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A dramatic sunset with vibrant orange, red, and yellow clouds over a dark horizon. In the foreground, an open Bible lies flat, its pages slightly aged and showing some wear. The text on the pages is partially visible, including words like "apostate", "pleasing and brother", "that is of a perverse heart", and "The wicked are not".

# Through The Bible

## Session 7

### Leviticus 6-27

*From the miracle of our origin to the mystery of our destiny*

# Introduction

- Why study Leviticus?

*...it may come as a surprise to discover that there are a number of Biblical experts who regard the Book of Leviticus as the most important book of the Bible!*

- Dr Chuck Missler

# The Five Offerings

- Burnt Offering
  - The complete surrender (Rom 12:2)
- Grain Offering
  - The offering of the best (1 Cor 15:23)
- Peace Offering
  - The fellowship offering (Eph 2:14)
- Sin Offering
  - To atone for our Sin before God (2 Cor 5:21)
- Trespass Offering
  - To atone for the effects of our Sin on others

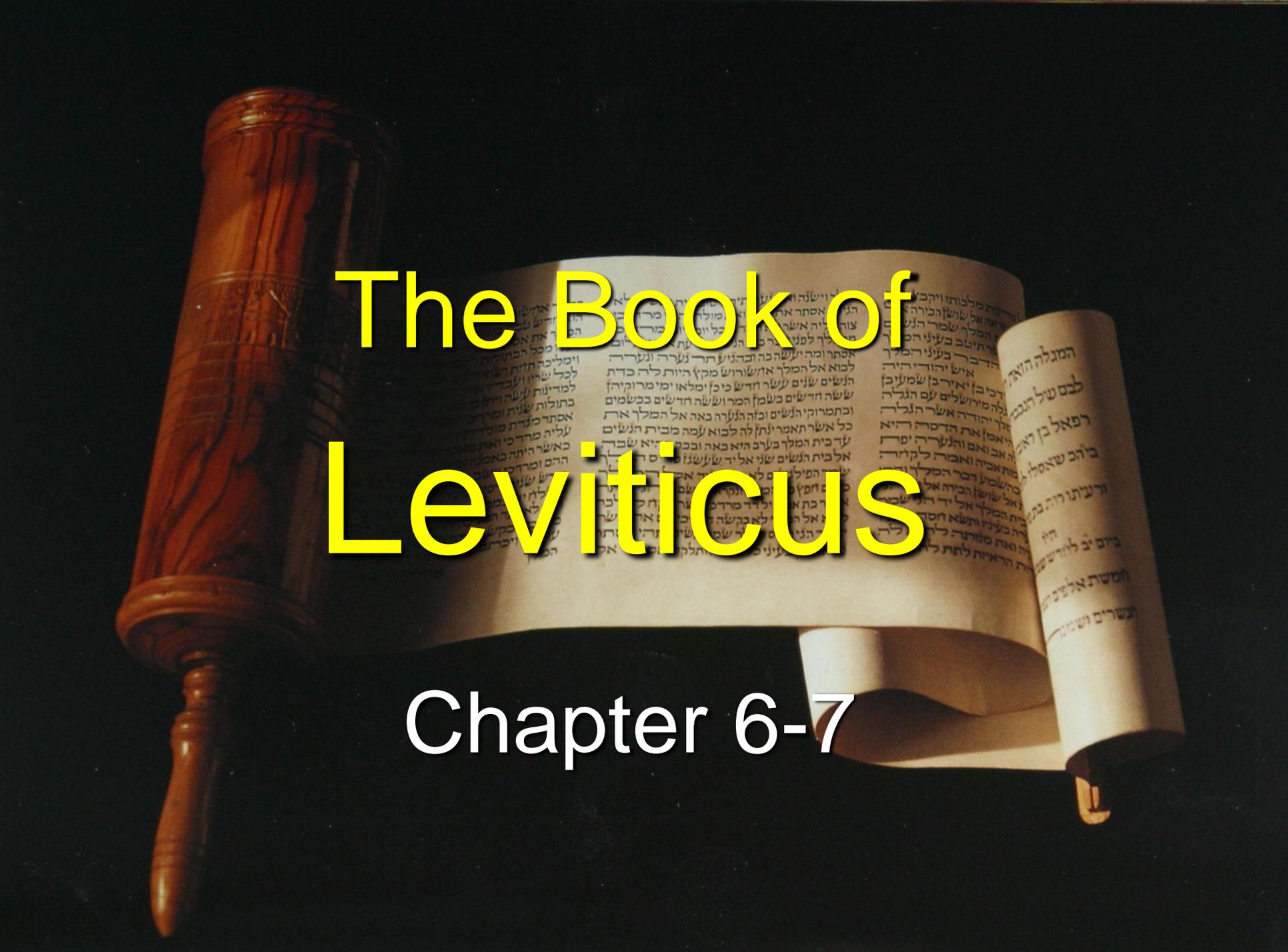
# The Book of Leviticus

- Chapter 1
    - The Burnt Offering
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# The Book of Leviticus

Chapter 6-7

# Laws Regarding Offerings

- Law of Burnt Offerings – Lev 6:8-13
- Law of Meal Offerings – Lev 6:14-18
- Law of the Daily Offerings – Lev 6:19-23
- Law of Sin Offerings – Lev 6:24-30
- Law of Trespass Offerings – Lev 7:1-10
- Law of Peace Offerings – Lev 7:11-21
- Laws re fat & blood – Lev 7:22-27
- The Priests portion – Lev 7:28-36

**11** And this is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings, which he shall offer unto the LORD.

**12** If he offer it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer with the sacrifice of thanksgiving unleavened cakes mingled with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and cakes mingled with oil, of fine flour, fried.

**13** Besides the cakes, he shall offer for his offering leavened bread with the sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace offerings.

Leviticus 7:11-13

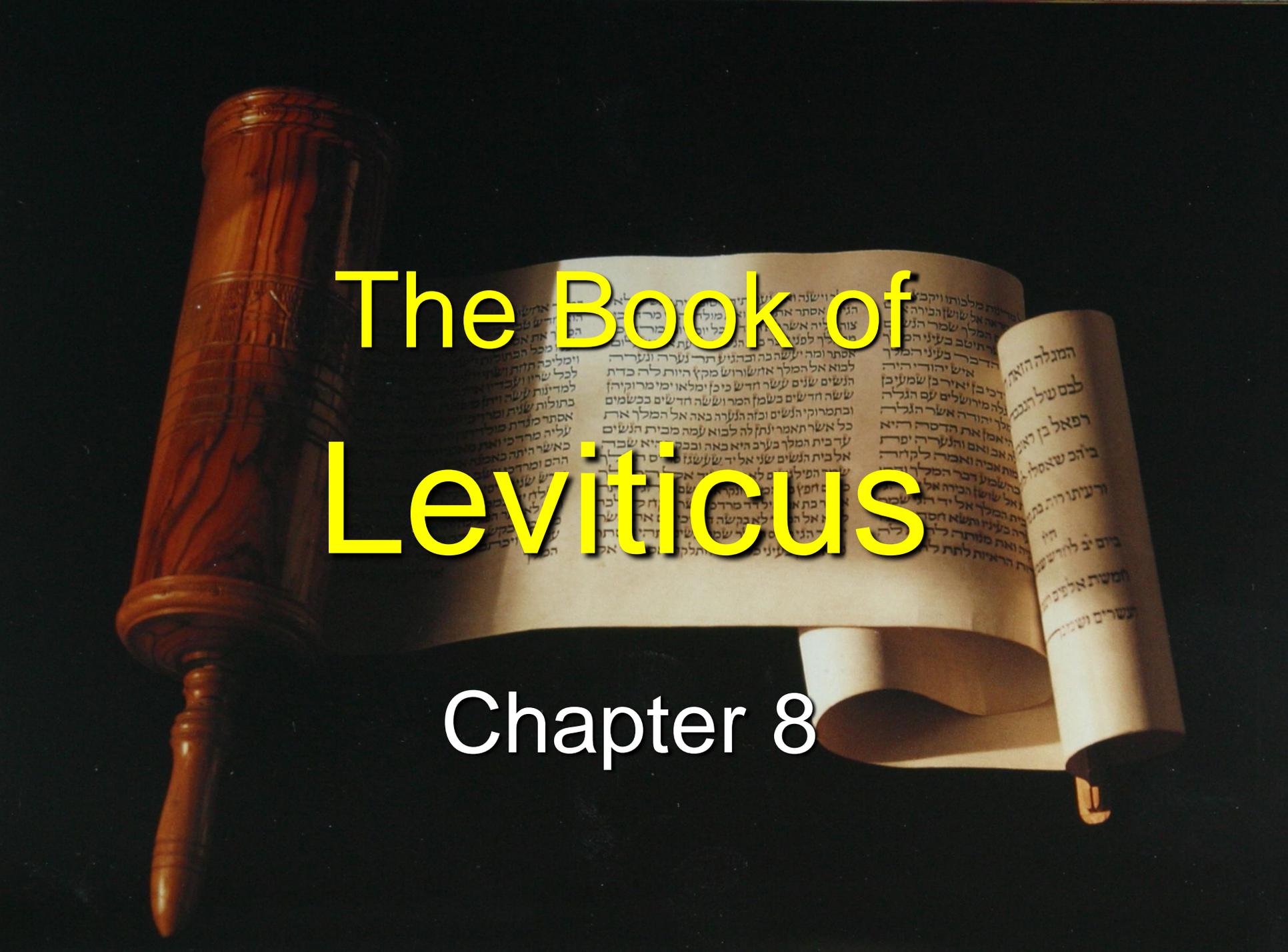
*Peace with God does not depend upon the believer attaining sinless perfection* – Chuck Missler

*37 This is the law of the burnt offering, of the meat offering, and of the sin offering, and of the trespass offering, and of the consecrations, and of the sacrifice of the peace offerings;*

*38 Which the LORD commanded Moses in mount Sinai, in the day that he commanded the children of Israel to offer their oblations unto the LORD, in the wilderness of Sinai.*

**Leviticus 7:37-38**

- Note: Peace comes at the end



# The Book of Leviticus

## Chapter 8

# The Consecration of the Priesthood

*4 And Moses did as the LORD commanded him; and the assembly was gathered together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.*

*5 And Moses said unto the congregation, This is the thing which the LORD commanded to be done.*

*6 And Moses brought Aaron and his sons, and washed them with water.*

Leviticus 4-6

- Consecration – ‘To fill the hand’
- We must come ‘empty handed’

- 7 And he put upon him the coat, and girded him with the girdle, and clothed him with the robe, and put the ephod upon him, and he girded him with the curious girdle of the ephod, and bound it unto him therewith.
- 8 And he put the breastplate upon him: also he put in the breastplate the Urim and the Thummim.
- 9 And he put the mitre upon his head; also upon the mitre, even upon his forefront, did he put the golden plate, the holy crown; as the LORD commanded Moses.

