

# Leviticus 23:40

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.

The holiness demanded in Leviticus becomes possible through Christ, who both satisfies God's righteous requirements and transforms believers by His Spirit.

## Historical Context

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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

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. In what practical ways should this verse influence your church life, family relationships, or personal integrity?
2. In what ways does this verse challenge contemporary cultural values or your personal attitudes?
3. What does this verse teach about the seriousness of sin, the cost of redemption, or the beauty of holiness?

## Interlinear Text

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בְּדָר	עֵץ	פָּר	רִאשׁ	וְلִקְחַת	מִ	לְכָה	יְמִים	לְכָה	מִ	לְקַחַת	מִ	
And ye shall take	day	you on the first	the boughs	trees	of goodly							
H3947	H3117	H7223	H6529	H6086	H1926							
branches	of palm	trees and the boughs	trees	of thick	and willows							
H3709	H8558	H6057	H6086	H5687	H6155							
בְּכָל	וְשִׁמְחַת	מִ	לִפְנֵי	יְהִי הָ	שְׁבַע	תְּ	אֱלֹהִיכָּם	יְהִי הָ	שְׁבַע	תְּ	אֱלֹהִיכָּם	מִ
of the brook	and ye shall rejoice	before	the LORD	your God	seven							
H5158	H8055	H6440	H3068	H430	H7651							
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Revelation 7:9** (Parallel theme): After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

**Philippians 4:4** (References Lord): Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.

**Isaiah 35:10** (References Lord): And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

**Romans 5:11** (References God): And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

**John 16:22** (Parallel theme): And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

**John 12:13** (References Lord): Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.

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