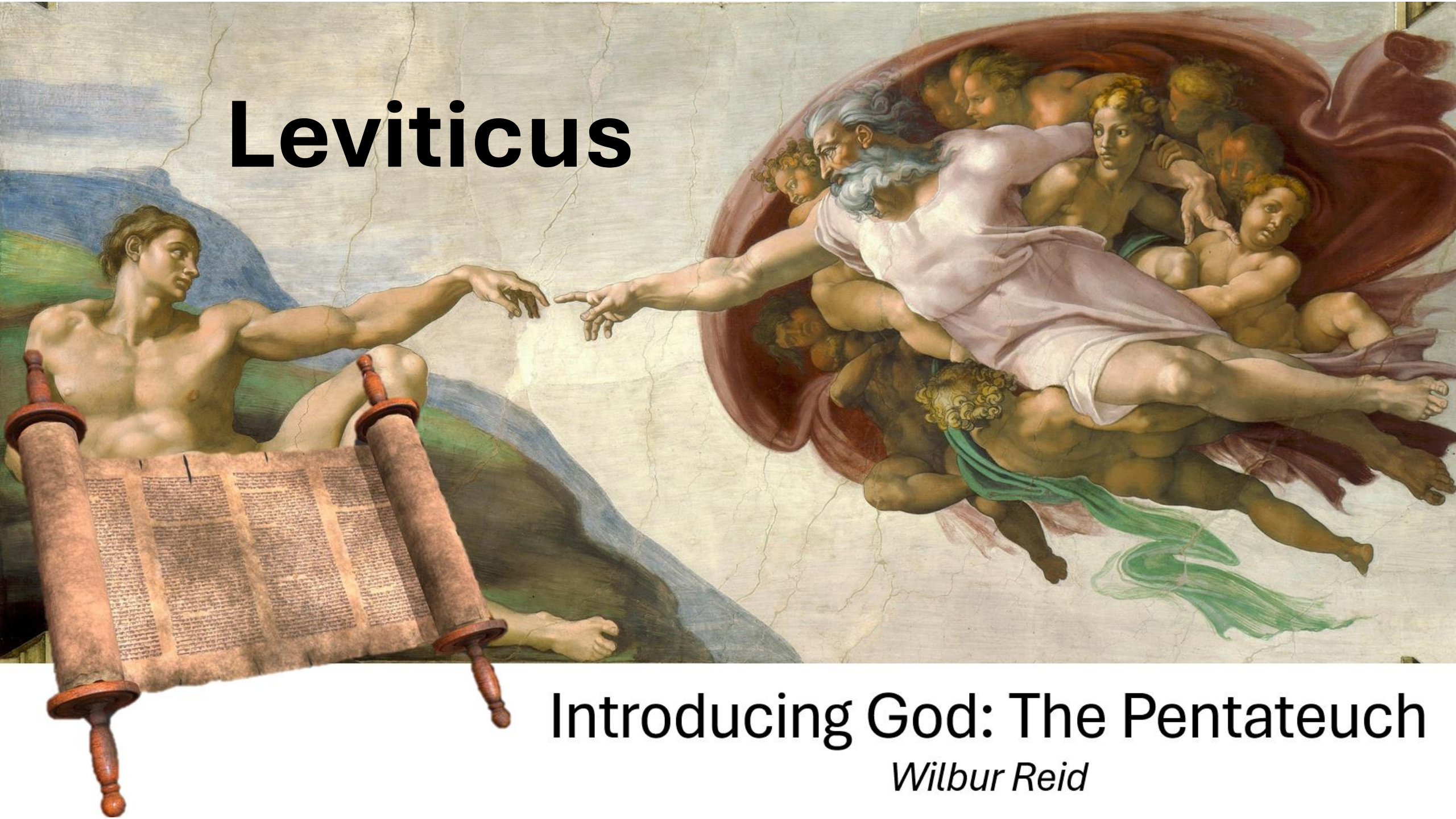


# Leviticus



Introducing God: The Pentateuch

*Wilbur Reid*



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# Holiness

## *Barna Survey*

- Is it possible for someone to become holy, regardless of their past?
  - 76% of Christians believe it is possible
- Do you know someone that you consider to be holy?
  - 55% of Christians do
- Does God expect you to be holy?
  - 35% say 'yes'
- Are you holy?
  - 29% of Christians say they are
  - 21% of non-Christians say they are

# “The Concept of Holiness Baffles Most People”

“The results of the poll portray a body of Christians who attend church and read the Bible, but do not understand the concept or significance of holiness, do not personally desire to be holy, and therefore do little, if anything, to pursue it.”







