

Each of these three chapters begin with the same statement. By whose authority are the words spoken, and to whom?

According to our author the theme of the book of Leviticus is “a holy people worshiping a holy God”. How does the first five verses of chapter 18 support (or deny) that claim?

Leviticus 18:6 clearly summarizes the material presented in verses 7-18. Was it really necessary to include the full list?

In Genesis God promised the descendants of Israel the land of Canaan which, according to 18:24, was polluted. What contaminated the land?

What action was taken, and by whom, to clean up the land? What warning was given to the Israelites in connection with this?

The key verse of Leviticus is identified as 19:2. What does it mean to be holy?

The bulk of chapter 19 deals with relationships among people. Summarize what is required of the Israelites in this regard.

The other portions of chapter 19 deal with our relationship to God; what do we learn about holiness from them?

Compare and contrast verse 19:2 with verse 20:7. Does verse 8 contradict verse 7?

Much of chapter 20 deals with the same prohibitions detailed in chapter 18; why?

What reason(s) does God provide in 20:22-26 for the Israelites to do what is discussed in these three chapters?

Next week: Numbers chapters 1, 14, and 26