

Lecture 9 – Moses in the Desert

The LORD said to Moses, “Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: ‘Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy.’” Leviticus 19:1-2

Key Terms

Atonement, judgment, holiness, ark

Objectives

To understand the themes of Leviticus

To understand Israel’s theology during their march through the desert wilderness

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I. Themes in Leviticus

- A. Holiness/sanctity
- B. Sacrifice
- C. Atonement
- D. Feasts: commemoration, joy, and worship

II. Preparation for March (Numbers 1-10)

- A. Organization and order (Numbers 1-4)
- B. Purity (Numbers 5-10)
- C. Emmanuel (Numbers 9:15-10:10)

III. Revelation During the Desert March

- A. The Ark (Numbers 10:33)
- B. Judgment and blessing (Numbers 11:1-23)
- C. The equipping Spirit (Numbers 11:24ff)
- D. In face of opposition
 - 1. Aaron and Miriam; Moses the prophet (Numbers 12:6-8)
 - 2. Regarding the land – spies (Numbers 13 and 14)
 - 3. Sabbath breaking; degrees of sin (Numbers 15)
 - 4. Regarding leadership – Korah, Dathan, & Abiram (Numbers 16)
- A. Priests, Levites, and offerings (Numbers 18 and 19)
- B. Moses and his sin (Numbers 20)
- C. A theology of the wilderness
 - 1. Sovereignty of God
 - 2. Holiness of God
 - 3. Provisions of God
 - 4. Curses from God
 - 5. Compassion of God