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Leviticus Introduction

The very first thing that I'd like to do here this evening is to say congratulations to everyone who made it through our study in to the book of Exodus, and by the same token I'd also like to say congratulations to everyone who is with us during this first beginning introduction into the book of Leviticus here this evening.

As of today March 18th 2020, the world is in the middle of a pandemic. Stock markets are wavering schools are closed, restaurants are closed, all sports activities have been closed, and even television programming has been interrupted. During these rather difficult times many will fall into panic. Some into depression, and others may indeed fall away from the faith altogether. But I would submit to you my friends that what we are seeing unfolding before us here today should be of no surprise to us. Our Father in heaven, the prophets, the apostles, and our Messiah all warned us that these kinds of events would indeed take place upon the earth. They did not hide these things from us although I think it's fair to say that many pastors, priests, bishops and popes have tried to hide many of these things from us for generations. And this is exactly why we are at the right place, at the right time here this evening to do the right thing.

Historically, this is exactly how our Father in heaven gets our attention when nothing else will. Anyone who has ever studied the Scripture in even the smallest of detail should be well aware of what happens when the world ignores God and turns from him to do their own will.

Today, right here this evening, we are in the right place at the right time. To gather together and to hear the truth of the word of Yahovah is exactly where he wants us to be. As the world tries to handle things on its own, you and I both know who it is that has the power to truly change things. We know who it is that truly has the power to make a difference. You and I know who it is that is really in control. And you and I will turn to him tonight and clear our minds of the chaos and the panic, and fear that engulfs the world, and turn back to him and his spoken word so that we can truly fit ourselves with the full armor of God so that we can truly stand in the evil day.

And so, with that being said that is rid our minds of what the world is doing, and focus on the heart of the Bible which is indeed... the book of Leviticus.

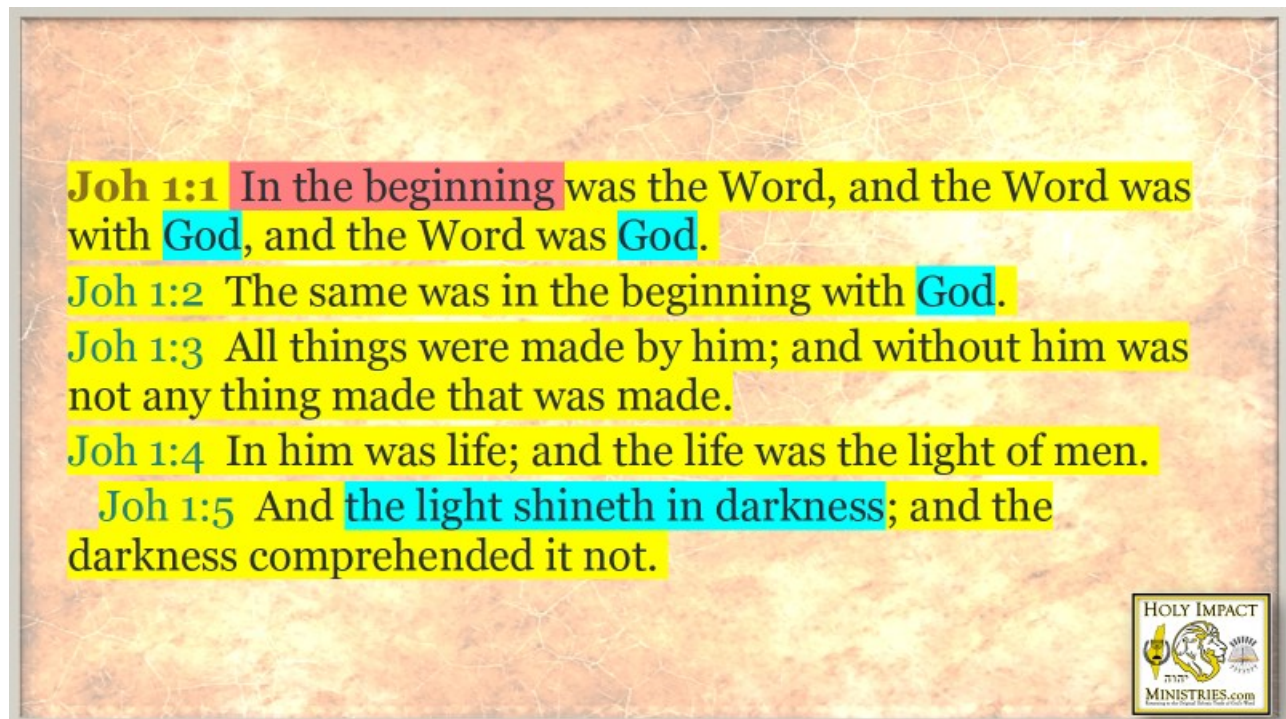
Leviticus gets its name from the Septuagint which is the Greek translation of the Old Testament that was written hundreds of years before the King James Version of the Bible was

