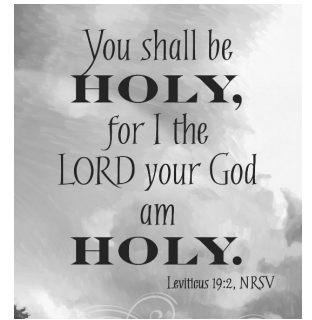




THE MARION COUNTY MANNA PROJECT
offers a Printer Friendly Summary of
THE BOOK OF LEVITICUS



OT/NT (a): [Old Testament](#) (1)

SECTION (a): [The Law](#) (2)

PLACEMENT (a): Leviticus is the third book of the [Holy Bible](#) (3), the third book of the Old Testament and the third of the five books of The Law.

TRADITIONAL AUTHOR: [Moses](#) (4) is the traditional author of Leviticus.

TIMELINE: The book of Leviticus covers events taking place in [1445 BC](#) (5). See our [Bible Timeline](#) (6) for more info.

KEY FIGURES: [Aaron](#) (7), [Abihu](#) (8), [Eleazar](#) (9), [Ithamar](#) (10), Moses and [Nadab](#) (11).

SUMMARY (b): The [Israelites](#) (12) remain encamped at [Mount Sinai](#) (13) throughout the entire book. This is where things get ironed out between [YHWH](#) (14) and His children, as He hands down a plethora of instructions, regulations and ordinances to Moses. Above all else in Leviticus, God's chosen are taught exactly how He expects them to worship, serve and [obey](#) (15) Him. Leviticus hammers home God's desire for us to be [holy](#) (16) and live according to His precepts ([Leviticus 11:44-45, 19:2, 20:7](#)).

Along with all the rules God is passing on to Moses for His people to follow, the Creator is also sharing His unconditional [love](#) (17) as well. It is crucial for today's [followers](#) (18) of [Jesus Christ](#) (19) to embrace that YHWH's words recorded in Leviticus 26 thousands of years ago are still applicable to us present day. Here, God promises that obedience to Him alone will be rewarded. He gives us His blessed assurance that He will be walking amongst us and that we are, indeed, His people. He reminds us that we are no longer slaves (in any capacity—spiritual, physical, emotional, psychological or otherwise), as He broke the bars of our yoke, enabling us to walk with our heads and hearts fixed on Him.

However, there is a word that prefaces His unmatched favor being poured out upon us. Leviticus 26 starts with "IF you follow my decrees and are careful to obey my commands"...the translation here is clear. God is expecting us to render unswerving obedience to Him. In return, we're promised His agape love, His unfailing [mercy](#) (20), His limitless [grace](#) (21), His unsurpassed [peace](#) (22) and so much more. We're definitely getting the better end of the deal. But, because He's God and knows everything in advance, He also laid out what the repercussions would be for our [disobedience](#) (23) as well. We get to choose our path.

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Although He is a God of order and balance, He rarely interferes with our free will. In [Leviticus 26:40-45](#), He reminds us that He is our Father and offers us a way back after we stray from Him - and that His door to holiness is always accessible. It's up to us to knock and it will be opened to us ([Matthew 7:7-8](#)). In the final analysis, as was then and remains present day, God has an overwhelming desire for us to partake in ongoing fellowship with Him. It's why He [created](#) (24) us.

APPLYING LEVITICUS TO MY LIFE (b): God takes His holiness very seriously, and so should we. The trend in the postmodern church is to create God in our own image, giving Him the attributes we would like Him to have instead of the ones [His Word](#) (25) describes. God's utter holiness, His transcendent splendor, and His "unapproachable light" ([1 Timothy 6:16](#)) are foreign concepts to many Christians. We are called to walk in the Light and to put away the darkness in our lives so that we may be pleasing in His sight. A holy God cannot tolerate blatant, unashamed sin in His people and His holiness requires Him to punish it. We dare not be flippant in our attitudes toward sin or God's loathing of it, nor should we make light of it in any way.

Praise the Lord that, because of Jesus' [death](#) (26) on our behalf, we no longer have to offer animal sacrifices. Leviticus is all about substitution. The death of the animals was a substitute penalty for those who have sinned. In the same way, but infinitely better, the sacrifice of Jesus on the [cross](#) (27) was the substitute for our sins. Now we can stand before a God of utter holiness without fear because He sees in us the righteousness of Christ.

CHAPTER SUMMARIES: [Explore](#) (28) chapter by chapter summaries!

COMING UP: Next up is the [Book of Numbers](#) (29)!

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The Invitation: If you're seeking additional info about Christianity on a more personal level, consider visiting a [Christian Church here in Marion County](#) (30). Introduce yourself to members and ask to speak with someone to learn more about Jesus. Surrendering your life to [Christ](#) (31) (e) is the most rewarding, everlasting decision you'll ever make, and it's comforting to have someone guide you as you begin your new life as a child of the Most High! May God shower you with great favor in this endeavor!

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