

# Leviticus 1 - 7

## The Sacrificial System

### Lesson 1

#### **Introduction:**

The book of Leviticus was given to Moses around 1445 b.c. during the time Israel was in the wilderness. The focus of this third book of the Torah is on the holiness of God. Leviticus 19:2 is the key verse, "*Be holy because I, the Lord your God, am holy.*" "Holy" can be defined as the sum total of the attributes of God. How then, can an unholy people approach a holy God? The answer is in Leviticus. This book was the instruction manual for the Levitical priests with God's prescribed ways to maintain holiness in the Tabernacle and among the people. As you study this book, keep in mind this was given in love by God to provide a way for his presence to remain with his people.

1. To whom were these Levitical Laws given and where? (vs. 1:1-2a)
2. The book begins with five sacrificial offerings that were acceptable to the Lord. Define the word "offering."

#### **The Burnt Offering - 1:1-17 and 6:8-13**

3. What animals were acceptable for a burnt offering? (vs. 1:2-3, 10, 14)
4. Who could bring this offering? (vs. 1:2)
5. Where was this sacrifice to be presented? (vs. 1:5, 11, 15)
  - Why? (vs. 1:9c, 13c, 17c)
6. What was the purpose of the burnt offering? (vs. 1:4)

7. Was the burnt offering mandatory or voluntary? (vs. 1:2)
8. From Leviticus 6:8-10, how long was the offering to remain on the altar?

**The Grain Offering - 2:1-16 and 6:14-23**

9. What was the grain offering to consist of? (vs. 2:1, 4, 13)
10. Who could bring this offering? (vs. 2:1)
11. To whom was it to be brought? (Lev. 2:2)
12. Can you determine the purpose of the grain offering? (vs. 2:8-10, 13)
13. Was the grain offering mandatory or voluntary? (vs. 2:14)
14. What was the priest's role? (vs. 6:14-18)
15. What was unique about this offering in relationship to the priests? (Lev. 6:19-23)

**The Fellowship Offering - 3:1-17 and 7:11-24**

16. What was to be brought for the fellowship offering? (vs. 3:1)

17. Who could bring a fellowship offering? (vs. 3:1a)
  
18. What was the purpose of this offering? (vs. 7:11-21)
  
19. Who may eat this offering and when? (vs. 7:11-21)

**The Sin Offering - 4:1 - 5:13**

20. List each type of person who was to bring an offering and what was to be brought.
  - Lev. 4:2
  - Lev. 4:3
  - Lev. 4:13
  - Lev. 3:22
  - Lev. 4:27
  
21. What was the purpose of the sin offering? (vs. 5:5-6)
  
  
22. Was the sin offering mandatory or voluntary? (vs. 4:27-28)

**The Guilt Offering - 5:14 - 6:7**

23. Who was to bring a guilt offering? (vs. 5:15c, 17, 6:1-3)
  
  
24. What was to be offered as a sacrifice? (vs. 5:15, 16, 6:4-6)
  
  
25. What was the purpose of the guilt offering? (vs. 5:16b, 6:7)

26. Was the guilt offering mandatory or voluntary? (vs. 5:15, 19)

**Think About It!**

27. Why do you think God allowed only these specific animals to be brought as sacrifices?  
(Refer also to Genesis 15.)

28. What do you think animal and grain offerings meant financially to the people?

29. What was the same and what was different if you were "poor"?

- What do you think that said about God?

30. Try and place yourself in this setting. In order to maintain your relationship with God, you must follow these laws. What is your reaction to all this?