ever even thought of, and was the Bible that the Apostles would have used in Yeshua's time. Its Hebrew title is "wayyiqra" which means "and he called".

The book of Leviticus is actually named after the tribe of "Levi" which is one of the original 12 tribes of Israel that came from the 12 sons of Jacob (whose name was changed to Israel). Yahovah had adopted Levi away from Jacob the same way that Jacob had adopted Ephraim and Manasseh away from Joseph. And the tribe of Levi became a special tribe that had become set apart for the service of Yah himself. The tribe of Levi was chosen by Yah himself to be a tribe of holy priests that would serve Yah and his purpose for mankind.

The book of Exodus brought forth the wilderness tabernacle, and now in the book of Leviticus we're given the laws and the regulations for worship including the instructions on ceremonial cleanliness, moral laws, holy days, the Sabbath year, and the year of Jubilee. During our study into the book of Leviticus, we'll uncover many more of Yah's patterns that he consistently uses to teach us his word that has always been with him from the very beginning.

First John 1:1-5 (scrn 1)



In John chapter 1 verse one we're told that in the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the Word was God. What John is telling us here is exactly what we will be reading here in the book of Leviticus. The word of God has always been with God. In other words... God does not change. Our God is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow and his word does not change. When God speaks something... all of the laws of nature and the universe immediately obey. Just as we see in Genesis chapter 1 over, and over, and over again... God said... and it was so. It was with the word of God that the world was created from the lips of God. (scrn 2)

Gen 1:7 And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so.

Gen 1:9 And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so.

Gen 1:11 And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so.

Gen 1:24 And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so.



Once again my friends, the word of God has not, and will not change. The word of God is what God speaks, and has spoken for thousands of years. And the covenants that he makes, and the gifts and the callings of God are indeed irrevocable. And we'll see that all throughout the writings of the Torah and the writings of the prophets, and the Psalms, and on into the New Testament. The book of Leviticus itself is indeed the heart of Yah's Torah. The book of Leviticus is the middle book of the Torah for reason.

The first book of the Torah (also known as the first five books of the Bible) begins with Genesis which is also known as the book of beginnings. While Deuteronomy is the fifth and final book of the Torah which is basically a sermon expounding upon the law. Both Genesis and Deuteronomy act as bookends if you will to the three middle books of the Torah; Exodus, Leviticus and Numbers. And so, Leviticus is the middle book of the Torah, and as such... is indeed the heart of the Torah. Leviticus is the center shaft of the menorah. Unlike the other four books of the Torah, the setting of Leviticus is limited to the mountain of God also known as mount Sinai, and sometimes called mount Horeb (which means the mountain of God). Leviticus being the heart of the Torah, is exactly what our Father in heaven told us that he was going to write in our human hearts, and in our human minds in both the Old, and the New Testaments.

Jeremiah 31:33 and Hebrews 17 (scrn 3)

Jer 31:33 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Heb 10:15 And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

Heb 10:16 “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,”

Heb 10:17 then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”



Leviticus has everything to do with the law of God. Leviticus has everything to do with why our Messiah came in the first place. Leviticus has everything to do with the love of God. And Leviticus has everything to do with how we show God that we love him. The book of Leviticus will give us the priestly worldview, and this is extremely important for a modern-day Christian to understand considering the fact... that we are all called to be a nation of priests.

