

LEVITICUS

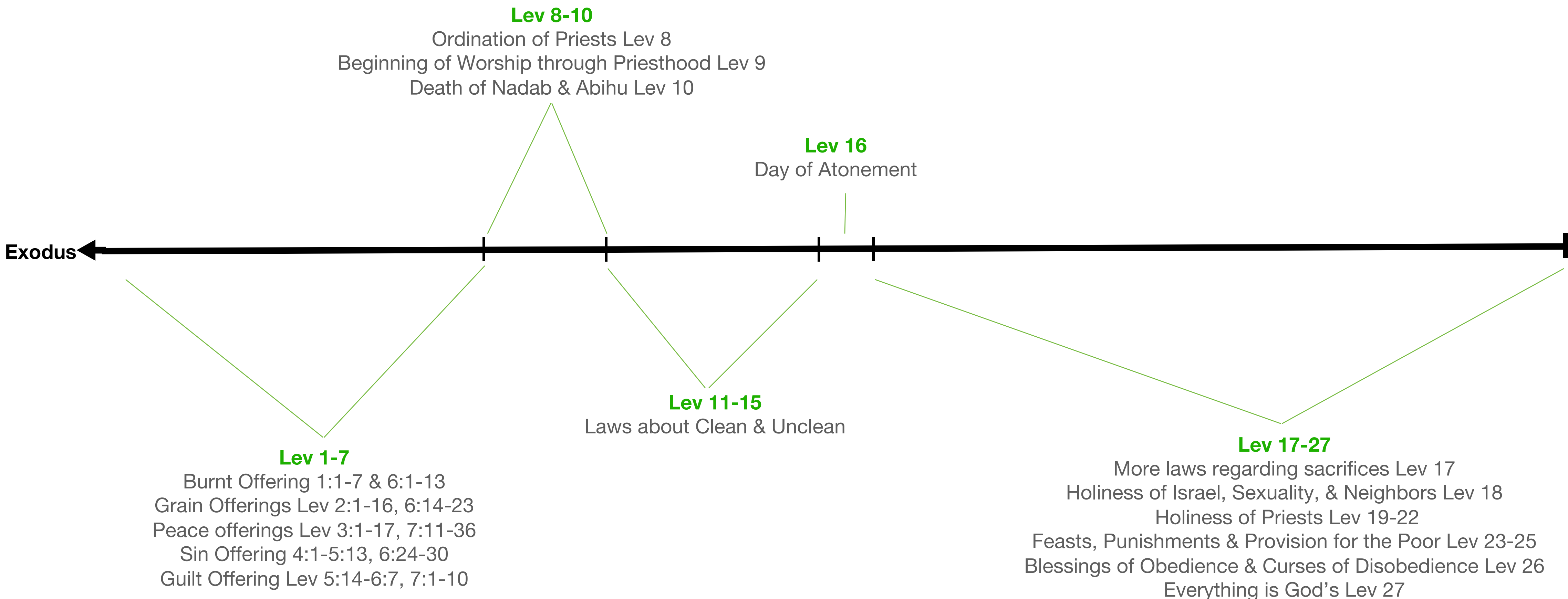
A Holy People for a Holy God

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Sign Posts for the Gospel

Blood Sacrifice
Day of Atonement
Forgiveness of Sin
High Priest

What to look for as you read

Leviticus

Cost of Sin

Emphasis on Relationship with God
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Human Depravity/Sinfulness
God's Faithfulness
Rest & Joy in God

5 types of sacrifices (Leviticus 1-7)

- **Burnt Offering Lev 1:1-17, 6:1-13**
 - Deals with general sins, a confession of general sinfulness
 - Male from sheep or goats (poorer worshipers brought 2 birds)
 - Whole animal is completely burned
- **Sin Offering Lev 4:1-5:13, 6:24-30**
 - Given for specific sins that a worshiper commits by mistake
 - Male from sheep or goats (poorer worshipers brought 2 birds)
 - Fatty portions are burned and priests may eat the rest
- **Guilt Offering Lev 5:14-6:7, 7:1-10**
 - Given for specific sins of a worshiper that have harmed a neighbor by mistake (not malice)
 - Worshiper must make restitution to the neighbor then offer guilt offering
 - Same animals & procedure as sin offering
- **Grain Offerings Lev 2:1-16, 6:14-23**
 - Grain or cereal offering of first fruits to express gratitude to God
 - Part is burned and part is given to priests
- **Peace offerings Lev 3:1-17, 7:11-36**
 - Male of female animal offerings that are treated like sin offerings
 - To express praise to God and ask for continued blessing
 - To also express thankfulness to priests for their service

Questions to Ask as You Study Leviticus

- What does this passage reveal about the holiness of God?
- What does this passage teach me about the cost of sin?
- How does this passage reveal that God desires a relationship with his people?
- How does this passage reveal that God desires his people to treat other people well?
- How does this passage reveal the value of human life?
- What is the role of the priesthood in this passage?
- How is God's mercy shown in this passage?
- How is God's forgiveness shown in this passage?
- What is revealed about human sinfulness in this passage?
- How are God's people taught to rest in God and enjoy God in this passage?
- How does this relate to Jesus?
- How should what I see in this passage encourage me and/or lead to me to repentance?