Leviticus 8:7-9

**10** And Moses took the anointing oil, and anointed the tabernacle and all that was therein, and sanctified them.

**11** And he sprinkled thereof upon the altar seven times, and anointed the altar and all his vessels, both the laver and his foot, to sanctify them.

**12** And he poured of the **anointing oil** upon Aaron's head, and anointed him, to sanctify him.

Leviticus 8:10-12

- Washed by His blood & through His Word
- Clothed In His righteousness
- Anointed by His Spirit

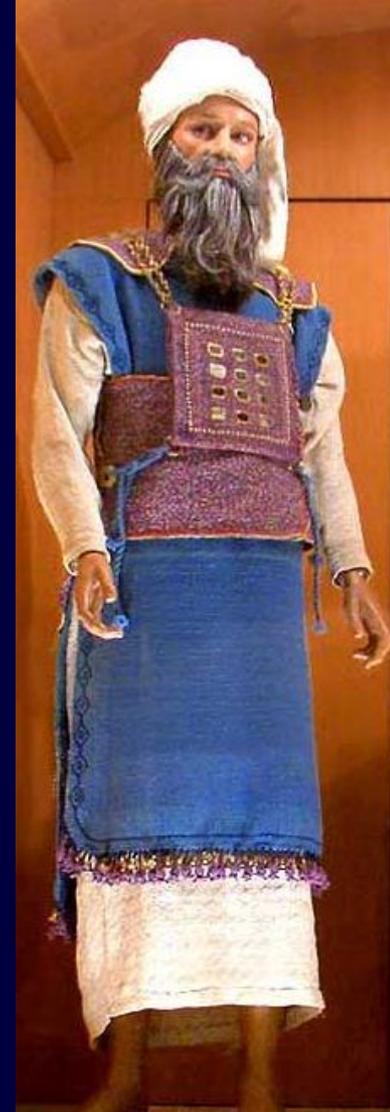
# The Anointing Oil

- 1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!*
- 2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;*
- 3 As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.*

Psalm 133:1-3

# Garments For The Priest

- Clothing – 7 Items (Exodus 28)
- Linen Sash      Shield of Faith
- Blue Robe      Belt of Truth
- Ephod      Shoes of Preparation
- Breastplate      Breastplate of Righteousness
- Ephod Band      Sword of the Spirit
- Linen Turban      Helmet of Salvation
- Headband      Praying Always



**18** And he brought the ram for the burnt offering: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram.

**19** And he killed it; and Moses sprinkled the blood upon the altar round about.

**20** And he cut the ram into pieces; and Moses burnt the head, and the pieces, and the fat.

**21** And he washed the inwards and the legs in water; and Moses burnt the whole ram upon the altar: it was a burnt sacrifice for a sweet savour, and an offering made by fire unto the LORD; as the LORD commanded Moses.

<sup>22</sup> And he brought the other ram, the ram of consecration: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram.

<sup>23</sup> And he slew it; and Moses took of the blood of it, and put it upon the tip of Aaron's right ear, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot.

<sup>24</sup> And he brought Aaron's sons, and Moses put of the blood upon the tip of their right ear, and upon the thumbs of their right hands, and upon the great toes of their right feet: and Moses sprinkled the blood upon the altar round about.

3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

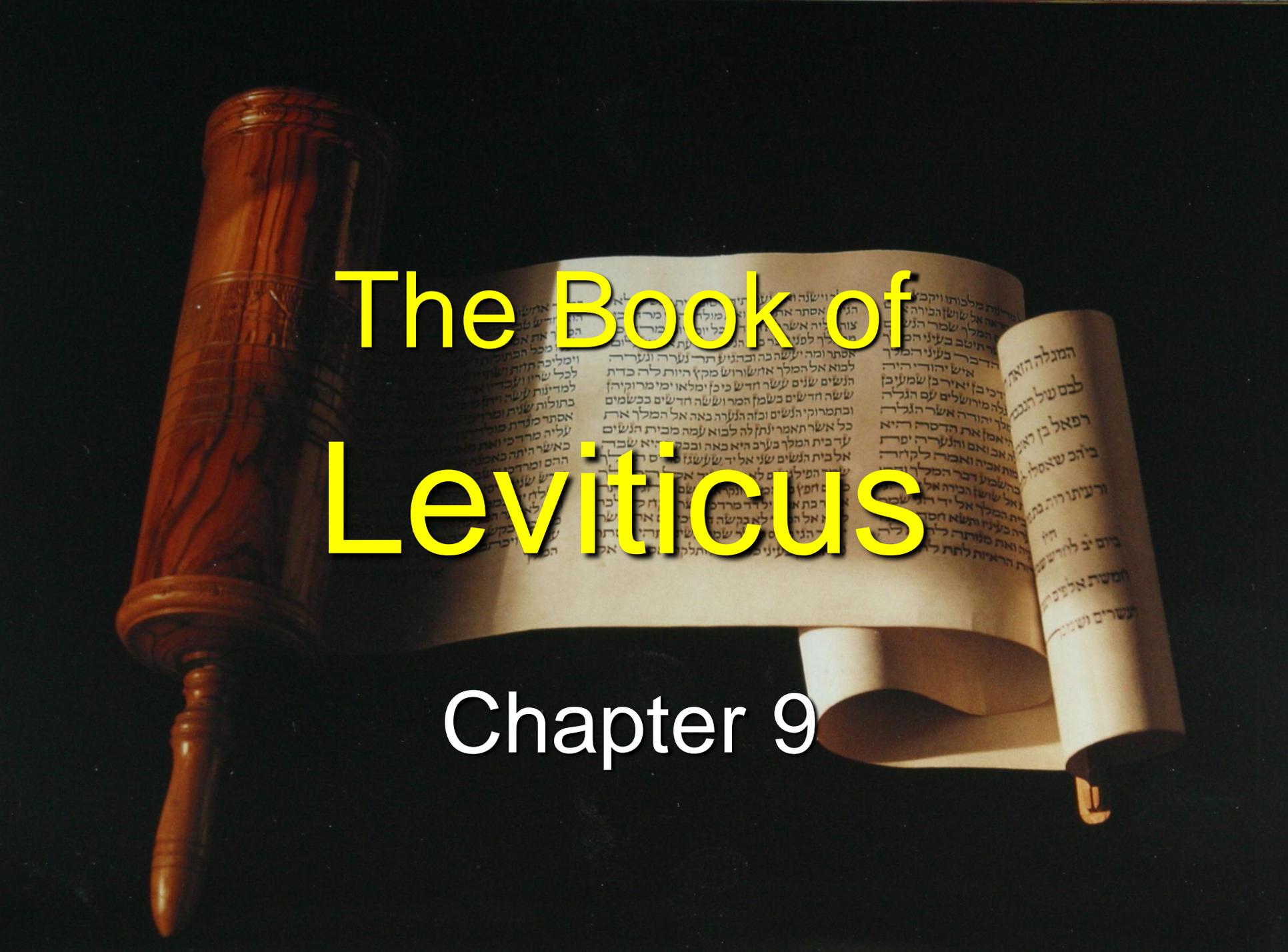
4 Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

5 Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

6 And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.

Psalm 37:3-6

- The sunrise is a process you cannot stop
- Our minds, work & walk are to be consecrated to the LORD