As disciples of Yeshua Hamashiach (Jesus in the Greek) we are the priests of the kingdom of Yahovah and our human King is the human King that Yahovah has put into place through the offspring of the woman of Genesis chapter 3 verse 15, the seed of Abraham, the son of David, and the human son of Yahovah that was brought forth from the body of David through the immaculate conception of Mary his human mother. Not says I, but says our God breathed Scripture. And it is our Messiah who our Father in heaven has a designated as our High Priest in the order of Melkesideck but.... Just as there was a High Priest that served as a mediator between God and man in the Old Testament... the Levitical priesthood also served as a tribe of priests that assisted the High Priest of the tabernacle and the temple.

Our Messiah has been designated by his Father to be our earthly High Priest in the order of Melkesideck while we... who believe in... and follow him... are designated as a nation of priests for his soon coming kingdom. **Revelation 1:1-6 (scrn 4)**

Rev 1:1 The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John,

Rev 1:2 who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.

Rev 1:3 Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

Rev 1:4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,

Rev 1:5 and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood

Rev 1:6 and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.



And this is exactly why the book of Leviticus is so vitally important to each and every single solitary modern-day Christian. Just as our Messiah is likened to the High Priest of Israel, so too are we likened to the Levitical priests of Israel. Therefore... should we not think it important to know the duties of a priest according to the word of Yahovah our Father in heaven?

The key theme of the book of Leviticus is holiness. We are to be a nation of holy priests to Yahovah. And this very theme that is greatly expounded upon here in the book of Leviticus resonates all throughout the Torah, the writings of the prophets, the Psalms, and the New Testament as well. (scrn 5)

Old Testament:

Lev 11:44 For I am the LORD your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy. You shall not defile yourselves with any swarming thing that crawls on the ground.

New Testament:

Mat 5:48 You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.



The book of Leviticus plays a key part in the biblical definition of the love of God found in **1st John 5:2-3** (scrn 6)

1Jn 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

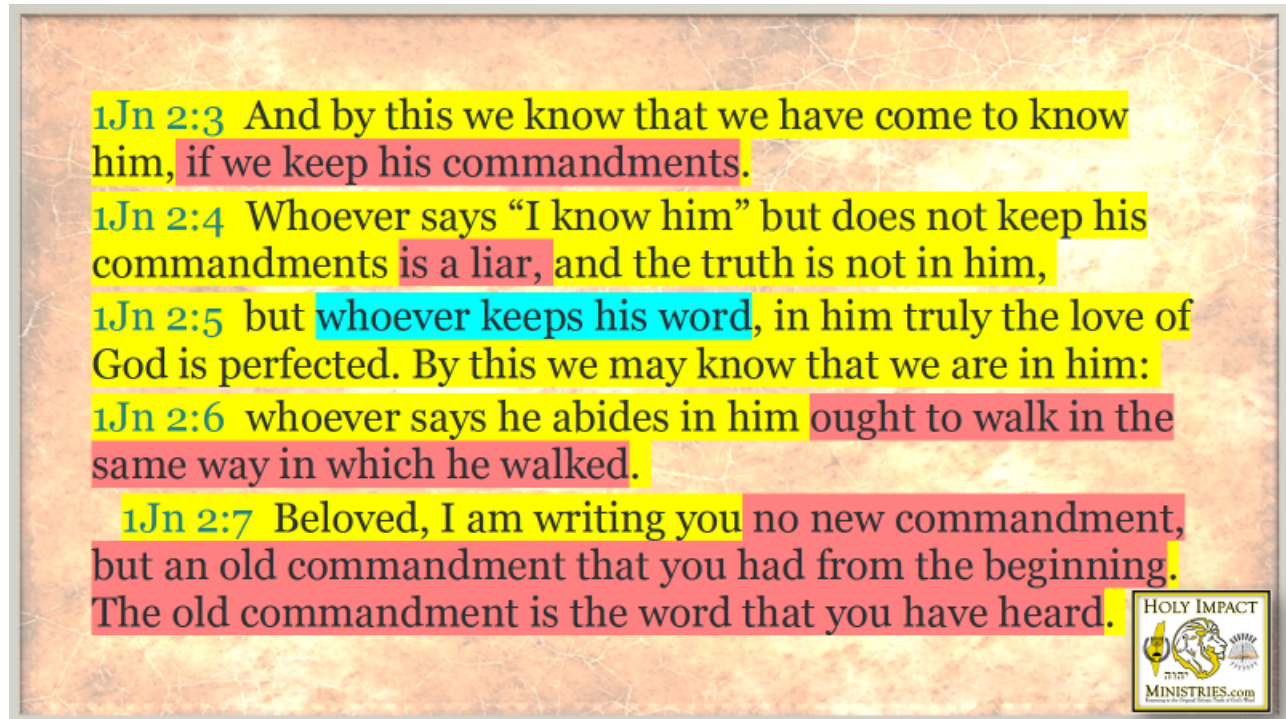
1Jn 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.



