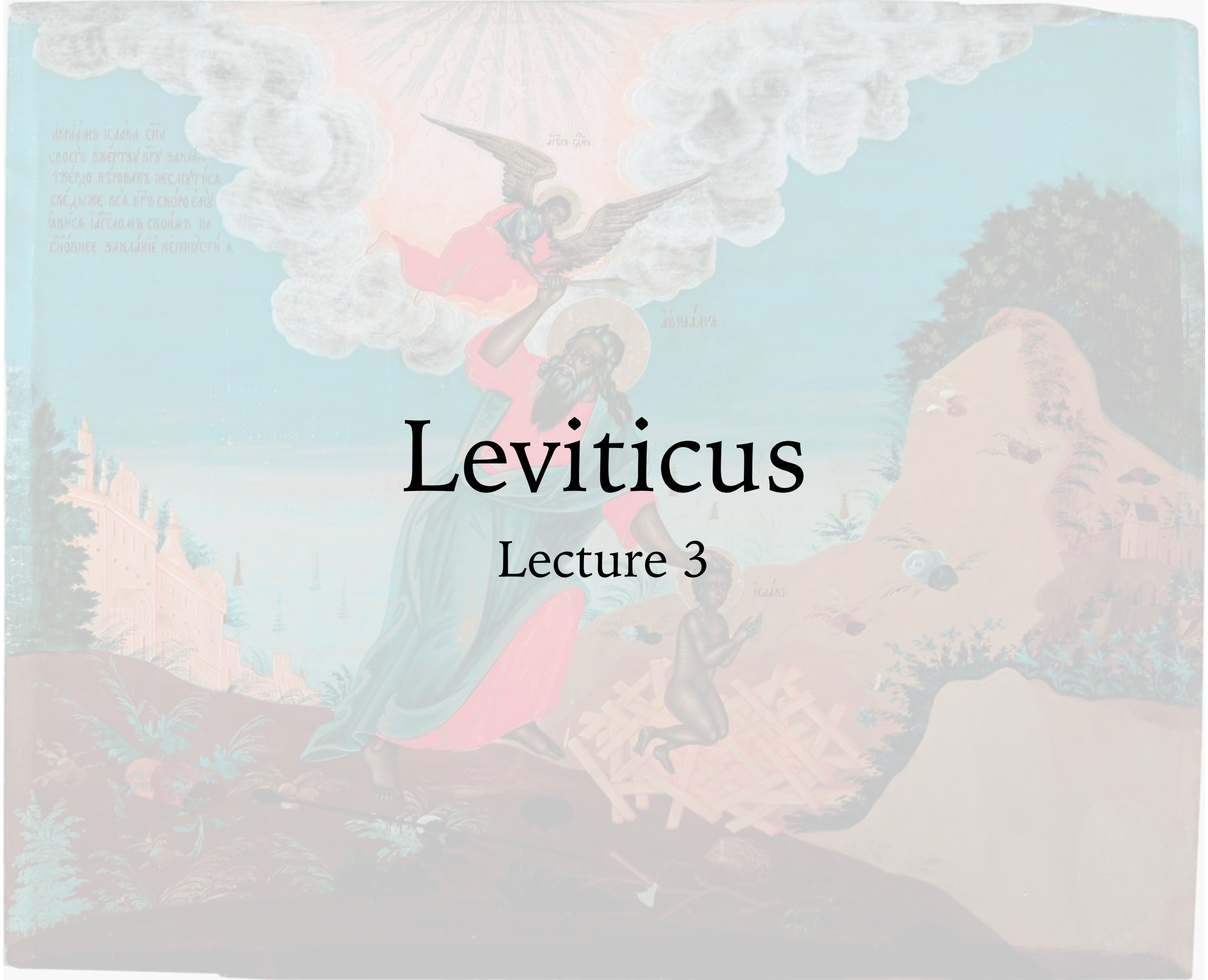


Leviticus

Lecture 3

The Argument

Premise 1: If Yahweh rests in some place *x*, then *x* is His temple.

Premise 2: Yahweh rested in the world/creation.