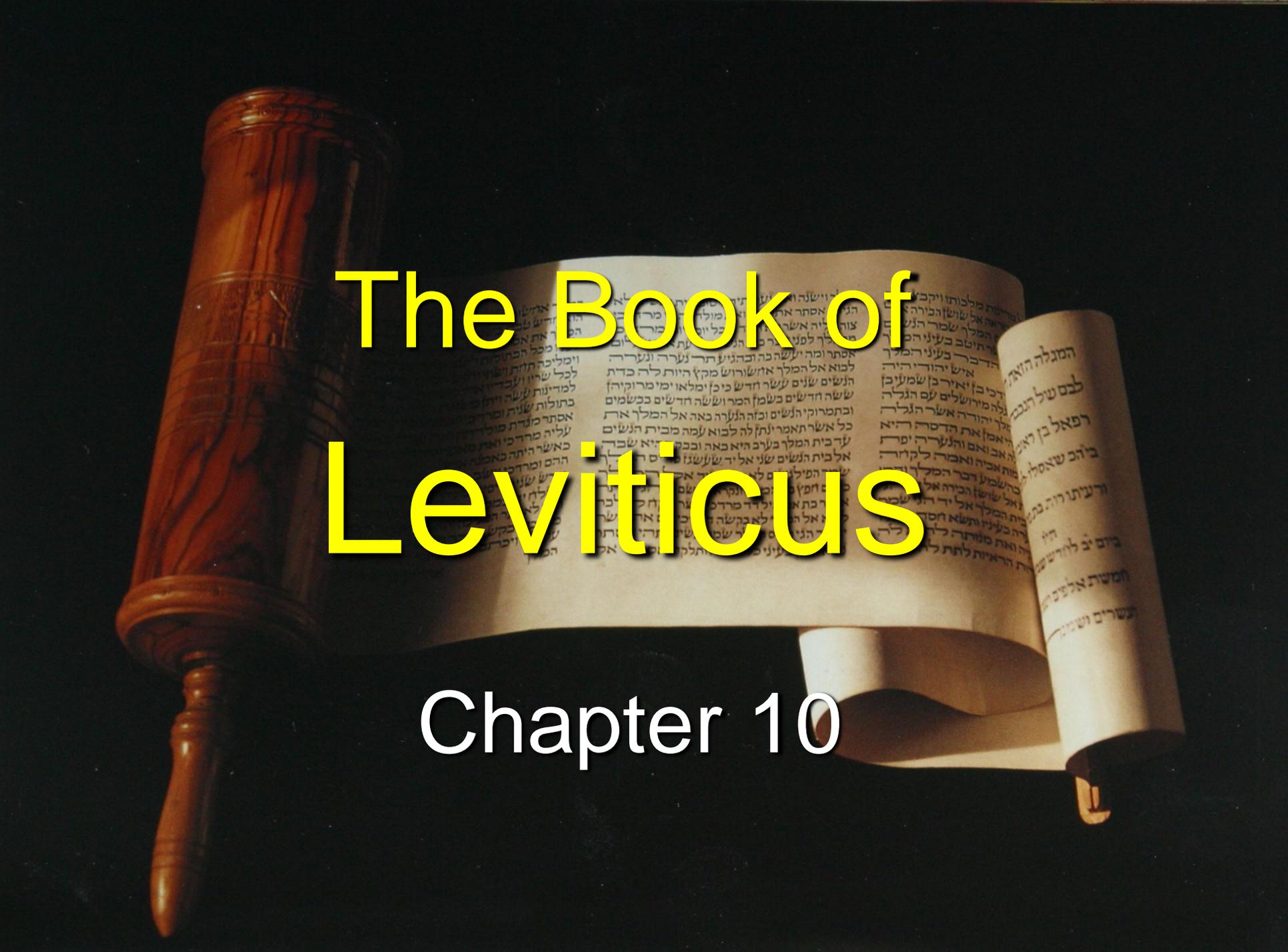
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## Chapter 9

*24 And there came a fire out from before the LORD, and consumed upon the altar the burnt offering and the fat: which when all the people saw, they shouted, and fell on their faces.*

**Leviticus 9:24**

- The glory of the LORD is manifested...
- Notice the humility of the people
- Contrast to today's church activities



# The Book of Leviticus

## Chapter 10

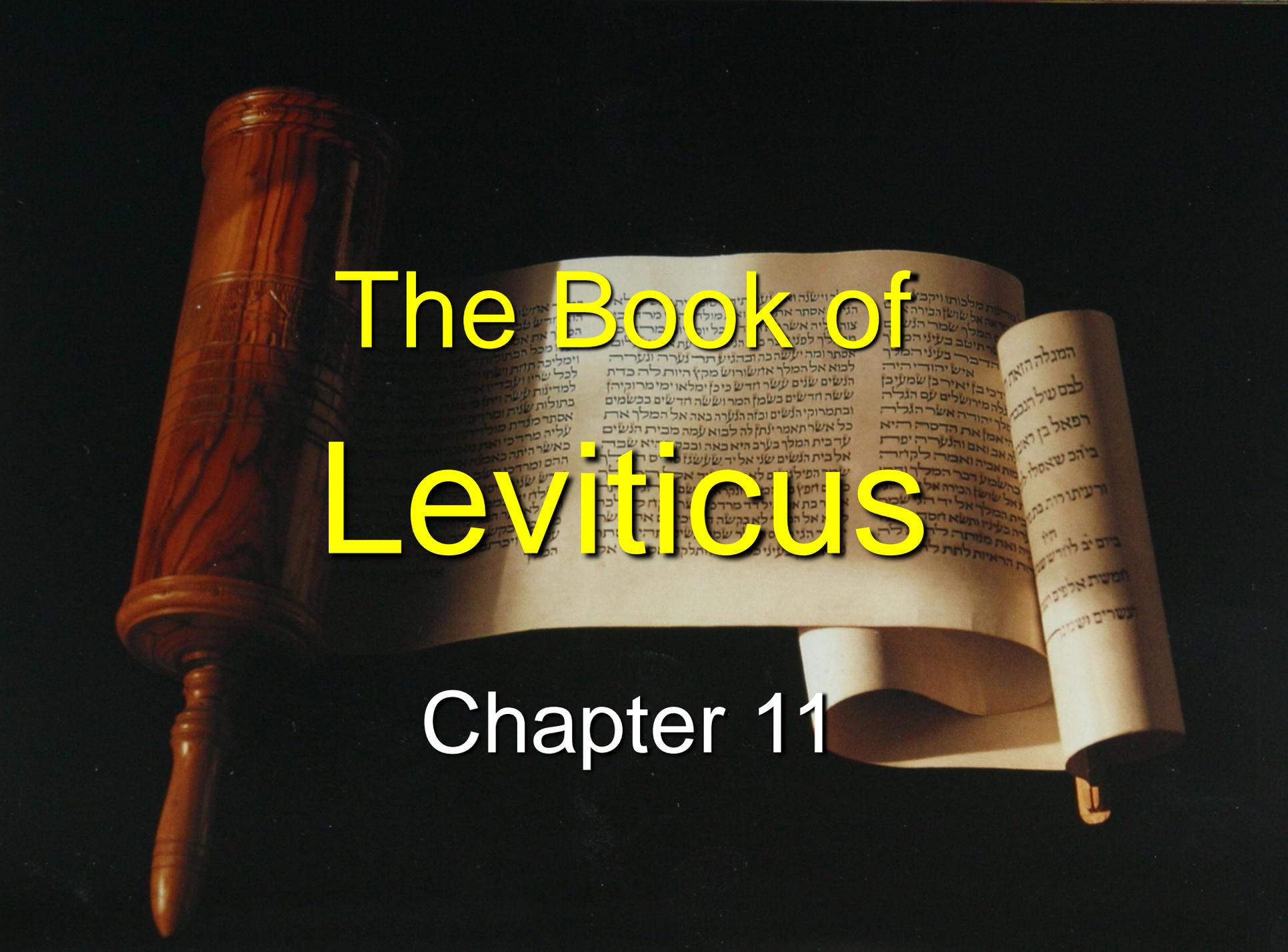
*1 And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not.*

*2 And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD.*

*3 Then Moses said unto Aaron, This is it that the LORD spake, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified. And Aaron held his peace.*

**Leviticus 10:1-3**

- Leviticus 16:12 – incense to be burnt by holy fire
- What ‘fires’ our worship?



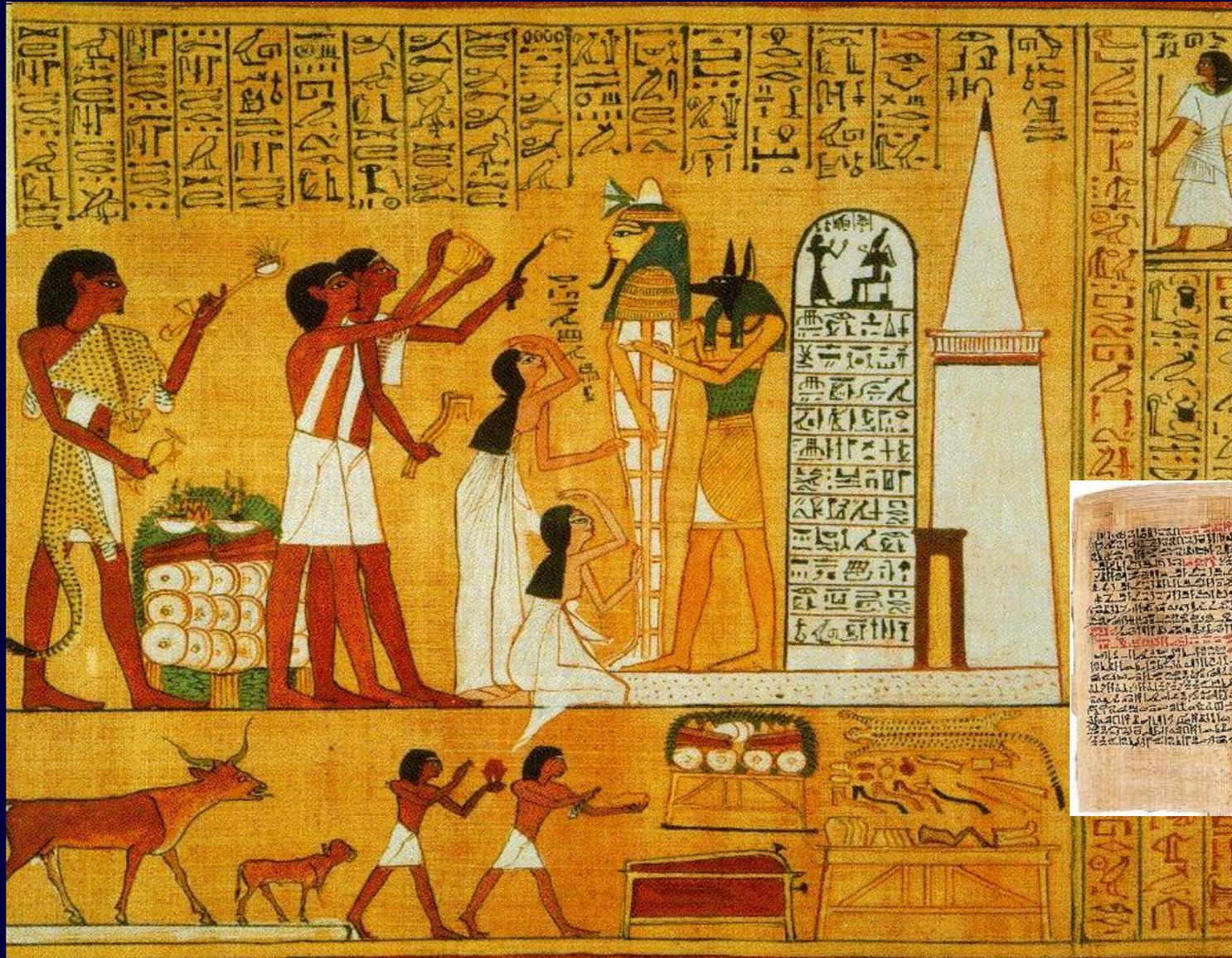
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## Chapter 11