# What is holiness?

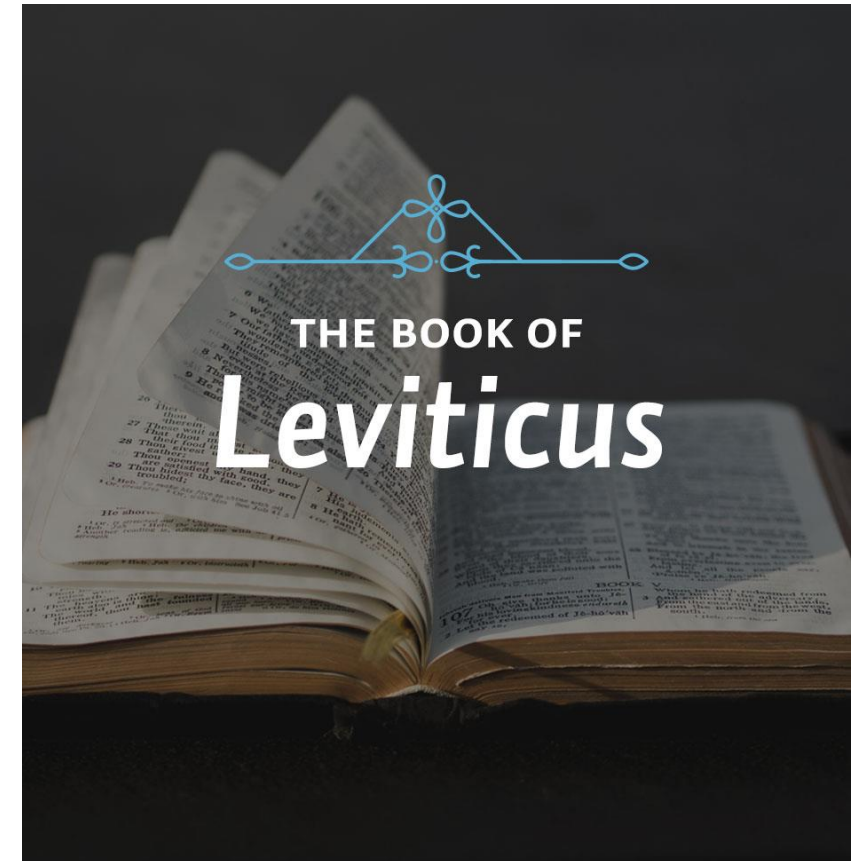
“Holiness” is commonly defined as being separate or set apart. God is holy in that he is set apart from everything that is not God, and God’s people must be holy by being set apart from sin. Holiness according to this definition is separateness that entails moral purity.

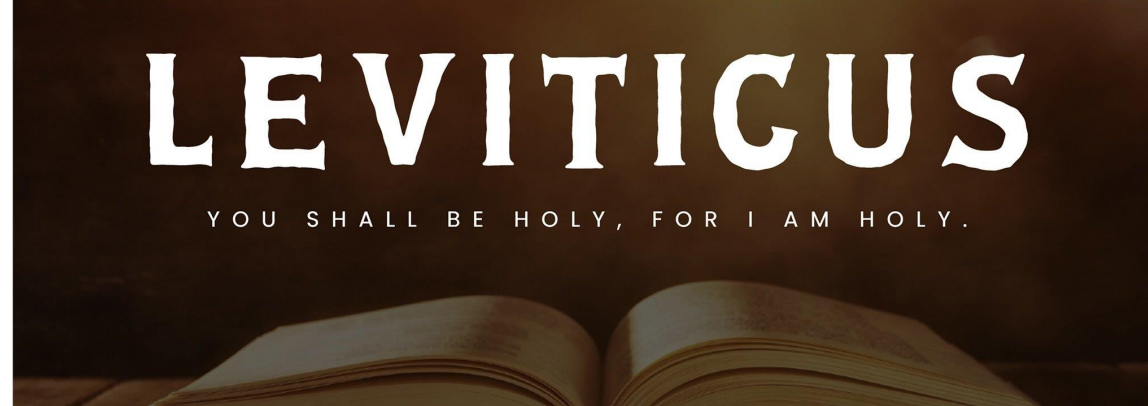
- NIV Study Bible

# Overview of Leviticus

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- Still at Mt. Sinai
  - Entire book covers about 6 weeks in 1445 BC
    - Exodus covered 1446 BC
- Name comes from rights and duties of priests (tribe of Levi)
- Sections:
  - Chapters 1-7: laws of sacrifices
  - Chapters 11-15: clean and unclean
  - Chapter 16: Day of Atonement
  - Chapters 17-26: laws for holiness





- 'For I am the LORD your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and **be holy, for I am holy.** (11:44)
- 'For I am the LORD who brought you up from the land of Egypt to be your God; thus you shall **be holy, for I am holy.**' (11:45)
- "Speak to all the congregation of the sons of Israel and say to them, 'You shall **be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.** (19:2)
- 'You shall consecrate yourselves therefore and **be holy, for I am the LORD your God.** (20:7)
- 'Thus you are to **be holy to Me, for I the LORD am holy;** and I have set you apart from the peoples to be Mine. (20:26)
- 'You shall consecrate him, therefore, for he offers the food of your God; he shall **be holy to you; for I the LORD, who sanctifies you, am holy.** (21:18)



But just as he  
who called  
you is holy,  
so be holy in  
all you do...



~ 1 Peter 1:15 NIV



Make every effort to live in peace  
with everyone and to be holy;  
without holiness no one will see the Lord.

**Hebrews 12:14**







Even as He chose us in Him before the  
foundation of the world to be holy and  
without blemish before Him in love.

Eph. 1:4

Francis Chan





# LEVITICUS

YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.



# Burnt Offerings

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**Leviticus 1:1** The LORD called to Moses and spoke to him from the tent of meeting. He said, <sup>2</sup> “Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘When anyone among you brings an offering to the LORD, bring as your offering an animal from either the herd or the flock.

<sup>3</sup> “‘If the offering is a burnt offering from the herd, you are to offer a male without defect. You must present it at the entrance to the tent of meeting so that it will be acceptable to the LORD.

