

THE WORSHIP OF ISRAEL

Leviticus 1 - 15

In Exodus, we saw how the Israelites' national place of worship was built. In Leviticus, we see how this place was used for their worship.

A. The Place of Their Worship:

1. Notice the arrangement of the various parts of the Tabernacle.
2. Keep this arrangement in mind as you study the topics on this page and on the next.

B. The Offerings or Sacrifices Used in Their Worship: Read Leviticus 1-7

1. Of the five kinds of offerings the people could make, which two would be primarily for pardon? Leviticus 7:37

2. Which three would be primarily for worship? Leviticus 7:37

3. Of what might the meat-offering (or meal-offering) consist?

Leviticus 2:1b, 4, 5, 7

4. What animals were used in the other offerings? Leviticus 1:5, 10, 14

5. What was the general procedure for animal sacrifices?

a. Leviticus 1:4a _____

b. Leviticus 1:5a _____

c. Leviticus 1:5b _____

d. Leviticus 4:7b _____

e. Leviticus 4:19 _____

f. (1) Burnt offering, Leviticus 1:9b _____

(2) Sin, trespass, and meat offerings, Leviticus 7:6, 7, 9, 10

(3) Peace offerings, Leviticus 7:34 _____

(The worshippers ate the rest of the peace offerings.)

C. The Leaders of Their Worship: Read Leviticus 8-15

1. Who were to be the leaders of the worship of this nation? Leviticus 8:2a

2. What happened when they made the first offerings for the people? Leviticus 9:22-24

D. The Relation of Israel's Worship to Ours:

1. What is our altar of sacrifice today?

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2. What is our laver of cleansing? 1 John 1:9

3. Who is our candlestick, giving light to the World? John 8:12

4. Who is our table of shewbread? John 6:35

5. What can we offer as sweet incense to God? Revelation 8:3, 4; John 16:23b

6. Who became our ark, keeping God's law for us? Hebrews 9:4; Matthew 5:17

7. Who became our Tabernacle -- God dwelling among men? John 1:14

8. Who became our perfect sacrifice for sin? Hebrews 10:10, 14

9. Who is our great High Priest? Hebrews 4:14-16

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Toward Whom was all the worship of Israel pointing forward?

2. Is all my worship based on the finished work of Jesus?

SPECIAL DAYS OF WORSHIP FOR ISRAEL

Leviticus 16 - 27

Just as we today have special weekly and yearly days of worship, so Israel had special times of worship ordained by God. Read about these below:

A. The Regular Rests of Israel: Read Leviticus 23:1-3, Leviticus 25

1. God commanded His people to observe three types of periodic rest: The weekly Sabbath, the sabbatical year, and the year of jubilee.
2. For whose benefit did the weekly A Sabbath seem to be ordained? Leviticus 23:3; Exodus 34:21

3. Notice that a "holy convocation" was to be held on this day. Look up these words and write what you think this would be:

4. For the benefit of what was the sabbatical year ordained? Leviticus 25:2-4

5. Of what would the year of jubilee (Leviticus 25:10-17) remind the people? Leviticus 25:23

6. What would God do to make these periods of rest possible? Leviticus 25:21

B. The Special Feasts of Israel: Read Leviticus 23

1. In one to three words, name each of the feasts of Israel: Leviticus
 - a. 23:5 _____ e. 23:24 _____
 - b. 23:6 _____ f. 23:27 _____
 - c. 23:10 _____ g. 23:34 _____
 - d. 23:15, 16 _____(See Exodus 34:22a; Acts 2:1)
2. Notice that the first four centered about the Passover in the Spring, while the last three centered about the Day of Atonement in the Fall.
3. At the Passover, the Feast of Weeks (Pentecost), and the Feast of Tabernacles, all adult males were to appear before God (Exodus 34:23).

C. The Day of Atonement for Israel: Read Leviticus 16

1. What was the purpose of the Day of Atonement? Leviticus 16:30

2. How often was it observed? Leviticus 16:34

3. Four sacrifices were made on this day. Tell briefly the following:
For Whom Made: Animal Used: What Was Done With Animal:

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a. Lev. 16:6b Lev. 16:6 Lev. 16:11, 14

b. Lev. 16:15a Lev. 16:15a Lev. 16:15b

c. Lev. 16:21 Lev. 16:20 Lev. 16:21, 22

d. Lev. 16:24b Lev. 16:3b Lev. 16:24

4. After these sacrifices were made, what was done with the bodies of those animals whose blood was brought into the Holy of Holies? Leviticus 16:27

5. Could the sacrifices made on this day really take away the sins of the people? Hebrews 10:1, 4

D. The Day of Atonement for All:

1. Who made the real atonement for sins? Hebrews 10:10-12

2. What happened on the day that this atonement was made?
Matthew 27:50, 51

3. What did this make possible for all who have lived since then? Hebrews 10:19, 20

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Have I accepted Christ's atonement for my sins?

