



“BE HOLY  
FOR I AM  
HOLY”

THE BOOK OF LEVITICUS

# Christ fulfilled the requirements of the law

Matt. 5:17 “Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill.”



# 1. The Holiness of God

Theme  
verse:

Lev. 19:2 “Speak to all the congregation of the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.’”

NT  
Equivalent:  
1 Pet 1:15-16

## 2. Obedience to God's commandments

“I am the Lord” – 49 times

Lev . 18:4 'You are to perform My judgments and keep My statutes, to live in accord with them; I am the LORD your God.

Lev . 19:3 'Every one of you shall reverence his mother and his father, and you shall keep My sabbaths; I am the LORD your God.

Lev . 19:4 'Do not turn to idols or make for yourselves molten gods; I am the LORD your God.

Lev . 19:18 'You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the LORD.

## Fear of God

Eph. 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

James 1:22 But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

1 John 2:4 The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;

1 John 2:5 but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him:

## Love of God



# 3. The Principles in approaching God



# “Sacrifice”

Eph. 5:2 and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

Lev 17:11 ‘For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement.’

1Pet. 3:18 For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;

Voluntary  
Mandatory



Burnt offering



Grain offering



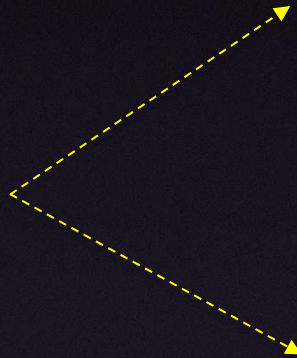
Peace offering



Sin offering



Guilt offering



**How Christ  
fulfilled**

**How believers  
should  
approach God**



# GOSPEL

**1Cor. 15:1** Now I make known to you, brethren,  
the gospel which I preached to you, which also  
you received, in which also you stand,

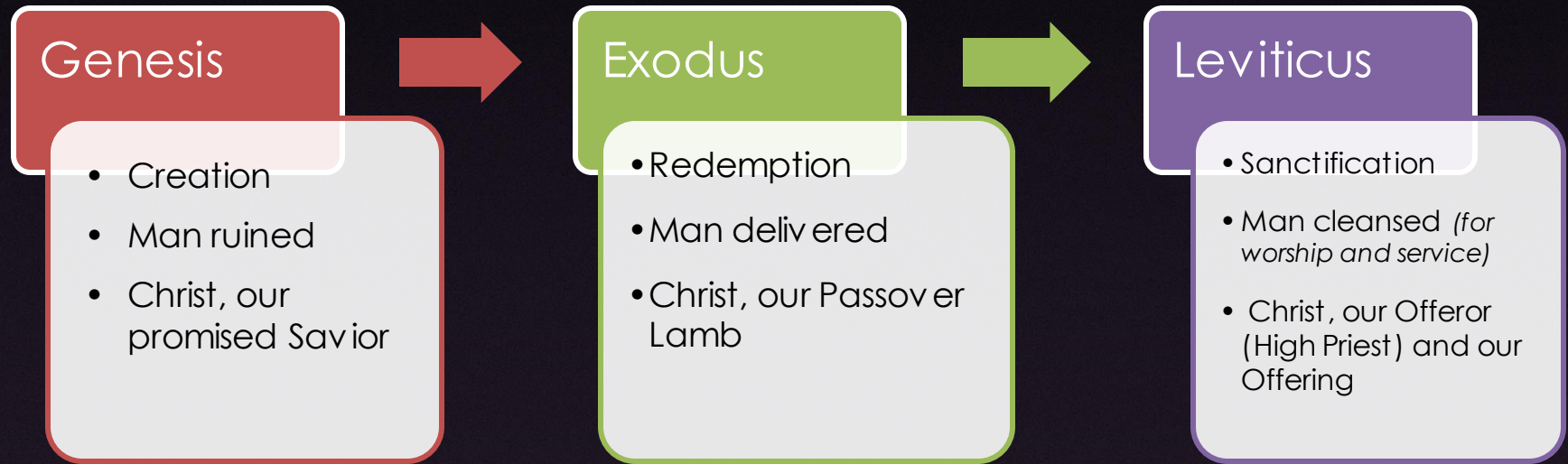
Rom. 15:4 For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope

2Tim. 3:16-17 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;  
so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.



