

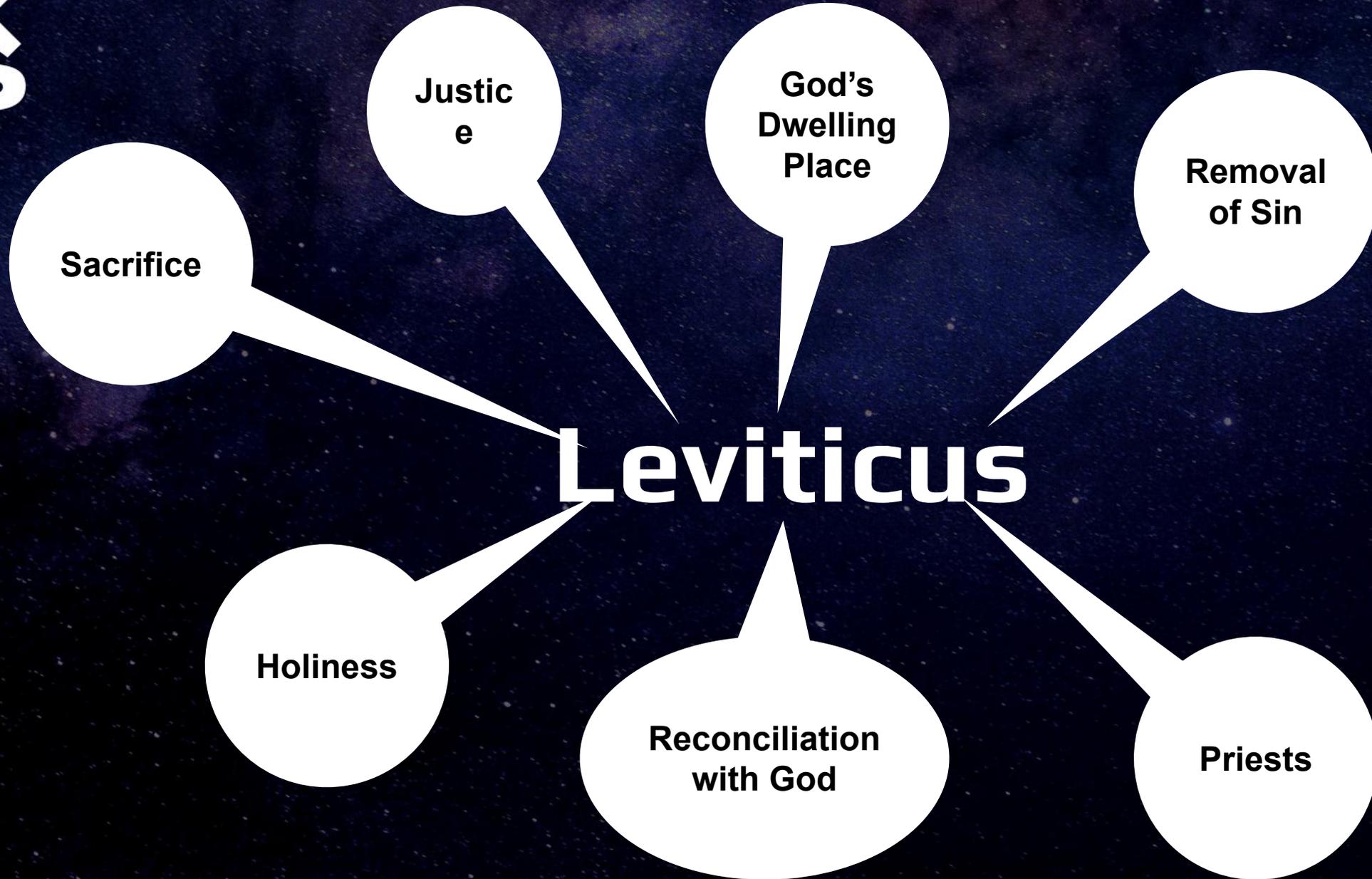
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Leviticus





Genesis	Exodus	Leviticus	Numbers	Deuteronomy
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The Heart of the Torah



The Story so far:

Gen 1-2: God made a good world and dwelt with humans in Eden

Gen 3: Humans rebelled and brought sin into the world. Sin becomes the human default.

