An archaeological Note: Relatively little opportunity is given for archaeological notes in Leviticus in that it is didactic and instructional. Some cuneiform legal texts have shown a correspondence with Levitical law to indicate that it was current in that time, and the placing of hands on a sacrificial substitute is also known in the Hittite culture of that period.

Key passages in Leviticus include the following: the sacrifices (1-7), the day of Atonement (16), the levitical feasts (23), and the holy life explanation (19).

Classically Leviticus has produced less than some books although it is worthy of note that the inscription on the Liberty Bell is taken from Leviticus 25:10.."proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabita rts thereof-.." although perhaps taken somewhat out of context! (We did not begin this practice in our generation.)

For further study in Leviticus one might consult Harrison,R.K. LEVITICUS (IVP) or Wenham, G.J LEVITICUS...this being a bit more technical. Jukes: THE LAWS OF THE OFFERINGS is a typological study of chapters 1-7 from a past generation. The older works of S.H. Kellogg and Andrew Bonar are useful.

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