“Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy’” (Leviticus 19:2)

Detail from the Arch of Titus showing the sacking of Jerusalem. Note the Menorah being carried away. The monument is located on the Via Sacra just to the south-east of the Forum in Rome.

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I. The Laws of Acceptable Approach to God (1:1–7:38)

A. Laws of Approach to God When in Fellowship (1:1–3:17)

1. List the three types of burnt offerings found in chapter one.

2. What is the significance of placing the hands upon the animal (1:1–17)?

3. Describe the work of the priests when a sacrifice was made (1:1–17).

4. What is the purpose of a grain offering (2:1–16)?

5. Why was leaven prohibited from being mixed with a grain offering (2:11)?

6. What was the purpose of a peace offering (3:1–16)?

7. What special prohibition was given (3:17)?
B. Laws of Approach to God When Out of Fellowship (4:1–6:7)

1. What was to happen when an individual sinned unintentionally (4:1–12)?

2. What was to happen if the whole nation sinned unintentionally (4:13–21)?

3. What was to happen if a ruler sinned unintentionally (4:22–26)?

4. What was to happen when one of the “common people” sinned unintentionally (4:27–35)?

5. What types of sin would require one to make a trespass offering (5:1–14)?


C. Laws for Administering Offerings (6:8–7:38)

1. What special laws were given concerning burnt offerings (6:8–13)?

2. What special laws were given concerning grain offerings (6:14–23)?

3. What special laws were given concerning sin offerings (6:24–30)?
4. What special laws were given concerning trespass offerings (7:1–10)?

5. What special laws were given concerning peace offerings (7:11–21)?

6. What parts of an animal sacrifice could not be eaten (7:22–27)? Why?

7. What portion of the sacrifices were consecrated for Aaron and his sons (7:28–37)?

II. The Laws of the Priests (8:1–10:20)

A. The Consecration of the Priesthood (8:1–36)

1. Describe the consecration ceremony for the priests (8:1–36).

2. What was the purpose of the Urim and the Thummim (8:8)?

B. The Ministry of the Priesthood (9:1–24)

1. Describe the sacrifices that Aaron made as he began his ministry (9:1–21).

2. How did God signify His approval of the sacrifices (9:22–24)?
C. Failure of the Priesthood (10:1–20)

1. What sin did Nadab and Abihu commit (10:1–3)? Be specific!

2. What is the significance of the priests not being allowed to uncover their heads or tear their clothing (10:4–7)?

3. What further instructions were given to the priests (10:8–20)?

III. The Laws of Israel Regarding Purity (11:1–15:33)

A. Laws Concerning Clean and Unclean Food (11:1–47)

1. How could the people of Israel determine which animals could be eaten (11:1–23)?

2. What does it mean to be “unclean” (11:24)?

3. What would the eating of an “unclean” animal have to do with holiness (12:24–47)?

B. Laws Concerning Childbirth (12:1–8)

1. What was to happen after a woman gave birth to a male child? What was to happen after a woman gave birth to a female child (12:1–5)
2. What type of sacrifice was to be brought after the days of her purification (12:6–8)?

C. Laws Concerning Leprosy (13:1–14:57)

1. Why would God send people to a priest instead of doctor to determine if one had leprosy (13:1–46)?

2. What special commands were given to lepers (13:45–46)?

3. What laws were given concerning leprous garments (13:47–59)?

4. Describe the ritual for the cleansing of a healed leper (14:1–32).

5. What laws were given for a house where leprosy was found (14:33–57)?

D. Laws Concerning Discharge (15:1–33)

1. What are the general laws concerning bodily discharges (15:1–15)?

2. What special laws are given to men (15:16–18)?

3. What special laws are given to women (15:19–30)?
IV. The Laws of National Atonement (16:1–17:16)

A. Laws Concerning National Cleansing On the Day of Atonement (16:1–34)

1. How and when was Aaron to come into the Holy Place (16:1–5)?

2. What was Aaron to do before he could make atonement for the people (16:6–10)?

3. Describe the ritual for the annual day of atonement (16:11–34).

B. Laws Concerning the Location of Sacrifices (17:1–9)

1. Why were the children of Israel commanded to bring the animals they slaughtered to the tabernacle of meeting (17:1–9)?

