

# Bi-115, The Pentateuch Part 3

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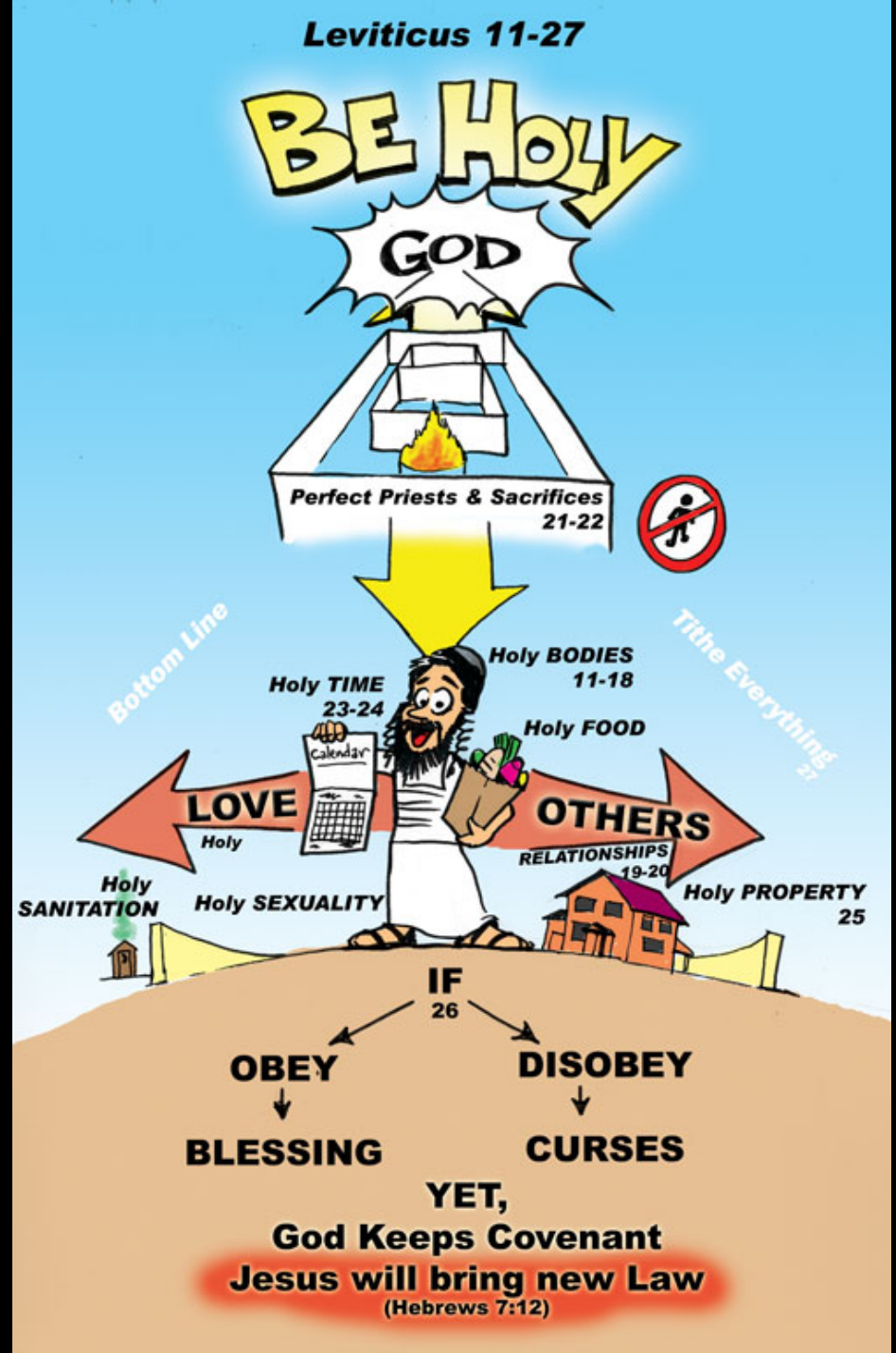
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# Leviticus 11-27

On a lighter side,  
but a side  
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# Holy Living, Leviticus 23-27

