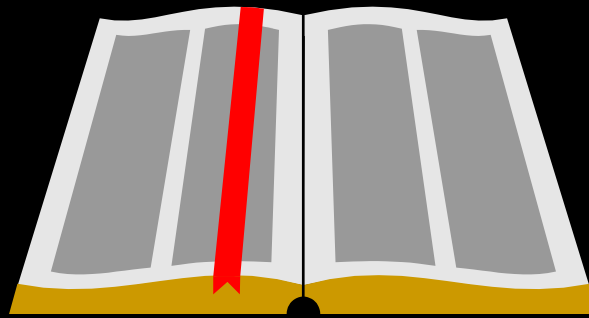


Exploring Leviticus



A Picture of the Holiness of Christ
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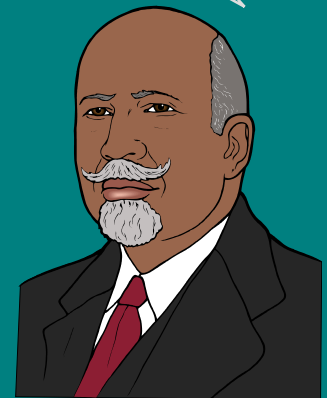
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The Challenge of Leviticus

Leviticus is confusing.
What does it have
to do with me?



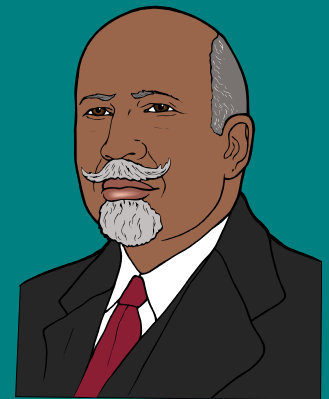
Remember: “All Scripture
is inspired ... and profitable”
(2 Tim. 3:16-17).
God has a purpose.



Christ in Leviticus

So where do
I get a clue?

Christ taught us
about Leviticus.



What Can We Learn?

In Luke 24, two disciples were despairing over Jesus' death.

But the Old Testament predicted his suffering and glory (Luke 24:25-26).

What Does Jesus Say?

He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. (Luke 24:25-26)

He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.” Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, “This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. (Luke 24:44-47)

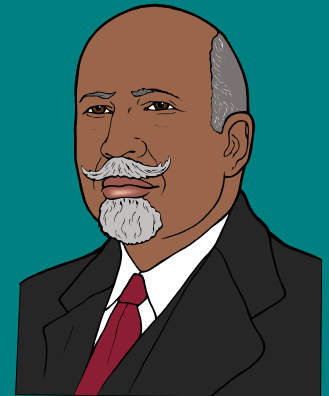
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The Plan

So where does
Leviticus fit in?



Let's look at
the big picture
of God's plan.

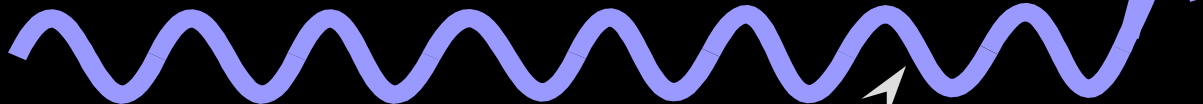
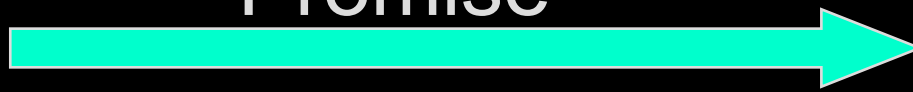


God Unfolds a Plan

Creation

Consummation:
new creation

Promise



you

Not chance!



Growing Promise

Creation promises final rest, Gen. 2:2-3.

Victory over evil serpent, Gen. 3:15.

Blessing, seed, land to Abraham, Gen. 13:15.

Deliverance and covenant by Moses, Exod.

Growing Promise

Tabernacle as emblem of home and rest, Exodus.

God requires and provides holiness, Leviticus.

Travel in the wilderness toward home, Numbers.

Exhortation to enter home, Deuteronomy.