2. Why would the “guilt of bloodshed” be imputed to man (17:4)?

C. Laws Concerning the Use of Blood (17:10–16)

1. Why is the eating of blood prohibited (17:10–14)?

2. Why were they prohibited from eating animals that had died naturally (17:15–16)?
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I. The Laws of Sanctification for the People (8:1–20:27)

A. Laws of Sexual Sins (18:1–30)

1. What sins had the Egyptians and Canaanites been especially guilty of (18:1–5)?

2. What prohibitions were given concerning sexual relations (18:6–18)?

3. What further laws concerning sexual relations were given (18:19–23)?

4. How would the land be defiled by immorality (18:24–30)?

B. Laws of Social Order (19:1–37)

1. What laws were given concerning holiness (19:1–3)?

2. What was the law concerning the corners of the fields (19:9–10)?

3. How were they to regard the fruit of the land for three years (19:23–25)?
4. What laws were given concerning pagan practices (19:26–28)?

5. How were they to treat the elderly (19:32)?

**C. Laws of Penalties (20:1–27)**

1. What was the penalty for making an offering to Molech? What about those who stood by and said nothing (20:1–5)?

2. What other crimes were considered to be worthy of death (20:6–27)?


1. In what way could a priest defile himself with the dead (21:1–9)?

2. What type of woman was a priest required to marry (21:10–15)?

**B. People Prohibited from the Priesthood (21:16–24)**

1. What kind of men were prohibited from approaching God (21:16–21)?

2. What could this same man do with the bread of God (21:22–24)?
C. Things Prohibited of the Priesthood (22:1–16)

1. What actions were prohibited on the part of the priests (22:1–9)?

2. What law was given concerning the eating of a holy offering (22:10–16)?

D. Sacrifices Prohibited of the Priesthood (22:17–30)

1. What kind of sacrifices were to be rejected (22:17–30)?

2. How old did an animal have to be before it could be offered (22:26–30)?

E. The Purpose of the Laws of the Priesthood (22:31–33)

1. What did God demand from His people (22:31–33)?

2. How was God to be “hallowed among the children of Israel” (22:32)?

III. The Laws of Sanctification in Worship (23:1–24:23)

A. Laws of the Sanctified Feasts of Worship (23:1–44)

1. What was the purpose of the Sabbath (23:3)?
2. What was the purpose of the Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread (23:4–8)?

3. What was the purpose of the Feast of Firstfruits (23:9–14)?

4. What was the purpose of the Feast of Weeks (23:15–23)?

5. What was the purpose of the Feast of Trumpets (23:23–25)?

6. What was the purpose of the Day of Atonement (23:26–32)?

7. What was the purpose of the Feast of Tabernacles (23:33–44)?

**B. Laws of the Sanctified Elements of Worship (24:1–9)**

1. What type of oil was to be used in the Tabernacle lights (24:1–4)?

2. What regulations were given concerning the bread of the Tabernacle (24:5–9)?


1. What crime had the son of an Israelite woman committed? What was the penalty for this crime (24:10–16, 23)?
2. Is an animal of equal worth to a human being (24:17–23)?

IV. Laws of Sanctification in the Land of Canaan (25:1–26:46)

A. Laws of Sanctification in the Land of Canaan (25:1–55)

1. What kind of Sabbath was to be observed every seven years (25:1–7)?

2. What was the Year of Jubilee (25:8–17)?

3. What was the law concerning the redemption of property (25:23–34)?

4. What was the law concerning slavery (25:39–55)?

B. Results of Obedience and Disobedience in the Land of Canaan (26:1–46)

1. What were the blessings of obedience (26:1–13)?

2. What were the penalties for disobedience (26:14–39)?

3. How could sinners come back into fellowship with God (26:40–46)?
V. The Laws of Sanctification Through Vows (27:1–34)

A. The Special Consecrating of Acceptable Things (27:1–25)

1. What type of vow is discussed (27:1–14)?

2. How would one dedicate a house or field to the Lord (27:14–25)?

B. Things Excluded from Consecration (27:26–33)

1. Why couldn’t they dedicate a “firstborn” animal (27:26–27)?

2. Why couldn’t one “doomed to destruction” be redeemed (27:29)?

C. The Conclusion of Leviticus (27:34)
Feasts and the Farming Year

- Summer rain
- Citrus fruit harvest
- Almond trees bloom
- Grain planting time
- 25: Festival of Lights/Dedication of Temple
- Shevet
- 14: Passover
- 13-14: Festival of Purim
- Ab
- 21: First fruits
- 14: Nisan
- Autumn rains
- 15-21: Feast of Unleavened Bread
- 6: Feast of Weeks/Pentecost
- Elul
- 1: Festival of Trumpets/New Year
- 10: Day of Atonement
- Siwan
- Lyyar
- Barley harvest time
- Vine tending
- Wheat harvest time
- Marchesvan
- Ploughing time
- Hamascev
- Olive harvest time
- Grape harvest time
- January
- February
- March
- April
- May
- June
- July
- August
- September
- October
- November