Gen 12-50: God chooses the family of Abraham



The Story so far:

Ex 1: Abraham's descendants multiply in Egypt

Ex 2-15: God leads them out of Egypt

Ex 19-24: God appears at Sinai and the people agree to be in covenant with him

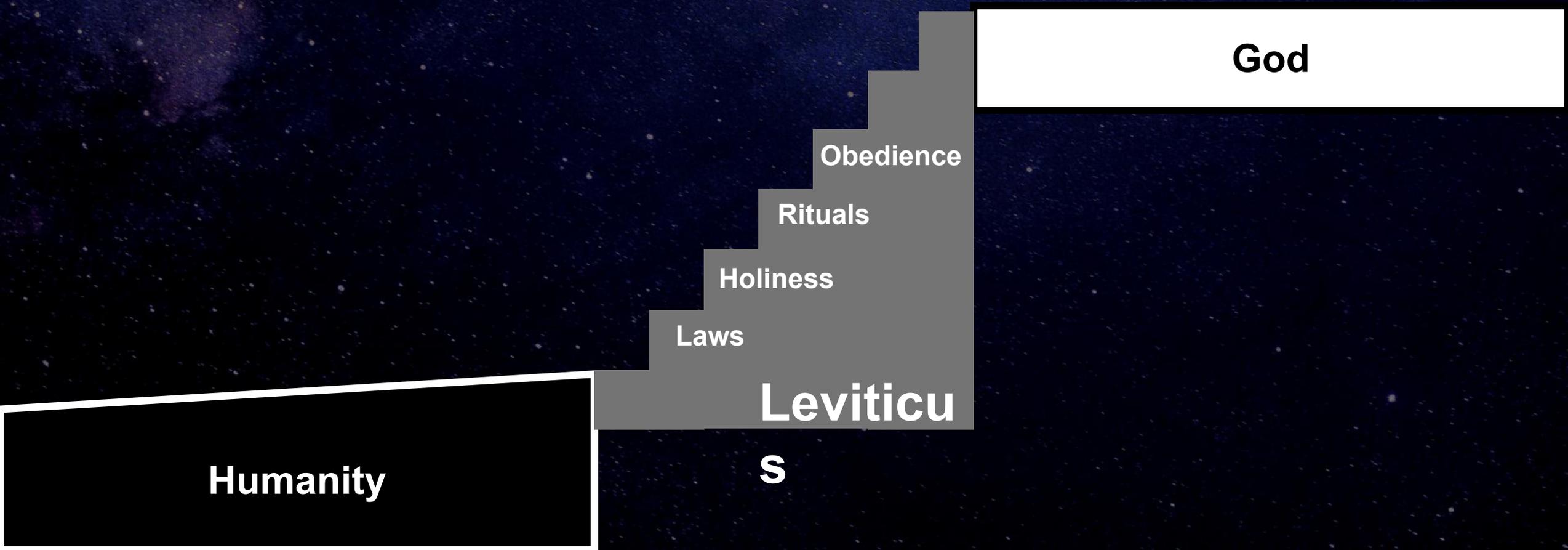
Ex 32: They immediately sin

Ex 34: God renews the covenant

Ex 40: God inhabits the tabernacle, **BUT the people cannot enter**



