vines. It must be a year of complete rest for the land. 6The Sabbath *produce* of the land will be for food for you, for yourself, for your servant, for your maid, for your hired servant and for your stranger who lives as a foreigner with you. 7Even your livestock and the animals that are in your land may have all it produces for food.

The Year of Jubilee

8“You are to count off seven Sabbaths of years, seven times seven years, so the time of the seven Sabbaths of years will be for you *a total of* 49 years. 9Then you are to sound a loud blast on the shofar on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the day of atonement you will sound the shofar throughout all your land. 10You are to make the fiftieth year holy, and you are to proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It will be a jubilee to you, and each of you are to return to his own property and each of you is to return to his family. 11That fiftieth year will be a jubilee to you. In it you are not to sow, nor reap what grows of itself, nor gather from the undressed vines, 12for it is a jubilee; it is to be holy to you. You may eat of its increase out of the field.

13“In this Year of Jubilee each of you is to return to his property. 14If you sell anything to your neighbor or buy from your neighbor, you are not to wrong one another. 15You are to buy *back* from your neighbor based on the number of years since the Jubilee. And he is to sell to you based on the number of *remaining* years for *growing* the crops. 16According to the length of the years *remaining* you are to increase its price, and according to the shortness of the years you are to diminish its price; for he is selling the number of the crops *that will be harvested* to you. 17You are not to wrong one another, but you are to fear your God; for I am Yahweh your God.

18“Therefore you are to do my statutes and keep my ordinances and do them, and *then* you will live in the land in safety. 19The land will yield its fruit, and you can eat your fill, and live in it in safety. 20But if you say, ‘What will we eat the seventh year? Behold, we are not to sow or gather in our increase.’ 21then I will command my blessing on you in the sixth year and it will bring forth fruit for the three years. 22When you sow the eighth year you will still be eating some of the old crop; its produce. Until the ninth year, until its produce comes in, you will eat the old crop.

Redemption of Property

23“The land is not to be sold permanently, for the land is mine; for you are strangers and live as foreigners with me. 24In all the land of your possession you are to grant a redemption for the land. 25If your brother becomes poor and sells some of his possessions, then his kinsman-redeemer who is next to him is to come and redeem what his brother has sold. 26If a man has no one to redeem it and he becomes prosperous and finds sufficient means to redeem it, 27then let him count the years since its sale and pay back the balance to the man to whom he sold it, and he will return to his property. 28But if he is not able to get it back for himself, then what he has sold will remain in the hand of him who has bought it until the Year of Jubilee, and in the Jubilee it is to be released and he may return to his property.

29“If a man sells a house in a walled city, then he may redeem it within a whole year after it has been sold. For a full year he will have the right of redemption. 30If it is not redeemed within the space of a full year, then the house that is in the walled city is to be made sure permanently to him who bought it throughout his generations. It is not to be released in the Jubilee. 31But the houses of the villages that have no wall around them are to be included with the fields of the country; they may be redeemed and they are to be released in the Jubilee.

32“As for the cities of the Levites: the Levites may redeem the houses in the cities of their possession at any time. 33The Levites may redeem the house that was sold, and the city of his possession, and it must be released in the Jubilee; for the houses of the cities of the Levites are their possession among the children of Israel. 34But the field of the open land of their cities may not be sold, for it is their permanent possession.

35“If your brother has become poor and his hand cannot support him among you, then you are to uphold him. He is to live with you like an alien and a temporary resident. 36Take no interest from him, or profit, but fear your God, that your brother may live among you. 37You are not to lend him your money with interest, nor give him your food for profit. 38I am Yahweh your God, who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt to give you the land of Canaan and to be your God.

39“If your brother has grown poor among you and sells himself to you, you must not make him serve as a slave. 40As a hired servant and as a temporary resident he may be with you; he may serve with you until the Year of Jubilee, 41then he is to go out from you, he and his children with him, and may return to his own family and to the possession of his fathers. 42For they are my servants whom I brought out of the land of Egypt. They are not to be sold as slaves. 43You are not to rule over him with harshness, but fear your God. 44As for your male and your female slaves whom you may have; of the nations that are around you, from them you may buy male and female slaves. 45Moreover of the children of the aliens who live among you, of them you may buy, and of their families who are with you that they have conceived in your land; and they will be your property. 46You may make them an inheritance for your children after you, to hold for a possession; of them you may take your slaves forever. But over your brothers the children of Israel you must not rule, one over another, with harshness.