D. The Religious Calendar (23)

E. Further regulations for Priests & People (24)

1. Concerning the oil and the bread (24:1-9)
2. The narrative of a blasphemer condemned (24:10-23)

F. Regulations for the Land (25)

1. Sabbath years (25:1-7)
2. Jubilee (25:8-55)

G. Blessings and Curses (26)

1. Regulations (26:1-2)
2. Blessings (26:3-13)
3. Judgment (26:14-46)

H. Regulations for Tithes and Vows (27)



# Comparison of Commandment Collections

	Book of the covenant Ex 20-23	Holiness Code Lev 17-26	Torah Code Deut 12-28
Prologue	20:22-26 (20:19-23)	17	12
Commands	21:1-23:9	18-25	13-26
Land Duties	23:10-11	19:9-10, 23-25	15; 24:19-22; 26
Sacred Calendar	23:12-19	23	16:1-17
Blessing & Curses	23:20-33	26	27:28



# Chapter 18 begins with the rationale to OBEY God's instruction

1. I am Yahweh your God... (18:1-5)

And this is repeated throughout the Chapter

2. They are to be different ~ distinct from Egypt, and Canaan ~ from where they were coming and where they were going.

3. The one who obeys will live



# Chapter 18, unlawful relations

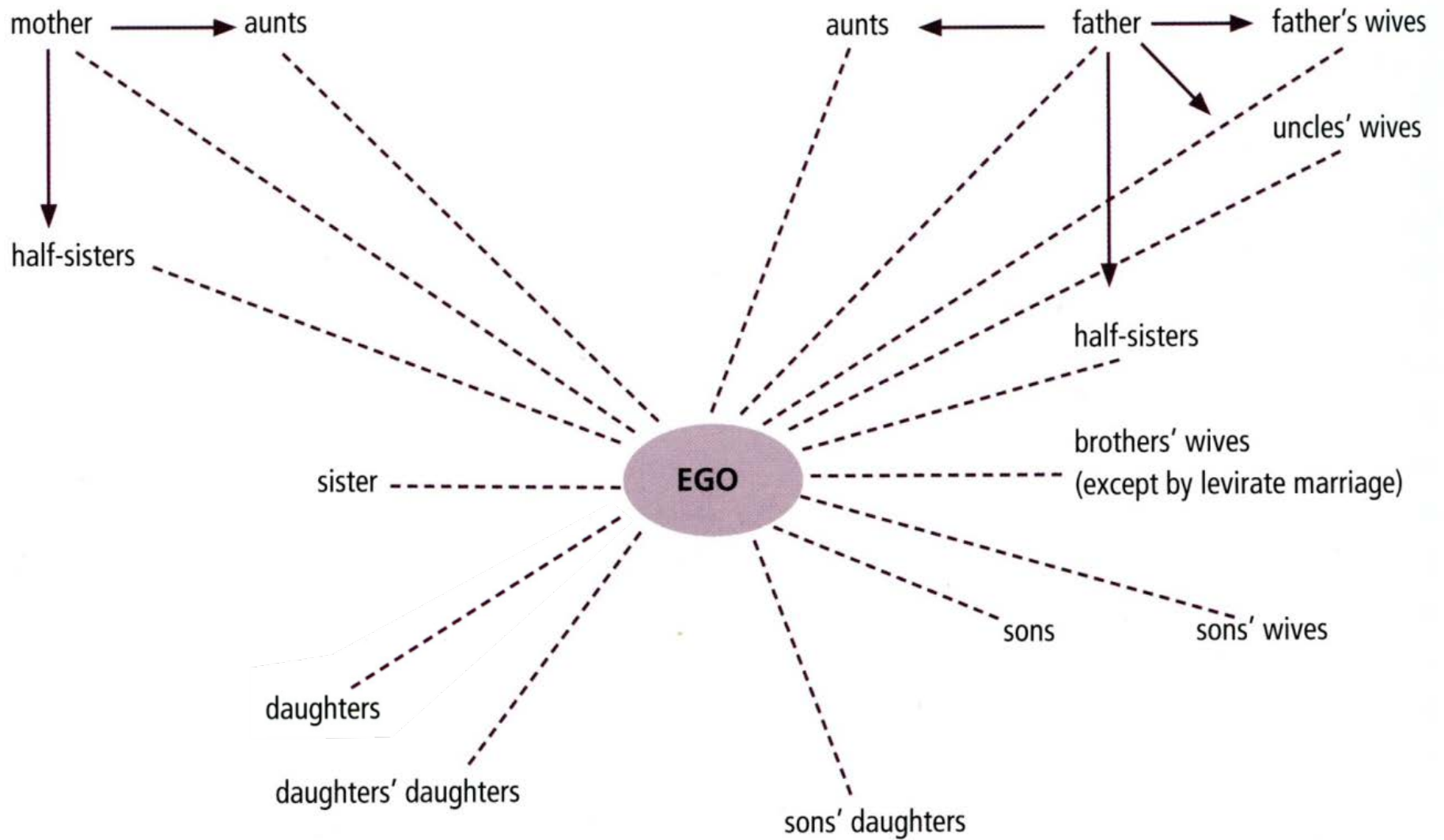
<sup>5</sup>You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD. <sup>6</sup>None of you shall approach any one of his close relatives **to uncover nakedness**. I am the LORD ...