# Cleanliness, Dietary & Hygiene Laws

- Chapter 11 & 12
- We have been focused on the offerings & priesthood
- Now we consider the people
- We now change from instructions for our worship to instructions for our walk

# Papyrus Ebers (1552 B.C.)



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Going gray?

*To prevent the hair from turning gray, anoint it with the blood of a black calf which has been boiled in oil, or with the fat of a rattlesnake.*

Losing hair?

*When it falls out, one remedy is to apply a mixture of six fats, namely those of the horse, the hippopotamus, the crocodile, the cat, the snake, and the ibex. To strengthen it, anoint with the tooth of a donkey crushed in honey.*

(A special hair dressing of the Egyptian Queen Schesch, consisted of equal parts of a heel of an Abyssinian greyhound, date blossoms, and asses' hoofs, boiled in oil. This choice preparation was intended to make the royal hair grow.)

# Papyrus Ebers (1552 B.C.)

Embedded splinters?

- treated with worms' blood and asses' dung.

(Since dung is loaded with tetanus spores, it is little wonder that lockjaw took a heavy toll of splinter cases!)

# Papyrus Ebers (1552 B.C.)

The properly outfitted supply cabinet advised by *Papyrus Ebers* would include:

- lizards' blood,
- swine's teeth,
- putrid meat,
- stinking fat,
- Moisture from pig's ears,
- milk goose grease,
- asses' hoofs,
- animal fats from various sources,
- excreta from animals, including human beings, donkeys, antelopes, dogs, cats, and even flies.

# Papyrus Ebers (1552 B.C.)

At the time this medical treatise was written, Moses was born in Egypt.

Scripture tells us that “Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds” (Acts 7:22).

It is astonishing that Moses did not incorporate a single current medical misconception into the inspired instructions recorded in the Torah!

# Cleanliness, Dietary & Hygiene Laws

- God gives no pointless laws
- He is Creator – He knows best!
- Because the Jews followed these rules they were much healthier than their neighbours

*“When the plague was desolating Europe - one out of four was stricken - the Jews so universally escaped infection that, this their exemption, the popular suspicion was excited into fury, and they were accused of causing the fearful mortality among the Gentile neighbors by poisoning wells and springs”*

- S. H. Kellogg

# Promise of Health #1

<sup>26</sup> And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.

Exodus 15:26

# Promise of Health #2

<sup>25</sup> And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee

**Exodus 23:25**

# Promise of Health #3

***12** Wherefore it shall come to pass, if ye hearken to these judgments, and keep, and do them, that the LORD thy God shall keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which he sware unto thy fathers:*

***15** And the LORD will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all them that hate thee.*

**Deut 7:12,15**

# Additional Promise

*20 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.*

*21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.*

*22 For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.*

**Proverbs 4:20-22**

# Appetite vs. Hunger

- Hunger is a God-given desire triggered by a biological need for necessary food
- Appetite is a craving triggered by sight, taste, smell etc.
- Much of what we eat is the result of appetite not hunger

# Hunger

<sup>6</sup> Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

**Matt 5:6**

# Appetite

<sup>24</sup> And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

**Gal 5:24**

# Clean & Unclean

- God pronounces clean that which:
- Has divided feet
- Chews the cud
- WHY?
- Feet (a walk) that are separated
- They that go over and over to digest
- Meditation is to the soul what digestion is to the body

# Unclean Animals

Obviously, the indiscriminate eating patterns of omnivores like pigs make them disease carriers. Pigs are known to carry up to 200 diseases and 18 different parasites and worms... Pigs have more incidences of arthritis than any other known animals in the world.

Gordon S Tessler PhD.

# Unclean Animals

*“One of the greatest discoveries of modern science is the fact that a large number of diseases to which animals are liable are due to the presence of low forms of parasitic life. To such diseases those which are unclean in their feeding will be especially exposed, while none will perhaps be found wholly exempt. Another discovery of recent times which has a no less important bearing on the question raised by this chapter is the now ascertained fact that many of these parasitic diseases are common to both animals and men, and may be communicated from the former to the latter”*

- S. H. Kellogg

*9 These shall ye eat of all that are in the waters: whatsoever hath fins and scales in the waters, in the seas, and in the rivers, them shall ye eat.*

**Leviticus 11:9**

- Bass / Cod / Haddock / Halibut / Herring / Mackerel / Perch / Sole / Salmon / Trout / Tuna etc.
- Rich in Omega-3 ‘good cholesterol’  
“The good cholesterol attaches itself to the bad cholesterol in the arteries and carries it back to the liver for cleansing”

**Gordon S Tessler PhD**

**10** And all that have not fins and scales in the seas, and in the rivers, of all that move in the waters, and of any living thing which is in the waters, they shall be an abomination unto you:

**11** They shall be even an abomination unto you; ye shall not eat of their flesh, but ye shall have their carcasses in abomination.

**12** Whatsoever hath no fins nor scales in the waters, that shall be an abomination unto you.

**Leviticus 11:10-12**

# Unclean 'Fish'

- Shark / Swordfish / Catfish / Shrimp / Lobster / Crab / Oyster

“These scavenger fish contain high levels of [bad] cholesterol, mercury, disease, worms, chemicals, and parasites”

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**13** And these are they which ye shall have in abomination among the fowls; they shall not be eaten, they are an abomination: the eagle, and the ossifrage, and the ospray,

**14** And the vulture, and the kite after his kind;

**15** Every raven after his kind;

**16** And the owl, and the night hawk, and the cuckow, and the hawk after his kind,

**Leviticus 11:13-16**

*17 And the little owl, and the cormorant, and the great owl,*

*18 And the swan, and the pelican, and the gier eagle,*

*19 And the stork, the heron after her kind, and the lapwing, and the bat.*

*20 All fowls that creep, going upon all four, shall be an abomination unto you.*

**Leviticus 11:17-20**

- Scavengers – feed on flesh
- Edible birds: Chicken / Turkey / Duck / Quail Pheasant / Sparrow etc

21 Yet these **may ye eat** of every flying creeping thing that goeth upon all four, which have legs above their feet, to leap withal upon the earth;

22 Even these of them ye may eat; the locust after his kind, and the bald locust after his kind, and the beetle after his kind, and the grasshopper after his kind.