## **BURNT OFFERING**

**WHY:** Atonement for intentional sin.

**WHERE:** Bronze Altar

**WHAT:** A young male animal without defect or a bird.



*bull, ram, or goat*



*dove or pigeon*

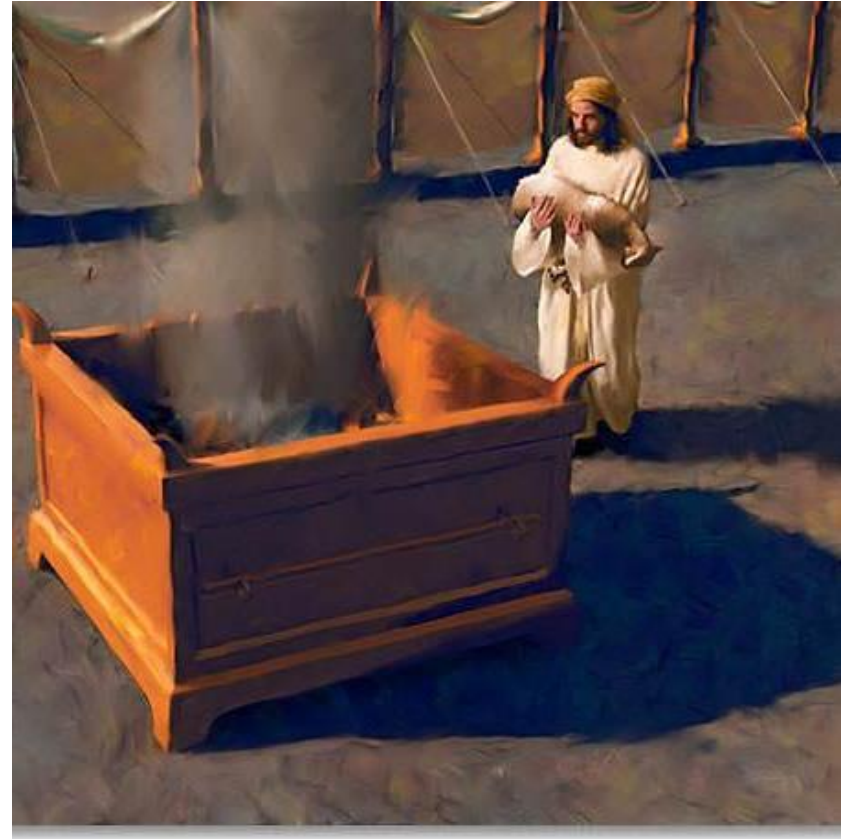


# Burnt Offerings

<sup>10</sup> “If the offering is a burnt offering from the flock, from either the sheep or the goats, you are to offer a male without defect.

<sup>14</sup> “If the offering to the LORD is a burnt offering of birds, you are to offer a dove or a young pigeon.

<sup>2</sup> “When anyone brings a grain offering to the LORD, their offering is to be of the finest flour. They are to pour olive oil on it, put incense on it <sup>2</sup> and take it to Aaron’s sons the priests. The priest shall take a handful of the flour and oil, together with all the incense, and burn this as a memorial portion on the altar, a food offering, an aroma pleasing to the LORD. <sup>3</sup> The rest of the grain offering belongs to Aaron and his sons; it is a most holy part of the food offerings presented to the LORD.



## BURNT OFFERING

WHY: Atone for intentional sin.

WHERE: Bronze Altar

WHAT: A young male animal without defect or a bird.



## GUILT/SIN OFFERING

WHY: Atone for accidental sins.

WHERE: Bronze Altar

WHAT: Depends on who the offender is:



An individual could choose one of the following options:



## PEACE/FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

WHY: Express thanks to God, give God a gift, or make a special promise to God.

WHERE: Bronze Altar

WHAT: 1 herd animal (male or female) plus bread made with and without yeast.



## GRAIN/GIFT OFFERING

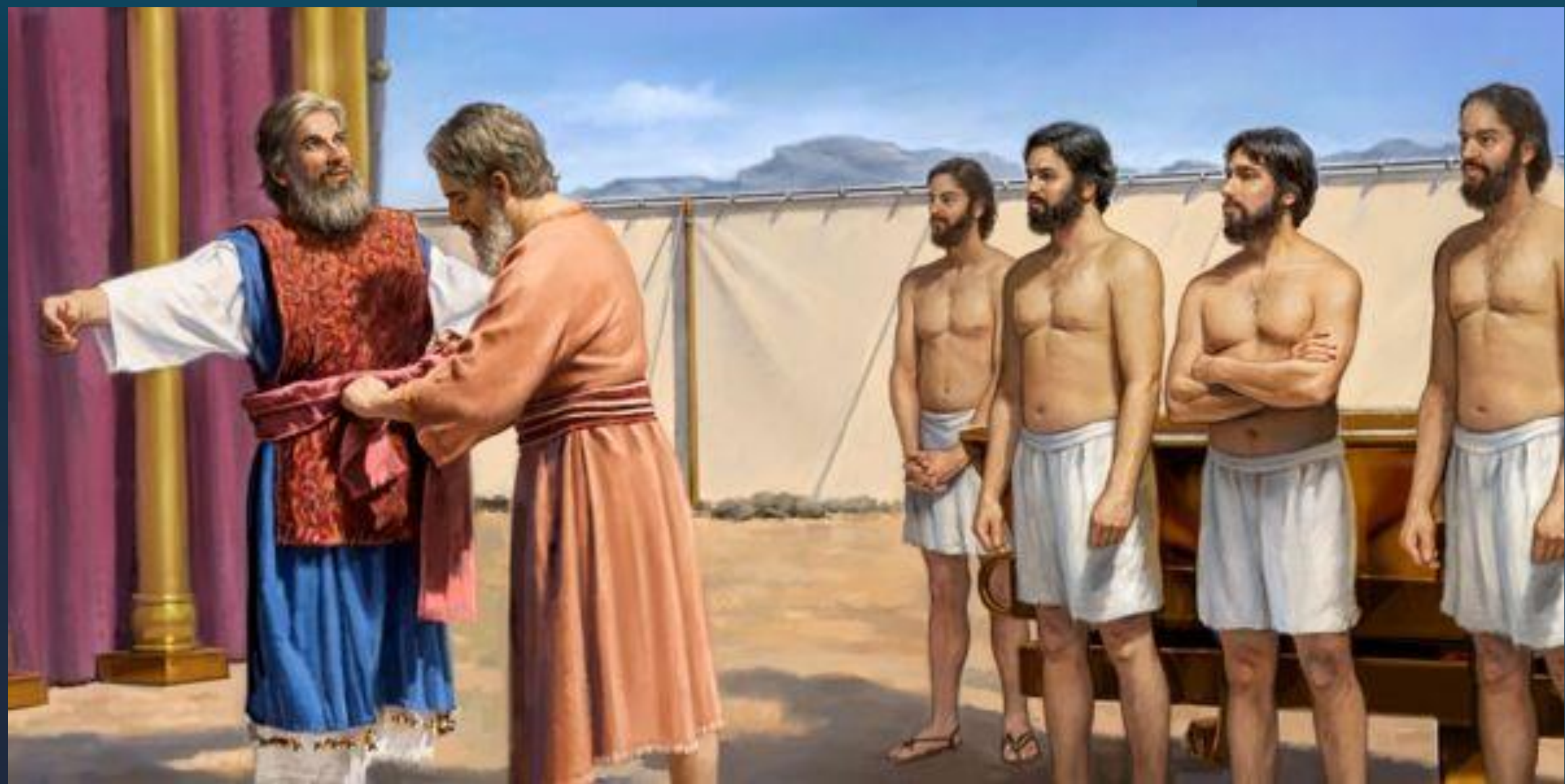
WHY: Give a gift to God.

