

# Leviticus & Numbers

Becoming a People: Laws, Customs, & Holidays

## The Book of Leviticus

**Key Theme:** HOLINESS

**Key Verses: Leviticus 16:34** *And this shall be an everlasting statute unto you, to make an atonement for the children of Israel for all their sins once a year. And he did as the LORD commanded Moses.*

**Leviticus 20:26** *And ye shall be holy unto me: for I the LORD am holy, and have severed you from other people, that ye should be mine.*

### I. God's Provision for Sin (1–10)

#### A. The Sacrifices (1–7)

1. Burnt offering (1)
2. Meal offering (2)
3. Peace offering (3)
4. Sin offering (4-5:13)
5. Trespass offering (5:14-6:7)
6. Law of the offerings (6-7)

#### B. The Priesthood (8–10)

1. Consecration of Priests (8)
2. Ministry of priests (9)
3. Nadab and Abihu's profane fire (10)

### II. God's Precepts for Separation (11–24)

#### A. A Holy Nation (11–20)

1. Food of God's people (11)
2. Children of God's people (12)
3. Dealing with Leprosy (13-14)
4. Dealing with running issues (15)
5. Day of Atonement (16–17)
6. Laws of Sexual Purity (18)
7. Laws of Everyday Life (19)
8. Punishment for Gross Offenses (20)

#### B. A Holy Priesthood (21–22)

#### C. Holy Days—The Feasts Of The Lord (23–24)

### III. God's Prescription of Blessing and Cursing (25–27)

#### A. The Sabbath Of The Land (25)

#### B. The Importance Of Obedience (26)

#### C. The Seriousness Of Vows (27)

*Worship & Holiness*

#### 5 Offerings

**B-M-P-S-T**

1. Burnt
2. Meat
3. Peace
4. Sin
5. Trespass

#### 7 Feasts

**P-U-F-P-T-A-T**

- 1-Passover
- 2-Unleavened Bread
- 3-Firstfruits
- 4-Pentecost
- 5-Trumpets
- 6-Atonement
- 7-Tabernacles

# SCHOOL of the BIBLE

## LEVITICUS

BOOK OF ATONEMENT



### Author:

Moses

- "The Lord spake to Moses" found at least 30 times in these 27 chapters (Leviticus 1:1) The Lord is now speaking from the tabernacle- He is dwelling among His people.

### Date:

- The First Month of the Second year  
(1 year between Passover and the erection of the Tabernacle)
- While Exodus covers 431 years, Leviticus covers only one month (encamped at Sinai)

### Theme:

"Holiness"

Leviticus answers two questions:

1. How can sinful men approach a holy God?
  - a. By means of a sacrifice- *Propitiation*
  - b. By means of a Mediator- *Mediation*
2. How can man live in communion with a holy God?

-See Leviticus 19:1-2; 20:7-8; -Compare 1 John 1:7

  - We are commanded to reflect God's character.
  - "Holiness" = separated to God, from evil (Exodus 33:16)
  - See Psalm 15 and Psalm 24:3-4

### Outline:

(See Baxter's p. 120)

- I. Ground of Fellowship- Sacrifice (Ch. 1-17)
  - Our way to God- by sacrifice
- II. The Walk of fellowship- Separation (Ch. 18-27)
  - Our walk with God- by sanctification

### Key Words

"Holiness" - 87 times  
"Holy" - 65 times

### Key Verses

Leviticus 16:34

*"And this shall be an everlasting statute unto you to make an atonement for the children of Israel for all their sins once a year. And he did as the Lord commanded Moses."*

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 an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul."*

### Special Features

1. Leviticus is an indispensable commentary on the book of Hebrews.
2. The five offerings give us a complete view of the offering of Christ for our sin.
  - Ch. 1 Burnt Offering – Redemption
  - Ch. 2 Meal Offering – Propitiation
  - Ch. 3 Peace Offering – Reconciliation
  - Ch. 4 Sin Offering – Justification
  - Ch. 5 Trespass Offering – Regeneration
3. Day of Atonement – Ch. 16

### Christ in the Book

1. Aaron – Christ is our High Priest.  
\*Hebrews 9:7, 11-12
2. Sacrificial Offerings – Christ is the final offering for sin.  
\*Hebrews 9:13-14, 24-26

# The Book of Numbers

## The Wilderness Wanderings and Numbering of the People

**Key Theme:** THE GOODNESS AND SEVERITY OF GOD

**Key Verses: Numbers 33:1** *These are the journeys of the children of Israel, which went forth out of the land of Egypt with their armies under the hand of Moses and Aaron.*

### **Key Words** - *Wilderness Wanderings*

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"**Numbering**" of the people

Men Numbered--20 yrs. old & above

Not Numbered-Levites, women, & the children under 20 yrs. old

Book covers some 40 yrs. of "*wandering in the wilderness*"

## **I. THE OLD GENERATION**

(Sinai to Kadesh)

**Set Aside** (Ch. 1-14)

- Counted
- Counseled
- Chastise
- Condemned

## **II. THE TRANSITION ERA (Ch. 15-20)**

(In the Wilderness)

## **III. THE NEW GENERATION**

(Kadesh to Moab)

**Set Apart** (Ch. 21-36)

- Journeyings
- Numberings
- Offerings
- Dividings

# SCHOOL of the BIBLE

# NUMBERS

BOOK OF WANDERING



## Author:

Moses

- Numbers 33:2
- There are 80 internal claims of Mosaic authorship

## Date:

- Begins with the 2<sup>nd</sup> month of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year (1:1)
- Written approx. 1451 B.C.

## Theme:

“THE GOODNESS AND SEVERITY OF GOD” (Romans 11:22)

1. Severity- to the old generation
  - Numbers 14:29-35 Those 20 years old and up were killed
  - Numbers 14:11 They would not believe God!
    - Disbelief brings destruction!
2. Goodness- to the new generation
  - God gave them His protection and provision
  - God gave them an opportunity to believe Him and to receive His blessings.

## Outline:

(See Baxter, p. 156)

- I. The Old Generation (Ch. 1-14)  
(Sinai to Kadesh)
- II. The Transitions Era (Ch. 15-20)  
(In the Wilderness)
- III. The New Generation (Ch. 21-36)  
(Kadesh to Moab)

## Key Words

“sojourn” - A temporary stay

## Key Verse

Numbers 33:1

“These are the journeys of the children of Israel, which went forth out of the land of Egypt with their armies under the hand of Moses and Aaron.”

## Special Features

1. This book gets its name from 2 numberings of those 20(+) and able to go to war:
    - Mt. Sinai – 603,550 (1:46)
    - Moab – 601,730 – (25:51)
  2. Israel wandered one year for every day the spies were in the land living in unbelief. (40)
  3. The trip from Horeb to Kadesh –Barnea is only 11 days (Deuteronomy 1:2), but it took them 40 years.
  4. It took only 40 hours to get Israel out of Egypt; but it took 40 years to get Egypt out of Israel.
  5. (Num. 1:1) ‘*And the LORD spake unto Moses*’ (Mentioned over 120 times in this Book).
- ## Christ in the Book
6. Pillar of Cloud and Fire (9:15-23)
  7. Aaron’s death (20:23-29)
  8. Brazen Serpent (21:1-9; Jn.3: 14-18)
  9. Six cities of refuge (35:6-12)