Leviticus 11:21-22

- Beetle = Cricket
- John the Baptist ate locusts & wild honey

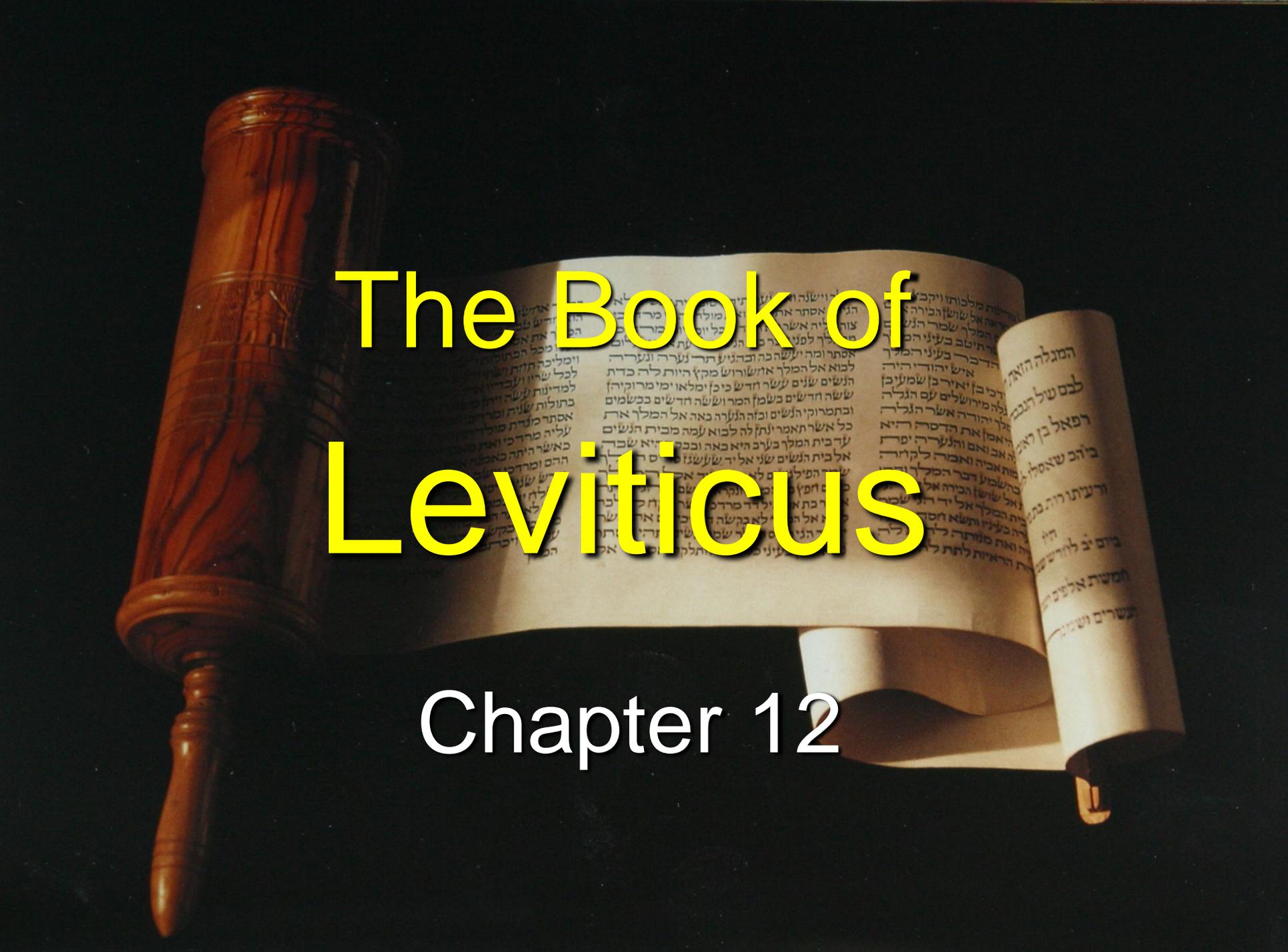
Matt 3:4

44 For I am the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

45 For I am the LORD that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.

Leviticus 11:44-45

- Wherever they went, whatever they ate, there was a continual moment-by-moment choice to be made

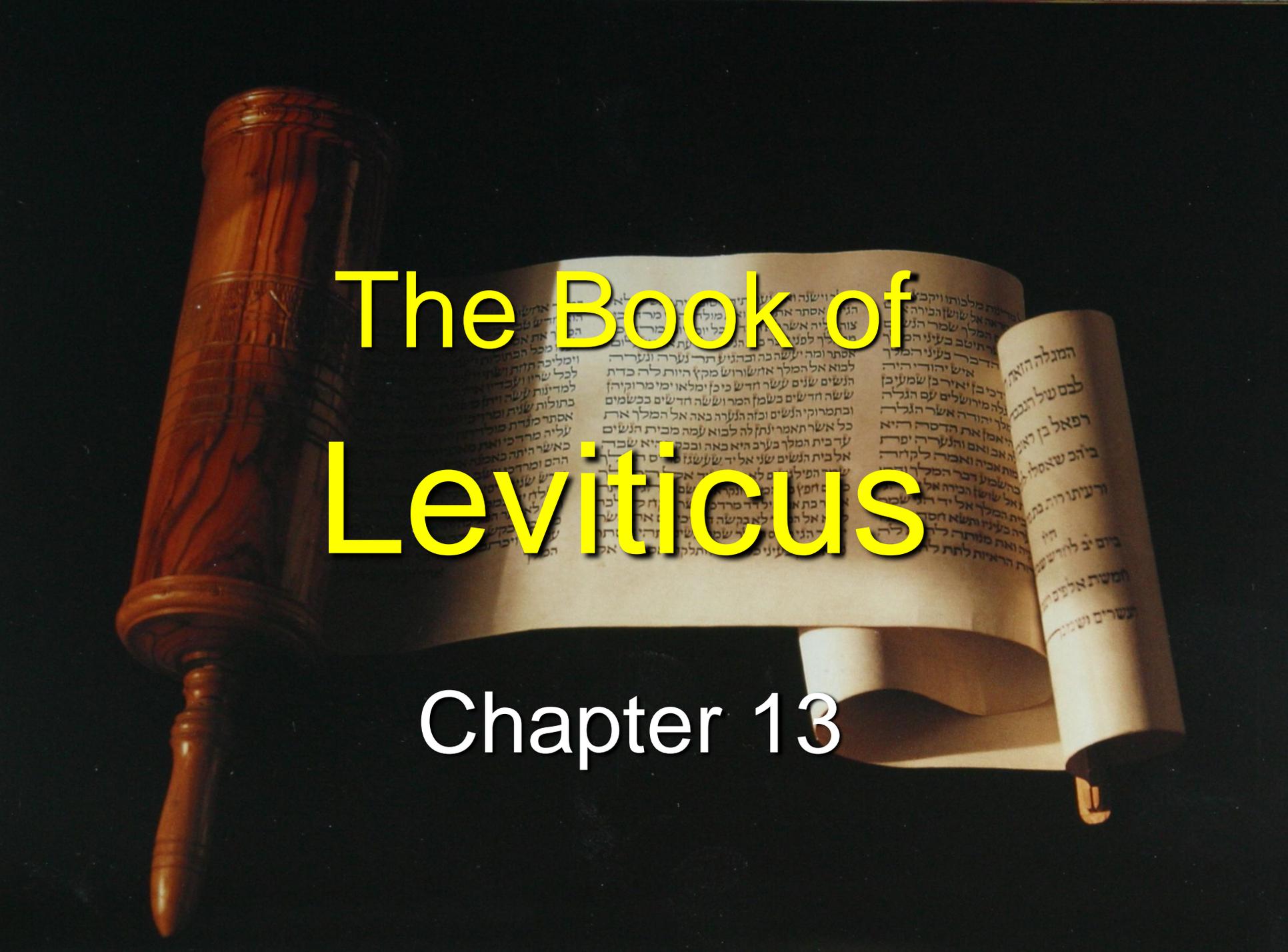


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## Chapter 12

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- Chapter 11 deals with sin by external contact
  - that which can defile you from the outside
- Chapter 12 deals with sin on the inside
  - *“Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me”* (Psalm 51:5)



# The Book of Leviticus

## Chapter 13

# *Tzaraath*

- Leprosy (also called Hansen's Disease)
- Possibly used to denote general skin disorder
- Disease that attacks the peripheral nerves
- Left untreated it will cause permanent damage to skin, nerves, limbs & eyes
- Lepers were considered outcasts and colony's formed to try to isolate the spread

# Leprosy in the Mid Ages

*Leprosy cast the greatest blight that threw its shadow over the daily life of medieval humanity. Fear of all other diseases taken together can hardly be compared to the terror spread by leprosy. Not even the Black Death in the 14th century or the appearance of syphilis toward the end of the fifteenth century produced a similar state of fright. . . Early in the Middle Ages, during the 6th and 7th centuries, it began to spread more widely in Europe and became a serious social and health problem. It was endemic particularly among the poor and reached a terrifying peak in the 13th and 14th centuries.*

George Rosen

# Leprosy in the Mid Ages

*Leadership was taken by the church, as the physicians had nothing to offer. The church took as its guiding principle the concept of contagion as embodied in the Old Testament. . . This idea and its practical consequences are defined with great clarity in the book of Leviticus. Once the condition of leprosy had been established, the patient was to be segregated and excluded from the community. Following the precepts laid down in Leviticus the church undertook the task of combating leprosy . . it accomplished the first great feat . . in methodical eradication of disease.*

George Rosen

# The Effect of Leprosy

*It comes on by degrees in different parts of the body: the hair falls from the head and eyebrows; the nails loosen, decay, and drop off; joint after joint of the fingers and toes shrink up and slowly fall away; the gums are absorbed, and the teeth disappear; the nose, the eyes, the tongue, and the palate are slowly consumed; and, finally, the wretched victim sinks into the earth and disappears.*

