

# BIBLE PROJECT 2.0

## LEVITICUS

### More Than Conquerors—Energized for the Call.



*The Stone Table from The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*

(The images here are from the book, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. If you have never read [or can't remember well] CS Lewis's book, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, this might be a good read for this lesson. The movie is nowhere near as good.)

Brief outline of Leviticus by topic. (attached)

### **BIG IDEA 1: THE REALITY OF EVIL – ITS VIGOR AND VITALITY**



Job 1:6-7

Ephesians 1: 12

1 Peter 5:8

What do you think: Is the world getting better? Are we on the right track?

Washington Post asks the question: “The World Is Getting Better: Why Don’t We Believe It?”

[W]e would be remiss to discount how much progress has been made in the quarter-century since Bush’s speech. According to the World Bank, the rate of extreme poverty fell from **37 percent** in 1990 to **about 10 percent last year**. The Food and Agriculture Organization **reports** that the rate of undernourishment fell from 18.6 percent to 10.9 percent during that same window. A **major study** by the University of Washington’s Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluation found that life expectancy increased by 5.8 years for men and 6.6 years for women between 1990 and 2013. Doctors have made extraordinary strides in reducing the mortality rates of polio, measles and malaria. And the threat of a nuclear war, as well as that of a war between great powers, has declined significantly. (January 26, 2016)

Liebnitz, the 18<sup>th</sup> Century philosopher, famously said, “We live in the best of all possible worlds.” Do you agree? What would be the result of believing and acting on this approach?

Remember “Disintegration?” Have you every heard of “entropy?” What does this observation from thermodynamics have to say about the “pre-set goodness of the world?” “entropy” is the observation that the energy in the universe does not increase, but decreases. Everything runs down.

Sin is the universal reality of the human condition.

## **BIG IDEA 2: GOD’S PEOPLE NOT EXEMPT – NOT EVEN THE HOLIEST**



Abraham

Jacob

Moses

Aaron

The people themselves—Name some examples

Deuteronomy 24: 16 The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his own sin. See also Ezekiel 18:4.

### **BIG IDEA 3: EVIL OVERCOME, DISINTEGRATION REVERSED, SYMPHONY RESTORED.**



Look at Leviticus offerings. See a chart of the offerings on the website [www.bibleproj.com](http://www.bibleproj.com) under “OT lessons”.

Chapter 1: How are offerings made? And what do they teach us?

#### **Act out the offering of Leviticus 1.**

What reasons required a sacrifice?

What was the value of a sheep, goat or calf to the worshipper who was bringing it?  
Compare it to something today.

Of what quality did the animal have to be? Why?

Where did the worshipper have to put his hands when they brought the animal to the altar? Why?

Then what did the priest do? WHY?

What reaction do you have to this form of “worship”?

What do you think the worshipper learned?

### **BIG IDEA 4: EVIL IS OVERCOME THROUGH ATONEMENT**



Is atonement necessary? WHY?

## **What is the relationship between atonement and forgiveness?**

God's justice requires penalty for sin. The biblical penalty is death. In the day you eat of the fruit of the tree, you shall surely die. Gen 2 .17. The wages of sin is death (Rom. 6.23)

### **Worksheet: class brainstorm session**

Write down all the words mentioned that relate to  
SALVATION or ATONEMENT.

How do they fit together?



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## **BIG IDEA 5: ATONEMENT IMAGES**

*Is atonement necessary for us to be forgiven?*

Are we forgiven *because*:

- a. We are sorry?
- b. We confess we did wrong?
- c. We ask for forgiveness?
- d. We make restitution?
- e. We make an offering?
- f. Christ dies for our sins?

Which answer gives the only sufficient mean to take away our sins?

### **Some biblical images for atonement**

1. **Sacrificial Atonement – OT sacrificial system imagery**  
Man forfeited life; therefore, shedding of blood Heb 9:12, 22, 10.4-12
2. **Penal suffering; justification** –(public law concept) – **legal imagery**  
Isaiah 53 – sin forfeits life/ law requires penalty  
“The chastisement of our peace was upon him”  
Substitution before the bench of God’s justice.  
Propitiation Rom 3.24-25; Heb 2: 17; 1 Jn 2.2 & 4: 10
3. **Redemption; Debt canceled; marketplace or commercial imagery**  
What do we owe God? Obedience.  
bond written in ordinance against us – Parable in Mt 18.21ff—the Lord’s Prayer in Matthew.  
the idea of redemption – buys back; Hosea 3. Col 2.13, 1 Peter 1.18
4. **Ransom** – sin imprisons and hold hostage those who sin. **War imagery**: Captives... power  
Col 2.15, Matt 20. 28, Mk 10:45; Rev 5.4f
5. **Passover sacrifice—liberation imagery**  
Like blood over doorpost saved Israel from death;  
So the blood of Jesus shed and seen spares those who depend on it from the wrath of God

**The theological issue is this: What does atonement accomplish? For guilt or just the sense of guilt?**

Objective or subjective Atonement? Is it for God or for us?

## **BIG IDEA 6: THE PURPOSE OF ATONEMENT: REMOVAL OF BARRIERS SO THAT GOD’S PROJECT CAN BE REALIZED.**

### **SOME Scriptures relevant to the concept of ATONEMENT.**

Heb 8. 13-10:14 – Compares Levitical offerings to Christ’s once for all shedding of his blood.

Heb 9: 22—without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins

Heb 9: 26 -- [appeared not to offer blood that was not his own]...he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself.

