

**VISION FOR THE WORD OF GOD:**  
**LEVITICUS**

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**Name:** The name “LEVITICUS” like Genesis and Exodus does not appear in the Hebrew Bible. It appears in the Septuagint or first Greek translations of the scriptures that sometimes used themes to give names to biblical books. The term Leviticus means the Book of the Levites and can be described as the Priest’s Manual.

**Date of Composition:** Exact date unknown. Estimates range from 1440-1400 BCE if Moses was writer. Scholars now believe that the books of Leviticus in its present form emerged sometime in the early seventh century after the Babylonian exile. However a number of its worship traditions date back to the earliest of times in Israel’s worship life and traditions that emerged across the centuries.

**Author:** Traditionally ascribed to Moses. However the commonly accepted view is that the P (Priestly) tradition is the chief component in the formation of the book in its final form that appears in our bibles.

**Contents of the Books of Leviticus:**

Chapters 1-7:	The Laws of Sacrifice
Chapters 8-10:	Focus on the Priesthood
Chapters 11-15:	Clean and unclean animals and other forms of impurity
Chapters 16:	Yom Kippur or Day of Atonement
Chapters 17-27:	The Holiness Code

**Significant Themes:**

- Primacy of Worship
- The Primacy of God’s Presence
- The Primacy of Sacrifice
  - Sacrifice of Praise
- The Primacy of Leadership in Worship
- The Primacy of Order in
  - Worship
  - Life/ Rest
- The Primacy of Giving and the Tithe