WHERE: Bronze Altar

WHAT: One of the combinations below:









# Nadab and Abihu, *sons of Aaron*

**10** Aaron's sons Nadab and Abihu took their censers, put fire in them and added incense; and they offered unauthorized fire before the LORD, contrary to his command. <sup>2</sup> So fire came out from the presence of the LORD and consumed them, and they died before the LORD. <sup>3</sup> Moses then said to Aaron, "This is what the LORD spoke of when he said:

"Among those who approach me  
I will be proved holy;  
in the sight of all the people  
I will be honored."

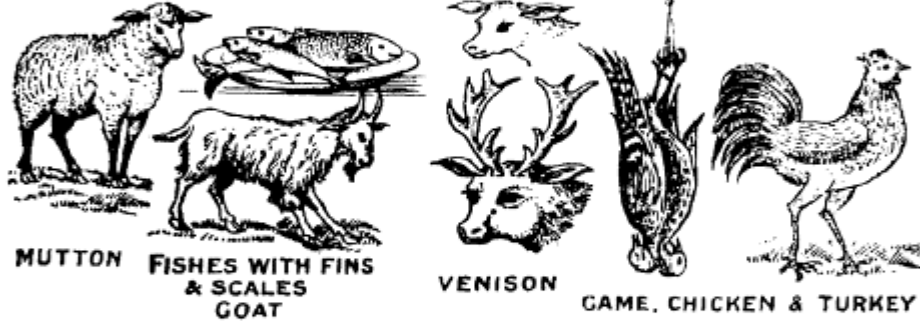
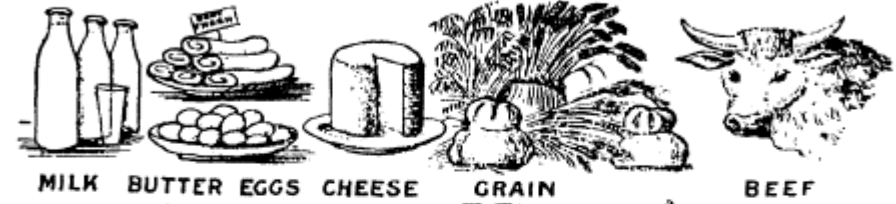
Aaron remained silent.





WHAT SHALL WE EAT?

