


THE BOOK OF LEVITICUS

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This is the 3rd book in the Westgate Commentary series on the Pentateuch or writings of Moses to go on CD. I have followed the rabbinic readings but adopted without apology a prophetic stance on the interpretation of TORAH—which strictly means “a pointing”. As Messiah said, the scriptures testify or point towards Him and any careful reader will soon discover that Christ is everywhere mirrored and prefigured in the mosaic of Moses.

Besides frequent references to the *prophetic elements* in this book on holiness priesthood and purity of heart and life I have continued to number the occasions when the great lawgiver met and talked with God—receiving His word for our nurture.

In time it would be my wish to produce a year-book for the Christian and Messianic public which would bring the Creationist context, the Redemptive plan, the Holiness principles, the pilgrim pathway and the Prospects for restitution together in a five-fold enchiridion to give direction to a somewhat wayward and worldly Christianity. We seem today to be culpably neglectful of the imminence of the apocalyptic events that are coming upon the world. Future days will demand of us a closer walk with God and a much greater awareness of the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament scriptures.

The groundwork of the Torah details not only the creation of this world in six days but also the destruction of it in a similar period during the life of Noah. It also damasks into the history of man the story of the sons of Abraham or the children of Israel. The reflections of Moses in Deuteronomy fully encompass the vicissitudes of the history of Israel right up to the present hour. I trust in the book of Deuteronomy to revive interest in this noble history because as we approach the return of our LORD we can best tell the time by the events that are unfolding in accordance with scripture right before our eyes and those events are leading toward a mid-east conflict that I imagine will change the world as radically as the flood in the days of Noah.

I welcome readers of the present disc which represents a good deal of detailed scrutiny of the Hebrew text. Where you might expect to find references to type and shadow look instead for prophetic TORAH or pointers—which term I believe better fits the exposition of “the new” within “the old”.

I dedicate the work to the memory of Dr. David Crawford—one of the holiest and most saintly Christians I have known. His was a radiance which survived polio and a tragic accident with an articulated vehicle. He wrote his “wayside pulpit” for the local

press and preached from a coffin like box-but now he stands in glory. For his prayers and encouragement I pay him this belated tribute of dedicating my "Leviticus" musings to the name of Jesus and the memory of one who reflected Him so pleasingly all the days I knew him.

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