

Bible Reading 2021

Chart the Course

Old Testament Week of March 7, 2021

The book of Leviticus is one of the more laborious books of the Bible. It is chock full with details pertinent to the Levites. Remember, the tribe of Levi was responsible for overseeing the religious life of Israel. Only men from the lineage of Levi could serve as priests. Leviticus details all the rites and rituals related to sacrifices along with numerous rules and regulations describing how the Israelites were to live and relate to one another in society. In sum, you will read about the types of offerings to be made to God, laws pertaining to cleanliness, right and wrong relationships and seven different feasts of the Lord which were to be held each year.

Pay attention to words like *holy*, *blood* and *sacrifice*. The key phrase in Leviticus is "*Be holy, because I am holy*". God is very serious about cleansing people and getting them in right standing with him (holiness). Look for Jesus behind this book and all he accomplished for us by keeping the Jewish laws on our behalf so that we could be declared right with God by faith and not by Old Testament works of the law (*Romans 3:21-28*).

Monday, March 8: Read Leviticus 1-4

*Chapter highlights:

*A key passage for me:

*One point of application from today's reading:

Monday: Pray for yourself:

My relationship with God

My life roles and responsibilities

My personal needs/weak areas

My goals and objectives for 2021

Tuesday, March 9: Read <u>Leviticus 5-8</u>
*Chapter highlights:
*A key passage for me:
*One point of application from today's reading:
Tuesday: Pray for Family by Name.
Wednesday, March 10: Read <u>Leviticus 9-12</u>
*Chapter highlights:

*A key passage for me:

*One point of application from today's reading:

Wednesday: Pray for Bethel Gilead Community Church

- <u>Leadership:</u> Pray for God's grace and guidance in Pastor Jim and Pastor David's ministries and families. Pray for Linda Penn in her work at BGCC. Pray for the church council and the various ministry team leaders. Ask the Lord of the harvest to raise up more workers for the harvest (<u>Matthew 9:38</u>)
- 2. <u>Worship:</u> Ask God to strengthen our devotion to Him, in prayer, praise and thanksgiving. Pray for more musicians to help lead the church in worship, including a pianist. Pray for the development of a youth praise team.
- 3. <u>Fellowship:</u> Ask God to deepen our love and commitment to one another as a family of believers. Pray that we incorporate newcomers into our church fellowship. Take some time to pray through this past Sunday's congregational prayer requests.
- 4. <u>Discipleship:</u> Ask God to develop the faith, dedication, and leadership of our people. Pray for the children and youth ministries at BGCC. Ask God to bless our small group ministry, to raise up new groups, new teachers and more leaders.

- 1. <u>Outreach:</u> Pray that God will use Bethel Gilead to make a positive impact on our community so that many would come to Christ. Ask God to embolden our people to intentionally reach out to others through the Kingdom Assignment "Dare to Care".
- 2. <u>Future Faith Goals:</u> Ask God to give our congregation a united vision for the future. Pray for God's clear leading in our future plans as we call our members to a greater love and commitment to the Lord and his service. Ask God to bless our finances so that we can better accomplish his purposes for our congregation.

Thursday, March 11: Read *Leviticus 13-16*

*Chapter highlights:

*A key passage for me:

*One point of application from today's reading:

Thursday: Pray for "My World"

(Write down names as God brings people to mind.)

- Neighbors People who live around me.
- <u>People at Work</u> Others God brings into my life. Take note of specific needs around you and ask God what he wants you to do to help. Who can you invite to church?
- <u>Community</u> -- Ask God to bring revival and a spiritual awakening to Branch County, even through the Coronavirus crisis.
- <u>Pray for the area churches</u> and a greater spirit of unity and cooperation, especially as churches reunite after the quarantine.
- Pray for the community parachurch ministries serving our county, including Beginnings Care for Life Center, Celebrate Recovery, Coach Eby Center, Damascus Road Ministry, Family Promise, Forgotten Man Ministries, God's Choice Church, Jacob's Well Ministry, Presbyterian Free Health Clinic, Shelterhouse, the Gideons and the Bronson Food Pantry.
- America: Continue to pray for the nation, our national leaders and a revival in America. Pray that God would use the Coronavirus outbreak to lead people to faith in Jesus Christ. Pray for God's guidance and protection for our nation in the coming weeks and months.

Friday, March 12: Read Leviticus 17-20
*Chapter highlights:
*A key passage for me:
*One point of application from today's reading:
Friday: Pray for Our Missionaries
David & Miriam Trott (Tucuman, Argentina), Dan and DeAnn Gerard (San Antonio, TX), , Craig and Shelly Schafer (Asia-Pacific Region), Sue Saunders (Bosnia), Matt and Becky Kooi (Tijuana), Daniel Jezowski (Wycliffe), Brad and Christa Babjack (University of West Virginia),
Salomon and Megan Guzman (Tijuana), Alvaro and Rachel Garriga (Central Asia), Brendan and Ashley Camp (Columbia)