
Study Series: Leviticus

Questions about Leviticus 1.1—16.34

1. The Lord gave Moses instructions for five different types of sacrifices. What was the purpose of each kind of sacrifice? Who was assigned the task of making these sacrifices? (Leviticus 1–5).
2. How did the laws of sacrifice help define the relationship between God and the Israelite people?
3. What was the significance and power of blood in the sacrifices? (1.5; 4.5-7). What was the meaning of the olive oil used in sacrifices and in the ordination of the priests? (6.20).
4. Describe some of the reasons the “sacrifices for sin” were to be made (4.1—5.13). For what other reasons did people have to bring an offering or payment to “makes things right?” (5.14—6.7) When you think of “making things right” in society today, what comes to mind?
5. What does it mean to be “holy?” What do the laws of sacrifice and cleanness have to do with being holy? Read Leviticus 11.44,45. How is it possible to live up to that command?
6. Why do you think there was so much emphasis put on laws and rituals concerning skin disease and mildew?
7. Describe what happened on the Great Day of Forgiveness (16.1-34). Who alone could enter the most holy place in the sacred tent on that day? What was the “scapegoat?”

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Questions about Leviticus 17.1—27.34

1. Why do you think the laws forbidding certain kinds of sex were so specific? (Leviticus 18) How do the rules in chapter 18 compare to written or unwritten laws concerning sexual activity today? In your opinion, what is the purpose of human sexual love?
2. Review the laws in chapter 19. Which do you think are most relevant for life today? Why? Which law do you wish people were more careful about following? Why?
3. For what reason did the rule in 21.16-23 exist? How did you respond to that rule when you read it? Why?
4. Review the religious festivals in chapter 23. What was the purpose of each festival?
5. What do you think was the purpose of the year of rest every seventh year, and the purpose of the Year of Celebration? (Leviticus 25)
6. How were the laws of ancient Israel set up to help those who were poor or those who had become poor?
7. What blessings were promised to those who faithfully obeyed God's laws? What were the punishments for disobeying? (Leviticus 26)