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Survey Of The Bible I

Genesis-Deuteronomy



Lev 18-22

- Lev 18 identifies and condemns **SEXUAL** sins that were not only **COMMITTED** in Canaan (18:3,27), but were **ORDINANCES** (18:3), **CUSTOMS** (18:30), and **MANNERS** (20:23)
- God's people were to keep his statutes, judgments, and ordinances (18:4-5,26,30) and not to defile themselves by committing any of these **ABOMINATIONS** (18:26-27,29) including: (1) incest (18:6-18); (2) adultery (18:20); (3) homosexuality (18:22); and (4) bestiality (18:23)
- Incestual relationships were necessary at various times and permitted to an extent up until the time the Law was given
- Examples of what constitutes **NEAR OF KIN** and; consequently, sexual relationships that are forbidden includes, but **IS NOT LIMITED** to:
 - ✓ A parent (18:7)
 - ✓ A step-parent (18:8)
 - ✓ A sibling (18:9)
 - ✓ A grandchild (18:10)
 - ✓ A step-sibling (18:11) (e.g.- like Abraham and Sarah)
 - ✓ An aunt/uncle (18:12-14) (e.g.- like Amram and Jochebed)
 - ✓ A daughter/son-in-law (18:15)
 - ✓ A sister/brother-in-law (18:16)



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- The first appearance of MOLECH (Heb. *malak*, meaning “king”) (18:21), which under variant spellings is mentioned a total of 14x
- MOLECH was a Canaanite deity particularly worshipped by the Ammonites (1 Kin 11:5,7,33; 2 Kin 23:10,13), but also worshipped by the Moabites under the name CHEMOSH (Num 21:29) and the Egyptians under the name AMUN-RA
- The idol of Molech was made of brass and hollow on the inside; it had the head of an ox and the body of a man, seated on a brazen throne with extended arms; sacrificial fires were ignited by way of a furnace contained in the belly of the idol; infants and children were placed on the extended arms of the idol and slowly drawn into the belly of the furnace; their cries were drowned out by the noise of beating drums, that increased in volume and speed as the innocents came nearer the fire
- When Israel adopted this abominable idolatry, they set up the image in the VALLEY OF THE SON OF HINNOM cf. (Jer 32:35)
- The Lord brought Israel to Canaan not only to DELIVER the land because of his PROMISE, but also to DESTROY the Canaanites because of their PERVERSIONS (18:24-25) cf. (Deu 9:4-5)





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Consequences Of Committing Any Of These Sexual Sins:

1. DEFILEMENT (18:24-25)- of the individual, nation, and land
 2. DISPOSSESSION (18:25,28)
 3. DEATH (18:29)
- In Lev 18-19, the phrases, THOU SHALT NOT and YE SHALL NOT appear 26x and 6x respectively
 - The first appearance of IDOLS (19:4) cf. (Gen 31:19)
 - Seven of the 10 commandments are reiterated in (19:3-4, 11-12) cf. (Exo 20:1-17)

Additional Commandments Given In Lev 19:

1. Not to wholly reap fields or glean vineyards (19:9-10)
2. Not to mistreat the deaf and blind (19:14)
3. Not to respect persons in judgment (19:15)
4. Not to be a talebearer or gossip (19:16)
5. Not to hate a brother in your heart (19:17)
6. Not to avenge or bear a grudge against a brother (19:18)
7. Not to mingle diverse cattle, seed, or garments (19:19)





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Additional Commandments Given In Lev 19: (cont'd)

8. Not to eat any blood (19:26)
 9. Not to engage in occultic practices (19:26)
 10. Not to cut hair in an inappropriate way (19:27)
 11. Not to have any body piercings or tattoos (19:28)
 12. Not to prostitute daughter (19:29)
 13. Not to consult with those involved in witchcraft/the occult (19:31)
 14. Not to disrespect or dishonor the elderly (19:32)
 15. Not to mistreat a stranger (19:33-34)
 16. Not to be unjust or fraudulent in business dealings (19:35-36)
- There are 12 crimes worthy of capital punishment in Lev 20 cf. (24:16-17; Exo 21:12,15-17,23,29; 22:18-20; 31:14; Num 1:51)
 - The primary form of capital punishment for the JEWS was STONING (20:2)
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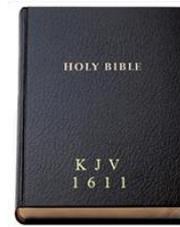


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The 12 capital crimes of Lev 20:

1. Child sacrifice (20:2-5)
 2. Consulting with those involved in witchcraft/the occult (20:6)
 3. Cursing a parent (20:9)
 4. Adultery (20:10)
 5. Incest with a parent (20:11)
 6. Incest with a daughter/son-in-law (20:12)
 7. Homosexuality (20:13)
 8. Incest with a mother/father-in-law (20:14)
 9. Bestiality (20:15-16)
 10. Incest with a sibling (20:17)
 11. Deliberate intercourse with a menstruous woman (20:18) cf. (15:24)
 12. Witchcraft (20:27)
- The word SEVERED (20:26) is defined as SANCTIFIED (20:8) and SEPARATED (20:24)- the Lord is a SEPARATIST when it comes to his people



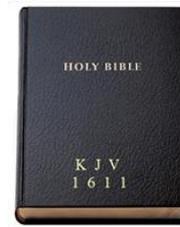


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Restrictions Regarding The Priesthood:

1. Priests had to be men (i.e.- of the SONS of Aaron) (21:1,18)
 2. Priests could not defile themselves by touching a dead body except it be his mother, father, son, or virgin daughter (21:1-4)- there were no exceptions for the high priest (21:10-12)
 3. Priests could not have tonsures, body piercings, or tattoos (21:5)
 4. Priests were to marry a virgin (not a whore, or a woman widowed or divorced) of their own people (not a Gentile) (21:7,13-14)
 5. Priests could not have any physical blemish or anything superfluous (21:17-21)- for example, the handicapped (crippled), physically impaired (blind, deaf, mute), diseased, those with extreme facial/bodily features, injuries, or defects (eyes, ears, nose, mouth, height, weight) and all “special people” (people afflicted with such things as autism, palsy, down syndrome, etc.) could not be priests
- Some erroneously attempt to apply the restrictions/qualifications of the priest under the law to the pastor under grace (1 Tim 3:1-7)- if what they believed were true, how many great pastors would be disqualified on the basis of their weight alone?





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- A priest who was unclean for whatever reason, could not eat of the holy things until he was clean; disobedience resulted in death (22:4-9)
 - A stranger, anyone visiting a priest, anyone hired by a priest, and a priest's daughter married to a stranger could not eat of the holy things (22:10,12)
 - Those BOUGHT by a priest, and those BORN in his house could eat of the holy things (22:11)- the latter includes his daughter if she is single (never married, widowed, or divorced) and living in his house (22:13)
 - All burnt offerings and peace offerings were to be without blemish (22:17-25) cf. (1:3,10; 3:1)
 - No animal could be offered in sacrifice less than eight days old, and the mother and offspring could not be offered on the same day (22:27-28)
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