47“If an alien or temporary resident with you becomes rich and your brother beside him has grown poor and he sells himself to the stranger or foreigner living among you, or to a member of the stranger’s family, 48after he is sold he may be redeemed. One of his brothers may redeem him, 49or his uncle or his uncle’s son may redeem him, or anyone from his family who is a close relative to him may redeem him; or if he has grown rich, he may redeem himself. 50He, along with the one who bought him, is to calculate from the year that he sold himself to him to the Year of Jubilee, and the price of his sale will be according to the number of years *left until Jubilee*; according to the time period of a hired servant is it to be with him. 51If there are yet many years, according to them he must give back the price of his redemption out of the money that he was bought for. 52If there remain but a few years to the Year of Jubilee, then he will calculate with him, according to his years of service he will give back the price of his redemption. 53He will be with him as a hired servant year after year: he is not to rule harshly over him before your eyes. 54If he is not redeemed by these means, then he is to be released in the Year of Jubilee, he and his children with him. 55For the children of Israel are servants to me; they are my servants whom I brought out of the land of Egypt. I am Yahweh your God.”

**Leviticus Chapter 26**

Blessings for Obedience

1“You are not to make for yourselves idols, nor are you to set up a carved image or a standing-stone, nor are you to place any sculpted stone in your land to bow down to it,[[22]](#footnote-10558) because I am Yahweh your God. 2You must keep my Sabbaths and have reverence for my sanctuary. I am Yahweh.

3“If you walk in my statutes and keep my commandments and do them, 4then I will give you your rains in their season and the land will yield its increase, and the trees of the field will yield their fruit. 5Your threshing will reach to the vintage, and the vintage will reach to the sowing time, and you will eat your bread to the full and dwell in your land safely. 6I will give peace in the land, and you will lie down and no one will make you afraid; and I will remove evil animals out of the land, neither will the sword go through your land. 7You will chase your enemies and they will fall before you by the sword. 8Five of you will chase 100, and 100 of you will chase 10,000; and your enemies will fall before you by the sword.

9“I will have respect for you and make you fruitful and multiply you, and will establish my covenant with you. 10You will eat old crops long kept, and you will move out the old because of the new. 11I will set my tent among you and my soul will not abhor you. 12I will walk among you and will be your God, and you will be my people. 13I am Yahweh your God who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt so that you would not be their slaves, and I have broken the bars of your yoke and made you walk upright.

Punishment for Disobedience

14“But if you will not listen to me and will not do all these commandments, 15and if you reject my statutes and if your soul abhors my ordinances so that you do not do all my commandments, but break my covenant, 16I also will do this to you: I will appoint terror over you, even consumption and fever that will consume the eyes and make your soul to pine away; and you will sow your seed in vain, for your enemies will eat it. 17I will set my face against you and you will be struck before your enemies. Those who hate you will rule over you, and you will flee when no one pursues you.

18“If you in spite of these things will not listen to me, then I will discipline you sevenfold for your sins. 19I will break the pride of your power and I will make your sky like iron and your soil like bronze; 20and your strength will be spent in vain, for your land will not yield its increase, nor will the trees of the land yield their fruit.

21“If you walk contrary to me and will not listen to me, then I will bring seven times more plagues on you according to your sins. 22I will send the wild animals among you that will rob you of your children, destroy your livestock and make you few in number, and your roads will become desolate.

23“And if by these things you are not turned *back* to me, but walk contrary to me, 24then I will also walk contrary to you, and I will strike you, even I, sevenfold for your sins. 25I will bring a sword upon you that will execute the vengeance of the covenant; and you will be gathered together inside your cities, and I will send the pestilence among you and you will be given into the hand of the enemy. 26When I break your staff of bread, ten women will bake your bread in one oven, and they will deliver your bread again by weight; and you will eat but not be satisfied.

