

Session 22

A quick run through Leviticus.

A continuation of Exodus : Starts with Hebrew word “waw” means “and.”

Now that tent was done, God speaks from Mercy Seat rather than mountain.

Ch 1: offerings of atonement. Animals without blemish. Sin is transferred from the person to the animal. Animal is killed. Blood is sprinkled on the altar. Animals had to be from a flock or herd. Couldn't use horses, camels, etc.

Ch 3 sins of the nation also had sacrifices.

Ch 8: sanctity of priesthood. God commands Moses to consecrate Aaron and his sons in front of whole assembly. Had to show that it was really from God and not just Moses' idea.

Consecration – washed with water over whole body. For regular duties just washed hands. Showed importance of inward purity and being cleansed before handling holy vessels. Vestments produced respect from the people.

Moses then anointed Aaron (poured) and all the structure and vessels with oil. Oil signifies anointing for office and symbolic of Holy Spirit.

Bullock is sin offering. Public confession of sin of Aaron and his sons. Sin is TRANSFERRED to the animal. Blood purifies. Priests were not sinless and not above the people's human nature. They needed forgiveness also.

They stay 1 week in the tent before they could go into the Holy of Holies.

After sacrifices Aaron blessed the whole assembly. FIRE then came from the presence and consumed the parts on the altar. Shows that God was present and pleased. People shouted and fell on their faces. 9:24

Ch 10: Aaron's sons, Nadab and Abihu, offer profane fire to God. Not commanded to do that. Fire from the LORD devoured them. They were careless and irreverent.

By those who come near Me
I must be regarded as holy;
And before all the people
I must be glorified.”

Aaron says nothing! Even though he has lost 2 sons; he recognized their guilt before God.

Buried with their vestment still on because vestments could not be used again.

Aaron has to go on with his duties.

Ch 11: dietary law. What animals are clean and unclean.

Ch 12 : circumcision on eighth day. Discharge is unclean. 40 days for a boy. 66 days for a girl. Then offer a lamb or 2 turtle doves if they can't afford a lamb then she is clean. Mary and Joseph offer turtle doves.

Ch 13 : skin lesions. Priest examines. Leprosy or not. Clean or unclean. If leporous must live outside the camp and warn everyone. Clothes are torn.

Ch 14 : discharges from the body are unclean. Everything that touches them must be washed in running water.

Scapegoat : by lots; 1 for remission of sin and the other to remove sin from the community.

Aaron sacrifices the goat then a bullock. Uses incense to fill the area around the Ark. Takes blood to the Ark and sprinkles it on the east side of the Mercy Seat.

Impressed on the people that sin had separated them from God and that atonement had to be made. Day of Atonement. Treated like a Sabbath.

No eating blood. Blood is life and belongs to the LORD. "Life of the flesh is in the blood." Lev 17:14.

Ch 18: When people get to Canaan, do not keep ordinances of those people. Keep the Law.

Sexual immorality and perversion – land is defiled. Land is punished and inhabitants are vomited out.

