Interesting Facts About Leviticus

MEANING: “That which pertains to the Levites.” The Hebrew title means “And he called.”

AUTHOR: Moses
TIME WRITTEN: 1445-1444 B.C.
POSITION IN THE BIBLE:
- 3rd Book in the Bible
- 3rd Book in the Old Testament
- 3rd Book in the Pentateuch (Genesis - Deuteronomy)
- 63 Books to follow it.

CHAPTERS: 27
VERSES: 659
WORDS: 24,546

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT LEVITICUS:
- Leviticus is God’s guidebook for His newly redeemed people. It shows the Israelites:
  • How to worship God.
  • How to serve God.
  • How to obey God.
- Leviticus does not deal with the Levites as a whole, but more with a segment of the Levites . . . the priests.
- 56 times in the 27 chapters of Leviticus, it is stated that God imparted these laws to Moses.
- No geographical movement takes place in Leviticus. The Israelites remain at Mt. Sinai.
- Leviticus contains very little narrative. It consists almost entirely of regulations for governing the relationship between God and Israel.
- A major message of Leviticus is the holiness of God and how sinful man can approach Him.
- The idea of “holiness” appears some 87 times in Leviticus.

- To be holy means to be “set apart” or “Separated.” The Israelites were to be separated from other nations unto God.
- The way to God was through a blood sacrifice.
  • Leviticus 17:11 - “For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.”
  • The blood sacrifices remind the worshippers that because of sin, the Holy God requires the costly gift of life.”
  • The blood of the innocent sacrificial animal become the substitute fo the life of the guilty offender.
- Various kinds of offerings in Leviticus include:
  • Burnt offerings
  • Meal offerings
  • Peace offerings
  • Sin offerings