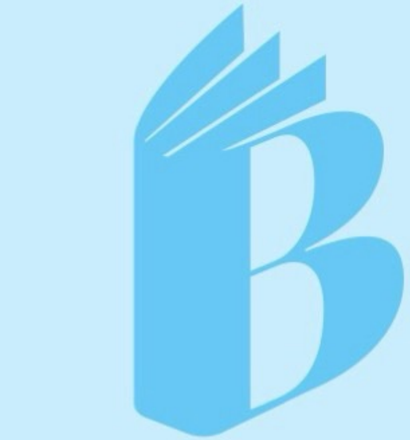


Book By Book

WELCOME

OUR GOAL

To give you the tools to study the Bible on your own with confidence, providing a better understanding of God and your relationship with him.

THE PLAN

Each month, we will introduce another book of the Bible and give you some guidance to help you study on your own.

BIBLE STUDY METHOD

- **OBSERVATION:**
  What does the text say?
  (who, what, when, where, why and how?)

- **INTERPRETATION:**
  What does it mean?

- **APPLICATION:**
  What did I learn that should affect my life?
  (Is there a behavior, attitude or understanding that should change in my life?)

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Five major sections:

- Law (Genesis – Deuteronomy)
- History (Joshua – Esther)
- Poetry (Job – Song of Solomon)
- Major Prophets (Isaiah – Daniel)
- Minor Prophets (Hosea – Malachi)

LEVITICUS

HOLINESS

“You must be holy because I, the LORD, am holy” Leviticus 20:26

WHAT DOES HOLY MEAN?

The Hebrew word for “holy” literally means “separate” or “set apart.”

Another way to say it is absolute perfection. God is unlike any other and His holiness is the essence of that “otherness.” His very being is completely absent of even a trace of sin. He is high above any other, and no one can compare to Him. God’s holiness pervades His entire being and shapes all His attributes. His love is a holy love, His mercy is holy mercy, and even His anger and wrath are holy anger and holy wrath.

THE PENTATEUCH (BOOKS OF MOSES)

Leviticus is the third book in a group of five.

1. Genesis
2. Exodus
3. Leviticus
4. Numbers
5. Deuteronomy

THE BASICS

What period of time does the book cover?

So the Tabernacle was set up on the first day of the first month of the second year. Exodus 40:17

A year after Israel's departure from Egypt, the LORD spoke to Moses in the Tabernacle in the wilderness of Sinai. On the first day of the second month of that year Numbers 1:1

OFFERINGS (CHAPTERS 1-7)

Voluntary Offerings

- Burnt Offering (1:1-17; 6:8-13)
  - ❖ Consecration
- Grain Offering (2:1-16; 6:14-18)
  - ❖ Dedication
- Peace Offering (3:1-17; 6:19-23; 7:11-21)
  - ❖ Celebration

OFFERINGS (CHAPTERS 1-7)

Compulsory Offerings

- Sin Offering (4:1-5:13; 6:24-30)
  - ❖ Unintentional Sin
- Trespass (Guilt) Offering (5:14-6:7; 7:1-10)
  - ❖ Guilty before the Lord

THE PRIESTHOOD

CONSECRATION AND ORDINATION OF AARON AND HIS SONS

(CHAPTER 8-10)

In the doorway of the tent of meeting Aaron, his sons and all the congration are present. (8:1-3)

THE CEREMONY
(CHAPTER 8)

- Washed and dressed
- Anointed
- Offerings presented
- The seven day period of completion

THE PRIESTS BEGIN
(CHAPTER 9)

- Sin Offering (9:2)
- Burnt Offering (9:2)
- Peace Offering (9:4)
- Grain Offering (9:17)

WHY?
(CHAPTER 9)

- Because the Lord will appear to you today. (9:4)
- This is what the Lord has commanded you to do (9:6)
- So that the glory of the Lord may appear to you. (9:6)
- To purify yourself and the people, making them right with the Lord (9:7)
- The glory of the Lord appeared to the whole community. (9:23)

THEN WHAT?
(CHAPTER 9)

Fire blazed forth from the Lord's presence and consumed the burnt offering and the fat on the altar. When the people saw this, they shouted with joy and fell face down on the ground.

Leviticus 9:24

JESUS, OUR HIGH PRIEST

[11] So Christ has now become the High Priest over all the good things that have come. He has entered that greater, more perfect Tabernacle in heaven, which was not made by human hands and is not part of this created world. 12 With his own blood—not the blood of goats and calves—he entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and secured our redemption forever. Hebrews 9:11

JESUS, OUR HIGH PRIEST

24 For Christ did not enter into a holy place made with human hands, which was only a copy of the true one in heaven. He entered into heaven itself to appear now before God on our behalf. 25 And he did not enter heaven to offer himself again and again, like the high priest here on earth who enters the Most Holy Place year after year with the blood of an animal. 26 If that had been necessary, Christ would have had to die again and again, ever since the world began. But now, once for all time, he has appeared at the end of the age to remove sin by his own death as a sacrifice. Hebrews 9:24-26

NADAB AND ABIHU
(CHAPTER 10)

10 Aaron's sons Nadab and Abihu put coals of fire in their incense burners
and sprinkled incense over them. In this way, they disobeyed the LORD by
burning before him the wrong kind of fire, different than he had
commanded. 2 So fire blazed forth from the LORD's presence and burned
them up, and they died there before the LORD.

