

Leviticus

THE Book of Leviticus is set at the time of the Exodus, when the children of Israel were journeying from Egypt to the Promised Land. It records God's laws given to Israel at Sinai, including details of the sacrifices and the personal and collective life of holiness required of Israel.

Priesthood

Aaron (of the priestly tribe of Levi) was Israel's first High Priest. His sons and descendants continued the priesthood over the next eight centuries.

Though the Levitical priesthood failed, through disobedience, God would later provide a better priesthood: Jesus Christ (of the tribe of Judah) is the only priest today, a mediator between God and men.

For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus (1 Timothy 2:5).

Christ and the Offerings

Jesus Christ perfectly fulfilled all that was intended in the various offerings. His total dedication and sinlessness made him the perfect offering for those who look in faith to God for forgiveness of sins.

We have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all... this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins

Some interesting links with other parts of the Bible

Leviticus 10:3 – see Isaiah 52:11 and 1 Peter 1:15–16.

Leviticus 17:11 – see Hebrews 9:22.

Leviticus 23:39–40 – see Hosea 12:9 and Zechariah 14:16.



forever, sat down at the right hand of God... Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which he consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, his flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water (Hebrews 10:10, 12, 19–22).

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