Where are Gods commandments found in the Scripture? They're found in the book of Leviticus in the heart of his Torah that he will write on our hearts and in our minds through the work that our Messiah his servant (the servant branch of David) did at the cross.

Knowing and understanding how to love God properly comes directly from knowing and

understanding how to be obedient to him. It is clearly written even in the New Testament that those who say that they know him, and yet do not keep his commandments, are nothing short of liars. **1st John 2:3-7 (scrn 7)**



Modern-day Christians are very familiar with the modern-day church doctrine that says that Jesus is the sacrifice for our sin. We hear this doctrine being regurgitated from behind today's modern-day pulpits throughout almost all denominational charters however; how can a true believer who has absolutely no understanding of the biblical sacrificial system that was a prophetic shadow of our Messiah's work at the cross even begin to comprehend the meaning behind... or the impact of... Yeshua being our human sacrifice for the world? The answer to that question is that they can't.

Without reading the book from the beginning, and understanding the principles found in the beginning of the book, a modern-day Christian will never understand why it is that their Messiah was there sacrificial Passover Lamb. They will never understand why he is called the "first fruit" of the new harvest. And they will never understand that the true anniversary of the death of our Messiah is not on the demonically inspired Roman rooted Good Friday as the world today proclaims. Today's modern-day Christian might know that their Messiah's blood does indeed atone for their sin, but they have no concept of how to live, or how to walk, or how to talk in the true light of what their Messiah has done for them without reading, and comprehending the beginning of the book where the very word of God is first proclaimed.

The book of Leviticus helps us to understand why it is that the blood of our Messiah could possibly atone for the sins of the world. The book of Leviticus also helps us to understand the concept of a substitute for our sin. The book of Leviticus helps us to understand the biblical

definition of the love of God that is... that we keep his commandments and his commandments are not burdensome to us. Without the book of Leviticus today's modern-day Christian is easily blinded by every wind of doctrine and human cunning and craftiness and deceitful scheme.

With all of this being said... it's also important to understand that the altar sacrifices of animals for the atonement of sin that are commanded here in the book of Leviticus ceased with the death, burial, and resurrection of our Messiah and the destruction of Herod's temple in Jerusalem nearly 2000 years ago in 70 A.D.. And it was the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem nearly 2000 years ago that ended the work of the Levitical priesthood, and began the work of today's spiritual priesthood who are those who keep the commandments of Yahovah and the testimony of his only begotten Son.

We must remember that the main purpose of the Levitical priesthood was to conduct the rituals that would be performed only... and I repeat "*only*"... in the Jerusalem Temple which was destroyed nearly 2000 years ago in 70 A.D.. With almost the complete and utter expulsion of the Jews from the holy land by the hand of the Roman Empire in 70 A.D., and the absolute removal of Jewish understanding from a new Gentile Christian religion that had emerged by the mid-second century A.D... both Jews and Christians found themselves with little basis for understanding God's laws, his principles, and his precepts contained in the book of Leviticus.

We must remember that during the dark ages which began around the fifth century A.D. and lasted for about 1000 years, it was a legal for anyone to own a Bible. The Roman Catholic Church murdered millions of good God-fearing, Messiah following Christians for simply owning a Bible. The Roman Catholic Church and its anti-Semitic popes and bishops were the only ones who were allowed to have a copy of the Bible during the dark ages, and it was only an anti-Semitic Pope or Bishop that was said to have the knowledge of the truth found in the Scripture. And it was this ghastly pagan fraud of a religion brought forth by the devil himself that literally had done away with the knowledge of the complete Bible and the God breathed Scripture that the apostle Paul tells us is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. By the time most of us here today were born, Christianity had disconnected itself from the Old Testament and the church today as we know it is well on its way to reducing even the New Testament to the writings of the apostle Paul.

