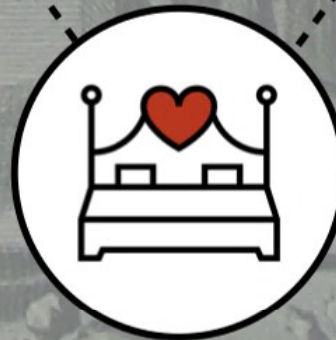


LEVITICUS

SIGNS OF HOLINESS



**CHIASTIC
STRUCTURE
OF THE BOOK
OF LEVITICUS**

Lev. 1:1 "The Lord called to Moses from..."

Lev. 1-7, Ritual Sacrifices

Lev. 8-10, Priests Ordained

Lev. 11-15, Ritual Purity

Lev. 16-17, Atonement

Lev. 18-20, Moral Purity

Lev. 21-22, Priestly Instructions

Lev. 23-25, Ritual Feasts

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LEVITICUS 11-15 TOPICAL OUTLINE

Chapter 11 — Kosher Dietary Restrictions

Chapter 12 - Cleanliness After Childbirth

Chapter 13 - Identifying Skin Diseases & Mold

Chapter 14 - Cleanliness For Skin Diseases & Mold

Chapter 15 - Cleanliness After Bodily Emissions

THE VISCERAL SYMBOLISM OF LEVITICAL BOUNDARIES

LEV. 1-7

***HOLY
BOUNDARIES***

Yahweh is different
from all other gods.
God is holy—yet desires
relationship with us.

LEV. 8-10

***PRIESTLY
BOUNDARIES***

Priests are different
from all other Israelites.
They are set apart by
ordination & obedience.

LEV. 11-15

***PERSONAL
BOUNDARIES***

Israelites are different
from all other peoples.
They are set apart by
their collective identity.

SYMBOLIC LEVITICAL BOUNDARIES

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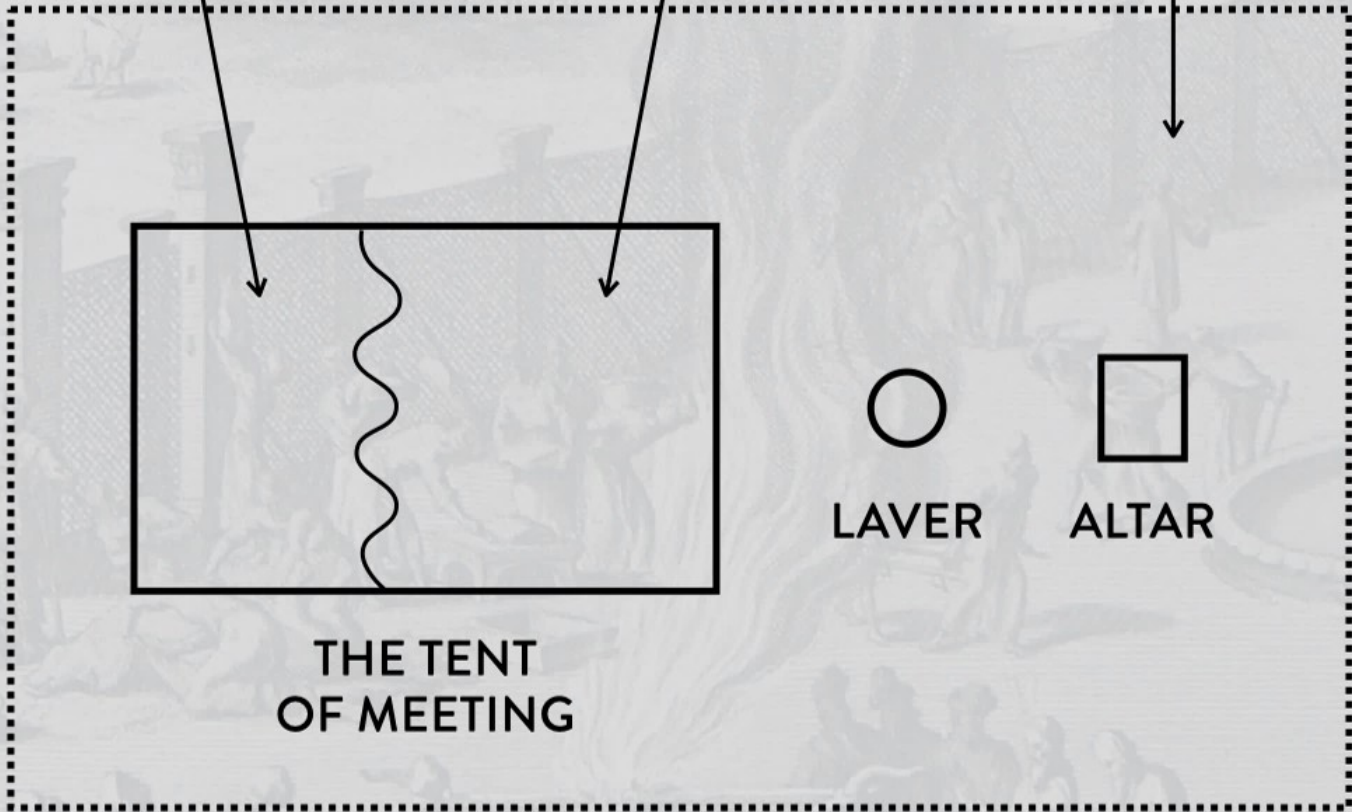
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- The Tabernacle
- The Holy Place
- The Holy of Holies

