

Discipleship University Bible Reading Guide

Early Old Testament Foundations: Leviticus 17-27

For class to be held Jan. 2, 2016

Leviticus 16 – The Day of Atonement

It would be good to review this chapter and the guide questions on the previous reading guide.

Patriarchs and Prophets, pages 355-358 (last part of chap. 30) are vital for understanding.

Leviticus 17-22 – More Statutes and Judgments: This section has additional laws to Exodus 20:21-24:18.

See PP p. 364, (first full paragraph) for an important explanation of the Judgments and laws that Moses wrote down.

1. In Lev. 17:1-9, what was designated as the correct location for animal sacrifices? _____
2. What was the penalty for sacrificing elsewhere? _____
3. What was forbidden to be eaten? _____ What was the penalty for violation? _____
4. In Lev. 18, what was the common feature of all the sexual laws from verses 7-16? _____
5. After giving the sexual laws from verses 20-23, what is emphasized so they will take these warnings seriously?
6. Which judgments were the most interesting to you in Lev. 19? Are these ceremonial laws or moral laws?
7. Do these judgments apply in any way to today? _____
8. What was the most common penalty for the sins specified in Lev. 20? _____
9. What is the reason given for why God wants His people to be holy? _____
10. In Lev. 21, what standards were put on the priests regarding personal appearance? What were they not to do?
11. What higher standard was expected in a priest's choice of a wife? _____
12. What types of situations disqualified a priest from doing temple service?

Leviticus 23-24 – Laws Concerning Festivals, the Oil, the Showbread, and Death for a Case of Blasphemy

Notice that the annual feasts were all agrarian, centering on the harvest theme.

Use Lev. 23 to match the feast day on the right with the correct feature by writing the letter on the line. Each answer may be used once or not at all.

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| 1. ___ Solemn ceremony 10 days before the Day of Atonement. | A. Passover |
| 2. ___ Sacrifice to remember the deliverance from the 10 th plague in Egypt. | B. Unleavened Bread |
| 3. ___ The Wave Sheaf on the day after the Sabbath during the Feast of Unleavened Bread. | C. First Fruit |
| 4. ___ Celebrates the harvest with people dwelling in booths for 7 days. | D. Feast of Weeks/Pentecost |
| 5. ___ Most solemn ceremony requiring affliction of soul or be cut off from Israel. | E. Trumpets |
| 6. ___ Celebrates the first harvest 50 days after the Wave Sheaf. | F. Day of Atonement |
| _____ | G. Tabernacles |
7. Can you see the events of Jesus' first coming in connection with the Spring festivals; the Passover, the wave sheaf, the Feast of Unleavened Bread and the Feast of Weeks or Pentecost?
 8. Can you see events of Jesus' second coming in connection with the Fall festivals; Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement and Feast of Tabernacles?
 9. When were 7 lamps of the lampstand to burn? _____

- How many cakes of bread were to be on the Table of Showbread? ____ When were they to be replaced with fresh cakes of bread? _____
- What happened to the man who blasphemed the name of the LORD? _____

***Suggested Reading: *Patriarch and Prophets*, chapter 52 (537-542).

Leviticus 25 – The Sabbatical Year and the Jubilee

- When the children of Israel came into the promised-land, what was the land to have every seven years? _____. What were they not to do on the 7th year? _____
- What else was supposed to happen in the Sabbatical year? (See Ex. 21:2) _____
- After seven Sabbatical years (7x7=49) came the 50th year, which was known as the _____. With which feast day did it coincide? _____
- ____ Which of the following was not true about the 50th year? (Write the letter on the line.)
 - All land returned to the original family owners.
 - The planting and harvest was to be most bountiful.
 - Servants or slaves were released debt-free.
- According to verses 15 and 16, what would determine the price of land in Israel? _____
- What happened to a servant or slave's family when he was set free? _____
- If financially able, who could redeem a servant or land that had been lost due to debts? _____
- Can you see how God prevented entrenched wealth and poverty in society? In His social system, how did God counteract the problem of inflation? _____

***Suggested Reading: *PP*, chapter 51 (530-536).

Note: There are important concepts in this chapter that are expressed in simple words. On page 535 you will find a principle proving that communism cannot be in God's plan. How do you see capitalism compared to the Levitical economic plan?

Leviticus 26 – Blessings and Curses

- What are the blessings for obedience found in verses 1-13? Can you identify at least five? _____
- What were the first two basic curses for disobedience found in verses 16 and 17? _____
- What is the third consequence described in verses 19 and 20? _____
- What additional consequences are detailed from verses 21-26? _____
- What severe results would come if Israel still persisted in rebellion and disobedience according to verses 27-33? _____
- How does this chapter turn more positive from verse 40 onward? _____
- Were the promises to Abraham's descendants conditional or unconditional? _____
- What specific events from Israel's later history can you recall that fits predictions both pro and con from this chapter? _____

Leviticus 27 – Vows and Consecration

- What things could be consecrated for the LORD? _____
- How much is a tithe? _____

***Suggested Reading: *PP* chapter 50 (525-529).

***Suggested Reading: *PP* chapter 32 (363-373). **This is a very important chapter!!!**