The basis of faith for today's modern-day Christendom is by and large a set of man-made principles that have diluted the Scriptures and dwindled them down into what we call "*church doctrine's*". And depending upon which one of over 50,000 different denominational Christian charters you hail from... those man-made "*church doctrines*" may very through an extremely wide kaleidoscope of man-made philosophies, theologies, doctrines and dogmas, that have absolutely nothing to do with what our God breathed Scripture has told us from the very beginning. And Judaism is no better!

Today's modern-day Judaism by and large favors its own man-made writings, and philosophical teachings of their own Babylonian rabbinical commentary called the "*Talmud*"

which they wrongfully and shamefully proclaim as their spiritual authority. And the very red-letter words of our Messiah have indeed once again come true. **Matthew 7:13-14 (scrn 8)**

Mat 7:13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

Mat 7:14 Because *strait is the gate, and narrow is the way,* which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.



The narrow way is indeed narrow and few there will be that will find it because almost everyone is doing with the world is doing. Almost everyone has made themselves friends of the world. Almost every modern-day Christian denomination has become nothing more than a Gentile country club. And just as James tells us in the book of James, those who make themselves friends of the world, make themselves enemies of God. **James 4:4 (scrn 9)**

Jas 4:4 You adulterous people! Do you not know that *friendship with the world is enmity with God?* Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.



What's important to understand is that Yeshua Hamashiach our Messiah born in Bethlehem was the fulfillment of the sacrificial system that much of Leviticus points to. The rabbinical Hebrews of our Messiah's time relied on tradition while relegating the holy Scriptures to a dusty old shelf. The Babylonian rabbis of our Messiah's time had concocted their own religion, through what was known as the halakhah and their own oral tradition which overwrote and added to, and took away from the word of God (something that they were commanded never to do in their own Torah).

Christians on the other hand, by completely and utterly ignoring the Torah itself did the exact same thing by concocting their own religion from the throes of paganism, and the Roman Catholic Church herself is indeed the mother of today's modern-day protested churches who once again protest against absolutely nothing. And this is exactly why our Messiah told us that straight is the gate, and narrow is the way that leads to life, and why there would only be few that would find it.

As we've already seen through the first two books of our Fathers Torah, the pattern that Yehovah teaches us throughout his God breathed Scripture is the exact opposite of what today's modern-day denominational charters of men who call themselves the church... teach and preach today. And it is this deception that will indeed fool if possible... even the very elect.

All throughout the Bible from the book of Genesis all the way through to the book of Revelation, we consistently see the pattern of our Father in heaven dividing, electing, and separating. All throughout the Bible from the book of Genesis to the book of Revelation our Father divides, elects, and separates without ceasing. Our very own Messiah himself told us that he did not come to bring peace upon the world. He himself came to divide, to elect, and to separate. Our Messiah told us very clearly that he came to bring division. **Matthew 10:34-39 (scrn 10)**

Mat 10:34 "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

Mat 10:35 For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

Mat 10:36 And a person's enemies will be those of his own household.

Mat 10:37 Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

Mat 10:38 And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

Mat 10:39 Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.



But what does today's Pope along with her daughter protestant churches preach and teach today in our time? Today's modern-day Christian seeks in-clusion above all else! Let's all hold hands and singing: Kumbaya! Today's false churches demand that their people bow the knee to consensus, and to conformity, and to tolerance. Today's false churches teach their flocks to be neutrally minded, and to straddle the fence between what is right in what is wrong, and in many cases to trade a lie for the truth and the truth for a lie. They call what is sweet bitter, and what is bitter sweet. And yet we find the exact opposite all throughout the confines of our Fathers God breathed Scripture!

Yahovah divides darkness from light, evil from good, truth from deception, chaos from order, and Israel from everyone else. And as we begin our journey through the book of Leviticus and we examined the sacrificial system laid down by our Father in heaven, we will once again see the same kinds of divisions and distinctions established between the clean and the unclean, the holy and the profane, the divine and the fleshly, the priestly and the common. Ritual purity, sexuality, and even diet will all be divided into the acceptable, and the unacceptable. And we will continue to see that the unacceptable will indeed not be accepted by Yahovah and those who continue to dabble in.... and become part of the unacceptable... will be excluded from his set apart people also known as "*The House of Israel*".