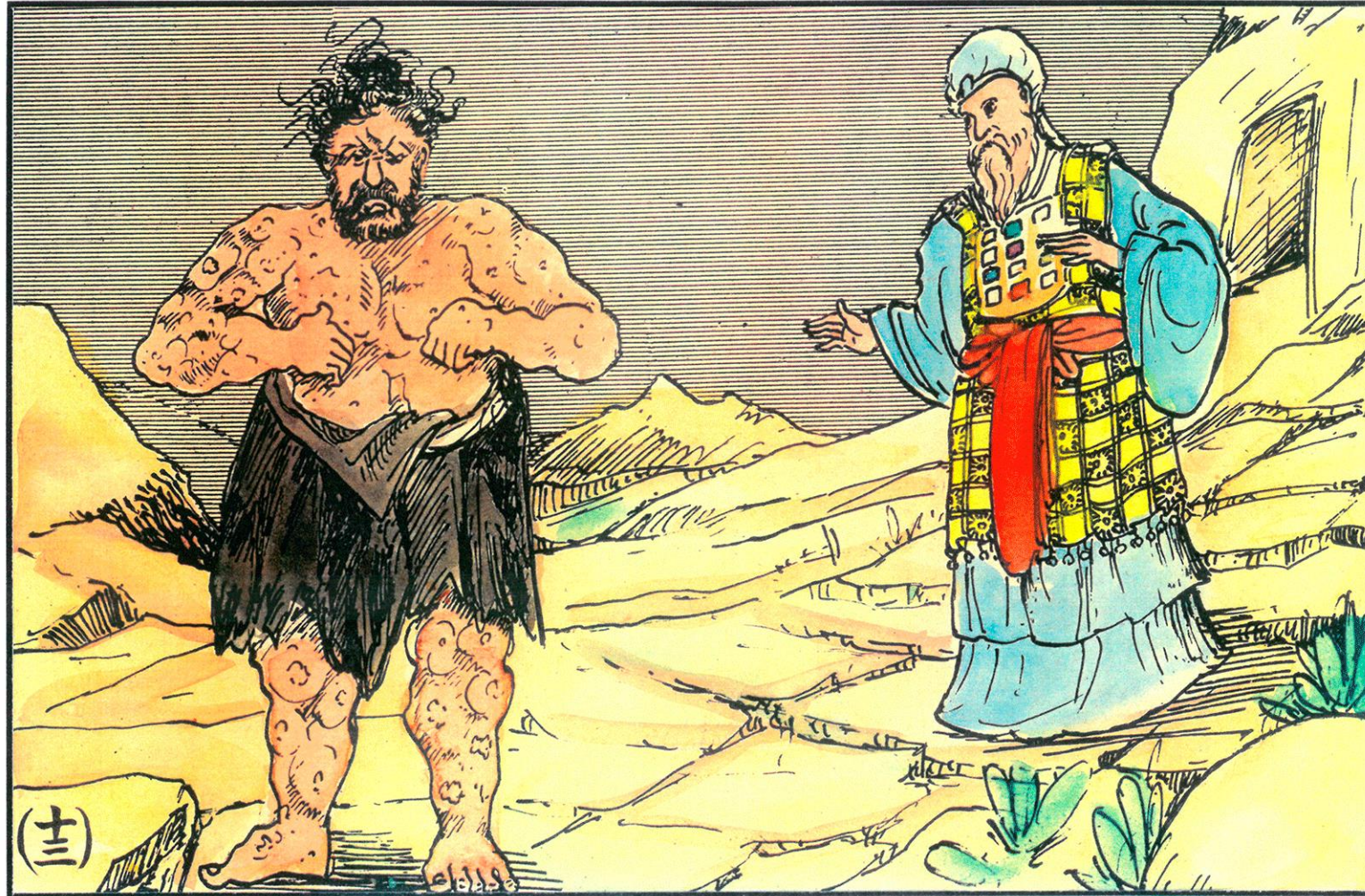
## CLEAN FOOD



## UNCLEAN FOOD



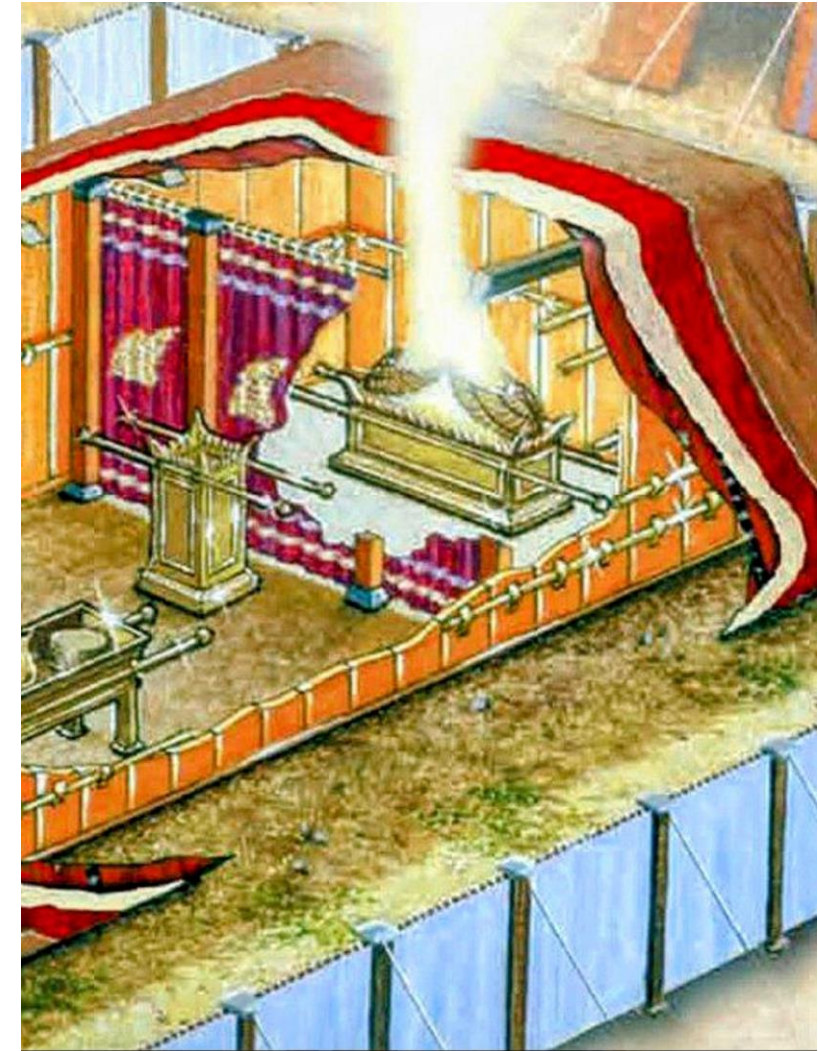
## The Law of the Leper (Leviticus 13-14)



13. "The priest shall look" (Lev. 14:3).



# Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)





Chapters 17-26:

# Laws for Holiness

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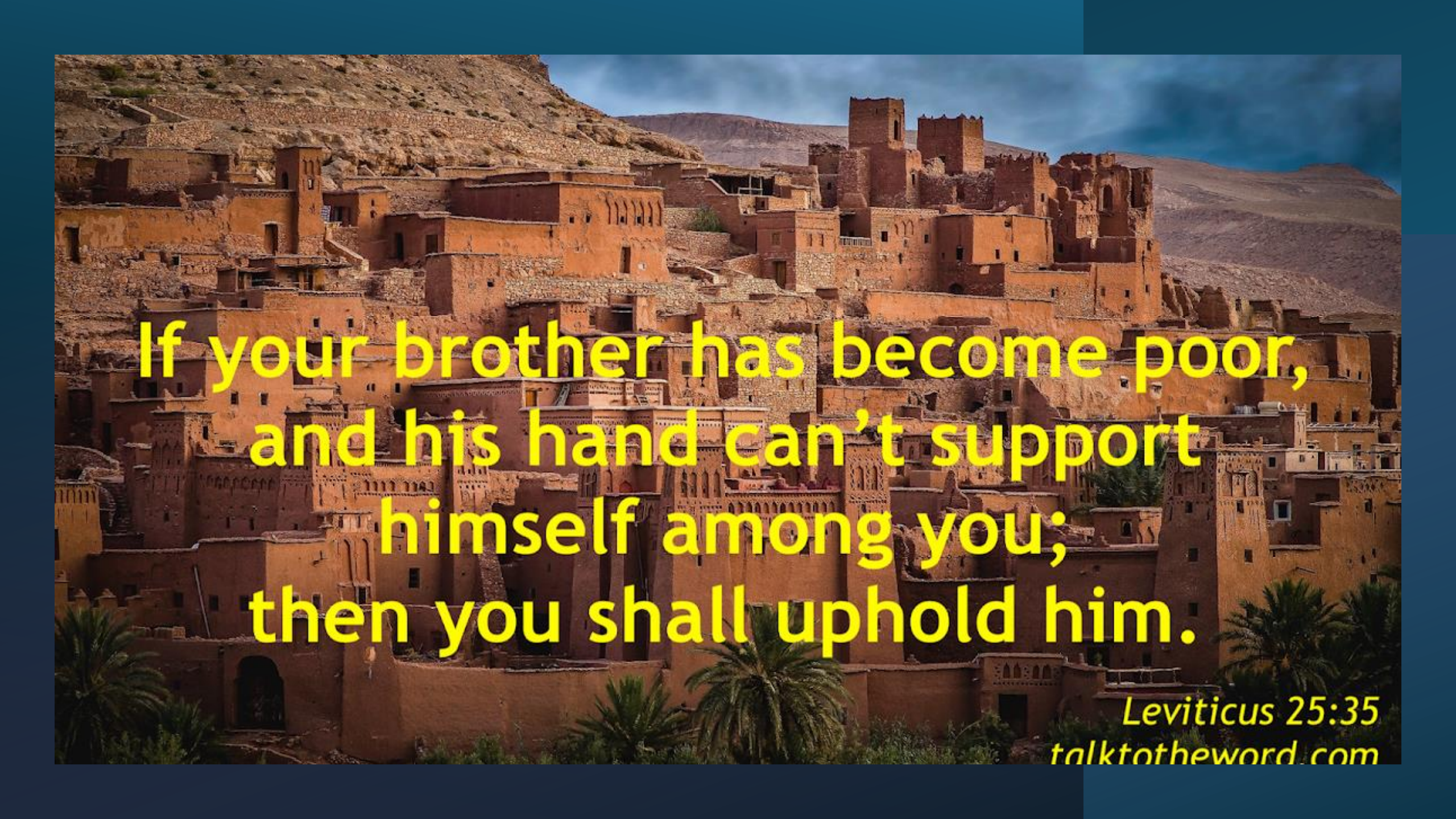
Leviticus 20:7

*Consecrate yourselves and*  
**BE HOLY,**

*for I AM*

the Lord your God.



A photograph of a hillside town with mud-brick buildings under a cloudy sky. The buildings are built on a steep, rocky slope, and the sky is a mix of blue and grey. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

If your brother has become poor,  
and his hand can't support  
himself among you;  
then you shall uphold him.

*Leviticus 25:35*  
*talktotheword.com*



**If you walk in  
my statutes  
and observe my  
commandments  
and do them,**

then I will give you your  
rains in their season,  
and the land shall yield  
its increase, and the  
trees of the field  
shall yield their fruit.

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**Leviticus 26:3–4**





Dear Dr. Laura:

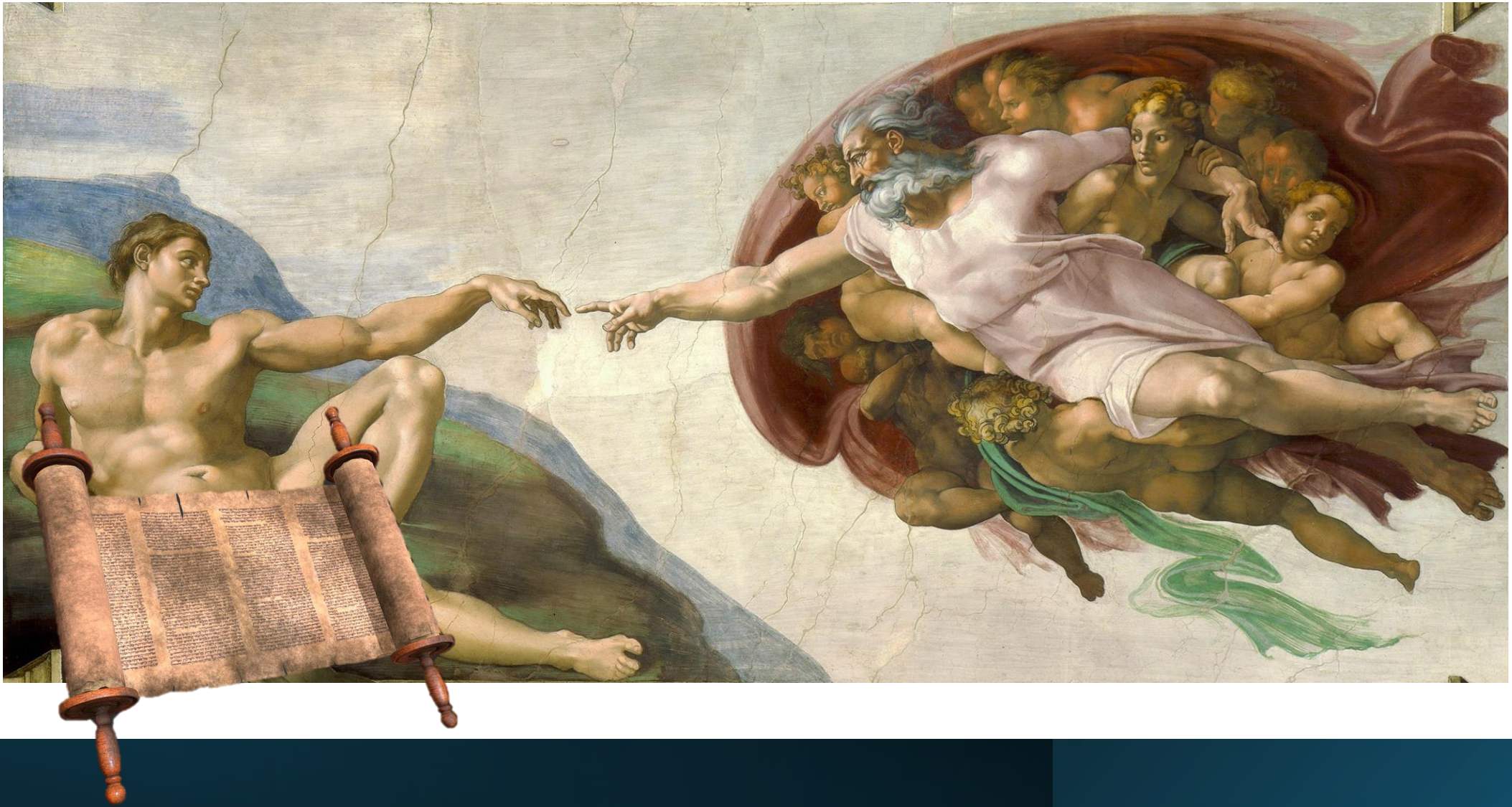
Thank you for doing so much to educate people regarding God's Law. I have learned a great deal from your show, and I try to share that knowledge with as many people as I can. When someone tries to defend the homosexual lifestyle, for example, I simply remind them that Leviticus 18:22 clearly states it to be an abomination. End of debate.