Leviticus is a significant book

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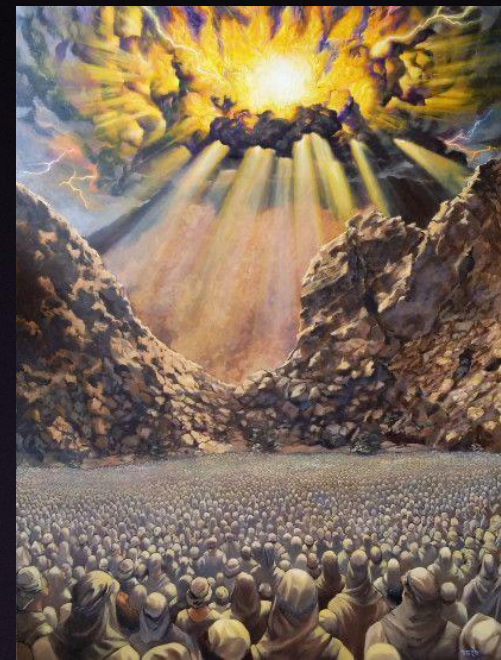


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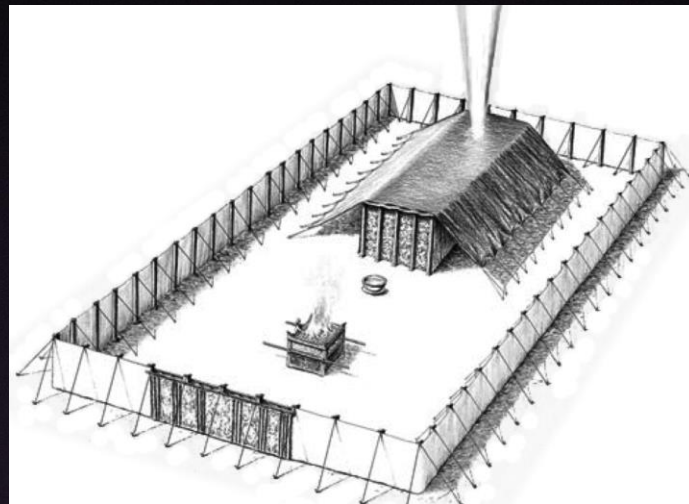
Leuitikon (Gr.) meaning, “pertaining to the Levites”

Wayyiqrā (Heb.) meaning, “and He called”

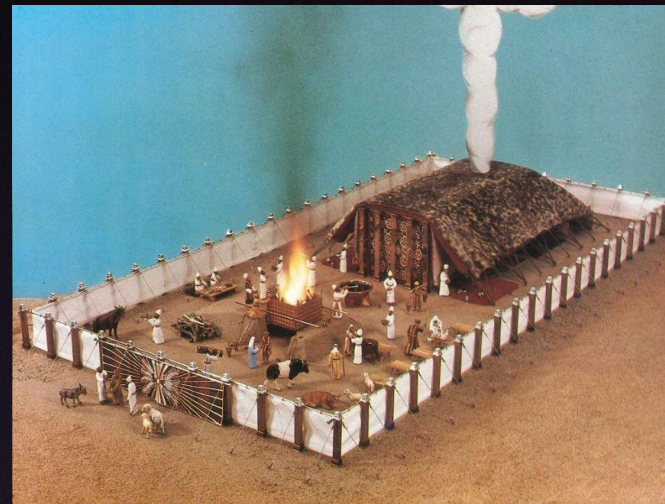
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Ex 19



