

Hard Questions—LEVITICUS

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1. Couldn't the animals offered for sacrifices have been more useful to the Israelites had they been used in other ways (Lev. 1:2)? Is the whole sacrificial system a violation of animal rights? Why/why not?
2. Why were the actions of Nadab and Abihu so awful that they deserved to be devoured by fire from the LORD (Lev. 10:1-3)?
3. Do the camel, the coney, and the rabbit really chew the cud? Why are these animals included in the list of unclean animals (Lev. 11:3-6)?
4. How could leprosy have affected the peoples' clothing and the walls of their houses (Lev. 13:47-59)? Is "leprosy" in the King James translation really what we would label "leprosy" today?
5. What is the purpose of the scapegoat? Was the goat, as some scholars suggest, an offering to Azazel, a desert demon believed to be able to eat an animal and with it the sins of the nation of Israel (Lev 16:7-10)?
6. Does Leviticus 18:5 offer salvation by obeying the law of God? Was Christ's Death on the cross really necessary?
7. Does Leviticus 18:18 make it lawful for a man to marry a second wife as long as she is not the sister of his other wife? Does the Bible approve of polygamy?
8. Does the Bible condemn homosexuality (Lev. 18:22)? Is homosexuality (Lev. 18, 20) to be dismissed just like the dietary laws on not eating lobster? Why/why not?
9. Do all of the crimes listed in Leviticus 20 and 24 really call for the death penalty (Lev. 20:1-27, 24:10-23)? How are those laws to be understood in a post-modern context?
10. Does the "law of the tooth" allow private retaliation when someone is wronged (Lev. 24:19-20)?
11. Is charging interest on loans permitted (Lev. 25:35-38)?

12. Does God approve of slavery (Lev. 25:39-55)?