The Place of Leviticus

early
history

exodus
from
Egypt

holiness

wilder-
ness

prepar-
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enter

Genesis

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Leviticus

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Creation

Fall

Promise

Plagues

Covenant

Tabernacle

Cleansing

Keep Holy

Traveling

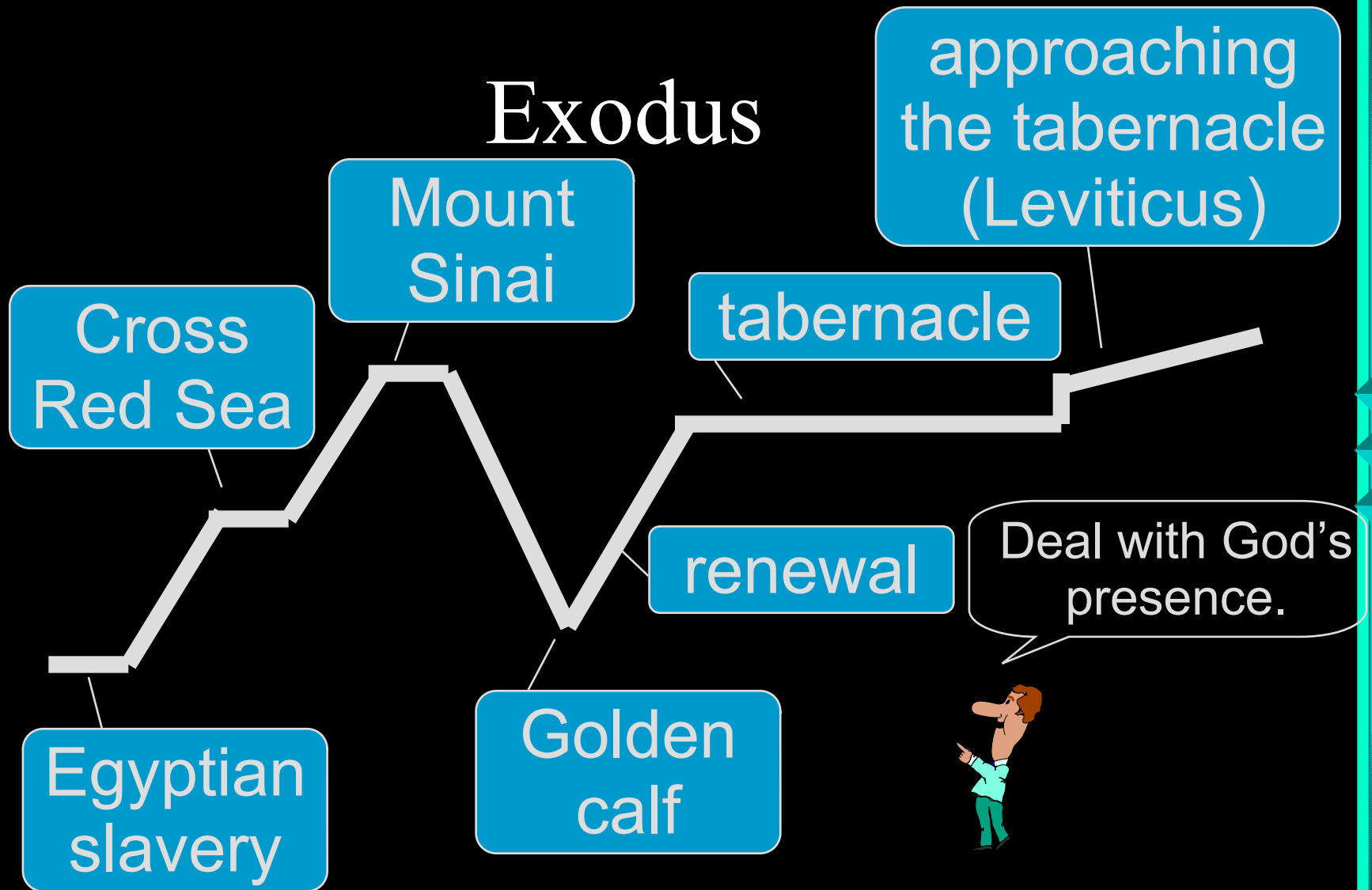
Rebellion

Arrival

Remember



Exodus



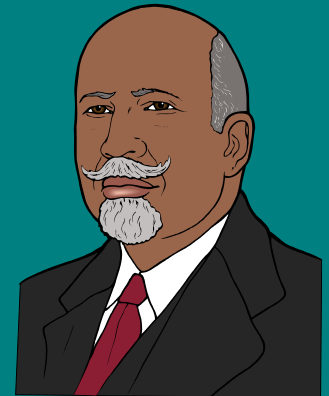
B. The Types in Leviticus

Significance of Types

God acted back then.
Now what about me?



The pictures
explain
redemption!



God Gave Us Pictures (Types)



A pattern!



Interpreting the Old Testament

God fulfilled
his promises
in **Christ**
(2 Cor. 1:20)

God spoke
to **them**

God has **you**
in mind



— TIME —→

Heb. 1:1

Rom. 15:4

Parallels from Moses to Christ

**Promise to save
Slavery**

**God has mercy
deliverer: Moses**

Go out of Egypt

**Separate from
idols**

Be holy (symbol)

To Canaan

**Promise to save
Sin**

**God has mercy
deliverer: Christ**

From Satan

Separate from idols

Be holy (real)

To new earth

C. Holiness in Leviticus

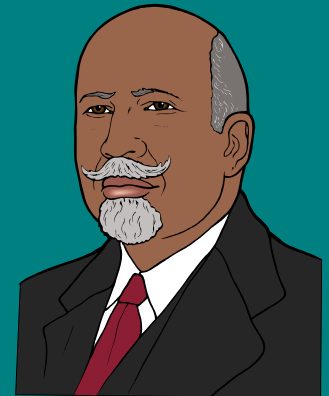
Pointing to the Holiness of Christ

Why Holiness?