Dr. William Thompson

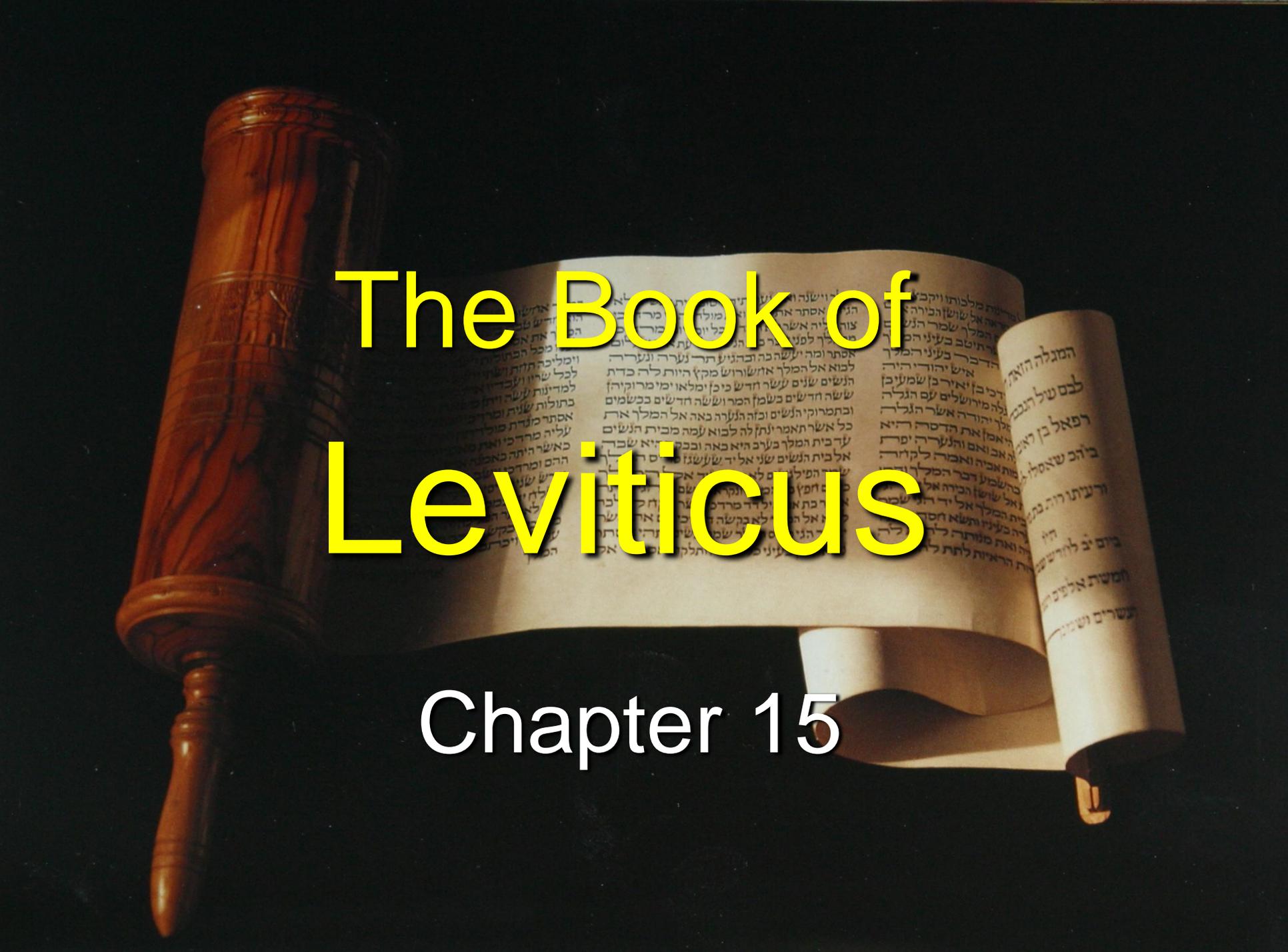
# The Effects of Sin

**15** Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin:  
and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

**James 1:15**

# Leprosy As A Type of Sin

- All consuming disease
- It begins in a small way
- It progresses slowly, but surely. Some cases will endure many years before resolving in death.
- The initial absence of pain is one of its characteristics. However, it keeps the person sad and restless.
- Leprosy is thought by some to be hereditary
- Leprosy caused separation (from God & others)



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## Chapter 15

# Other Issues

- Not only are we prone to 'catching' sin
- We are also carriers
- That which we do affects others more than we may realise
- There is none good...
- Leprosy will soon become visible...
- Other sins we may be able to hide (for a time)
- Chapter 15 addresses 'secret sins'

# 'Secret Sins'

*I see no fault committed which I too might not have committed.* — Goethe

*Every man knows that of himself which he dares not tell to his dearest friends.*

— Samuel Johnson

*I do not know what the heart of a villain may be – but I only know that of a virtuous man, and that is frightful.* — Count de Maistre

# 'Secret Sins'

*Go to your own bosom. Knock there: and ask your heart what it doth know.*

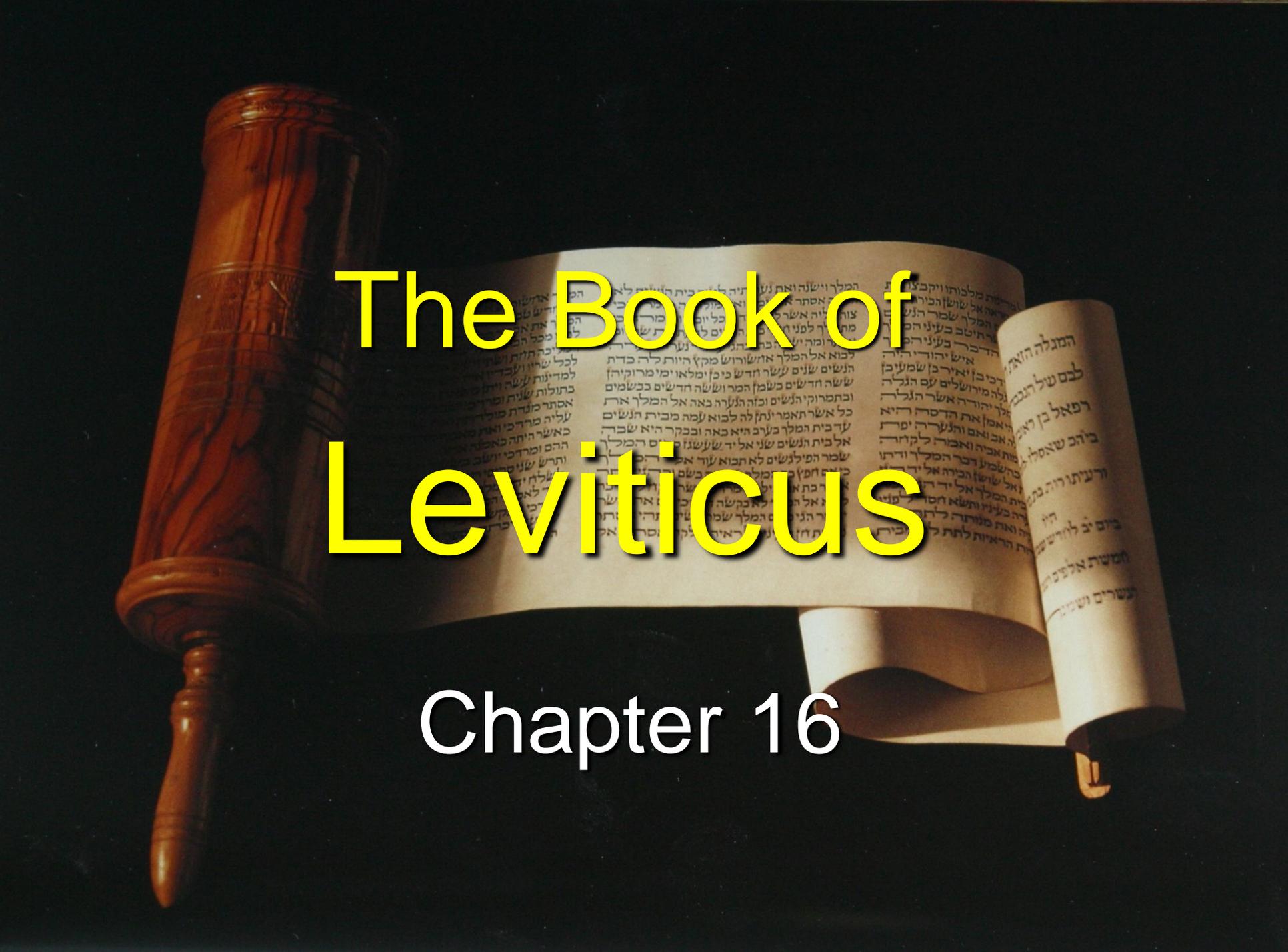
— Shakespeare

*Why is there no man who confesses his vices?  
It is because he has not yet laid them aside.  
It is a waking man only who can tell his  
dreams.*

— Seneca

*There is no criminal who is half so bad in  
actuality as you know yourself to be in  
possibility*