Conclusion: Therefore, the world is Yahweh's temple.

"The concept of divine rest can, in turn, by elucidated by ancient Near Eastern literature, which demonstrates that a deity's rest is achieved in a temple, generally as a result of order having been established. The rest, while it represents disengagement from the process of establishing order, is more importantly, an expression of engagement as the deity takes his place at the helm to maintain an ordered, secure, and stable cosmos."

- John Walton, *Ancient Near Eastern Thought and the Old Testament*, 235.

Psalm 132:1-9; 13-16

The Lord Has Chosen Zion

A Song of [m] Ascents.

132 Remember, O LORD, in David's favor,
all [y] the hardships he endured,
2 how he swore to the LORD
and [z] vowed to [a] the Mighty One of Jacob,
3 "I will not enter my house
or get into my bed,
4 I will not [b] give sleep to my eyes
or slumber to my eyelids,
5 until I [c] find a place for the LORD,
a dwelling place for [a] the Mighty One of Jacob."

6 Behold, we heard of it in [d] Ephrathah;
we found it in [e] the fields of Jaar.
7 "Let us go to his dwelling place;
let us [f] worship at his [g] footstool!"

8 [h] Arise, O LORD, and go to your [i] resting place,
you and the ark of your [j] might.
9 Let your [k] priests be [l] clothed with righteousness,
and let your [m] saints shout for joy.

13 For the LORD has [t] chosen Zion;
he has [u] desired it for his dwelling place:
14 "This is my [v] resting place forever;
here I will [w] dwell, for I have desired it.
15 I will abundantly [x] bless her provisions;
I will [y] satisfy her poor with bread.
16 Her [z] priests I will clothe with salvation,
and her [z] saints will shout for joy.

Exodus 5:1-9

Making Bricks Without Straw

5 Afterward Moses and Aaron went and said to Pharaoh, "Thus says the LORD, the God
of Israel, 'Let my people go, that they may hold [t] a feast to me in the wilderness.'"
2 But Pharaoh said, [u] "Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice and let Israel go? I do
not know the LORD, and moreover, [v] I will not let Israel go." 3 Then they said, "The [w] God of
the Hebrews has met with us. Please let us go a three days' journey into the wilderness
that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God, lest he fall upon us with pestilence or with the
sword." 4 But the king of Egypt said to them, "Moses and Aaron, why do you take the
people away from their work? Get back to your [x] burdens." 5 And Pharaoh said, "Behold,
[y] the people of the land are now many, [1] and you make them rest from their burdens!"
6 The same day Pharaoh commanded the [z] taskmasters of the people and their [a] foremen,
7 "You shall no longer give the people straw to make bricks, as in the past; let them go and
gather straw for themselves. 8 But the number of bricks that they made in the past you
shall impose on them, you shall by no means reduce it, for they are idle. Therefore they
cry, 'Let us go and offer sacrifice to our God.' 9 Let heavier work be laid on the men that
they may labor at it and pay no regard to lying words."



"The Holy of Holies is part of God's heavenly throne room. Yahweh 'sits enthroned above the cherubim' on the 'ark of God' (1 Chron 13:6). Since the ark was the footstool of God's heavenly throne (28:2; Ps 99:5; 132:7-8; Isa 66:1; Lam 2:1), the Holy of Holies was the bottom part to where the heavenly throne room extended. Since the ark represented the heavenly presence of God, its movement outside the Holy of Holies signaled the movement of God himself breaking into the earthly realm to scatter his enemies (Num 10:35)."

- G.K. Beale, *God Dwells Among Us*, 53.

Numbers 10:33-36

33 So they set out from [p] the mount of the LORD three days' journey. And the ark of the
covenant of the LORD went before them three days' journey, to seek out [q] a resting place for
them. 34 [r] And the cloud of the LORD was over them by day, whenever they set out from the
camp.

35 And whenever the ark set out, Moses said, [s] "Arise, O LORD, and let your enemies be
scattered, and let those who hate you flee before you." 36 And when it rested, he said,
"Return, O LORD, to the ten thousand thousands of Israel."