Leviticus Seeks to Bridge the Gap



Humanity

Laws

Holiness

Rituals

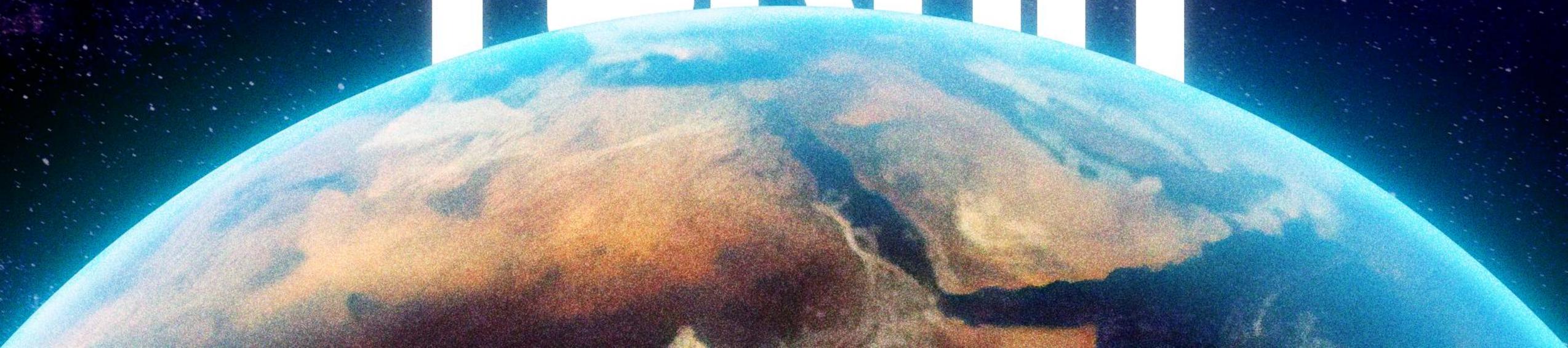
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Holiness



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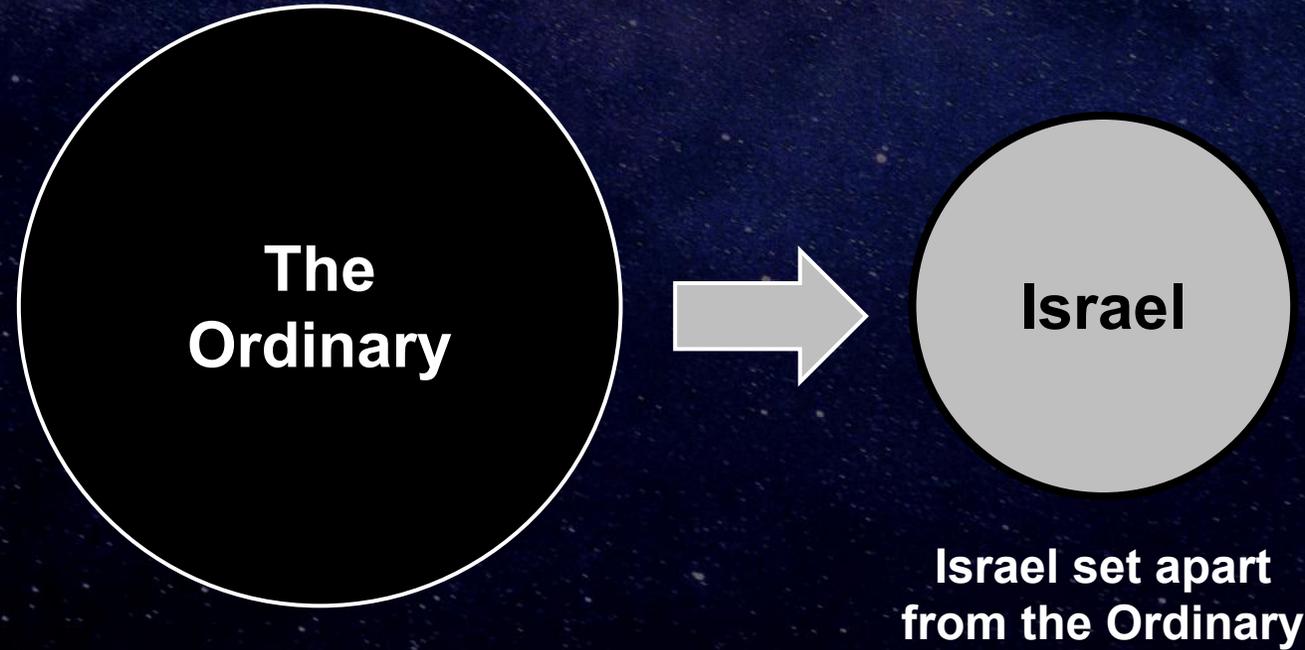
**Ordinary = *Corrupted, Profane, Broken,
Tainted by Sin***



