

Leviticus 23:34

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse falls within the section on **Appointed Feasts**. God's sacred calendar including Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles, marking redemption and agricultural blessings.

Every sacrifice and ritual in Leviticus points forward to Jesus Christ, who fulfills the entire sacrificial system as both perfect sacrifice and eternal high priest.

Historical Context

God's sacred calendar including Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles, marking redemption and agricultural blessings. Chapters 17-27, often called the 'Holiness Code,' expand covenant obligations beyond ritual to encompass all of life—sexuality, economics, justice, and relationships. The repeated refrain 'I am the LORD' grounds these laws in God's character and covenant relationship with Israel. Israel received these laws while encamped at Sinai, before entering Canaan. The laws prepared them for life in the promised land, distinguishing them from Canaanite practices and establishing their identity as God's holy nation. The portable tabernacle, central to Levitical worship, accompanied them through

wilderness wanderings and eventually found permanent form in Solomon's temple. The Israelite dietary laws in Leviticus 11 have no exact parallel in surrounding cultures, though some ancient cultures had food taboos, suggesting unique revelation rather than borrowed customs.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. In what ways does this verse challenge contemporary cultural values or your personal attitudes?
2. How does this verse help you understand both God's justice and His mercy in salvation?
3. In what practical ways should this verse influence your church life, family relationships, or personal integrity?

Interlinear Text

שֹׁרֶת בְּצִמְשָׁה לְאַמְרֵי אֶל בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל	Speak unto the children of Israel saying	The fifteenth of this month	וְיִמְמָר בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל
Speak H413	unto the children H1121	of Israel H3478	saying H559
H1696			H2568
day H3117	month H2320	of this seventh H7637	shall be the feast H2282
			H5521
לַיְהֹה יְמִינָם שְׁבֻעָת	unto the LORD	וְיִמְמָר בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל	
for seven day	unto the LORD		
H7651	H3117	H3068	

Additional Cross-References

Nehemiah 8:14 (References Lord): And they found written in the law which the LORD had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month:

John 7:2 (Temple): Now the Jews' feast of tabernacles was at hand.

Numbers 29:12 (References Lord): And on the fifteenth day of the seventh month ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work, and ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days:

Ezra 3:4 (Temple): They kept also the feast of tabernacles, as it is written, and offered the daily burnt offerings by number, according to the custom, as the duty of every day required;

Exodus 34:22 (Parallel theme): And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end.

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