Ex 40, Lev 1:1



Num 1:1



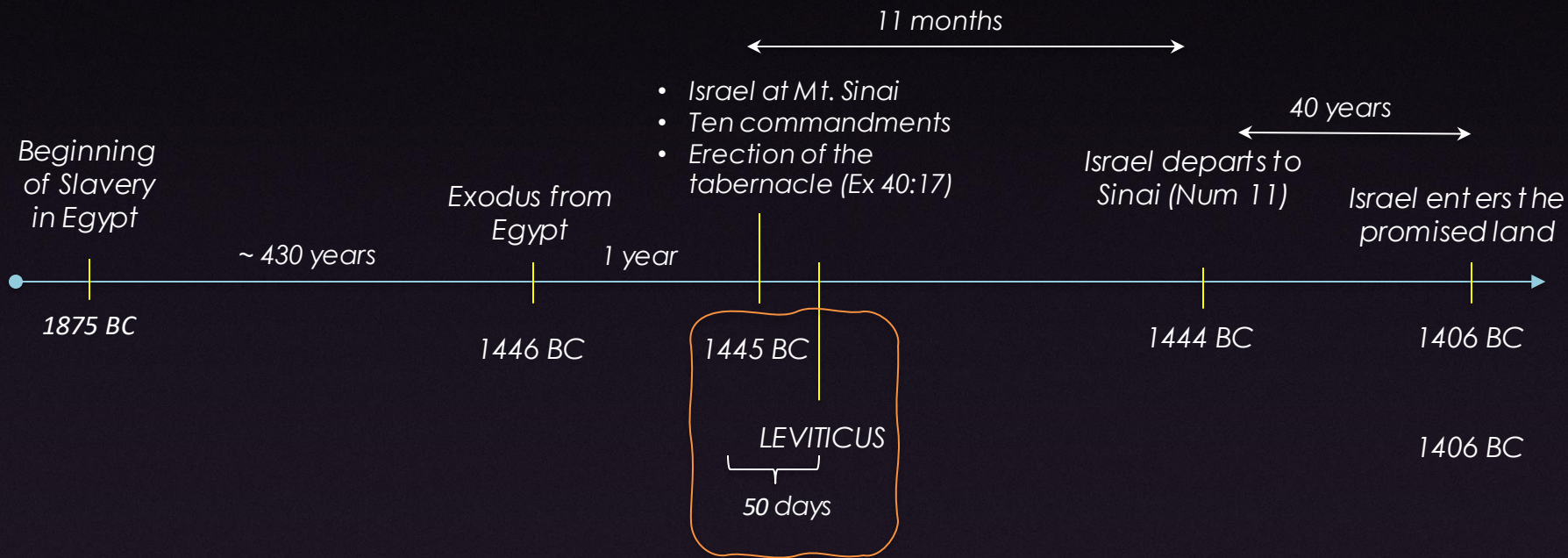
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- The way to approach the holy God (1-16)
- The way to walk in holiness (17-27)



- I. Laws of Sacrifices
- II. Laws of Priesthood
- III. Laws of ceremonial cleansing
- IV. Laws of holy living
- V. Laws of feasts
- VI. Laws regarding the tabernacle & blasphemy
- VII. Laws of sabbath and the year of Jubilee
- VIII. Laws of blessings and curses
- IX. Laws of vows and tithes

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# Leviticus is a sanctifying book

	Repeated in the NT	Value behind the law still applicable
Category 1	Yes	Yes
Category 2	No, because of cultural reasons	Yes
Category 3	No, because they been set aside by Jesus, or concern rituals which He has fulfilled	Yes
Category 4	No, because they were particularly related to Israel as a theocratic nation	Yes

p. 58 from Jay Sklar's book, Leviticus

Rom. 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

1Cor. 6:19, 20 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

1Pet. 1:14, 15 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior;



**A consistent growth in holy life  
is impossible without a  
consistent look at the cross**



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