

Welcome to 10 Minute Topics

This week's topic is: Leviticus Overview

Vayikra [ויקרא] (Leviticus) means “And He Called” and is the third book of the Torah. Vayikra contains 27 chapters and 859 verses. Vayikra is broken into 10 parshiot (weekly Torah readings).

Vayikra (1:1-5:26) - (And He called):

- 1:1-9: General rules of offerings
- 1:10-13: Burnt offerings from sheep and goats
- 1:14-17: Burnt offerings from fowl
- 2:1-3: Fine flour offering
- 2:4: Oven-baked offering
- 2:5-6: Pan-baked offering
- 2:7-12: Deep-pan offering
- 2:13-16: Covenant of salt
- 3:1-17: Peace offering
- 4:1-2: Sin offering
- 4:3-12: The bull of the anointed Kohen
- 4:13-21: The bull for a matter that was hidden from the congregation
- 4:22-26: He-goat of a ruler
- 4:27-35: Sin offering of an individual
- 5:1: The variable offering
- 5:2-3: Contamination of the Sanctuary and its sanctities
- 5:4-13: A spoken oath
- 5:14-16: Guilt offering
- 5:17-24: Guilt offering in case of doubt
- 5:25-26: Guilt offering for thefts

Tzav (6:1-8:36) - (Command):

- 6:1-4: The taking of the ash and the Altar fire
- 6:5-6: The three Altar fires
- 6:7-16: Meal offering, Sin offering
- 6:17-19: Koshering
- 6:20-7:7: Guilt-offering
- 7:8-10: Miscellaneous gifts to the Kohen
- 7:11-16: Thanksgiving offering
- 7:17-18: Piggul/Rejected
- 7:19-21: Eating in a state of contamination
- 7:22-27: Fat and blood
- 7:28-38: The parts and their order
- 8:1-5: Consecration of the Kohanim
- 8:6-13: Aaron's immersion, investiture and anointment
- 8:14-21: The sin offering bull

8:22-30: The inauguration ram
8:31-36: Seven days of inauguration

Shemini (9:1-11:47) - (Eighth):

9:1-21: The Priestly service begins
9:22-24: Aaron's blessing and the Divine Presence
10:1-7: The death of Nadab and Abihu
10:8-11: The commandments to Aaron against intoxicants
10:12-15: Disposition of the day's offerings
10:16-20: The dispute between Moses and Aaron
11:1-8: Laws of Kashurut: Land animals
11:9-12: Fish
11:13-19: The forbidden birds
11:20-25: Forbidden and permissible insects
11:26-28: The non-kosher creatures that transmit contamination
11:29-31: The small creeping animals
11:32-38: Objects receiving contamination
11:39-40: Contamination of kosher animals
11:41-43: Prohibition of eating creeping creatures
11:44-47: Sanctity through kashurt

Tazria (12:1-13:59) - (She Conceives):

12:1-2: Human contamination
12:3-8: Childbirth and purification
13:1-3: The basic tzaras and the procedure for verification
13:4-7: Baheres
13:8-17: S'eis
13:18-23: Inflammations
13:24-28: Burns
13:29-39: Tzaraas of the head or face
13:40-44: Baldness at the front and back of the head
13:45-46: The metzora's isolation
13:47-59: Afflictions of garments

Metzora (14:1-15:33) - (One Being Diseased):

14:1-3: The first stage of the metzora's purification
14:4-8: From arrogance to humility
14:9: The second stage: Shaving
14:10-20: The final stage of purification: Offerings
14:21-32: The offering of the poor metzora
14:33-48: Tzaraas on houses
14:49-57: Purification of the house
15:1-18: Zav and baal kerit/male discharges
15:19-30: Niddah and zavah/female discharges
15:31-33: Separation from contamination

Acharei (16:1-18:30) - (After The Death):

16:1-5: The death of Aaron's sons and the Yom Kippur service

16:6-11: The lots

16:12-19: The incense service

16:20-22: The he-goat to Azazel

16:23: Removal of the shovel and ladle

16:24-28: Conclusion of the service

16:29-34: The eternal commandment of Yom Kippur

17:1-9: Service outside the Tabernacle

17:10-12: Prohibition against eating blood

17:13-16: Covering blood

18:1-5: Forbidden practices and traditions

18:6-20: Forbidden relationships

18:21: Molech

18:22-23: Sodomy and bestiality

18:24-30: The holiness of the land

Kedoshim (19:1-20:27) - (Holy Ones):

19:1-4: Holiness

19:5-8: Piggul/Rejected offerings

19:9-10: Gifts to the poor

19:11-15: Honest dealings with others

19:16-18: Love your fellow

19:19: Kil'ayim/Forbidden mixtures

19:20-22: Shifchah charufah/Designated maidservant

19:23-34: Fruit trees

19:35-37: Weights and measures

20:1-2: Punishments

20:3-9: Molech

20:10-21: Penalties for forbidden relationships

20:22-24: The land and immortality

20:25-27: Holiness and kashrus

Emor (21:1-24:23) - (Speak):

21:1-9: Laws of a Kohen

21:10-15: Laws of the Kohen Gadol

21:16-24: Disqualifying blemishes

22:1-9: Safeguarding the sanctity of offerings and terumah

22:10-16: Terumah

22:17-30: Blemished animals

22:31-33: Desecration and sanctification of G-d's Name

23:1-3: Festivals

23:4-8: Pesach

23:9-14: The Omer

23:15-22: The Omer count and Shavuot

23:23-25: Rosh Hashanah

23:26-32: Yom Kippur
23:33-44: Succot and Shemini Atzeret
24:1-4: The Menorah
24:5-9: Showbread
24:10-23: The blasphemer

Behar (25:1-26:2) - (On The Mount):
25:1-7: Shemittah/Sabbatical Year
25:8-13: Yovel/Jubilee Year
25:14-22: Sequence of the passages
25:23-31: Redemption of land
25:32-34: Levite cities
25:35-38: Preventing poverty
25:39-46: A Jew's Jewish "slave"
25:47-55: Jewish slave of an idolater
26:1-2: Command against making idols

Bechukotai (26:3-27:34) - (By My Decrees):
26:3-13: Miracles of blessing and curse
26:14-15: The Tochachah/Admonition
26:16-17: The first series of punishments
26:18-20: The second series
26:21-22: The third series
26:23-26: The fourth series
26:27-42: The fifth series
26:43-46: The conclusion of the Admonition
27:1-8: Gifts to the Temple Valuations
27:9-15: Sanctification and redemption of animals
27:16-27: Redemption of houses and fields
27:28-29: Cherem/Segregated property
27:30-31: The second title
27:32-34: The tithe of animals

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