

Leviticus 1-7 Bible Study

Objective: This study guide explores Leviticus chapters 1-7 through an interdisciplinary STEAMS approach. These chapters, which detail the laws of sacrifices and offerings, provide insight into worship, atonement, and the Israelites' covenant with God. Participants will engage with the text through various disciplines, gaining a deeper understanding of its spiritual, cultural, and societal implications.

Key Components

Science (S): Chemistry of Sacrificial Elements

- ❖ **Topic:**
Explore the physical and chemical properties of the sacrificial elements such as animal fats, grains, and oils in Leviticus 1-7. Discuss how these elements were used in ancient sacrificial practices.
- ❖ **Project:**
Burning Properties Investigation:
Research the chemical reactions involved in burning animal fats and incense. Analyze the role of these substances in creating fragrant offerings.

<p>Technology (T): Tools and Techniques of Sacrifice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Topic: Investigate the tools, techniques, and craftsmanship involved in preparing sacrifices, including the altar's design and its technological significance for the time. ❖ Project: Ancient vs. Modern Food Processing: Compare the methods used in preparing sacrifices to modern food preparation techniques.
<p>Engineering (E): The Design of the Tabernacle's Altar</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Topic: Examine the engineering principles behind the construction of the altar used for sacrifices, focusing on its materials, durability, and functionality. ❖ Project: Altar Design Analysis: Analyze how the altar's design met the practical needs of sacrifices and its symbolic significance.
<p>Arts (A): Symbolism in Offerings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Topic: Study the artistic and symbolic meanings of the different types of offerings (burnt, grain, peace, sin, and guilt offerings). Reflect on how these symbols reinforced spiritual lessons. ❖ Project: Storytelling Through Symbols: Create a visual narrative using the grain offering as central symbols.

<p>Mathematics (M): Proportions and Quantities in Sacrifices</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Topic: Analyze the specific measurements and proportions outlined for sacrifices in Leviticus, and discuss their significance. ❖ Project: Sacrificial Measurements Worksheet: Calculate the quantities of sacrificial elements (e.g., flour, oil) based on biblical instructions.
<p>Social Studies (SS): Sacrifices as a System of Justice and Community Bonding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Topic: Topic: Explore how the sacrificial system served as both a means of atonement and a way to maintain social order and communal responsibility. ❖ Project: Community Justice Reflection: Create a timeline or discussion guide on how sacrifices reinforced the Israelites' commitment to justice, holiness, and community harmony.

Key Takeaways

Leviticus 1-7 reveals the sacred and intentional nature of the sacrificial system, which served as a tangible expression of worship, atonement, and covenant renewal for the Israelites. Each type of offering—burnt, grain, peace, sin, and guilt—symbolized different aspects of their relationship with God, emphasizing the need for holiness, obedience, and reconciliation.

Through the interdisciplinary STEAMS approach, participants can see how the detailed instructions for sacrifices reflect God’s desire for both individual and communal devotion. This study reminds us that worship involves intentionality, humility, and a commitment to living in accordance with God’s commands. It also highlights God’s provision of a system for atonement, ultimately pointing to His greater redemptive plan fulfilled in Christ.