3 Then Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the LORD meant when he said,
'I will display my holiness through those who come near me.
I will display my glory before all the people.'"
And Aaron was silent.

SHOULD HOLINESS BE IMPORTANT TO ME?

Is holiness required of me?

> … without holiness no one will see the Lord. Hebrews 12:14b

Am I capable of holiness?

Let’s revisit some passages in the New Testament.

GOD'S HOLINESS & ME

It is God's will for me to be holy.

God's will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin. 1 Thessalonians 4:3

For God's will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time. Hebrews 10:10

GOD'S HOLINESS & ME

I am called and chosen to be holy.

For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 1:9

I am writing to God's church in Corinth, to you who have been called by God to be his own holy people. 2 Corinthians 1:2

Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. Ephesians 1:4

Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Colossians 3:12

GOD'S HOLINESS & ME

I am commanded to be holy

14 So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then. 15 But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. 16 For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy." 1 Peter 1:14-16

GOD'S HOLINESS & ME

Jesus made (and is making me) holy

If I have called on the name of the Lord Jesus, he has made me holy. 1 Corinthians 1:2

Christ made us right with God; he made us pure and holy, and he freed us from sin.
1 Corinthians 1:30

Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault. Colossians 1:22

Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. 1 Thessalonians 5:23

For by that one offering he forever made perfect those who are being made holy.
Hebrews 10:14

GROUP TALK

Exactly what does grace allow?

Here's something to discuss:

Many churches today seem to reject God's call for holiness. How has this affected your perspective?

SOME LAWS FOR HEALTH
(CHAPTERS 11-15)

- Clean and unclean animals (chapter 11)
- Childbirth (chapter 12)
- Skin diseases, Mildew, Bodily Discharge (chapters 13-15)

THE DAY OF ATONEMENT
(CHAPTERS 16-17; 23:26-28; 25:9)

Warning and instruction for Aaron

2 The LORD said to Moses, “Warn your brother, Aaron, not to enter the Most Holy Place behind the inner curtain whenever he chooses; if he does, he will die. For the Ark’s cover—the place of atonement—is there, and I myself am present in the cloud above the atonement cover.

Leviticus 16:2

THE DAY OF ATONEMENT

21 And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house, 22 let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water.

Hebrews 10:21-22

MORAL LAWS
(CHAPTERS 18-20)

- Forbidden Sexual Practices (chapter 18)
- Holiness in Personal Conduct (chapter 19)
- Punishment for Disobedience (chapter 20)

Because we belong to the day, we must live decent lives for all to see. Don’t participate in the darkness of wild parties and drunkenness, or in sexual promiscuity and immoral living, or in quarreling and jealousy.

Romans 13:13

INSTRUCTONS FOR PRIESTS
(CHAPTERS 21-22)

31 “You must faithfully keep all my commands by putting
them into practice, for I am the LORD. 32 Do not bring shame
on my holy name, for I will display my holiness among the
people of Israel. I am the LORD who makes you holy. 33 It was
I who rescued you from the land of Egypt, that I might be
your God. I am the LORD.”

Leviticus 22:31-33

THE FESTIVALS
(CHAPTER 23)

- Sabbath (23:3)
- Passover/Festival of Unleavened Bread (23:5-8)
- Festival of First Harvest (23:9-14)
- Festival of Harvest (23:15-22)

THE FESTIVALS
(CHAPTER 23)

- Festival of Trumpets (23:23-25)
- Day of Atonement (23:26-32)
- Festival of Shelters (23:33-43)

Chapter 24

Pure Oil and Holy Bread (24:1-9)

Just Punishment (24:10-23)

Chapter 25

Sabbath Year/Jubilee/Redemption

THE “IFFEY” CHAPTERS

Chapter 26

God’s Blessings for Obedience

Consequences for Disobedience

Chapter 27

Redemption/Dedication

NEXT BOOK

NUMBERS

Wandering in Rebellion & Unbelief

How do we respond when God sends us into a battle we believe we can’t win?

THEMES IN NUMBERS

- Organization
- Disorganization
- Reorganization

GOAL FOR THIS MONTH

Read at least two chapters of Numbers every day.

Be sure to make notes of any insights you gain as your read and study along with any questions you encounter.

WANT MORE NOTES?

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