2. Am I using my privilege of entering God's presence at all times?

THE JOURNEY TOWARD CANAAN

Numbers 1 - 14

After the Israelites had received the Ten Commandments and had built the Tabernacle as their national place of worship, they were ready to leave Mt. Sinai. Notice the manner in which they left, and the events which happened on their way to Canaan:

A. Preparation for the Journey: Read Numbers 1-9

1. Just one month after the Tabernacle was completed (See Exodus 40:17), what did God tell Moses to do? Numbers 1:1-3

2. In what order were the Israelites to camp as they journeyed? Numbers 2:2

3. What would the Levites use to carry the Tabernacle as they journeyed? Numbers 7:9

4. What did all the Israelites do before they left Mt. Sinai? Numbers 9:2, 5

B. The Journey Begun: Read Numbers 10-12

1. How long after the Israelites had left Egypt (See Exodus 12:2, 6, 51) did they leave Mt. Sinai? Numbers 10:11

2. What did they begin to do shortly after they began their journey? Numbers 11:1a

3. What happened to them because of this? Numbers 11:1b, 3

4. What did they do next? Numbers 11:4-6

5. What did Moses ask God to do because of the people's attitude? Numbers 11:15

6. What did God do instead? Numbers 11:16, 17

7. How did God feed the people? Numbers 11:31, 32

8. What did God do to the people because of their sins? Numbers 11:33

9. Who next complained against Moses? Numbers 12:1, 2

10. Who settled this complaint? Numbers 12:4-15

C. The Journey Interrupted: Read Numbers 13, 14

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1. What did God tell Moses to do when they arrived at Kadesh in the wilderness of Paran?
Numbers 13:2

About what three things were these men to find out? Numbers 13:18b, 19a, b, 20a_____

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3. What report did the ten spies bring back?
a. Numbers 13:27_____
- b. Numbers 13:28, 31, 33_____
4. What report did Caleb and Joshua bring back? Numbers 13:30, 14:8, 9
- _____
5. What did the people want to do when they heard these reports? Numbers 14:4
- _____
6. What did God say was the reason for their decision? Numbers 14:11
- _____
7. What did God say would happen to them because of this? Numbers 14:23, 31, 32, 34
- _____
8. What did the people decide to do after this? Numbers 14:40, 44a
- _____
9. What happened to them as a result? Numbers 14:45
- _____

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Do I always fully believe every promise God makes to me?
- _____
2. If I refuse to obey God because of unbelief, what good things might I miss?
- _____

THE WILDERNESS WANDERINGS

Numbers 16, 17, 20, 21

After the people had failed to believe and obey God, their forty years of wandering began. Read the following to see what happened during these years:

A. The First Problem: Read Numbers 16:1-40

1. What four men had a complaint against Moses and Aaron? Numbers 16:1

2. Who joined with them in this complaint? Numbers 16:2

3. What did they accuse Moses and Aaron of doing? Numbers 16:3
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
4. How did Moses say they could settle this dispute? Numbers 16:6, 7

5. What did God tell the people to do after this? Numbers 16:24, 26

6. What happened to the leaders of this rebellion? Numbers 16:31-33

7. What happened to the men who had joined them in the rebellion? Numbers 16:35

B. The Second Problem: Read Numbers 16:41-17:13

1. The next day, what did the people accuse Moses and Aaron of doing? Numbers 16:41b

2. What did God send because of this? Numbers 16:45, 46b

3. How many of the people died because of this judgment? Numbers 16:49

4. After this, what did God tell the leaders of the twelve tribes to do? Numbers 17:2

5. How was God going to show whom He had chosen to come near to Himself? Numbers 17:5

6. Who was shown to be God's choice? Numbers 17:8

7. What did God command to be done with Aaron's rod? Numbers 17:10

C. The Third Problem: Read Numbers 20:1-29

1. What was the problem that faced the people in the desert of Zin? Numbers 20:2a

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2. What did the people do because of this problem? Numbers 20:2b