27“If you in spite of this will not listen to me, but walk contrary to me, 28then I will walk contrary to you in wrath, and I also will chastise you sevenfold for your sins. 29You will eat the flesh of your sons and you will eat the flesh of your daughters. 30I will destroy your *pagan* shrines and cut down your incense altars and cast your dead bodies upon the bodies of your idols, and my soul will abhor you. 31I will lay your cities waste and will bring your sanctuaries to desolation, and I will not take delight in the sweet fragrance of your offerings. 32I will bring the land into desolation, and your enemies that dwell in it will be astonished at it. 33I will scatter you among the nations and I will draw out the sword after you, and your land will be a desolation and your cities will be a waste.

34“Then the land will make up for its sabbaths as long as it lies desolate and you are in your enemies’ land. At that time the land will rest and make up for its sabbaths. 35As long as it lies desolate it will have rest, even the rest that it did not have in your Sabbaths when you lived on it.

36“As for those of you who are left, I will send a faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies, and the sound of a driven leaf will put them to flight, and they will flee as one flees from the sword and they will fall when no one pursues. 37They will stumble over one another, as it were before the sword, when no one pursues; and you will have no power to stand before your enemies. 38You will perish among the nations and the land of your enemies will eat you up. 39And those who are left of you will rot away because of their iniquity in your enemies’ lands, and also because of the iniquities of their fathers they will rot away with them.

40“If they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their fathers in their trespass that they trespassed against me, and also that because they walked contrary to me, 41so that I walked in hostility toward them and brought them into the land of their enemies—and if then their uncircumcised heart becomes humbled and so that they then pay the penalty for their iniquity, 42then I will remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also I will remember my covenant with Abraham, and I will remember the land. 43For the land will be abandoned by them and will make up for its sabbaths while it lies desolate without them, and they will pay the penalty for their iniquity because, yes, because they rejected my ordinances and their souls abhorred my statutes. 44Yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies I will not reject them, nor will I abhor them to destroy them utterly and to break my covenant with them, for I am Yahweh their God; 45but I will for their sake remember the covenant of 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 Yahweh.”

46These are the statutes, ordinances and laws that Yahweh made between him and the children of Israel in Mount Sinai by Moses.

**Leviticus Chapter 27**

Funding the Sanctuary--Vows and gifts

1Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 2“Speak to the children of Israel and say to them: When a man makes a vow, the persons will be for Yahweh by your valuation. 3Your valuation will be of a male from 20 years old even to 60 years old, even your valuation will be 50 shekels[[23]](#footnote-20608) of silver according to the shekel of the holy *Tabernacle*. 4If it is a female, then your valuation will be 30 shekels.[[24]](#footnote-28904) 5If the person is from five years old even to 20 years old, then your valuation will be for a male 20 shekels[[25]](#footnote-26544) and for a female 10 shekels.[[26]](#footnote-25131) 6If the person is from a month old even to five years old, then your valuation will be for a male five shekels of silver,[[27]](#footnote-12948) and for a female your valuation will be three shekels[[28]](#footnote-15275) of silver. 7If the person is from 60 years old and upward, if it is a male then your valuation will be 15 shekels,[[29]](#footnote-23394) and for a female ten shekels.[[30]](#footnote-12369) 8But if he is poorer than your valuation, then he must be set before the priest and the priest will value him; according to the ability of him who vowed will the priest value him.

9“If it is an animal of which men offer an approach-offering to Yahweh, all that any man gives of such to Yahweh becomes holy. 10He may not alter it, nor change it, a good for a bad or a bad for a good; and if he does at all change animal for animal, then both it and that for which it is changed will be holy.

11“If it is any unclean animal of which they do not offer as an approach-offering to Yahweh, then he must set the animal before the priest 12and the priest will value it, whether it is good or bad. As you the priest values it, so will it be. 13But if he will indeed redeem it, then he must add the fifth part of it to its valuation.

14“When a man dedicates his house to be holy to Yahweh, then the priest will evaluate it, whether it is good or bad; as the priest will evaluate it, so will it stand. 15If he who dedicates it will redeem his house, then he must add the fifth part of the money of your valuation to it, and it will be his.

16“If a man dedicates to Yahweh part of the field of his possession, then your valuation will be according to the seed for it: the sowing of a homer of barley will be valued at 50 shekels[[31]](#footnote-13516) of silver. 17If he dedicates his field from the Year of Jubilee, according to your valuation it will stand. 18But if he dedicates his field after the Jubilee, then the priest will reckon to him the money according to the years that remain to the Year of Jubilee and an abatement will be made from your valuation. 19If he who dedicated the field will indeed redeem it, then he must add the fifth part of the money of your valuation to it, and it will remain his. 20If he will not redeem the field, or if he has sold the field to another man, it will not be redeemed any more; 21but the field, when it goes out in the Jubilee, will be holy to Yahweh as a field devoted *to Yahweh*; it will be owned by the priests.

