

Handout 1: Leviticus Lesson 9

“I am Yahweh/I am Yahweh your God” is repeated seven times in Lev 19:19-37 in a list of twenty-one laws (seven times three). “I am Yahweh” is found a fifteenth time in the conclusion to this series of laws in Lev 19:37.

1. “I am Yahweh your God” Lev 19:25	2. “I am Yahweh ” Lev 19:28	3. “I am Yahweh ” Lev 19:30	4. “I am Yahweh your God” Lev 19:31	5. “I am Yahweh” Lev 19:32	6. “I am Yahweh your God” Lev 19:34	7. “I am Yahweh your God” Lev 19:36
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Adapted from Sailhamer’s chart in *The Pentateuch as Narrative*, page 361

Topics of commands and prohibitions in Lev 19:19-37

1. Mixed breeding	8. Magic/sorcery/the occult	15. Sabbath obligation
2. Mixed sowing	9. Cutting side locks	16. Reverence for the Sanctuary
3. Mixed weaving	10. Trimming beards	17. Mediums/magicians
4. Sexual conduct with another man’s female slave	11. Skin gashing	18. Respect for the elderly
5. Planting of fruit trees	12. Tattooing	19. Fear of/reverence for God
6. Eating blood	13. Prostituting a daughter	20. Respect for immigrants
7. Divination	14. Prostitution in the Promised Land	21. Honesty in weights and measures

Adapted from Sailhamer’s chart in *The Pentateuch as Narrative*, page 361.

This section of the Holiness Code consists of fourteen (seven times two) laws dealing with moral offenses that were prohibited in chapter 19. The section begins with two laws that are offenses against God followed by Yahweh’s appeal for holiness (vs. 7). Then there are twelve laws that are offenses against the family, followed by Yahweh’s extended appeal for Israel to live in holiness in the Promised Land (vs. 22-26). Finally, the fourteenth law is an offense against God. These laws are not only moral laws but are religious laws, and when they are violated the implications are that the violator isn’t just immoral but he ceases to be holy as God is holy:

Two religious laws: Law #1 Law #2	“Be holy...”	Eleven laws on forbidden sexual unions: Laws # 3-13	“Be holy...”	One religious law: Law #14
← Fourteen (seven times two) laws →				

Adapted from a chart from Sailhamer, *The Pentateuch as Narrative*, page 353

Fourteen (seven times two) prohibitions of Leviticus chapter 20:

1. Child sacrifice	8. Marriage to a woman and her daughter
2. Mediums and spiritualists	9. Bestiality (male)
3. Cursing parents	10. Bestiality (female)
4. Adultery	11. Sex with a sister
5. Sex with a father’s wife	12. Sex with a woman during her period
6. Sex with a daughter-in-law	13. Sex with an aunt
7. Homosexuality	14. Marriage to a sister-in-law

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The years of planting and harvesting fruit trees in the holy Promised Land corresponds to the days of Creation in Genesis and the holy garden Sanctuary in Eden:

Creation:	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
Fruit trees:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Creation in Genesis chapters 1-3	Fruit trees created (no humans to touch)	(no humans to touch)	(no humans to touch)	Man in Eden w/ fruit trees	Adam and Eve ate the fruit
Fruit trees in Promised Land	Fruit tree planted untouchable	untouchable	For three years untouchable	All fruit for God in Sanctuary	Eating of the fruit
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Chapter 20: Penalties for sins against God and the family:

Religious laws: laws #1 - #2 vs. 2b-6	Command to "Be holy..." vs. 7-8	Eleven laws: sins against the family laws # 3 - #13	Command to "Be holy..." vs. 25-26	Religious law: law #14 vs. 27
← Fourteen laws that are offenses against the family and God →				