3. What did God tell Moses to do? Numbers 20:8

4. What did Moses do? Numbers 20:10, 11

5. What did God tell Moses and Aaron after this? Numbers 20:12, 13

6. What happened to Aaron shortly after this? Numbers 20:24-29

D. The Fourth Problem: Read Numbers 21:1-9

1. Because the king of Edom would not give the Israelites passage through his land (Numbers 20:14-21), they had to go around it. What happened as they did this? Numbers 21:4

2. What did the people do? Numbers 21:5

3. What punishment did God send? Numbers 21:6

4. When the people repented of their sin, what did God tell Moses to make? Numbers 21:8

5. What did the people have to do to be saved from death? Numbers 21:8b, 9b

6. Of what was the brazen serpent a picture? (See John 3:14, 15)

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Have I ever sinned, so that I deserve punishment by God? (See Romans 3:23, 6:23)

2. Am I willing to obey God, and accept His remedy for my sin? (See 2 Corinthians 5:21)

THE APPROACH TO CANAAN

Numbers 21 - Deuteronomy 34

As the forty years of wandering drew to a close, God permitted the Israelites to continue their journey toward the land of Canaan. What happened to them as they journeyed is recorded in Numbers 21-36, and again in Deuteronomy in Moses' review of the history of the people:

A. Conquests on the Way to Canaan: Read Deuteronomy 2:1-3:20

1. Why did the people of Israel begin to journey northward? Deuteronomy 2:1-3

2. What three countries through which they had to pass would God not permit them to conquer? Whose descendants lived in these countries?
 - a. Deuteronomy 2:4, 5 _____
 - b. Deuteronomy 2:8b, 9b _____
 - c. Deuteronomy 2:19 _____
3. How long after they sent the spies into Canaan did they arrive at Moab? Deuteronomy 2:14a

4. What had happened during these years? Deuteronomy 2:14b, 15

5. Who were the first kings God permitted them to conquer? (See a map)
 - a. Deuteronomy 2:24, 36 _____
 - b. Deuteronomy 3:3-5 _____
6. What was peculiar about this second king? Deuteronomy 3:11

7. What did the Israelites do with the people of these countries? Deuteronomy 3:6, 7

8. How did the other nations feel when they heard of these wars? Deuteronomy 2:25

9. To which two and a half tribes was this country given as their inheritance? Deuteronomy 3:12, 13

10. What were these tribes to do before they settled down to enjoy their land? Deuteronomy 3:18-20

B. Events at the Border of Canaan: Read Deuteronomy 3:21-29;
Numbers 27:12- 23

1. What request did Moses make of God at this time? Deuteronomy 3:23-25

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2. What did God say he might do instead? Deuteronomy 3:26, 27

3. What would happen to him after this? Numbers 27:12-14

4. What was Moses' second request of God? Numbers 27:15-17

5. What man did God choose to take Moses' place as human leader of Israel? Numbers 27:18-23

6. What did Moses do in the fortieth year? Deuteronomy 1:3

7. What did Moses give to the people again at this time? Deuteronomy 5:6-21

8. Who did Moses say would be the real leader of Israel in the future? Deuteronomy 31:3, 6, 8

9. After Moses had completed his speech, where did he go? Deuteronomy 34:1-5

10. What two things happened to him there? Deuteronomy 34:5, 6

11. What did the Israelites do after this? Deuteronomy 34:8, 9

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Although the Israelites had lost their great human leader, whom did they still have to lead and guide them?

2. Is my success, happiness, or spiritual life dependent upon any human being?

THE ENTRANCE INTO CANAAN

Joshua 1 - 5

After the days of mourning for Moses were ended, the Israelites began a new chapter in the history of their nation. Read about this below:

