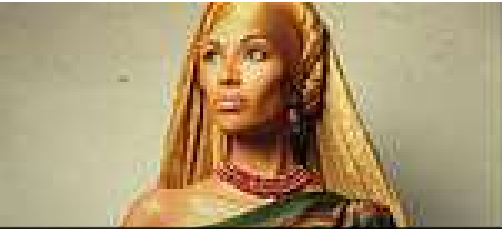


Antioch Vision Statement

“Lord, the harvest is truly plentiful, but the laborers are few. Give me the heart and spirit of a disciple so that you may use me as an instrument in your hands as you reconcile the community unto thyself. Lord use me!”





Women of the Torah
and the Throne:
(Women in
Leviticus &
Shiphrah and Puah)

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Bible Study

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Name a woman (other than your mother) who has been influential in your life?

Women
History Month





Objective

Learn the lens of
Leviticus



Greater
understanding of
the social life of
women in antiquity.



Greater
appreciation of their
presence and place
in the Bible



Introduced to semi-
familiar Women
Characters

LEVITICUS

A Book of Law

What do we know about the book of Leviticus?

LEVITICUS



EXODUS OF ISRAEL



COVENANT AT MT. SINAI



COVENANT BROKEN



MOSES CAN'T ENTER

LEVITICUS

GOD GRACIOUSLY PROVIDES A WAY
FOR PEOPLE TO LIVE IN HIS PRESENCE



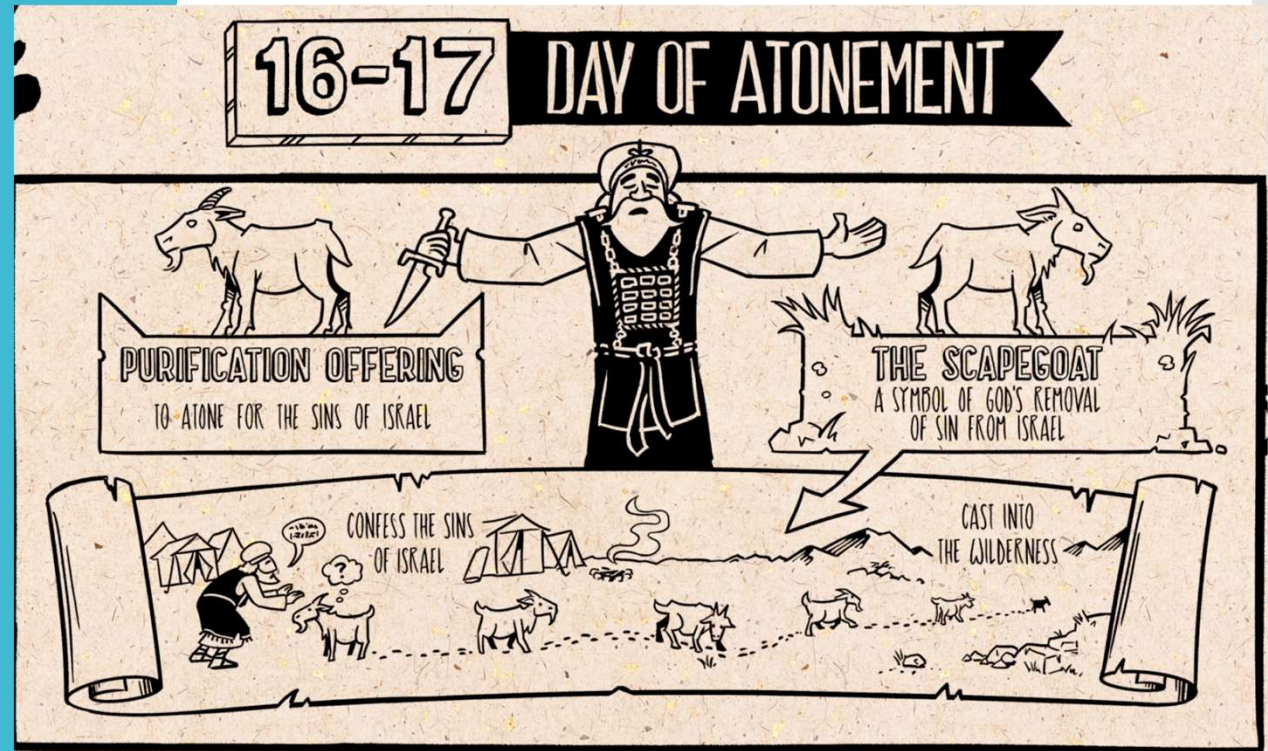
Surface Overview of Leviticus

1-7 & 23-25 Rituals & Sacrifices

8-10 & 21-22 Role of the Priest

11-15 & 18-20 Moral and Ritual Purity

16-17 Day of Atonement




Women through the lens of Leviticus

Male run society w/ gender
and age-based hierarchy

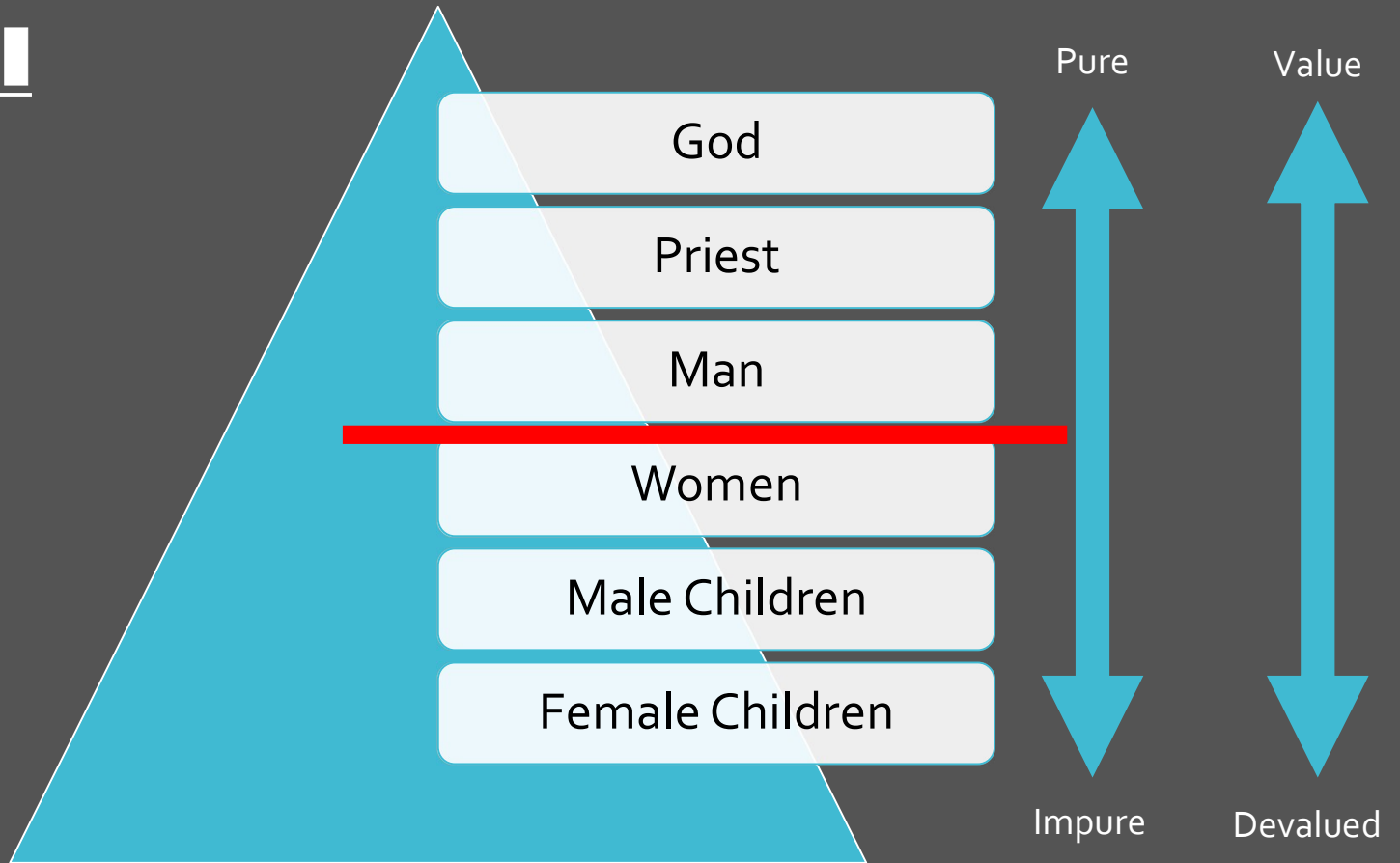


Blood/Bodily fluids =
Unclean = Impure



Book is about living in
Community: God and People

Levitical
Social
Order



Social Roles of Women in Antiquity

- Agrarian Society
- Reproduction – workers & warriors
- Components of Contractual Agreements
- Managing the House

Rarely Mentioned Active-Sacrificial Participants



Social vs. Communal Power



Intellectual Ingenuity



Social Role of Women in Antiquity





Shiphrah and Puah



Exodus

1:15-21

- 15 And the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of the one was Shiprah, and the name of the other Puah;
16 and he said: 'When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, ye shall look upon the birthstool: if it be a son, then ye shall kill him; but if it be a daughter, then she shall live.'
17 But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men-children alive.
18 And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said unto them: 'Why have ye done this thing, and have saved the men-children alive?'
19 And the midwives said unto Pharaoh: 'Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are lively, and are delivered ere the midwife come unto them.'
20 And God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty.
21 And it came to pass, because the midwives feared God, that He made them houses

Group Work:

- How did Shiphrah and Puah exemplify:

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