

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
February 25, 2026
Leviticus Overview

Introduction:

1. The tabernacle has been raised, and now God is dwelling among His people.
 - a) **Exodus 40.34:** *“the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.”*
 - b) How was Moses able to consecrate Aaron and his sons and take the dedication sacrifices if he could not enter? (Ex. 40.35; Lev. 16.2)
 - c) The book of Leviticus was revealed in two ways. (Lev. 1.1; 26.46)
2. Leviticus answers the question of how a holy and transcendent God can dwell among a sinful and corrupt people. (Ex. 19.5,6; Lev. 26.12; Deut. 23.14; Num. 1.50)

I. THE LEVITICAL PRIESTHOOD

- A. The origin and family of the Levites.
 1. Levi was the third son of Jacob and Leah. (Gen. 29.34)
 2. The descendants of Levi. (Num. 3.16,17)
 3. The responsibilities of these families. (Num. 3.25,26,31,36,37)
- B. The curse of Levi.
 1. Simeon and Levi violently retaliated against Shechum. (Gen. 34.25)
 2. Because of their rage, they were both cursed. (Gen. 49.5-7)
 3. How did this curse manifest? (Josh. 19.1,9; Num. 18.23,24)
- C. From violence to allegiance. (Ex. 32.26-29)
 1. Having demonstrated allegiance, God called them to service.
 2. The Levites were to serve in the tabernacle. (Num. 3.5-10)
 3. The Levites replaced the service of the first born. (Num. 3.11-13)

II. THE BOOK OF LEVITICUS

- A. The focus of Leviticus.
 1. The presence of God. (Lev. 18.2; cf. Matt. 28.20)
 2. The holiness of God. (Lev. 11.44,45; cf. 1 Pet. 1.15,16)
 3. The sacrifices to God. (Lev. 1-6; cf. 1 Pet. 2.5)
 4. The covenant of God. (Lev. 26.3,14; Heb. 8.4-6)
- B. The book of Leviticus is divided into two sections. (cf. Matt. 22.40)
 1. Section One: Their relationship with God. (Lev. 1-17)
 - a) Leviticus 1-7: Various sacrifices and offerings.
 - b) Leviticus 8-10: Consecration and service of Aaron and his sons.
 - c) Leviticus 11-16: Distinction between clean and unclean.
 - d) Leviticus 17: The sacredness of blood
 2. Section Two: Their relationship with man. (Lev. 18-27)