The book of Leviticus is rarely taught within today's modern-day churches. And it's rarely taught for reason, and that reason is because most modern-day pastors standing behind today's modern-day pulpits have no concept of how to teach the book of Leviticus because they don't properly teach the book of Leviticus in their seminary schools, and their brick-and-mortar colleges and institutions. And it's a sad, sad shame that most denominational pastors, bishops, priests, and yes even popes have no concept of the biblical patterns that Yahovah has inserted

within the confines of his God breathed Scripture to teach those who have the eyes to see and the ears to hear.

The tabernacle itself is a prime example of a very important pattern that Yahovah lays before us all throughout his God breathed Scripture. The earthly tabernacle was created from a blueprint of the heavenly tabernacle that resides in heaven on the other side of the veil. The wilderness tabernacle was a physical earthly replica of God's heavenly spiritual tabernacle. For human beings one could be seen, and the other could not. What we need to remember is that the spiritual has no limitations, while the physical has nothing but limitations. So, whatever is manifested physically is automatically inferior to its spiritual counterpart. And this is an extremely important concept to understand during our study into the book of Leviticus.

Keeping this in mind we also need to understand that Yah's commandments and his laws and his appointments do not become obsolete, nor do they end... however they do transform. To "*transform*" means to change the composition or the structure, or to change the outward form or appearance of something while the underlying structure still remains. Just like our Messiah was transformed before his apostles, but the underlying structure of our Messiah remained the same. Who he was, is, and always will be has not changed even though his body has been transformed. Often times this transformation can also place through a substitution. And what we as modern-day Christians need to grasp, is the clear and resounding fact that Yah's sanctified and ordained sacrificial system is still for all intents and purposes alive and well to this very day. It has simply transformed through a substitute that we know as Yeshua Hamashiach our Messiah.

The Levitical sacrificial system that involved the killing of specified animals is no longer physically practiced today in our time, but we know that it will be invoked once again in the very near future when our Messiah comes to establish his kingdom here on earth.

What we need to understand is that the physical aspect of the sacrificial system did not by any means become obsolete. Quite the contrary! A physical sacrifice and the shedding of blood is still necessary for the atonement of sin to this very day! Our Messiah who willingly became the ultimate human sacrifice for the atonement of the sins of all human beings substituted himself for the animals that we would have had to kill in order to attempt to atone for our own sin. That blood sacrifice is still required to this very day, and this is exactly why we need our Messiah! If we do not believe in the only begotten son of God who is Yeshua Hamashiach... then there is no blood to atone for our sins. And it is not having this blood covering that disqualifies us from the kingdom of God and even the presence of God. Therefore... to say that the law of God has been done away with is demonstratively in error. And for any man to teach and preach such a demonically inspired lie puts that man outside of Yah's set apart people. Once again my friends, whoever says he knows him, but does not keep his commandments is a liar and the truth is not in him. Not says I, but says our God breathed Scripture in first John chapter 2.

It is because the Levitical law does still stand today in our time... that we need the blood atonement of our Messiah to cover us. If the Levitical law was no longer in effect, then we would no longer need the blood atonement of our Messiah. Our Messiah was indeed the substitute for the blood atonement of sacrificing animals for the atonement of sin. And this concept of a substitute is again another pattern that has been laid out before us all throughout our God breathed Scripture. In fact, this is exactly what the day of atonement is all about when the High Priest laid his hands on the head of the scapegoat... he placed all of the sins of the house of Israel on the head of that goat, and that goat then became the substitute of atonement for the sins of the house of Israel just as our Messiah has become a substitute for us and has atoned for the sins of the house of Israel.. **Leviticus 16:21-22 (scrn 11)**

Lev 16:21 And Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over it all the iniquities of the people of Israel, and all their transgressions, all their sins. And he shall put them on the head of the goat and send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a man who is in readiness.

Lev 16:22 The goat shall bear all their iniquities on itself to a remote area, and he shall let the goat go free in the wilderness.



Once again, this was the pattern from the beginning. The scapegoat was a shadow picture of our Messiah who would come to take on the transgressions and the sins of Israel upon his own head. It was our Messiah who bore all of our iniquities on himself and went down into the remote area of hell itself in order to take the keys of death and Hades from the devil, and to bring the house of Israel back to the one true Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The life of the flesh is in the blood and this is exactly why it took an animal that was perfect and without blemish to atone for sin. Just like it took a human man who was perfect and without sin to atone for the sins of the world. **Leviticus 17:11 (scrn 12)**

Lev 17:11 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.