— Oswald Chambers

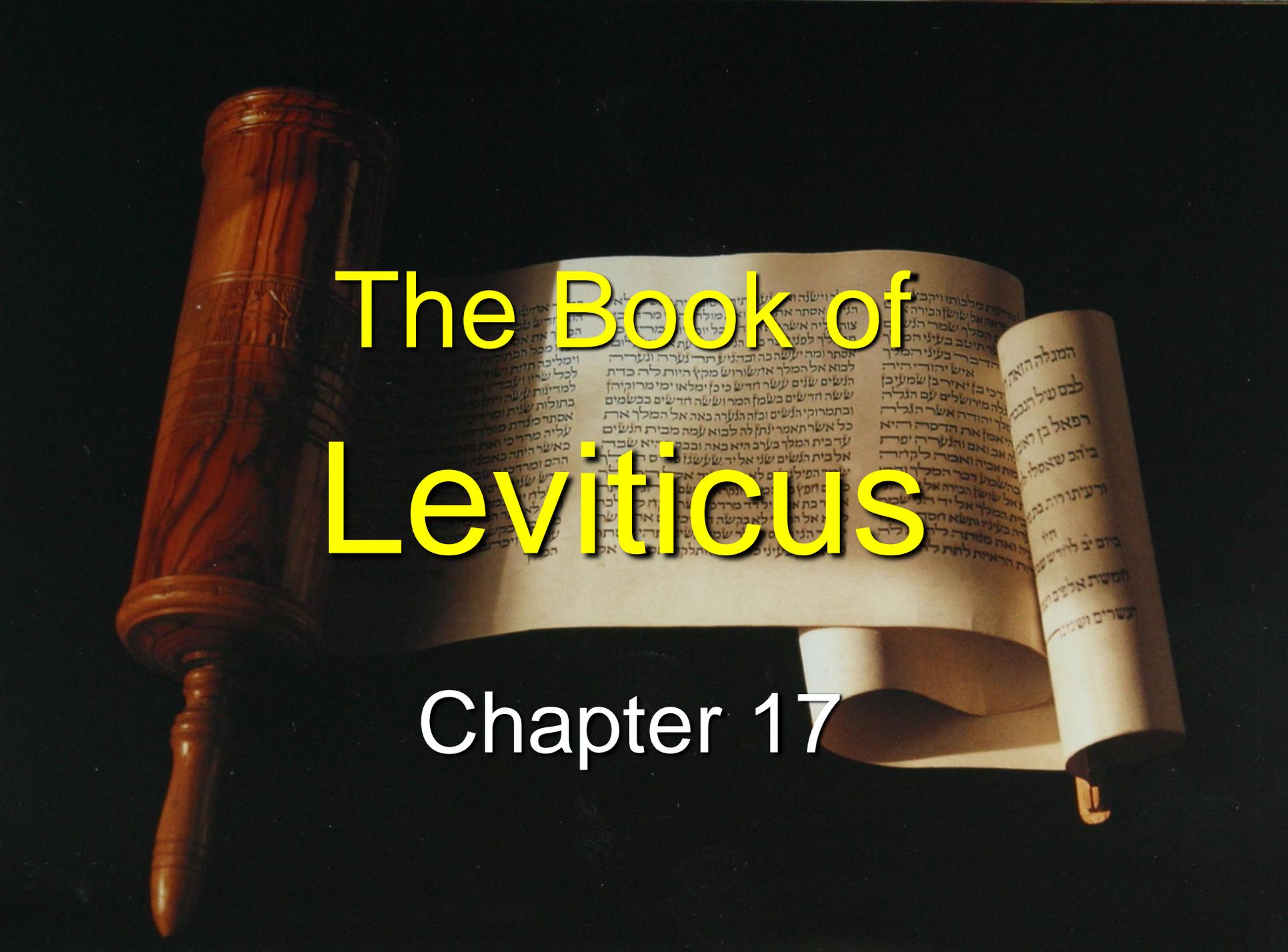


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## Chapter 16

# Yom Kippur

- The Day of Atonement
- 'Yoma' - 'The Day'
- The 1 day each year to deal with national sin
- 7<sup>th</sup> Month, 10<sup>th</sup> Day of the month
- The only day the high priest could enter the holy of holies
- Most know of Yom Kippur because of 1973 war
- 9 'Arab' Nations vs. Israel
- Valley of tears – 1400 Syrian tanks vs. 180!
- The UN didn't call for peace until the tide turned in Israel's favour



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## Chapter 17

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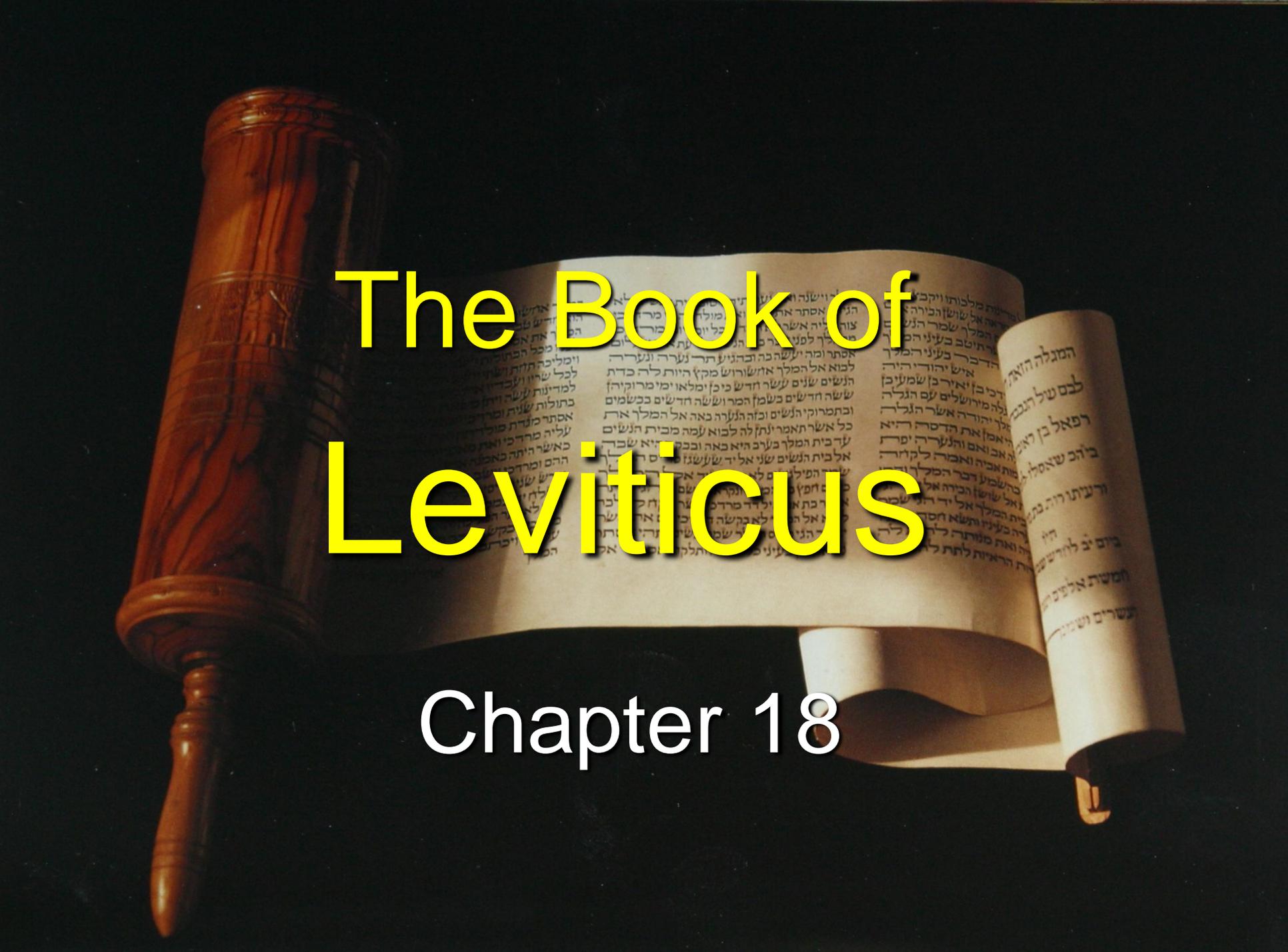
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# The Life of The Flesh

*II For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.*

**Leviticus 17:11**



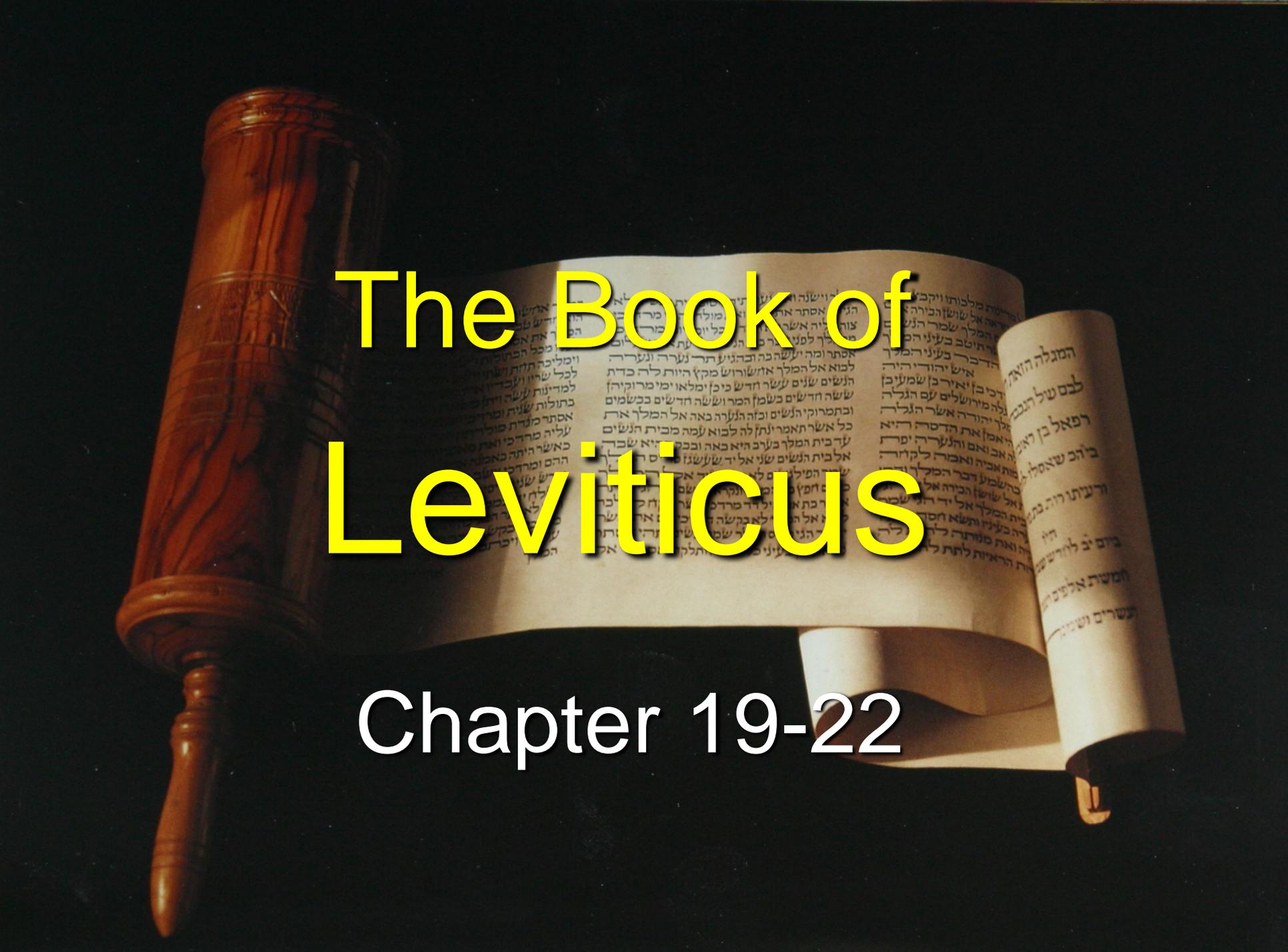
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## Chapter 18

*1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,  
2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them,  
I am the LORD your God.  
3 After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye  
dwelt, shall ye not do: and after the doings of the land  
of Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do:  
neither shall ye walk in their ordinances.*

**Leviticus 18:1-3**

- Don't try to 'blend in'
- We are the 'called out ones'
- Hebrew title of this book: "And He called..."