Understanding The Clean & Unclean (Lev 11-15)

- Someone who is unclean is barred or excused from community life and worship.
- If someone was "unclean" they were not ready for daily life and worship.
- Clean & unclean laws protected unclean individuals from taking on the duties of daily life before they were physically ready I.e. a new mother. In other instances these laws protected the community from individuals who might be contagious I.e. a leper.
- Laws regarding animals sometimes had to do with disease. Other times the reasoning behind these laws is not as obvious.
- In any case these laws set the people of Israel apart from all other people.

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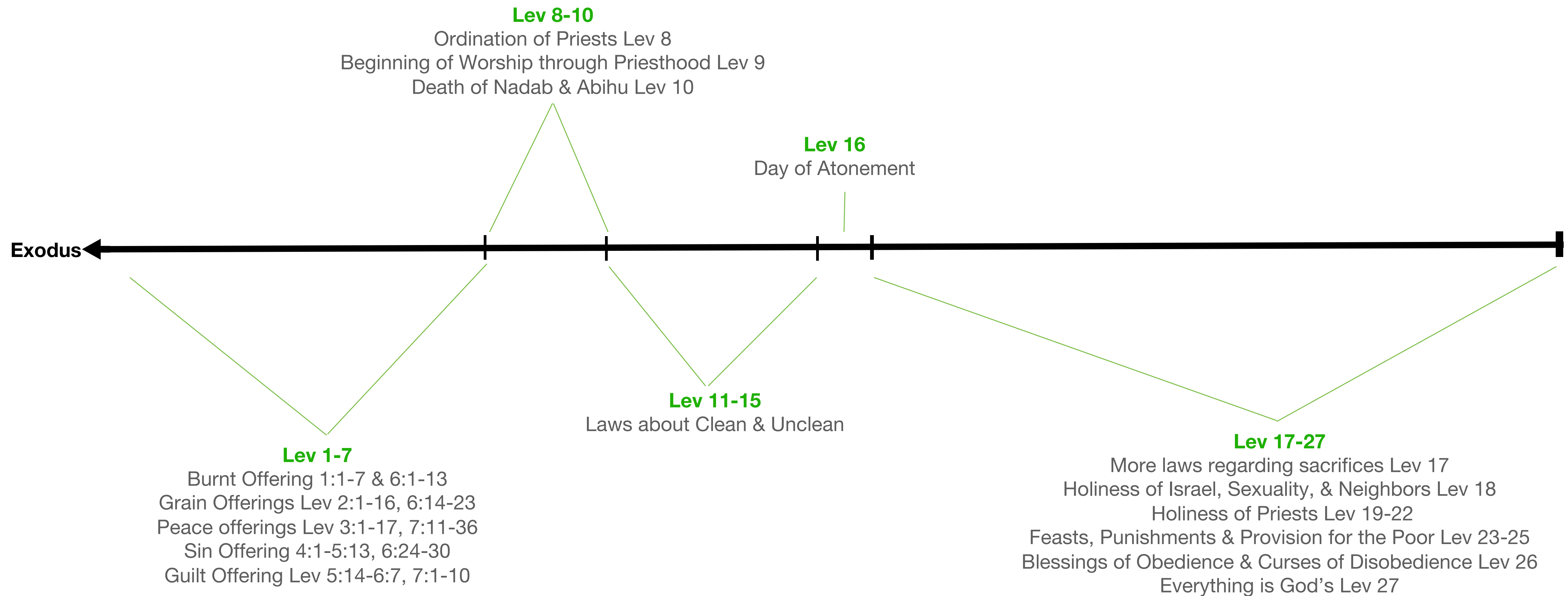
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- **Exodus 19-24 General Covenant**
- **Exodus 25-31 Directions to Build Tabernacle & Begin Priesthood**
- **Leviticus 1-7 How are sins forgiven and God worshiped?**
- **Leviticus 11-15 Safely living & worshiping**
- **Leviticus 16 Annual Sacrifice for all sin**
- **Leviticus 17-22 Other Laws that separate God's people from all others**
- **Leviticus 23-25 Feasts & Sabbaths**
- **Leviticus 26-27 Blessings, Punishments, & Vows**

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