

LEVITICUS

AN OVERVIEW

Purpose

Leviticus should be considered a continuation of Exodus. The second part of Exodus is devoted to building the Tabernacle where sacrifices can be offered and where the Lord's glory will be manifested among His people.



Author

Moses

Date

Leviticus was written c.1444 BC. The entire content of Leviticus was given less than a month after the construction of the Tabernacle, between the first month of the year (Ex. 40:1, 34–35; Lev. 1:1) and the second month of the year (Num. 1:1) following the exodus from Egypt.

Audience

The people of Israel.

Setting

Mount Sinai and the giving of the Law and the Tabernacle.

Special Features

Mount Sinai, the Giving of the Law, the Sacrificial System, and the Tabernacle.

Key Verses

“For I am the LORD who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.” (11:45 ESV)

“For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life.” (17:11 ESV)

“You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.” (19:18 ESV)

“I am the LORD who makes you holy.” (20:8b ESV)

Key People

Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, Priests.

Key Places

Sinai, plains of Moab.