*Sin is the Default Setting of
Humanity*
(Gen 8:21)



HOLINESS = Set Apart/Different





**Ethical
Holiness**

Ritual Holiness

**Priestly
Holiness**



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Ethical Holiness:

**Set Apart through Actions,
Behaviour and Morality**

Ethical Holiness

- Sexual Holiness: No adultery, No incest, No bestiality, No same-sex relations
- Social Holiness: Don't murder, don't injure, don't sacrifice your children
- Economic Holiness: Don't cheat people, Don't charge interest, Provide for the poor and the Foreigner, Don't enslave your fellow Israelites
- Spiritual Holiness: Don't consult Mediums or Spiritists



Leviticus 18:3

³ *“You must not do as they do in Egypt, where you used to live, and you must not do as they do in the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you. Do not follow their practices.”*



Matthew 5:17

17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.



John 13:35

³⁵ *“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”*



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Ritual Holiness:

**Set Apart through Ritual
Cleanliness**



Clean vs Unclean



Clean = Appropriate for Worship
Unclean = Inappropriate for
Worship



Unclean:

1. Human Sexuality and Reproduction
 - YHWH is NOT sexual
 - Sexuality is a gift, but it is not appropriate for the worship of God.



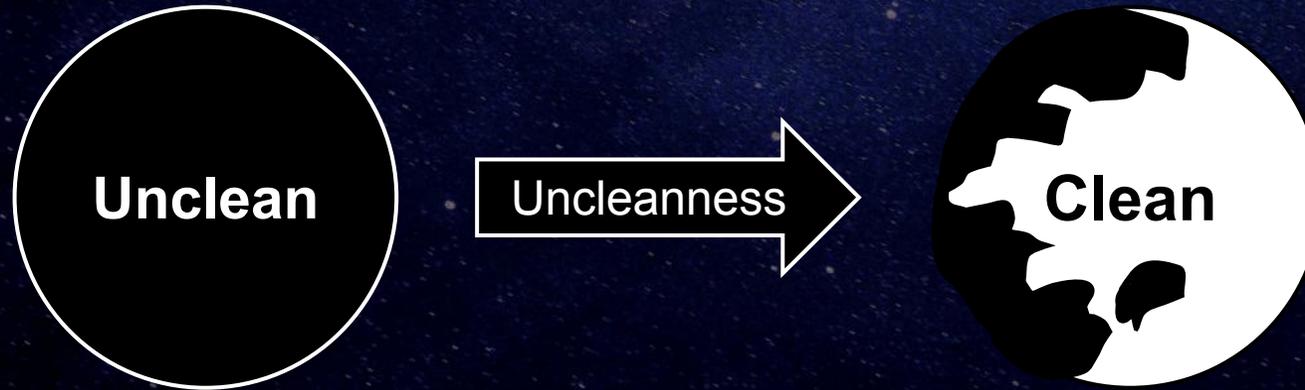
Unclean:

2. The Brokenness of the World

- Things associated with Death and Disease
- Predators, birds of prey and other animals associated with Death (Lev 11)
- Any corpse/carcass
- Anyone with a disease or defect
- These things are scars of a broken world