1 Cor 10: 16—The cup of blessing ... is it not participation in the blood of Christ?

Eph 2:13—You who were once far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ

1 Pt 1.2, 18-19—sanctified by the Spirit to be obedient to Jesus Christ and to be sprinkled with his blood; you were ransomed from futile ways... not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without defect or blemish.

1 Jn 1: 7 ... the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin

Romans 3.25 ... whom God put forward as an “atoning sacrifice” (propitiation) by his blood, effective through faith → to prove that he is righteous

2 Cor 5: 17-21 God made him, who had no sin, to be sin for us that through him we might become the righteousness of God

Heb 2: 17 therefore he had to become like his brothers in every way ... to make a sacrifice of atonement (propitiation) for the sins of the people.

1 Jn 2.2... and he is the “atoning sacrifice” [propitiation] for our sins and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1Jn 4.10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his son to be the “atoning sacrifice” [propitiation] for our sins.

## **BIG IDEAS RECAP**

**BIG IDEA 1): THE REALITY OF EVIL – ITS VIGOR AND VITALITY**

**BIG IDEA 2): GOD’S PEOPLE NOT EXEMPT – NOT EVEN THE HOLIEST**

**BIG IDEA 3): EVIL OVERCOME, DISINTEGRATION REVERSED, SYMPHONY RESTORED.**

**BIG IDEA 4): EVIL IS OVERCOME THROUGH ATONEMENT**

**BIG IDEA 5): ATONEMENT IMAGES**

**BIG IDEA 6: THE PURPOSE OF ATONEMENT: REMOVAL OF BARRIERS SO THAT GOD’S PROJECT CAN BE REALIZED.**

## General Outline of Leviticus

Chapters	Content
1-7	The Offerings/ Sacrifices
8-10	Consecration of Aaron and priests
11-15	Laws about uncleanness
16	Day of Atonement
17	The place of sacrifice and sanctity of blood
18-20	Sins against the moral law
21-22	Instructions for priests
23	Holy weeks and services: Sabbath, Passover, Pentecost, Tabernacles
24	Holy oil, Bread of the Passover, Blasphemy
25	Sabbatical jubilee
26	Blessings and curses
27	Vows and tithes

# The Bible Project Old Testament, First Quarter Lessons OT 1-10

## OT 1 GETTING IT—Principles of Biblical Interpretation.

### Prep For OT 11

Your “mission” if you choose to accept it: Use the space next to the title image to express your summary of the main idea of each lesson OT 2-10.

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### OT 2: CREATION —Genesis 1



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### OT 3: SYMPHONY—All Good—Genesis 2



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### OT 4 DISINTEGRATION—THE FALL. GENESIS 3



### OT 5: GOD’S PROJECT RESET—GENESIS 12-22





**OT 6: VISION TO BLESSING—Genesis 12-50**



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**OT 7: PRESSED INTO COMMUNITY—Genesis 12-Exodus 24**



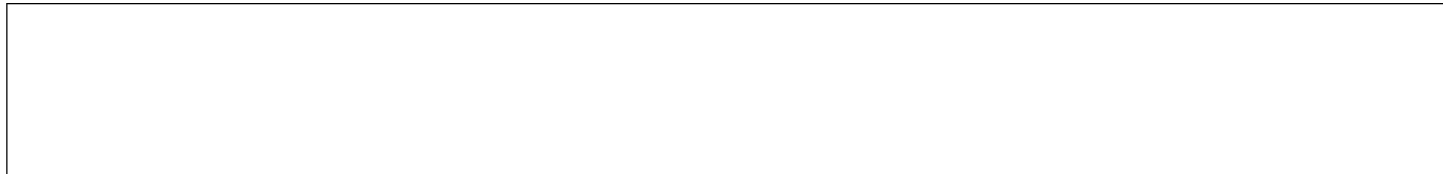
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**OT 8: ON THE ROAD—Exodus, Leviticus & Numbers**



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**OT 9: DESTINATION GUARANTEED—Exodus–Joshua 5**



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**OT 10: ENERGIZED FOR THE CALL—Leviticus**



## The Bible Project 2.0

### Consider the following if you choose to prepare for next class in January, 2019

Enjoy the break! Have a great Advent and Christmas!

READ:

Numbers 20-21, Deuteronomy 1-3

The book of Joshua is a good read. Enjoy as much of it as you can.

Give special attention to Josh 5:2-9, Achan's sin; Joshua 8: 30-35; Joshua 13; Joshua 24: 13-15; Deut 11: 26-32; 27: 9-26 & 28; Judges 2.20-23.

If you have not read *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* yet, consider doing that over the break.

The book is much more effective in communicating about the Atonement than the movie. And it's an easy read. Ask for it as an early Christmas present, if you do not have your own copy. Or order the set for your children or grandchildren, read the first book and give them the rest! 😊

MARKERS:

Joshua 2 & 6	Rahab story
Joshua 5	Circumcision for all not circumcised in the wilderness
Joshua 6	Jericho
Joshua 13	Failure to complete conquest
Joshua 24	Choose this day

AND a mission if you choose to accept it would be to take the attached two pages and list the main themes of each of the first semester lessons OT 2-10. That's where we will start in January.

Wednesday, January 9, & Sunday, January 13—Note on Wednesday January 9 5:30 Class will be in Watson Hall because of the Adam Lamb Preschool Book Fair in C4 / C6.