# You shall not uncover the nakedness ... Did you see the ellipsis?

<sup>7</sup>You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father, which is the nakedness of your mother; she is your mother, you shall not uncover her nakedness. <sup>8</sup>You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's wife; it is your father's nakedness. <sup>9</sup>You shall not uncover the nakedness of your sister, your father's daughter or your mother's daughter, whether brought up in the family or in another home. <sup>10</sup>You shall not uncover the nakedness of your son's daughter or of your daughter's daughter, for their nakedness is your own nakedness. <sup>11</sup>You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's wife's daughter, brought up in your father's family, since she is your sister. <sup>12</sup>You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's sister; she is your father's relative. <sup>13</sup>You shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister, for she is your mother's relative. <sup>14</sup>You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's brother, that is, you shall not approach his wife; she is your aunt. <sup>15</sup>You shall not uncover the nakedness of your daughter-in-law; she is your son's wife, you shall not uncover her nakedness. <sup>16</sup>You shall not uncover the nakedness of your brother's wife; it is your brother's nakedness.





*Your own daughter is supplied ~ by elipsis.*



# Chapter 18, unlawful relations

- <sup>17</sup>You shall not uncover the nakedness of a woman and of her daughter, and you shall not take her son's daughter or her daughter's daughter to uncover her nakedness; they are relatives; it is depravity.
- <sup>18</sup>And you shall not take a woman as a rival wife to her sister, uncovering her nakedness while her sister is still alive.
- <sup>19</sup>"You shall not approach a woman to uncover her nakedness while she is in her menstrual uncleanness.
- <sup>20</sup>And you shall not lie sexually with your neighbor's wife and so make yourself unclean with her.



# Lev 8, 21-23

<sup>21</sup>You shall not give any of your children to offer them to Molech, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.

<sup>22</sup>You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination.

<sup>23</sup>And you shall not lie with any animal and so make yourself unclean with it, neither shall any woman give herself to an animal to lie with it: it is perversion.





# The Consequences 18:24-25

- L<sup>24</sup> "Do not make yourselves unclean by any of these things, for by all these the nations I am driving out before you have become unclean,
- <sup>25</sup> and the land became unclean, so that I punished its iniquity, and the land vomited out its inhabitants.



# Chapter 19, Framed...

- Many view Chapter 19, as being framed
  - First in chapter 19 itself
    - See Vs 3-4, and 30-32, Commands 4,5,1,2
  - Then in Leviticus itself
    - Chapter 19 surrounded by 18, and 20
  - Then within the Pentateuch / the Torah
    - Leviticus surrounded by the wanderings.
- The Point is HOLY living.



# Requirements for Punishment (20)

- Child Sacrifice ~ to Molech . . .
- Reiterating Sexual restrictions.
- Mediums and necromancers
- *Be Holy for I am Holy.*



