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**The Book of Exodus
The Book of Leviticus**

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THE BOOK OF EXODUS

INTRODUCTION

The book of Exodus is a sequel to the book of Genesis. It is the second of the "five-fold" volume known as the Pentateuch. The narrative begins by pointing out the very great increase in numbers of the descendants of the twelve sons of Jacob in Egypt during the 300 years or so between the close of Genesis and the beginning of Exodus.

The contents of the forty chapters of the book of Exodus fall naturally into three important divisions:

1. **The Status of the Israelites in Egypt:**
 - o Their Oppression and Deliverance;
2. **The March from the Red Sea to Mount Sinai;**
3. **Israel's Eleven Months at Mount Sinai.**

1. THE STATUS OF THE ISRAELITES IN EGYPT:

THEIR OPPRESSION AND DELIVERANCE, CHAPTERS 1 TO 15:21

- o **Pharaoh's Changed Attitude Toward Israel**, Chapters 1 to 2
- o **Moses - The Call**, chapter 3
- o **The confrontation and the Ten Plagues**, Chapters 5 to 11
- o **The deliverance**, Chapters 12 to 15:21
 - **The Passover**, chapter 12
 - **The Exodus**, chapters 13 to 15:21

2. MARCH FROM THE RED SEA TO MOUNT SINAI, CHAPTERS 15 TO 18

- o **They Came to Marah**, Chapter 15:22-26
- o **Facing Famine**, Chapter 16:1-36
- o **Extreme Thirst**, chapter 17:1-7
- o **Attacked by the Amalekites**, Chapter 17:8-16

3. ISRAEL'S ELEVEN MONTHS AT MOUNT SINAI, CHAPTERS 19-40

- o **The Law of Moses on Sinai**, Chapters 19 to 31
 - **Preparation for the giving of the Law**, chapter 19
 - **The Commandments**, chapter 20

- **The Book of the Covenant**, chapters 21 to 24
- **The Tabernacle and the Priesthood**, chapters 25 to 31
- **The Apostasy**, chapter 32
- **The Forgiveness, Renewal of Covenant**, chapters 33 to 34
- **Construction of the Tabernacle and its Furnishings**, chapters 35 to 40

THE MEANING OF THE BOOK OF EXODUS

- **A Book of Redemption and Deliverance** - Just as God brought the children of Israel out of bondage in Egypt, so by redemption we understand that the Redeemer delivers us out of the bondage of sin. Moreover, He also, brings us into a special relationship with Himself, making us His people and His own purchased possession.
- **The Book of Exodus**, therefore, beginning with the great deliverance of God's people from Egypt, and culminating in the **Passover, fore-shadow's the still greater redemption achieved by Jesus Christ on Calvary.**

THE BOOK OF LEVITICUS

INTRODUCTION

NOTE: READ THE BOOK OF LEVITICUS WITH THIS LESSON

The book of Exodus closed with the Israelites still encamped before Mount Sinai. The time of the book of Leviticus is during this same eleven months period of encampment at Sinai. The account of the construction of the Tabernacle and its furniture was given in the last part of the book of Exodus. **The rules for worship in the new Tabernacle are given in the Book of Leviticus.**

MESSAGE: The message is twofold.

1. Leviticus teaches that the way to God is BY SACRIFICE. The word "atonement" occurs 45 times.

"For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul."
(Lev. 17:11)

Atonement means to cover up. The blood of bulls and goats did not actually take away sin. It covered over until Christ came who took away our sins.

"Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God."
(Romans 3:25)

2. Leviticus teaches that the walk with God is by sanctification. The word "holiness" occurs 87 times.

"And ye shall be holy unto me: for I the LORD am holy, and have severed you from other people. that ye should be mine." (Lev. 20:26)

God gave strict laws governing the diet, social life, and daily details involving every physical aspect of the lives of His people. These laws have a greater spiritual application to His people today.

Access to God is secured for the sinner through the shed blood of Christ.

"Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; for then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world, but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself." (Hebrews 9:25, 26)

Those redeemed by the blood of Christ must live a holy life if they are to enjoy and worship God.

"Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen." (Hebrews 12:20,21)

REMARKS:

Leviticus is a remarkable book, as the contents are considered in the light of the New Testament These suggestions are illustrative of this:

1. The five offerings which open this book are clear crystal cut cameos of Christ. They depict His person in depth and work (chapters 1-7).
2. The consecration of the priests reveals how shallow and inadequate is our thinking of Christian consecration (chapters 8-10).
3. The diet God provided for His people was sanitary and therapeutic, and contains much spiritual food for our souls (chapter 11).
4. The attention given motherhood is a farther example of God's thinking concerning womanhood (chapter 12).
5. The prominence given to leprosy and its treatment, in the heart or this book on worship, demands our attention. Those who have been given gracious insights into Scripture have found here a type of sin and its defiling effect on man in his relation to God. The cleansing of the leper finds its fulfilment in the death and resurrection of Christ in a most unusual sacrifice two birds (chapters 13-15).
6. The great day of atonement is a full length portrait of the sacrifice of Christ (chapter 16).
7. The importance of the burnt altar in the Tabernacle highlights the essential characteristic of the cross of Christ (chapter 17).

8. The emphasis in this book of instructions concerning seemingly minute details in the daily lives of God's people reveals how God intends the human family to be involved with Him (chapters 18-22).
9. The list of feasts furnishes a prophetic program of God's agenda for all time (chapter 23).
10. The laws governing the land of Palestine furnish an interpretation of its checkered history and an insight into its future prominence. The nation Israel and the promised land are intertwined and interwoven from here to eternity (chapters 24-27).

OUTLINE

I. The FIVE OFFERINGS and the law of them, Chapters 1-7

1. Sweet Savor Offerings (Person of Christ), Chapters 1-3
 1. Burnt Offering (Christ Our Substitute)
 2. Meal Offering (Loveliness of Christ)
 3. Peace Offering (Christ our Peace)
2. Non-Sweet Savor Offerings (Work of Christ on Cross), Chapters 4,5
 1. Sin offering (Sin as a Nature)
 2. Trespass offering (Sin as an Act)
3. Law of the Offerings, Chapters 6,7

II. The PRIESTS (All Believers Are Priests), Chapters 8-10

1. Consecration of Priests
2. Ministry of Priests
3. Restrictions on Priests (Death of Nadab and Abihu)

III. HOLINESS in Daily life (God Concerned with His Children's Conduct). Chapters 11-22

1. Food of God's People
2. Children of God's Children
3. Cleansing of Leprosy
4. Cleansing of Running Issues
5. Great Day of Atonement
6. Place of Sacrifice; value of the Blood

7. Application of commandments to Life Situations, Chapters 18-20
 1. Immorality Condemned (Amplification of 6th Commandment, Exodus 20:14).
 2. Social Sins (Application of Commandments)
 3. Penalty for Breaking Commandments.
8. Law for Personal Purity of Priests

IV. The **HOLY HOLIDAYS**, Chapter 23

V. **LAWS and PROPHECIES** for the Promised Land, Chapters 24-26

1. Lampstand, Showbread and Death Penalty for the Blasphemer
2. Sabbatic Year, Year of Jubile and Law of Kinsman Redeemer
3. Conditions of Blessing in the Land (a Prophetic History)

VI. Dedication and Devotion - Concerning **VOWS**, Chapter 27

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