Uncleanness is Contagious





CONTAGIOUS HOLINESS



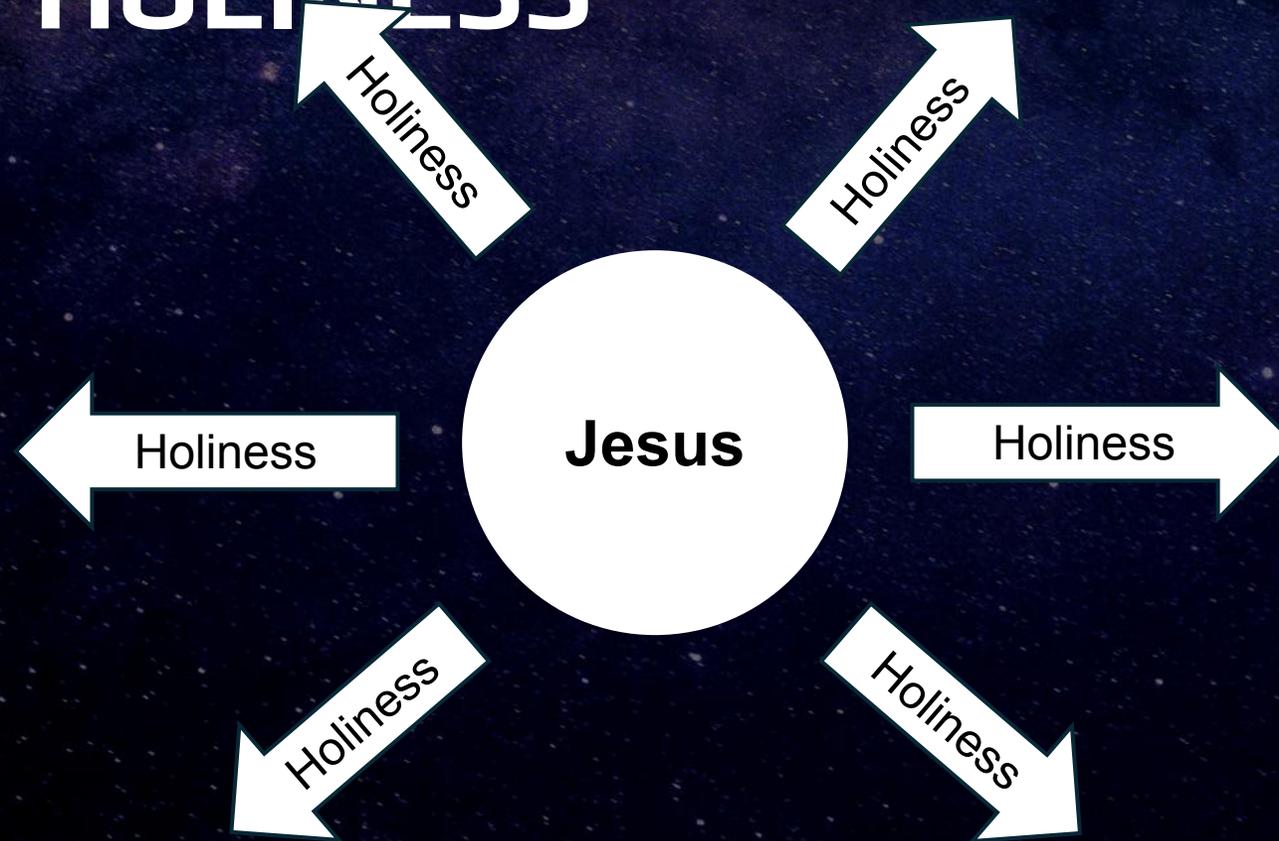
Luke 5:12-14

*¹² While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me **clean**.”*

*¹³ Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “**Be clean!**” And immediately the leprosy left him.*



