

# *The Book of Leviticus*

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## Section Outline

- I. Sacrificial System (Leviticus 1–7)**
- II. Ministry of the Priesthood (Leviticus 8–10)**
  - A. The Consecration of the Priests — Moses (8:1-36)
  - B. The Commencement of the Priesthood — Aaron (9:1-24)
  - C. The Condemnation of Two Priests — Nadab and Abihu (10:1-20)

## Defining Priesthood

- ❑ Priesthood is the result of a principle of God's dealing with man: *sinful (fallen) man must be represented by a mediator before a holy God* (see Job 9:30-33; 16:21; 33:23; 1 Timothy 2:5-6).
- ❑ God provided all three biblical priesthods in order that His people might communicate with Him (Hebrews 4:14–5:3) and He with them (Malachi 2:7).
- ❑ Christ's priesthood is like the Aaronic (levitical) priesthood *in principle, not in detail* (see Hebrews 7:14).
- ❑ None of the three biblical priesthods is a *type* of any other. Indeed, if there be any type here, perhaps it could be argued better that Christ's priesthood, which began before creation, was the type of Aaron's priesthood, rather than vice versa.
  - ✓ See Psalm 110:4 and Hebrews 5:5-6; 8:1-5.

**A Comparative Study of Three Biblical Priesthoods**

	<b>Old Testament Levites</b>	<b>Christ</b>	<b>New Testament Believers</b>
<b><i>Appointment</i></b>			
<i>Divinely Chosen</i>	Hebrews 5:4	Hebrews 5:5-6	1 Peter 2:9*
<i>Anointed</i>	Exodus 29:7 Exodus 40:12-15 Leviticus 8:12	Isaiah 61:1 Acts 10:38	1 John 2:20, 27
<i>Sanctified/Set Apart</i>	Exodus 28:36 Leviticus 8:30 Leviticus 21:6-8	John 10:36 John 17:19	1 Corinthians 1:2 Hebrews 10:14 1 Peter 1:2
<b><i>Ministry</i></b>			
<i>Receiving/Keeping Revelation</i>	Deuteronomy 33:8, 10	John 17:8	Philippians 2:15-16 1 Thessalonians 2:13
<i>Teaching†</i>	Leviticus 10:11 Deuteronomy 17:11 Deuteronomy 33:10a Nehemiah 8:9	Matthew 5:2 Matthew 7:29 John 3:2	Colossians 3:16 Hebrews 5:12
<i>Offering Sacrifices</i>	Leviticus 9:7 Deuteronomy 33:10b Hebrews 5:1	Hebrews 9:11–10:18	Hebrews 13:15-16 1 Peter 2:5
<i>Interceding</i>	Exodus 28:12, 29** cp. 1 Samuel 7:5; 12:23	Romans 8:34 Hebrews 7:25	1 Timothy 2:1
<i>Judging Controversies</i>	Deuteronomy 17:8-13	John 5:22 Acts 10:42 2 Timothy 4:8	1 Corinthians 6:1-5
<i>Entering the Holy Place</i>	Exodus 30:7-10 Hebrews 9:1-7	Hebrews 9:12, 24	Hebrews 4:16 Hebrews 10:19-22

**NOTES**

- \* With regard to the change over of the priesthoods and their relationship to God's program, compare Exodus 19:6 and Hosea 4:6 with 1 Peter 2:9-10.
- † "Law" (*tôrâ*) = "instruction." It is interesting to note Aaron's relationship to God's instruction in Leviticus. Compare "And the LORD called/spoke to Moses" (1:1; 4:1; 6:1; 8:1) with "And the LORD spoke to Aaron/to Moses and Aaron" (10:8; 11:1; 13:1; 14:33; 15:1). However, note that "after the death of the two sons of Aaron" (16:1) the remainder of Leviticus employs the formula, "And the LORD spoke to Moses" (16:2; 17:1; 18:1; 19:1; 20:1; etc.).
- \*\* Israel's high priest bore the names of the tribes of Israel on his garments as a "memorial." In other words, he represented the people. Such representation was part of his intercessory ministry.