



Class 4 - Leviticus, Numbers

Old Testament Seminar - Immanuel Church

Leviticus

Context

- Historical Context

Mid 15th century BC

Still at the foot of Mount Sinai

At/In the tabernacle

- Redemptive-Historical Context

Promises are being fulfilled!

Israel getting ready to enter the land Yahweh has promised.

Israel instructed in how to be holy.

Theme

Yahweh is holy, and therefore His people must be holy too.

The Offerings at the Tabernacle – Leviticus 1-7

Regulations for Aaron and His Sons – Leviticus 8-10

Yahweh Will Show Himself Holy – Leviticus 9:22-10:3

The Holiness Code – Leviticus 11-15, 18-27

- What makes some things holy, and other things not?
- Are we still to obey these laws?

The Day of Atonement – Leviticus 16

A Study Outline for Leviticus

- i. Leviticus 1-15 – LAW*
 - a. Chapters 1-7: Offerings
 - b. Chapters 8-10: Obedience of Priesthood
 - c. Chapters 11-15: Separation from the Unclean
- ii. Leviticus 16-17 – GRACE
 - a. The Day of Atonement
- iii. Leviticus 18-27 – HOLINESS
 - a. Ethical Purity of the People & Religious Festivals

*Notice that the flow of the book follows a real gospel train of thought: First there are laws to tell the Israelites how they might approach Yahweh (part I). But when they fail in their obedience, provision is made for them in the form of a substitutionary sacrifice (part II). Then, from that position of forgiveness and grace, the people are called to live holy lives (part III).

Numbers

Context

- Geographical context – God’s people on the move
 - 1-10: Packing up at Sinai
 - 11-12: Journeying to Kadesh
 - 13-19: Wandering in Paran
 - 20-21: Journeying to Moab
 - 22-36: Preparing in Moab
- Historical Context – God’s promises to Abraham
 - People – Genesis 13v15
 - Place – Genesis 12v2
 - Presence – Genesis 15v1
 - Blessing to nations – Genesis 12v3

Theme sentence

Past promises will prevail in spite of present problems

God’s preparation preserves his promises – Numbers 1-10

People – 1v46 (2v32) and 4v48

Place - 10v33

Presence - 5-6, 7, 8v5 and 9v15-18 (John 14v16-18)

Blessing to nations? – 10v29 (Galatians 3v14)

God’s punishment preserves his promises – Numbers 11-16

Complaining:

- at hardships (11v1)

- at food (11v13)
- at Moses (12v1)
- at God! (13v31-33, 14v1-7)

People's Unbelief = God's Punishment (14v10-12, v21-23)

People – 14v23 vs. 14v31

Place – 14v25 (Hebrews 3v12-19)

Presence – 15, 16v41-42

Blessing to nations?

God's patience preserves his promises – Numbers 17-36

More disbelief:

- against God's word (17v13)
- from Moses (20v8-12)
- against Moses (21v4)

People's Unbelief leads to God's Patience (21v6-9)

People – 26v51

Place – 27, 32, 34, 36

Presence – 29v1

Blessing to nations? – 21, 22-24, 31, 24v9

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