

## Leviticus in 7 Days

Leviticus is an example of the genre of law in the Bible. This genre serves a very specific purpose—to order the life of the ancient Israelites and to develop and preserve their ethnic identity amongst other ethnic and religious groups living in their area at the time. Reading this book in its entirety is difficult, and a lot of people drop out of Bible reading plans when they get to Leviticus. The genre of the book makes it a challenging read, especially when approached devotionally at a pace of three or four chapters a day. Here is an alternative plan that provides key chapters highlighting different areas of the law in Leviticus, along with journal prompts to help you engage with the content devotionally.

### **Day 1: Leviticus 1 – Laws on Sacrifices (Burnt Offerings)**

Leviticus opens with instructions for offerings, showing how Israel was to approach God through sacrifices as a means of worship and atonement.

What does the concept of sacrifice teach us about our relationship with God?

### **Day 2: Leviticus 10 – The Death of Nadab and Abihu**

This passage tells the sobering story of two priests who offered unauthorized fire before the Lord, emphasizing the seriousness of holiness in worship.

What does this story reveal about God's holiness and our reverence of God?

### **Day 3: Leviticus 11 – Laws on Clean and Unclean Animals**

God distinguishes between clean and unclean foods, teaching Israel how holiness extends even to daily life and dietary choices.

How would your life change if the ordinary, day-to-day things you do were seen as important in God's eyes?

### **Day 4: Leviticus 16 – The Day of Atonement**

Yom Kippur, the most sacred day in Israel's calendar, provided a way for the high priest to intercede for the people and cleanse the nation from sin.

What does it mean to live as someone fully forgiven by God?

### **Day 5: Leviticus 18 – Laws on Sexual Morality**

God sets boundaries for relationships and personal conduct.

Which parts of the law seem universally true, and which reflect the assumptions and biases of ancient culture?

### **Day 6: Leviticus 19 – Holiness in Daily Life**

This chapter expands on what it means to be holy, touching on justice, kindness, and loving one's neighbor as oneself.

Which command in this chapter stands out to you the most?

### **Day 7: Leviticus 25 – The Sabbath Year and Jubilee**

God commands cycles of rest and restoration for the land and people.

How can you practice rhythms of rest and restoration in your life?