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Holiness of the Vow

27: 1-34



It seems that **Leviticus** should have ended with **Chapter 26**. Thus, it is likely that **Chapter 27** was an addendum to the book. In order to include in **Leviticus** a matter of central importance, the funding of the Sanctuary, **Chapter 27** was added by **Moshe** under the inspiration of **the Ruach Ha'Kodesh**. Maintaining the physical plant of the Sanctuary was certainly costly, and it was necessary to provide the materials used in public sacrifice and to support the priesthood. **Chapter 27** deals first with **vows** involving people (see **Fb - Personal Vows**) and animals (see **Fc - Vowing Animal Sacrifices**). Then **it** teaches us how to dedicate houses and land (see **Fd - Vowing a House of Field**) to **the LORD**. Then there is the prohibition on **vowing** firstborn (see **Fe - Prohibition on Vowing Firstborn**). It finishes with how a person can **vow** something to **God** as holy (see **Ff - Cherem**) and mitzvot on tithes (see **Fg - Mitzvot on Tithes**).⁵⁴¹