“Holiness” sounds stuffy.
It snuffs out the fun in life.



Real holiness
is the only way
to be really living:
with God.



God's Holiness for Us

God comes

Holy Spirit comes

God destroys sin

He destroys the old man and gives life

Who stands?

Christ is perfect

God protects

Christ protects

Mediator

Christ the Mediator

Priests

Christ the Priest

Veils

Christ the Veil (Heb. 10:20)

Outline of Leviticus

- I. The sacrifices (1-7)**
- II. Consecrating the priests (8-10)**
- III. Uncleanness and its remedy (11-16)**
- IV. Maintaining holiness (17-27)**

Aspects of God's Holiness

Sacrifice (1-7)

Priests (8-10)

**Remove
uncleanness
(11-16)**

**Maintain holiness
(17-27)**

Penalty for sin

Approach God

Expel sin

**Life of goodness,
justice, order,
purity**

D. Applying Leviticus

Relevant!



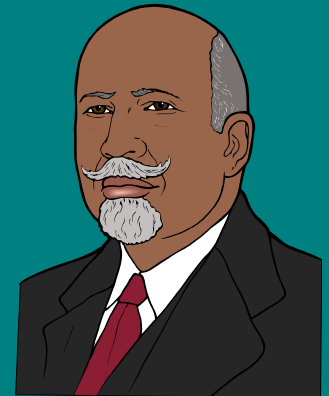
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Applying the Lessons

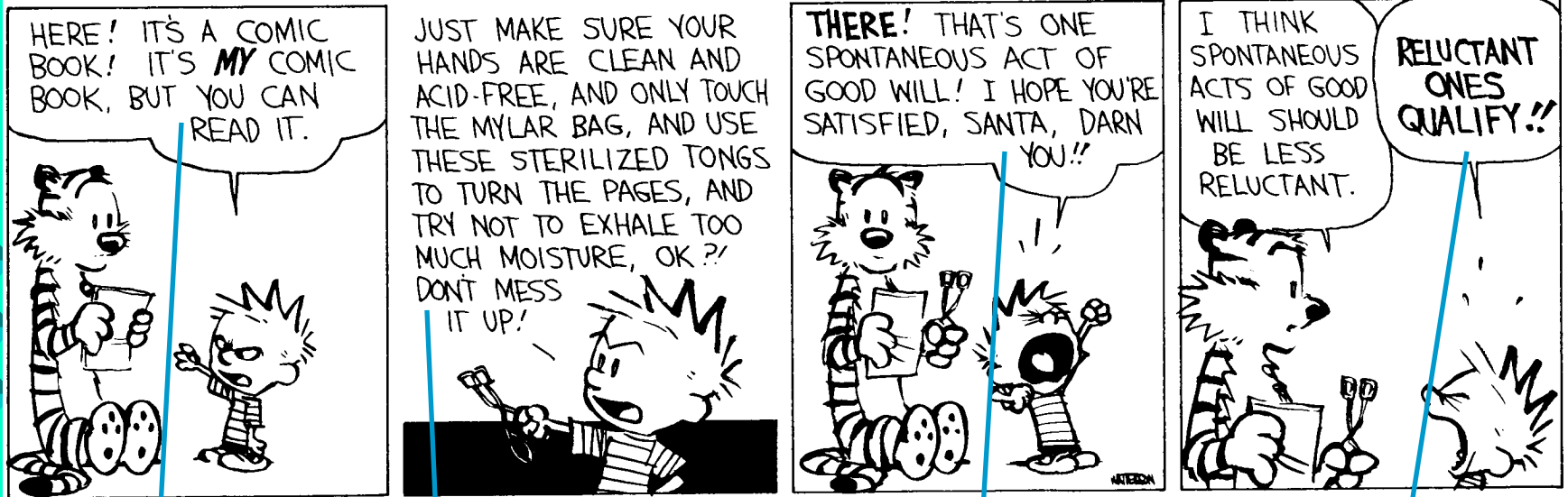
So what do I
do with it?



Holiness affects
every aspect of life.



Universal Struggles



sacrifice

uncleanness

appear before
the Judge

be holy

Relevant!



Summary of Application

- I. The sacrifices (1-7): rely on a perfect sacrifice for removing sin**
- II. Priests (8-10): have a perfect representative to come to God**
- III. Uncleanliness (11-16): get rid of sin**
- IV. Maintain holiness (17-27): keep God's law and his order; reflect his character in you**