22“If he dedicates to Yahweh a field that he has bought that is not of the field of his possession, 23then the priest will reckon to him the worth of your valuation up to the Year of Jubilee; and he will give your valuation on that day as a holy thing to Yahweh. 24In the Year of Jubilee the field will return to him from whom it was bought, even to him to whom the possession of the land belongs. 25All your valuations will be according to the shekel of the holy *Tabernacle*: 20 gerahs to the shekel.

26“But the firstborn among animals, which as a firstborn belongs to Yahweh, no man may dedicate it; whether an ox or sheep, it is *already* Yahweh’s. 27But if it is an unclean animal, then he must buy it back according to your valuation and must add to it the fifth part of it; or if it is not redeemed, then it can be sold according to your valuation.

28“But no devoted thing that a man devotes to Yahweh of all that he has, whether it is a human being or animal or a field of his property, can be sold or redeemed; every devoted thing is most holy to Yahweh. 29No one devoted, who is devoted *to Yahweh* from among humankind, is to be ransomed; he must surely be put to death.

30“All the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the trees, is Yahweh‘s. It is holy to Yahweh. 31If a man redeems anything of his tithe, he must add a fifth part to it. 32And every tithe from the herds or the flocks—everything that passes under the *owner’s* rod, the tenth one will be holy to Yahweh. 33He is not to search whether it is good or bad, neither is he to change it; and if he changes it at all, then both it and that for which it is changed will be holy. It cannot be redeemed.”

34These are the commandments that Yahweh commanded Moses for the children of Israel on Mount Sinai.

1. Lit. “the sons of the pigeon” [↑](#footnote-ref-31619)
2. Lit. “he” [↑](#footnote-ref-24022)
3. Lit. “the people of the land” [↑](#footnote-ref-27562)
4. Heb. can also mean “curse” [↑](#footnote-ref-14479)
5. Or, “cheating” [↑](#footnote-ref-30037)
6. Lit. “them” [↑](#footnote-ref-22919)
7. Lit. “it” [↑](#footnote-ref-26686)
8. Lit. “and his uncleanness is on him” [↑](#footnote-ref-24534)
9. Or, “soul,” 2x in the verse [↑](#footnote-ref-26452)
10. Lit. “it” [↑](#footnote-ref-30265)
11. Lit. “he” [↑](#footnote-ref-24088)
12. Or “swarming thing that swarms” [↑](#footnote-ref-25096)
13. Lit. “soul” (2x) [↑](#footnote-ref-31731)
14. Lit. “Sows seed” [↑](#footnote-ref-18807)
15. Or, “person with skin disease” [↑](#footnote-ref-20875)
16. Lit. “dust” [↑](#footnote-ref-28111)
17. Lit. “dust” [↑](#footnote-ref-16960)
18. Lit. “he” [↑](#footnote-ref-19679)
19. Roughly 4-1/2 quarts (4.25 liters) [↑](#footnote-ref-21873)
20. Heb. nephesh; soul [↑](#footnote-ref-16429)
21. Lit. nephesh for nephesh; soul for soul [↑](#footnote-ref-15698)
22. Or “worship it” [↑](#footnote-ref-10558)
23. Roughly 1.25 pounds (567 grams) [↑](#footnote-ref-20608)
24. Roughly 12 ounces (340 grams) [↑](#footnote-ref-28904)
25. Roughly 8 ounces (227 grams) [↑](#footnote-ref-26544)
26. Roughly 4 ounces (113 grams) [↑](#footnote-ref-25131)
27. Roughly 2 ounces (56.5 grams) [↑](#footnote-ref-12948)
28. Roughly 1.2 ounces (34 grams) [↑](#footnote-ref-15275)
29. Roughly 6 ounces (170 grams) [↑](#footnote-ref-23394)
30. Roughly 4 ounces (134 grams) [↑](#footnote-ref-12369)
31. Roughly 1.25 pounds (567 grams) [↑](#footnote-ref-13516)