It is because the life of the flesh is in the blood that the blood is able to make atonement by the life of that perfect and unblemished substitute. Our Messiah was once again perfect, and without sin. Making himself the perfect human substitute to atone for the sins of all humans.
Isaiah 53:9-12 (scrn 13)

Isa 53:9 And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Isa 53:10 Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

Isa 53:11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

Isa 53:12 Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

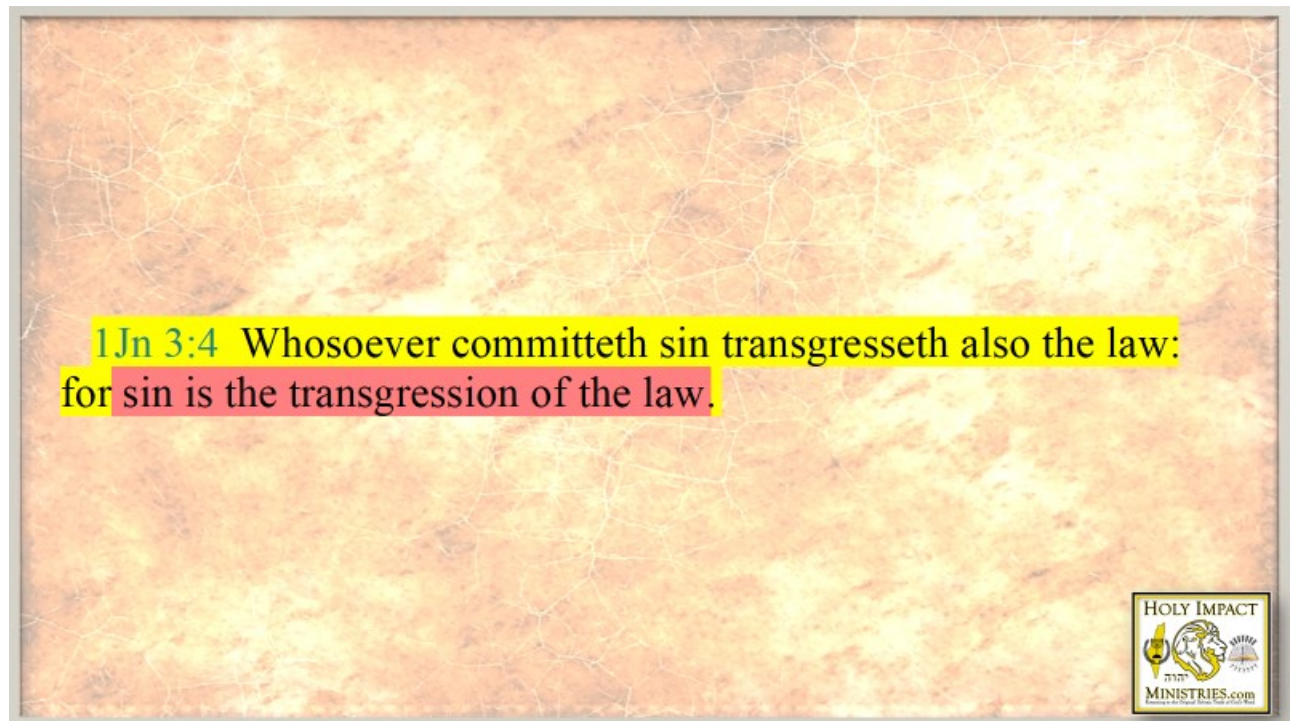


Everything that we see within the confines of the book of Leviticus points to our Messiah just like the book of Genesis, and the book of Exodus did. What today's modern-day Christian does not understand is that our Messiah can be found in every book of the Old Testament. Every

book of the Old Testament proclaims him, every book of the Old Testament exalts him, every book of the Old Testament literally cuts the path and paves the way for the offspring of the woman of Genesis chapter 3 verse 15 to become our sacrificial Passover Lamb who died on Passover day (and not on some Roman rooted Catholic Good Friday).

