

# LEVITICUS 17 vs 1

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The book of Leviticus ends with building the first temple in Jerusalem. More than 50 times in this book, we read the Lord spoke to Moses; and they built the temple according to the pattern God gave to Moses. And what is written here is for the benefit of all Israel, literally all who are ruled by God.

The Sanctity of Blood

**<sup>1</sup> And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup> Speak to Aaron, to his sons, and to all the children of Israel, and say to them, This is the thing which the Lord has instructed, saying: <sup>3</sup> Whatever man of the house of Israel who kills an ox or lamb or goat in the camp, or who kills it outside the camp, <sup>4</sup> and does not bring it to the door of the Tent of meeting to offer an offering to the Lord before the Tent of the Lord, the guilt of bloodshed will be imputed to that man. He has shed blood; and that man will be cut off from among his people, <sup>5</sup> to the end that the children of Israel may bring their sacrifices which they offer in the open field, that they may bring them to the Lord at the door of the Tent of meeting, to the priest, and offer them as peace offerings to the Lord. <sup>6</sup> And the priest will sprinkle the blood on the altar of the Lord at the door of the Tent of meeting, and burn the fat for a sweet aroma to the Lord. <sup>7</sup> They will no more offer their sacrifices to demons, after whom they have whored. This will be a statute forever for them throughout their generations.**

**<sup>8</sup> Also you will say to them: Whatever man of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell among you, who offers a burnt offering or sacrifice, <sup>9</sup> and does not bring it to the door of the Tent of meeting, to offer it to the Lord, that man will be cut off from among his people.**

**<sup>10</sup> And whatever man of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell among you, who eats any blood, I will set My face against that person who eats blood, and will cut him off from among his people. <sup>11</sup> For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given Him to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul. <sup>12</sup> So I said to the children of Israel, No one among you will eat blood, nor will any foreigner who lives among you eat blood. / the Lord God breathed His own life into all His creation.**

**<sup>13</sup> Whatever man of the children of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell among you, who hunts and catches any animal or bird that may be eaten, he will pour out its blood and cover it with dust; <sup>14</sup> for it is the life of all flesh. Its blood sustains its life. So I said to the children of Israel, You will not eat the blood of any flesh, for the life of all flesh is its blood. Whoever eats it will be cut off. <sup>15</sup> And every one who eats what died naturally or what was torn by beasts, whether he is a native of your country or a foreigner, he will both wash his clothes and bathe in water, and be unclean until evening. Then he will be clean. <sup>16</sup> But if he does not wash them or bathe his body, then he will bear his guilt.**