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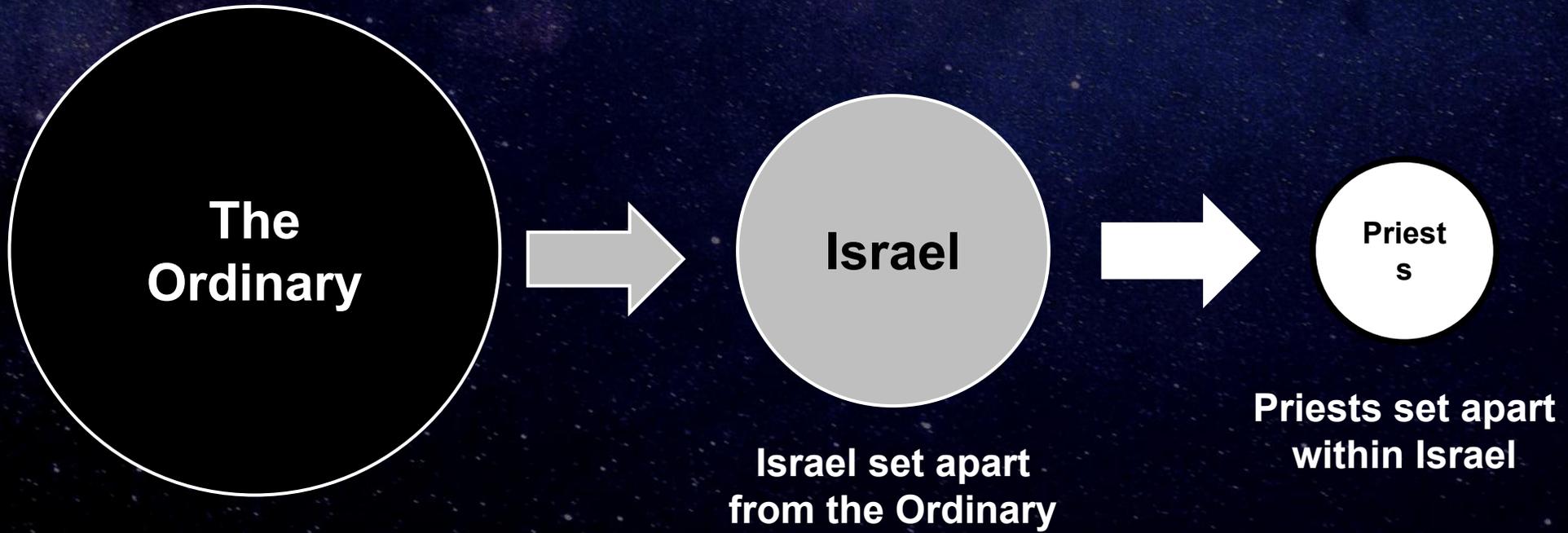


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Priestly Holiness:

**Set apart for Service in the
Tabernacle**





Sacrifices:

1. Sacrifice for Worship (Whole Burnt Offering Lev 1)
2. Thanksgiving Offering (Grain Offering Lev 2)
3. Communal Peace Offering (Fellowship Offering Lev 3)
4. Offering for Sin (Lev 4)
5. Offering for Guilt (Lev 5)



Blood =
Life



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Life

Leviticus 17:11

11 “For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one’s life”



“Atonement”

כפר = To Cover, Clean,
Verbo.

Purge
(Ka-PHaR
)

Noun:

כפר = Cleansing, Purgation
(Ki-PuR)



Blood cleanses

(Life Sin (Death
))



Leviticus 16:16

¹⁶ “In this way he will make atonement for the Most Holy Place because of the uncleanness and rebellion of the Israelites, whatever their sins have been. He is to do the same for the tent of meeting, which is among them in the midst of their uncleanness.”



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Leviticus 9:23-24

²³ Moses and Aaron then went into the tent of meeting. When they came out, they blessed the people; and the glory of the Lord appeared to all the people. ²⁴ Fire came out from the presence of the Lord and consumed the burnt offering and the fat portions on the altar. And when all the people saw it, they shouted for joy and fell facedown.



Hebrews 9:11-14

¹¹ But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that are now already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands, that is to say, is not a part of this creation. ¹² He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.



Hebrews 9:11-14

¹³ The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. ¹⁴ How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!



Numbers 23:9

“I see a people who live apart and do not consider themselves one of the nations.”

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