

Session 23

Leviticus II

Ch 19 Be holy for I am Holy. They were to be separated from the world and had Holy Presence.

Group of commands that all end with I AM the LORD your God. Honor your parents; Sabbaths; no idol (emphasized again).

Gleaning. Not every grape. Corners. Providing for the poor is a religious obligation.

Verses 11-18 relationships and dealings with neighbors.

Culminated in Lev 19:18 Love your neighbor as yourself.

Cannot plant mixed seeds. Livestock must bred with same kind. Cannot mix wool and linen on same garment.

Israelites should not mix with other people.

23-25 When they get to the Land and plant fruit trees, unclean for 3 years, 4th year holy and dedicated to the LORD . Can eat the fruit from the 5th year. Had agricultural benefits. A first fruits offering.

No eating blood, no divination or fortune telling. No tattoos or piercing or cuttings. (pagan rites). Do not prostitute your daughter. Keep the Sabbath (emphasized again).

No mediums, familiar spirits – necromancy.

Respect for old people and strangers (Israelites were once strangers). Honest weights and measures.

Chap 20 Molech. Profanes God's Name. Those who hide their eyes are also guilty.

Relationships with various family members that are unclean.

All these practices are done by the pagans in the Land. People have to be **separate**.

I AM the LORD who sanctifies you and brought you out of the land of Egypt.

Ch 23 Feasts of the LORD. Sabbath is AGAIN emphasized. A day to gather as community. Principles of the Sabbath applied to all the feasts. Sabbath takes precedence over the feasts.

Passover

Feast of Unleavened Bread

First Fruits – Based on barley – signals beginning of the harvests. Sabbath after the Passover. Resurrection.

Pentecost – 50 days after First Fruits. End of the harvest season.

Feast of Trumpets – Shofars. Ancient New Year. 30 trumpet blasts. Prepare the people for approaching solemn feast.

Day of Atonement – people must afflict their souls. Severe punishment if not observed.

Feast of Tabernacles – 7 day feast. 2 Sabbaths. Booths made from branches of trees. Have to be able to see the sky.

Commemorate the wandering in the wilderness. Out of the Land of Egypt. I AM the LORD. Feast of rejoicing.

These are statutes for all generations.

Pure oil used for the lamps. Priest's responsibility to keep lamp burning.

Show bread. Fine flour. Stays from one Sabbath to the next; then eaten only by the priests.

Whoever blasphemes or murders is put to death.

Lev 24:20 eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth.

Sabbath for the land. Every seventh year. Cannot work the land. Whatever grows is for the poor and strangers.

Jubilee : 50th year. No planting. There will be enough food by Divine Provision. Extra will grow in 6th year and for Jubilee.

Debts are forgiven, slaves are freed. Pre-figures Messiah. Second chance. Fresh start.

If the people obey, they will have food, be provided for, no sword will come through the Land, enemies chased away, no evil beasts in the Land.

The LORD's Tabernacle will be with the people. He will be their God and they will be His people.

If they do not obey, increasing punishments will come. Punishments worsen with increasing sin. Including exiles.

Leviticus ends stating that all this was given to Moses on Mt. Sinai.