Prohibitions in chapters 18-19	Commands and judgments in chapter 20
Reject sexual immorality of Egyptians and Canaanites (18:3-4)	Reject laws and practices of other nations (20:23)
Keep the Law; life in the Law (18:5)	Keep God's laws (20:22)
No sex with close relatives (18:6)	Bear the guilt (20:19)
No sex with mother (18:7)	Death (20:11)
No sex with your father's wives (18:8)	Death for both (20:11)
No sex with a sister (18:9)	Public execution (20:17)
No sex with granddaughters; understood to include daughters (18:10)	Burnt alive (20:14)
No sex with half-sisters (18:11)	Public execution (20:17)
No sex with a father's sister (18:12)	Bear the guilt (20:19)
No sex with a mother's sister (18:13)	Bear the guilt (20:19)
No sex with an uncle's wife (18:14)	Bear the guilt; die childless (20:20)
No sex with a daughter-in-law (18:15)	Death for both (20:12)
No sex with a sister-in-law (18:16)	Die childless (20:21)
No sex with step-daughters or step-granddaughters (18:17)	Burnt alive (20:14)
No sex with a living wife's sister (18:18)	Die childless (20:21)
No sex with a menstruating woman (18:19)	Exile (20:18)
Adultery forbidden (18:20)	Death (20:10)
Child sacrifice to Molech (18:21)	Death (20:2); family exiled if knew (20:5)
Homosexuality forbidden (18:22)	Death (20:13)
Bestiality forbidden (18:23)	Death (20:15-16)
No recourse to spirits of the dead or to magicians (19:31)	Exile for seeking out mediums (20:6); death by stoning for mediums (20:27)
Be holy (19:2)	Be holy (20:7, 26)
Respect father and mother (19:3)	Death for cursing father and mother (20:9)
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Fourteen (seven times two) prohibitions of Leviticus chapter 20:

1. Child sacrifice	8. Marriage to a woman and her daughter
2. Consulting mediums and spiritualists	9. Bestiality (male and female)
3. Cursing parents	10. Sex with a sister
4. Adultery	11. Sex with a woman during her period
5. Sex with a father's wife	12. Sex with an aunt
6. Sex with a daughter-in-law	13. Marriage to a sister-in-law
7. Homosexuality	14. Practicing spiritualism/the occult

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Chapter 21:1-24: The Holiness Laws for the Aaronic priesthood:

“Yahweh said to Moses: ‘Speak to Aaron...’ (21:1a)	Pt. I: fourteen (seven times two) laws for the priests (21:1b-15)	“Yahweh said to Moses: ‘Speak to Aaron...’ (21:16-17a)	Pt. II: fourteen (seven times two) laws of impediments to the priesthood (21:17b-23)	“And Moses spoke to Aaron...” (21:24)
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(translation from *The Interlinear Bible*, vol. I, pages 316-18).

Part I of the fourteen laws for priests/high priests: verses 1-15:

1. A priest may become ritually unclean for the death of a close relative	8. A priest's daughter may not be a prostitute
2. He is not permitted to become unclean for a relative by marriage	9. The high priest may not let his hair be disheveled nor tear his clothes
3. Priests may not shave their heads	10. The high priest may not enter a place where there is a corpse
4. Priests may not shave the edges of their beards	11. The high priest may not leave the Sanctuary or desecrate it during a service
5. Priests may not incise their bodies	12. The high priest must marry a virgin
6. Priests may not marry a prostitute	13. A priest with an infirmity cannot serve at the Altar of Sacrifice in the Sanctuary
7. A priest may not marry a divorcee	14. A priest with an infirmity can eat holy food but he cannot enter the Tabernacle

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Part II of the fourteen laws that impede priestly service in the Sanctuary in 21:16-23:

1. A priest shall not be blind*	8. A priest shall not be dwarfed
2. A priest shall not be lame*	9. A priest shall not have infected sores*
3. A priest shall not be disfigured*	10. A priest shall not have infected eyes*
4. A priest shall not be deformed*	11. A priest shall not have running sores
5. A priest shall not have a crippled foot*	12. A priest shall not have deformed or missing testicles*
6. A priest shall not have a crippled hand or arm*	13. A priest with an infirmity cannot eat holy food
7. A priest shall not be hunchbacked	14. A priest with an infirmity cannot serve at the Altar of Sacrifice in the Sanctuary

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*same requirements of soundness for sacrificial animals.