A. The Command to Enter Canaan: Read Joshua 1:1-9

1. What did God tell Joshua and all the people to do? Joshua 1:1, 2

2. What great promise did God give to Joshua? Joshua 1:5, 9

B. The Preparation for Entering Canaan: Read Joshua 2:1-24

1. How long did Joshua say it would be before the people would enter Canaan? Joshua 1:11

2. What did Joshua do in the meantime? Joshua 2:1a

3. To whose house did Joshua's messengers go? Joshua 2:1b

4. Who discovered their presence almost as soon as they arrived? Joshua 2:2

5. What did he ask Rahab to do? Joshua 2:3

6. What two things did she do instead?

a. Joshua 2:4a, 6 _____

b. Joshua 2:4b, 5 _____

7. What caused her to do this? Joshua 2:9a; (See Hebrews 11:31)

8. How did she say the people of the land felt because of the Israelites? Joshua 2:9b

9. What two things had they heard about that caused them to feel this way?

a. Joshua 2:10a _____

b. Joshua 2:10b _____

10. What had Rahab come to realize about God? Joshua 2:11b

11. What did she want the spies to do for her? Joshua 2:12, 13

12. How did she help the spies to escape? Joshua 2:15

13. What report did the two spies bring back to Joshua? Joshua 2:23, 24

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C. The Entrance into Canaan: Read Joshua 3:1-17

1. As soon as the spies returned, what did Joshua promise the people? Joshua 3:5

2. Who went first into the Jordan River? Joshua 3:6

3. What happened as soon as their feet rested in the waters of the river?
Joshua 3:15, 16

4. What did all the people do after this? Joshua 3:17

5. At what two places did the people place twelve stones to remind them of this great miracle? Joshua 4:3-7, 9

6. What happened as soon as the priests came up out of the river? Joshua 4:18

7. What were three great results of this miracle?
 - a. Joshua 3:7, 4:14 _____
 - b. Joshua 4:24a _____
 - c. Joshua 4:24b _____

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. How do you think the Israelites felt as they faced the battles for Canaan?

2. What can give me confidence as I face the conflicts and battles of my life?

CONQUERING THE PROMISED LAND

Joshua 6 – 8

After crossing the Jordan River, the Israelites begin to conquer Canaan. Read what happened next:

A. Joshua Meets a Man With a Sword: Read Joshua 5:1-15

1. Who did Joshua see when he was by Jericho? Joshua 5:13, 14a

2. What did Joshua do? Joshua 5:14b

3. What did the man say to Joshua? Joshua 5:15

B. The Walls of Jericho Fall: Read Joshua 6:1-27

1. Why were the people of Jericho unable to enter or leave? Joshua 6:1

2. What did the Lord say to Joshua? Joshua 6:2

3. Who did He give to Joshua? Joshua 6:3

4. What were God's instructions? Be able to tell the story. Joshua 6:3-7

5. Did the people follow Joshua's instructions? Joshua 6:8-15

6. What did they do on the seventh day? Joshua 6:15

7. What did Joshua tell them? Joshua 6:16b

8. Whose life was to be spared? Joshua 6:17

9. What had God told them to stay away from? Joshua 6:18

10. What would happen if they did not obey God? Joshua 6:18b

B. The Sin of the Israelites: Read Joshua 7:1

1. Did the Israelites obey God? Joshua 7:1a

2. Who took some of the devoted things? Joshua 7:16

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3. What was God's reaction? Joshua 7:1b
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C. The Defeat at Ai: Read Joshua 7:2-13

1. How many men went up to defeat Ai? Joshua 7:4
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2. What happened to them? Joshua 7:4b, 5
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3. What did Joshua say to the Lord? Joshua 7:7-9
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4. What did the Lord tell Joshua to do? Joshua 7:10
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5. What had Israel done? Joshua 7:11
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6. How were they able to undo the wrong that had been done? Joshua 7:12, 13
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D. Tribe by Tribe; Clan by Clan before the Lord: Read Joshua 7:15-26

1. What will happen to the household who took the devoted things?
Joshua 7:15
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2. Whose tribe committed the sin? Joshua 7:18
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3. What did Joshua tell Achan to do? Joshua 7:19
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4. Did Achan confess? Joshua 7:20, 21_____

5. Who was punished along with Achan? Joshua 7:2

a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

6. What happened next? Joshua 7:25, 26
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QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. After you have experienced a great victory have you then experienced defeat?
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2. What could be the consequence if I disobey God? (See 1 Samuel 2:30, 15:22, 23)_____

THE CONQUEST OF SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN CANAAN Joshua 9 - 12

News of Joshua's first conquests soon reached the other inhabitants of Canaan. Read the following to discover the various reactions to this news, and what happened as a result of each reaction?

