

LEVITICUS

AUTHOR:

Leviticus was probably written by more than one person much later than the events actually occurred. It was compiled around the 5th century B.C. in its final form as the Jewish people were in need of remembering what God had done.

DATE:

God gave the contents of Leviticus to Moses at Mount Sinai, which dates the events of the book to around the 15th century B.C.

AUDIENCE:

The Levites were the priests in the Old Testament who read the laws of God, found in Leviticus, to learn how to worship him. The other followers of God would have read it, or listened to others read, to understand better how to offer sacrifices to God.

CONTENTS:

Leviticus gave the Israelites rules for offerings, priests, and principles for holy living. This book is concerned with the Jewish people becoming pure worshippers of God. Leviticus has the reputation of being boring and irrelevant but that is untrue. In it we come in contact with a holy God and his desire for us to be pure, that we may be in a relationship with him.

PURPOSE:

The purpose is to give the laws necessary for the Jewish people to be in a right relationship with God. The purpose for us is to examine this relationship to see where we need to be purified from the sin that separates us from God.