THE HOLY OF HOLIES

THE HOLY PLACE

THE OUTER COURT



THE TENT OF MEETING

LAVAR

ALTAR

THE TABERNACLE

THE CAMP

THE WILDERNESS

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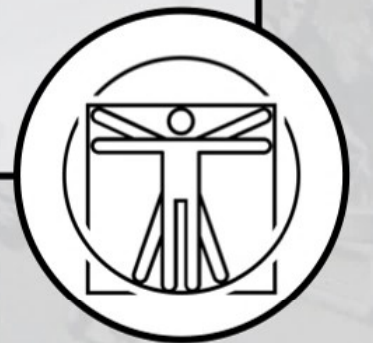
ARE YOU CLEAN?

- Dietary
- Procreative
- Dermatological

BODILY AUTONOMY & CULTURAL IDENTITY

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- Displaying Your Body
- Medically Assisted Suicide
- Dietary Regulations
- Masking & Vaccinating Requirements
- Prostitution
- Gender Reassignment
- Abortion



LEVITICUS 11:1-3

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, “Say to the Israelites: ‘Of all the animals that live on land, these are the ones you may eat: You may eat any animal that has a divided hoof and that chews the cud.’”

LEVITICUS 11:46-47

“These are the regulations concerning animals, birds, every living thing that moves about in the water and every creature that moves along the ground. You must distinguish between the unclean and the clean, between living creatures that may be eaten and those that may not be eaten.”

SYMBOLIC LEVITICAL BOUNDARIES

LEV. 11

***DIETARY
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- Being Healthy
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LEV. 12 & 15

***PROCREATIVE
BOUNDARIES***

LEV. 13-14

***DERMATOLOGICAL
BOUNDARIES***

LEVITICUS 12:1-5

The Lord said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites: ‘A woman who becomes pregnant and gives birth to a son will be ceremonially unclean for seven days, just as she is unclean during her monthly period. On the eighth day the boy is to be circumcised.’”

LEVITICUS 12:1-5

Then the woman must wait thirty-three days to be purified from her bleeding. She must not touch anything sacred or go to the sanctuary until the days of her purification are over. If she gives birth to a daughter, for two weeks the woman will be unclean, as during her period. Then she must wait sixty-six days to be purified from her bleeding.

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LEVITICUS 15:31-33

“You must keep the Israelites separate from things that make them unclean, so they will not die in their uncleanness for defiling my dwelling place, which is among them.”

LEVITICUS 15:31-33

These are the regulations for a man with a discharge, for anyone made unclean by an emission of semen, for a woman in her monthly period, for a man or a woman with a discharge, and for a man who has sexual relations with a woman who is ceremonially unclean.

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LEVITICUS 13:38-46

“When a man or woman has white spots on the skin, the priest is to examine them, and if the spots are dull white, it is a harmless rash that has broken out on the skin; they are clean.

LEVITICUS 13:38-46

“A man who has lost his hair and is bald is clean. If he has lost his hair from the front of his scalp and has a bald forehead, he is clean. But if he has a reddish-white sore on his bald head or forehead, it is a defiling disease breaking out on his head or forehead.

LEVITICUS 13:38-46

The priest is to examine him, and if the swollen sore on his head or forehead is reddish-white like a defiling skin disease, the man is diseased and is unclean. The priest shall pronounce him unclean because of the sore on his head.

LEVITICUS 13:38-46

“Anyone with such a defiling disease must wear torn clothes, let their hair be unkempt, cover the lower part of their face and cry out, ‘Unclean! Unclean!’ As long as they have the disease they remain unclean. They must live alone; they must live outside the camp.

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MATTHEW 15:10-20

Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen and understand. What goes into someone’s mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them.”

MATTHEW 15:10-20

Peter said, “Explain the parable to us.”

“Are you still so dull?” Jesus asked them. “Don’t you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? But the things that come out of a person’s mouth come from the heart, and these defile them.



MATTHEW 15:10-20

For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. These are what defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them.”

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MARK 5:24-34

A large crowd followed and pressed around him. And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse.

MARK 5:24-34

When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, because she thought, “If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.” Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

MARK 5:24-34

At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who touched my clothes?”

“You see the people crowding against you,” his disciples answered, “and yet you can ask, ‘Who touched me?’ ”

MARK 5:24-34

But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.”

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- Jesus restores those with leprosy in Luke 17



LUKE 17:11-19

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

LUKE 17:11-19

When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

LUKE 17:11-19

Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

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