A. The General Reaction to Joshua's Conquests: Read Joshua 9:1, 2

1. To who did word of Joshua's conquests come? Joshua 9:1

2. What did they do when they heard this news? Joshua 9:2

B. The Reaction of the Gibeonites: Read Joshua 9:1-27

1. What did the men of Gibeon want to do when they heard this news? Joshua 9:6

2. What did they pretend in order to accomplish their purpose? Joshua 9:9

3. What did Joshua and the princes of Israel promise them? Joshua 9:15

4. What did they discover after they had made this promise? Joshua 9:16

5. Why did they make this mistake? Joshua 9:14

6. What were the Gibeonites made to do after this? Joshua 9:23

7. What had the Gibeonites heard which caused them to be willing to make peace at any price? Joshua 9:9b, 10, 24

C. The Reaction of the Southern King: Read Joshua 10

1. How did the king of Jerusalem feel when he heard of Joshua's conquests and Gibeon's reaction? Joshua 10:1, 2

2. What did he persuade four other kings to do? Joshua 10:4, 5

3. What was Joshua then called upon to do? Joshua 10:6, 7

4. What did the Lord promise Joshua at this time? Joshua 10:8

5. What happened as the battle began? Joshua 10:10

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6. What two miracles happened as the battle continued?
 - a. Joshua 10:11 _____
 - b. Joshua 10:12-14 _____
7. As you read the rest of the chapter, locate all the cities (on a map) Joshua conquered in this series of battles.
8. What was the secret of Joshua's many victories at this time?
Joshua 10:14b, 42b

D. The Reaction of the Northern Kings: Read Joshua 11

1. How many people did the king of Hazor gather together against Joshua? Joshua 11:4

2. Where did they meet to fight against Israel? Joshua 11:5 (see a map)

3. How many of their cities did Joshua conquer? Joshua 11:12

4. How long did the battles of Joshua last? Joshua 11:18, 14:10

5. What was the result of all Joshua's battles? Joshua 11:23a

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Could Israel possibly have conquered Canaan in her own strength? (See Psalm 44:3)

2. When I face tasks too great for my own strength, what may I ask God to do?

THE DIVISION OF THE LAND AMONG THE TRIBES

Joshua 13 - 24

After the battles in the northern part of Canaan, the land belonged to Israel. Now see what was done with it after the kings and their armies had been conquered:

A. The Territory of the Tribes: Read Joshua 13-19

1. When Joshua was old, what did the Lord say to him? Joshua 13:1

2. What did God tell Joshua to do? Joshua 13:6b, 7

3. To what tribes had Moses already given an inheritance on the other side of the Jordan River? Joshua 13:8, 18:7

4. To what tribe was no territory to be given as an inheritance? Joshua 13:14a, 33a

5. What was to be their inheritance? Joshua 13:14b, 33b

6. Whose descendants were counted as two tribes? Joshua 14:4

7. What individual received a special inheritance? Joshua 14:6-15

8. What tribe's inheritance was too little for them? Joshua 17:14a

9. What did they do because of this? Joshua 17:14b

10. Notice (on a map) the territory assigned to each tribe. Joshua 19

B. The Cities of Refuge: Read Joshua 20:1-9

1. For whose protection were the cities of refuge appointed? Joshua 20:3, 4, 5b

2. What must such persons do in order to be protected? Joshua 20:4a, 6

3. Underline the names of these cities (on a map). Joshua 20:7, 8

C. The Cities for the Levites: Read Joshua 21:1-3

1. Although the Levites did not receive a territory for their tribe, they did receive certain cities to live in. Where were these cities located? Joshua 21:4-41a

2. How many cities in all were given to the Levites? Joshua 21:41b

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3. What special cities were included in those given to the Levites? Joshua 21:13, 21, 27, 32, 36, 38
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D. Joshua's Instructions Concerning the Lord: Read Joshua 23, 24

1. After the land had all been divided among the tribes, what did Joshua do? Joshua 23:2
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2. What did Joshua tell Israel about the people of Canaan who lived among them? Joshua 23:5
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3. What was to be Israel's part in bringing this to pass? Joshua 23:6-8
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4. What did Joshua warn would happen if they did not do this?
Joshua 23:12, 13
- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
5. What did Joshua remind the people about the promises God had made to them? Joshua 23:14b
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6. What did Joshua ask the people to do? Joshua 24:14, 15
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7. What did the people promise him? Joshua 24:16-18, 21
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QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. After all God had done for Israel, did he have a right to expect them to serve Him?
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2. What does God want from me, in return for all that He has done for me?
(See 1 Samuel 12:24)
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