Something else extremely important to understand is that the book of Leviticus describes in detail how five major offerings are to be offered before Yahovah. There were three types of burnt offerings. One category was animals from a herd. The second category was from the flock, and the third category was from birds and in all cases the animal was to be slaughtered at the door of the tent of meeting and only at the door of the tent of meeting. And its blood was to be drained, and the unclean parts of the animal were to be disposed of and the remainder would be burned entirely on the altar of sacrifice. Once again my friends, in order to properly keep these commandments, there needs to be a physical temple on earth. We today do not have a physical temple on earth because we ourselves have become the temple of God. But it should be clearly understood that when our Messiah returns the temple will indeed be put back into service according to the prophets, our Messiah, and the book of Revelation.

Something else to make note of is that most of these kinds of sacrifices can be loosely found within many different pagan civilizations of antiquity. But we must remember where these sacrifices originated. The very law of God, which was the word of God originated in the beginning with the creation of Adam and Eve who were the first humans on the earth. According to the Bible sin is defined as the transgression of the law. **1st John 3:4 (scrn 14)**



Therefore, if the Bible is true, and we know that sin is the transgression of the law, Adam and Eve could not have sinned in the garden without the law being in effect. You cannot transgress a

law that does not exist. Therefore, we know that the law existed at the time of Adam and Eve because both Adam and Eve transgressed the law of Yahovah. Furthermore, we know that Cain and Abel who were the children of Adam and Eve were both sacrificing to Yahovah. Abel's sacrifice to Yahovah was favored more than Cain's was, and this is why Cain slew able.

And therefore, when we see all of these other pagan nations making similar sacrifices to their pagan gods we should not be surprised knowing and understanding that the devil himself loves to dress himself up like an Angel of light and so do those who are his ministers. Many scholars will wrongly proclaim that the Hebrew people learned how to sacrifice from these other pagan nations. But that's not what the Bible says. The Bible tells us that the word of God was always with God and that our God is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. His word does not change. And if this is true, and if Adam and Eve were able to sin in the garden, and Cain and Abel already knew how to sacrifice to Yahovah, then we should know full well that these sacrificial offerings were being made from the beginning of time as we know it when Adam and Eve were first placed in the garden of Eden. Therefore, these other pagan nations were the ones who learned how to sacrifice from Yah's set apart people. The Hebrew people did not learn how to sacrifice from the pagans, the pagans learned how to sacrifice from the Hebrews. Not says I... but says our God breathed Scripture.

The word of God was indeed with God from the beginning and handed down from Adam to Noah, and from Noah to Abraham and from Abraham to Isaac and to Jacob from the very beginning. But as men always do... over time men began to ignore God's principles and other men started their own religious cults and began to add too, and take away from God's word, and they added their own philosophical theologies and rituals and traditions and dogmas just like men have done today. And all of this of course culminated at the tower of Babel when the world again became wicked just like they did before the flood. This my friends unfortunately is another pattern that we see all throughout the Bible.

Nimrod is credited as being the patriarch of what the Bible calls "*The Mystery Babylon Religions*". Which is just a long phrase for "*pagan religions*". And of course, these false Babylonian religions took what the whole world already knew were Yah's commandments and twisted them to conform to their own wants and their own sinful and selfish desires and so soon they were building altars to false gods and using what was holy to Yahovah in a perverted and unauthorized way. Animal sacrifice quickly turned to human sacrifice, sexual prohibitions turned into homosexuality and religious prostitution and even various types of reptiles and birds and mammals became god images that men began to worship upon the face of the earth.

Like most deceptions these false religions and their pagan traditions have at their core a degree of divine truth... but the truth became wrapped in lies and was mixed and mingled to the point that these pagan traditions are now barely recognizable as having anything to do with the one true Elohim of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. Just like today's modern-day version of Christianity has fallen into the myths and traditions of paganism over the centuries due to the lust of power and greed.

Next Wednesday at 7 PM Eastern standard time we'll continue our study into the introduction of the book of Leviticus and we'll examine why it is that Jewish children were taught the book of Leviticus before any other book of the Torah and why that's important for us to know today in our time.

But for now, I will simply ask everyone within the sound of my voice to please take what you have heard here today to your own prayer closet. How your head and bend your knee, and face the holy promise land of Jerusalem and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you have heard here today be true, or not.

Ask, seek, and knock on his door, and his door alone, and the door will be opened to you. And if you will do that, and if you will stay the course to the end, you and I will surely walk to the Gates of his soon coming kingdom together.