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Moses oversaw the building of the Tabernacle

Exodus 40:1 Tabernacle = "tent of meeting."

Exodus 40:34 – cloud indicates the presence of God. (Exodus 19:16; 1 Kings 8:10-11)

Exodus 40:34-35 God dwells among the people

Leviticus

Leviticus:

- Written by Moses
- Third of the Five Books
- Contains Priestly Laws

Priestly Laws

Offerings are "gifts" to God.

Applies to all forms of offerings
God needs nothing we have, so why?

To develop the habit of giving to God and setting correct priorities
Matthew 6:33

~~Atonement~~

Sacrifice was not to manipulate God

Sacrifice was not to enrich God

Sacrifice was to cover sin and seek restoration to the presence of God

Grain Offerings

A key purpose of grain offerings was to thank God for blessing their harvests.

Fellowship or Peace Offerings

Unique among the offerings:

The only feast where the worshipper could eat of the sacrifice

The worshipper could invite others to join him.

A portion was given to the priests

This was a form of communion with God and always occurred after the burnt offering for atonement.

Sin Offerings

These offerings were a special form of burnt offerings and required animal death. Atonement was the purpose.

These Sin offerings were for unintentional sins.

The method of offering depended upon the person(s) involved.

Guilt Offerings

A continuation of the sin offerings

The sacrifices were such that any person could afford atonement.

Restitution was a requirement for many of these offerings

The tribe of Levi was chosen to be the priestly tribe (Exodus 32)
The Priesthood
Specifically, Aaron and his sons would serve in the tabernacle to offer sacrifices.

The first burnt offerings were from Moses.

Nadab and Abihu (Leviticus 10)

Tasked with providing fire for the altar
Priestly Sin
Offered "strange fire...which he commanded them not..."

Punished immediately and terribly.

It was necessary to provide laws for the common good.

Health Ordinances
These laws would not be for the spiritual life of the community but for their health.

God was concerned to protect the race to ensure the coming of Jesus

Once per year, seventh month, tenth day.

The High Priest enters the most holy place two times:

Day of Atonement
Once for himself (Leviticus 16:11-14)

Once for the people (Leviticus 16:15-19)

Two goats are chosen, one is offered, the other is the "scapegoat."