

“YOU SHALL BE HOLY”

The Book of Leviticus

Who wrote The Book of Leviticus?

The Book of Leviticus was written by a priest or a group of Priests of the tribe of Levi

How did The Book of Leviticus get its name and/or what does that name mean?

The word Leviticus means “and he called.”

When did these events take place?

The book of Leviticus does not detail chronological dates. It was probably written around 1280 B.C.

For more about The Book of Leviticus:

See page 95 in the Fireside Catholic Youth Bible.

God calls all of us to lead a holy life. But true holiness is more than just what we do to worship Him. It involves a commitment from us to live every aspect of our life according to His will. The priests of Israel knew this goal was important and The Book of Leviticus was their attempt to ensure that the people knew what God expected of them.

The book of Leviticus presents this expectation and defines what it meant to be Jewish over 3,000 years ago - first for the priests themselves then for the common man. It contains general, moral, social, ceremonial, temporal and some timeless "Laws." Although this book is set in the years when the Israelites were camped in the Sinai Desert, it probably was not actually written until after they reached the Promised Land, hundreds of years later.

Interesting Fact: The sacred calendar included the following feasts: Sabbath; Passover; Feast of Weeks; Day of Atonement; Feast of Tabernacles; Feast of Trumpets; Sabbath Year; Year of Jubilee.

Bonus Point: In Leviticus, what physical defects disqualified a man from the priesthood?