I do need some advice from you, however, regarding some of the specific laws and how to follow them:

- I would like to sell my daughter into slavery, as sanctioned in Exodus 21:7. In this day and age, what do you think would be a fair price for her?
- I have a neighbor who insists on working on the Sabbath. Exodus 35:2 clearly states he should be put to death. Am I morally obligated to kill him myself?
- A friend of mine feels that even though eating shellfish is an abomination (Lev. 11:10), it is a lesser abomination than homosexuality. I don't agree. Can you settle this?

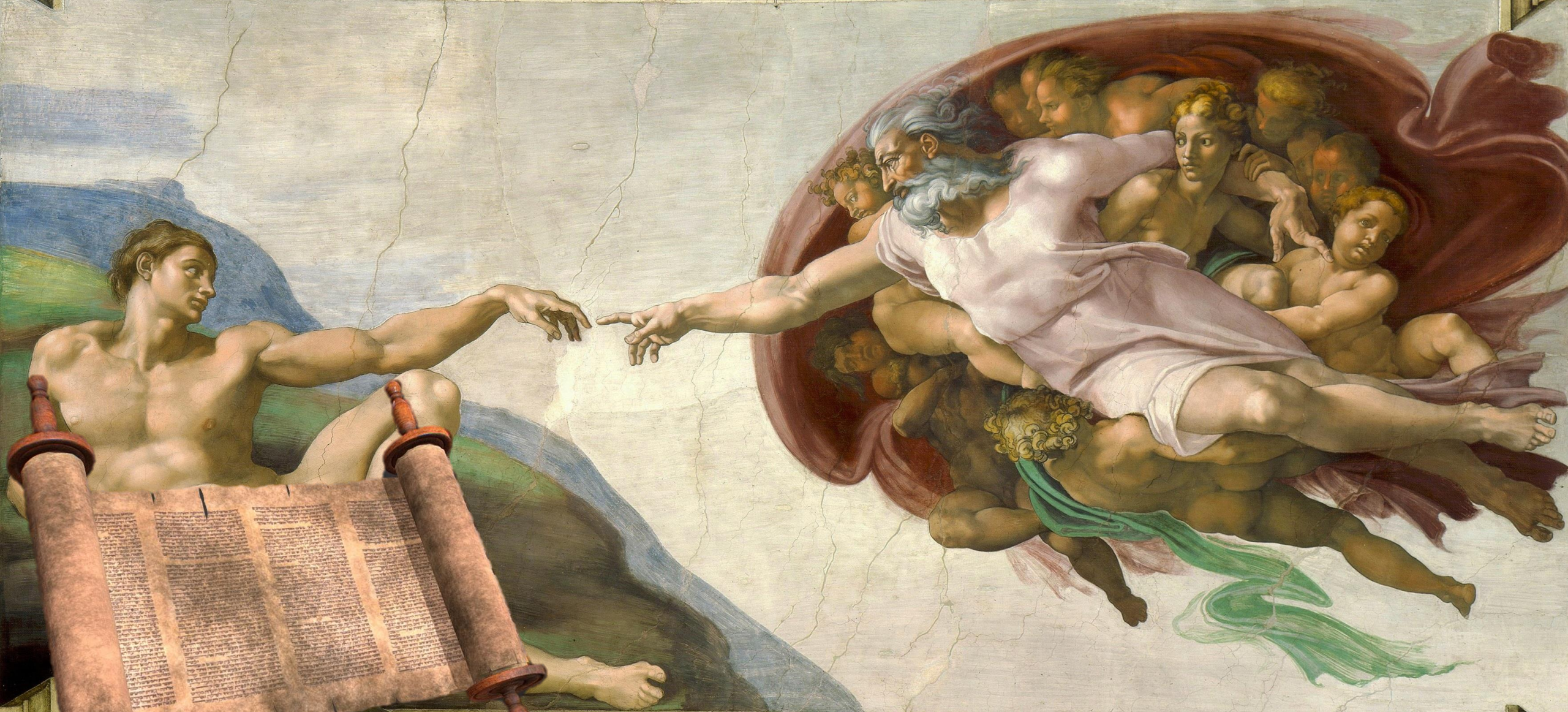
- Leviticus 21:20 states that I may not approach the altar of God if I have a defect in my sight. I have to admit that I wear reading glasses. Does my vision have to be 20/20, or is there some wiggle room here?
- Most of my male friends get their hair trimmed, including the hair around their temples, even though this is expressly forbidden by Leviticus 19:27. How should they die?
- I know from Leviticus 11:6–8 that touching the skin of a dead pig makes me unclean, but may I still play football if I wear gloves?
- My uncle has a farm. He violates Leviticus 19:19 by planting two different crops in the same field, as does his wife by wearing garments made of two different kinds of thread (cotton/polyester blend). . . .

