

# VAYIKRA OVERVIEW

## "And He called"... Vayikra

Today we are starting the 3<sup>rd</sup> book of the Torah, called Vayikra, meaning 'And He called.' The English name for this book is different from the Hebrew. It is called Leviticus, which means 'Book of the Levites' because the content has so much to do with Torah (services and rituals) pertaining to the Levitical priesthood.

We ended the book of Shemot/Exodus with the telling of the lifting up of the Dwelling Place and the cloud of Yahweh upon it during the day and fire upon it at night. Now that the Dwelling Place is built, the book of Leviticus starts off with Yahweh's instruction to the children of Yisra'el regarding the five types of offerings brought to the priesthood. As we study the book of Leviticus, we will read about the ordination ceremony of Aharon and his sons the priests. We will learn about clean and unclean foods, as well as the Torah for uncleanness and the priest's roles. Torah regarding NOT following other nation's customs, as well as right-rulings for various topics will be covered. We will also learn about the feast Yom Hakippurim (Day of Atonements), the Sabbatical year and all of Yahweh's Appointed Times. Torah regarding the light for the lampstand and vows as well as voluntary offerings are explained as well.

Because each parsha is so rich in information, we will only be able to examine certain parts of each parsha per lesson. We do encourage parents and their children to do their own studies. In future years, we plan to fill in the pieces from each parsha that we did not cover previously.

**Here is a breakdown of the 10 parashot in the book of Vayikra:**

- Vayikra (And He called) - Ch. 1-5
- Tzav (Command) - Ch. 6-8
- Shemini (Eighth) - Ch. 9-11
- Tazria - (She conceives) - Ch. 12-13
- Metzora - (One being diseased) - Ch. 14-15
- Acharei Mot (After the death) - Ch. 16-18
- Kedoshim (Set-apart ones) - Ch. 19-20
- Emor (Say) - Ch. 21-24
- Behar - (On the Mount) - Ch. 25
- Bechukotai - (In My laws) - Ch. 26-27

We pray that you will be blessed as we begin our study in the 3<sup>rd</sup> book of the Torah. Let's dig in!

## SHALOM FROM YMTOI/MTOI