

Old Testament Introduction

The Book of Leviticus

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INTRODUCTION

- 1) It was customary for the Jews to call each book of their Scriptures by the first word in the Hebrew text. For Leviticus this was a Hebrew word meaning "_____."
- 2) Our English Bible takes its name from the Latin Vulgate's _____, meaning, "that which pertains to the _____." The reason for this being that much of this book concerns the ministry of the Priests, who were an important segment of the tribe of _____.
- 3) The Jews' name for this book better represents the book's contents. The Levites are mentioned only twice (**25:32 & 33**). "And he called" is God's call to His redeemed people to access, communion, and _____ in His presence, and to _____ of both body and soul.
- 4) The book of Leviticus is God's manual for His people on how to approach Him and live _____ in His sight. The laws of Leviticus were the _____ which the children of Israel needed for life on the wilderness journey ahead, and for settling in Canaan.
- 5) Genesis is the book of _____, Exodus is the book of _____, and Leviticus the book of _____ and a holy walk. In Genesis we see man _____, in Exodus we see man _____, and in Leviticus we see man _____, and serving.

AUTHORSHIP

- 1) The Traditional view: _____ wrote the Pentateuch. See **Ezra 6:18**. Cp. **Leviticus 14:1-4** with **Matthew 8:2-4**.
- 2) The Critical view: Moses did not write the Pentateuch. (*JEPD theory*)

RECIPIENTS

Leviticus was written to the children of _____ (**1:2; 4:1 & 2**) and Aaron/his descendants (**6:9; 21:1**)

DATE OF WRITING

_____ took place on the fourteenth day of the first month (**Exodus 12:2, 3, & 6**). The _____ was set up one year later--the first day of the first month of the second year (**Exodus 40:17**). _____ begins on the first day of the second month of the second year (**Numbers 1:1**). Leviticus, therefore, was given the first month of the second year after leaving Egypt, which would have been in _____ B.C.

PURPOSE OF BOOK

- 1) To fulfill the promise of God given in **Exodus 25:22**.
- 2) To instruct Israel in the holy life which God expects of those who are His worshippers (**11:45**).
- 3) To provide instructions for the Levitical priesthood as to the proper conduct of their office (**6:8 & 9**).
- 4) To provide prophetic illustrations (_____) of the coming _____ and the work He would accomplish (**Hebrews 10:1**).

THEME OF THE BOOK

The theme of the book of Leviticus is "_____."

OUTLINE

- I. The Ritual of the Holy Altar: **Sacrifice (1-7)**
- II. The Ritual of the Holy Person: **Service (8-10)**
- III. The Ritual of the Holy Place: **Separation (11-22)**
- IV. The Ritual of the Holy Times: **Sanctification (23-27)**