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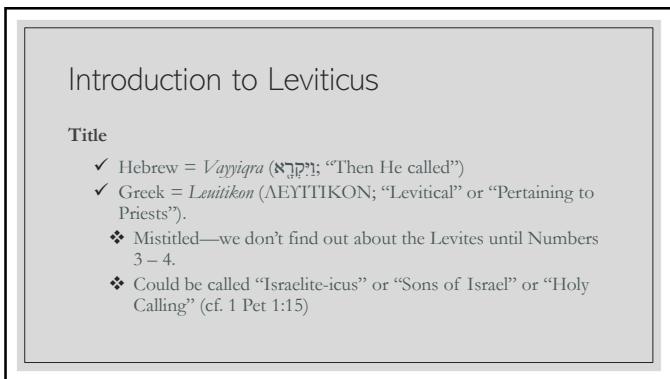
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Introduction to Leviticus

**WHO—Authorship**

- ✓ Moses (John 5:45–47; Exod 17:14)

**WHO—Audience**

- ✓ Second Generation Israel

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Introduction to Leviticus

**WHEN**

- ✓ Approximately 1406 BC
- ✓ 40 years after the exodus from Egypt
- ✓ 1446 BC = Exodus from Egypt (**key date!**)

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Introduction to Leviticus

**WHERE**

- ✓ Third part of a five-part series
- ✓ Wilderness of Sinai / Plains of Moab
- ✓ Israel poised to take the Promised Land
- ✓ Dates of Leviticus events span only 30 days in the year 1445 BC as Israel sits at the foot of Mount Sinai receiving the Law.

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Introduction to Leviticus

**WHY**

- ✓ This book is the **HOW** of God's Kingdom Plan for Israel.
- ✓ Leviticus informs us that the only way that God and man can be reunited in the Kingdom is for man to be set apart holy.
- ✓ Even then, a veil still separated God from His people.

To instruct Israel about the holiness of God and the holy standard that they are called to replicate in order to be the Kingdom of Priests to which they have been called.

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Introduction to Leviticus

**HOW—Terminology and Themes**

- ✓ Calling (Hebrew name for the book; 1:1; 10:4, 19; 13:45; 23:2 (2x), 3, 4 (2x), 7, 8, etc.)
- ✓ Holiness (2:3 (2x), 10 (2x); 4:6; 5:14, 15, 16; 6:16, 17 (2x), 18, 25 (2x), 26, 27 (2x), 29 (2x), 30; 7:1 (2x) ... **19:1**; etc.)
  - ❖ Yahweh (11:44, 45; 19:2; 20:6)
  - ❖ Israel (11:44, 45; 19:2; 20:6)
  - ❖ Things (2:3, 10; 4:6)
  - ❖ Times (23:2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 21, 24, 27, 35, 36, 37)
- ✓ Atonement (or Covering; 1:4; 4:20, 26, 35; 5:10, 13, 16, 18; 6:30; 8:15, 34; 9:7 (2x); 10:17; 12:7, 8 ... 16:2 (2x), 6, 10, 11, 13, 14 (2x), 15 (2x), 16, 17 (2x), 18, 20, 24, etc.)

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**HOW—Terminology and Themes**

- ✓ Common/Profane (e.g., 10:10; also see 19:8, 12, 29; 20:3; 21:6, 9, 12, 15, 23; 22:2)
- ✓ Clean/Unclean (11 – 15; e.g., 10:10)
  - ❖ Process Involved:
    1. Become clean
    2. Then, become holy

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## Introduction to Leviticus

### HOW—Literary Structure<sup>1</sup>

- ✓ Routine Regulations (1:1 – 7:38)
- ✓ Priestly Regulations (8:1 – 10:20)
- ✓ Purity Regulations (11:1 – 15:33)
- ✓ The Day of Atonement (16:1 – 17:16)
- ✓ Purity Regulations (18:1 – 20:27)
- ✓ Priestly Regulations (21:1 – 22:33)
- ✓ Routine Regulations (23:1 – 27:34)

<sup>1</sup>Adapted from The Bible Project, <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/Leviticus/>  
We do not condone everything put forth by The Bible Project.

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