I know you have studied these things extensively; so I am confident you can help. Thank you again for reminding us that God's word is eternal and unchanging. Your devoted disciple and adoring fan.



What do we learn about God?





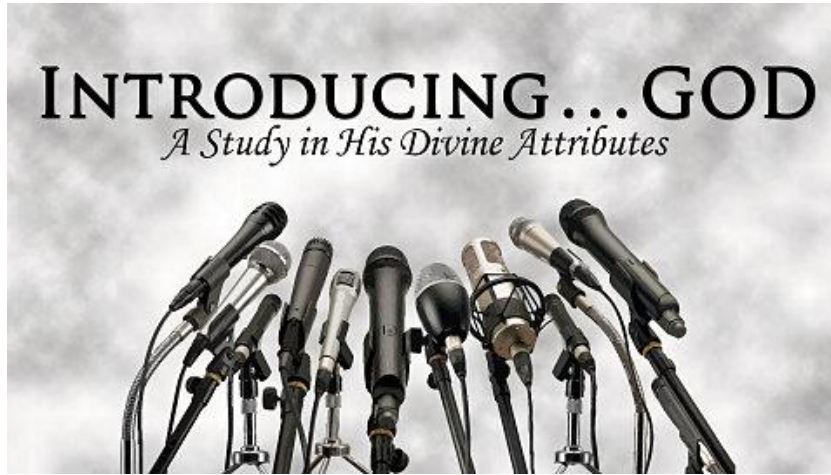
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# INTRODUCING...GOD

*A Study in His Divine Attributes*



1. Creation: Gen 1-2
  - *A God who creates*
  - Yahweh/Jehovah (2:4)
  - Elohim (1:1)
2. Fall of Man: Gen 3-10
  - *A God who is holy*
3. Abraham: Gen 11-23
  - *A God who blesses*
  - El Shaddai (17:1)
  - El Elyon (14:18)
  - Adonai (15:2)
  - El Olam (21:33)
  - Jehovah Jireh (22:14)
  - El Roi (16:13)
4. Isaac and Jacob: Gen 24-36
  - *A God who is with me*
5. Joseph: Gen 37-50
  - *Foreshadowing of Christ*
6. In Egypt: Ex 1-12
  - *A God who knows*
  - *A God who fights*
  - *A God who saves*
7. To Mt. Sinai: Ex 13-20
  - *A God who is gracious*
  - Jehovah Nissi (17:15)
  - Jehovah Rapha (15:26)
  - El Qanna (20:5)
8. Law from Mt. Sinai: Ex 21-40
  - *A God who is slow to anger*
  - *A God who is holy*
  - *A God who is jealous*
  - Jehovah Mekoddishkem (31:13)
9. Leviticus
  - *A God who is covenantally loyal*
10. Numbers
11. Deuteronomy
  - *A God who loves*



# Old Testament Law



# Hebrews 8:10

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel  
after those days, declares the Lord:  
I will put my laws into their minds,  
and write them on their hearts,  
and I will be their God,  
and they shall be my people.

*Quoting Jeremiah 31:33*



# Jesus in Sermon on the Mount:

*Matthew 5:21-37*

## **You have heard it said...**

- Do not murder
- Do not commit adultery
- Divorce
- Do not break an oath
- Eye for eye
- Love neighbor, hate enemy

## **But I tell you...**

- Do not even be angry
- Do not lust
- Sin
- Do not make an oath
- Turn the other cheek
- Love your enemies

# Notes

- [Dr. Laura letter](#)
- <https://www.way.org.il/the-law-of-moses>



# Creation and Garden of Eden

*About 4,000BC (based on Biblical timeline)*





**Patriarchs**  
Abraham  
Isaac  
Jacob (Israel)  
Joseph





# 430 YEARS OF HEBREW SEMITIC SLAVERY





God reveals  
himself to  
the nation of  
Israel

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**Waters Turn to Blood**  
Exodus 7:14-25



**Amphibians (Frogs)**  
Exodus 7:26-8:11



**Gnats (Lice)**  
Exodus 8:12-15



**Flies**  
Exodus 8:16-28



**Disease on Livestock**  
Exodus 9:1-7

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# The Ten Plagues of Egypt

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**Unhealable Boils**  
Exodus 9:8-12



**Hail and Fire**  
Exodus 9:13-35



**Locusts**  
Exodus 10:1-20



**Darkness**  
Exodus 10:21-29



**Death of First-Born**  
Exodus 11:1-12:36





# 10 COMMANDMENTS OF GOD

I. YOU SHALL HAVE NO  
OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.

II. YOU SHALL MAKE  
NO IDOLS.

III. YOU SHALL NOT TAKE  
THE NAME OF THE LORD  
YOUR GOD IN VAIN.

IV. KEEP THE SABBATH  
DAY HOLY.

V. HONOR YOUR FATHER  
AND YOUR MOTHER.

VI. YOU SHALL NOT  
MURDER.

VII. YOU SHALL NOT  
COMMIT ADULTERY.

VIII. YOU SHALL  
NOT STEAL.

IX. YOU SHALL NOT BEAR  
FALSE WITNESS  
AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOR.

X. YOU SHALL NOT COVET.



# Instructions for the Tabernacle

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- God wants to be with his people.
- God is holy.