# The Holy Calendar (23)

Passover and Unleavened Bread	first month, fourteenth day, for eight days	to remember God's deliverance of the people from Egypt (pilgrimage feast, see Ex. 23:15)
First Fruits	the day after Passover and Unleavened Bread	an act of gratitude and devotion to God giving him the first produce
Weeks	seven sabbaths and one day after First Fruits	the seven weeks plus one day makes fifty days (thus, Pentecost); note parallel to Jubilee in Lev. 25 (pilgrimage feast, see Ex. 23:16a)
Trumpets	seventh month, first day	trumpet blast to signal the coming pilgrimage feast in two weeks (later this became the Jewish new year, Rosh Hashanah; cf. literal reading of Ps. 81:3)
Day of Atonement	seventh month, tenth day	to purify the holy of holies, the altar, the dwelling, the priesthood, and the entire encampment (see Lev. 16)
Booths	seventh month, fifteenth day, for eight days	to live in booths to commemorate the temporary shelters when the people left Egypt, also referred to as "Ingathering," the third of three pilgrimage feasts listed in Ex. 23:14–17



<b>Pentateuchal</b>	
Sabbath	Ex. 20:8–11; 23:12; 31:12–17; Lev. 23:3; Deut. 5:12–15
Passover and Unleavened Bread	Ex. 12:1–20; 13:3–10; 23:15; 34:18; Lev. 23:5–8; Num. 9:1–14; 28:16–25; Deut. 16:1–8
First Fruits	Lev. 23:9–14
Weeks (Pentecost)	Ex. 23:16; 34:22; Lev. 23:15–21; Num. 28:26–31; Deut. 16:9–12
Trumpets	Lev. 23:23–25; Num. 29:1–6
Day of Atonement	Lev. 16; 23:26–32; Num. 29:7–11
Booths (Tabernacles, Ingathering)	Ex. 23:16; 34:22; Lev. 23:33–43; Num. 29:12–34; Deut. 16:13–15 (Zech. 14:16–19; Neh. 8:13–18)
Sabbath Year	Ex. 23:10–11; Lev. 25:1–7
Jubilee	Lev. 25:8–55; 27:17–24; Num. 36:4
<b>Post-Pentateuchal</b>	
Purim	Est. 9:18–32
Dedication (Hanukkah, Lights)	1 Macc. 4:52–59; 2 Macc. 2:16; John 10:22
Fasts	Four fasts are listed in Zech. 7:5; 8:19, namely, “the fasts of the fourth, fifth, seventh and tenth months.” The fasts: “fourth,” lamented the breaking into Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar (2 Kings 25:3–4; Jer. 39:2; 52:6–7); “fifth” mourned the burning of temple (2 Kings 25:8–10; Jer. 52:12–14) (according to Jewish tradition both temples were destroyed on the Ninth of Av, the first by the Babylonians in 586 BCE and the second by the Romans in 70 CE); “seventh,” marked the assassination of Gedaliah (2 Kings 25:22–25; Jer. 41:1–3); “tenth,” commemorated beginning of Nebuchadnezzar’s siege of Jerusalem (2 Kings 25:1; Jer. 39:1; Ezek. 24:1–2).



# Why the Blasphemer Account:

- Some believe that in Exodus – Numbers we see narratives of the 1<sup>st</sup> four commandments being broken:
  - Ex 32, Israel sins with the Golden Calf [1,2]
  - Lev 24, Man takes name of God and curses [3]
  - Num 15, account has a defiant Sabbath breaker [4]





Note the similarities of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4th

A. A situation occurred (Cursing,  
Collecting wood on Sabbath)

B. Offender put into custody until will of  
YHWH was decided

C. YHWH communicates to Moses

D. All the congregation does as YHWH  
directs.





# Also note,

- These rejection stories start from the earliest accounts of Israel before they ever reached the promised land
- These first 4 words were broken so early, and in order sets up the ready to expect that God's people will eventually break all his commands.



# Graduated Judgments of Lev 26

## *Inensitive and Disabled toward God*

Stubborn  
Hard heart  
Stiff-necked  
Rebellious  
Uncircumcised heart  
( Fat heart)  
Uncircumcised ears  
Grumble  
Heart of stone

*Land not yielding*

18-20

*Wasting away*

14-17

*Exile*

27-39

*Delivered to Enemy*

23-26

*Death Children Cattle*

21-22

## *Changed by God*

Humble

Faith

Love

Confess

Turn (repent)

Circumsized heart (ears)

Obedience

Heart of flesh

But, If they ...

Lev 26:40-42



# What of Law, and Grace

- Because of God's grace, he has given us the Law.

We live under Grace, and not the Law

BUT

The Law shows us the Holiness of God, and what he is like.

- Without the LAW, we would have no idea of what God is like.