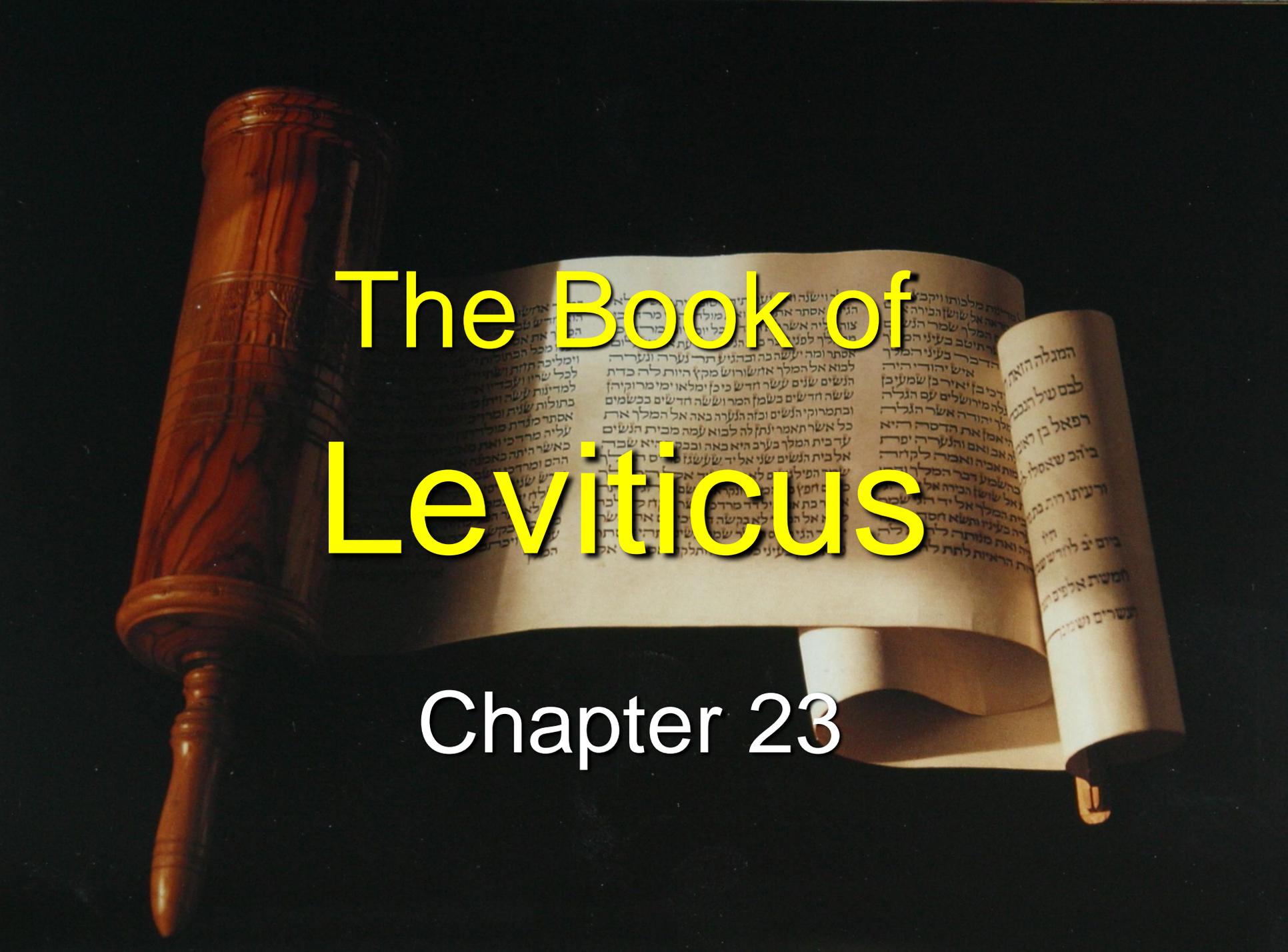
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## Chapter 23

*1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,  
2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them,  
Concerning the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall  
proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are my  
feasts.*

**Leviticus 23:1-2**

# The Feasts of Israel

52 Sabbaths

- + 7 days of *Passover* (inc. related feasts)
- + 1 *Shavout*, Feast of Weeks (Pentecost)
- + 1 *Yom Teruah*, Feast of Trumpets
- + 1 *Yom Kippur*, Day of Atonement
- + 7 days of *Sukkot*, Feast of Tabernacles
- + 1 *Shimini Atzeret*, 8<sup>th</sup> day of Assembly

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# The Feasts of Israel

- 1 Feast of Passover v5-8
- 2 Feast of Unleavened Bread v6
- 3 Feast of Firstfruits v9-15
- 4 Feast of Weeks (Pentecost) v16-22
- 5 Feast of Trumpets v23-25
- 6 Feast of Atonement v26-32
- 7 Feast of Tabernacles v33-36

# Types & Shadows

*16* Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:

*17* Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.

Col 2:16-17

- Practical & Prophetic application

# Prophetic Implications

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| 1 Feast of Passover         | Christ has died...             |
| 2 Feast of Unleavened Bread | was buried...                  |
| 3 Feast of Firstfruits      | Rose again 3 <sup>rd</sup> day |

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| 4 Feast of Weeks (Pentecost) | Birth / Rapture of the Church |
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| 5 Feast of Trumpets    | Trumpet Judgments      |
| 6 Feast of Atonement   | Blindness Removed      |
| 7 Feast of Tabernacles | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Coming |

# The Fall Feasts

## Prophetic Fulfilment ?

- Trumpets – Joel 1:1-2:11 / Rev 8 & 9
- Atonement – Joel 2:12-2:32 / Rev 12
- Tabernacles – Joel 3:1-21 / Rev 16 & 19

# The Feast of Harvest

a.k.a. *Pentecost*

I And when the day of Pentecost was fully come...

Acts 2:1

*“The words ‘fully come’ could be translated ‘fulfilled.’ When the Day of Pentecost was being fulfilled, they were all together in one place”.* J Vernon McGee

# The Feast of Harvest

<sup>15</sup> And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete:  
<sup>16</sup> Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a **new meat offering** unto the LORD.

Leviticus 23:15-22

# The Feast of Harvest

- The first instruction was that a new מִנְחָה *minchah* [min-khaw] offering was to be brought
  - translated ‘meat’ in the KJV
  - It was a sacrificial offering, usually bloodless and voluntary
- This Feast therefore speaks of something new that was to be voluntarily presented to the LORD.

# The Feast of Harvest

<sup>17</sup> Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baken with leaven; they are the firstfruits unto the LORD.

Leviticus 23:15-22

- That which was to be presented was to come out of the houses of Israel
- From whence came the Church?

# The Feast of Harvest

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Leviticus 23:15-22

- Two: The number of witness
- Double offering?
- Double fulfilment?

# The Feast of Harvest

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Leviticus 23:15-22

- Fine Flour: carefully ground and sifted to remove all impurities, bran and husks

# Fine Flour

- 25* Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;
- 26* That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,
- 27* That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

**Ephesians 5:25-27**

# The Feast of Harvest

- This is the only Feast where leaven is to be used
- Leaven speaks of sin
  - Because it corrupts by puffing up (1 Cor 5:8)
- Whereas Israel were to be separate from the world - 'uncontaminated'
- The Church is to grow to maturity...

*...in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation,  
among whom ye shine as lights in the world*

Phil 2:15

# The Feast of Harvest

- Finis Jennings Dake comments:
- *“No bread made with leaven could be burned upon the altar (Lev 2:11), so the object was not a burnt offering; this was a present to Jehovah from the best produce of the earth”.*
- The Church is not destined to be consumed on the altar of God’s wrath, but instead is a gift from the Father to His Son of those He (the Father) draws out of the world (cf. John 6:44).

# The Feast of Harvest

*17 Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baken with leaven; they are the firstfruits unto the LORD.*

Leviticus 23:15-22

# Firstfruits

**18** Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth,  
that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

**James 1:18**

# The Feast of Harvest

<sup>21</sup> And ye shall proclaim on the selfsame day, that it may be an holy convocation unto you: ye shall do no servile work therein: it shall be a statute for ever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.

Leviticus 23:15-22

# The Feast of Harvest

- When a person is born again they enter into their eternal rest in Christ;
- No longer are they to labour by their own efforts for reward, for Christ has done it all.
- The writer to the Hebrews comments:

*... For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his*

**Hebrews 4:10**

Next Session...

# Through The Bible Session 8 The Book of Numbers

*From the miracle of our origin to the mystery of our destiny*



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