

Leviticus: Which laws did Jesus fulfil?

The same can be done with the commandments section of Exodus, Numbers, Deuteronomy

Author and place

“These are the commands the LORD gave Moses on Mount Sinai for the Israelites.” [Leviticus 27:34](#)

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Do these rules and laws apply to Christians today?

Type of law:	Apply?	Reason & Example Bible text
Sacrificial laws	No	No longer any sacrifices needed; Jesus the final & complete sacrifice. See Hebrews 7:23-28
Moral laws	Yes	God’s views of what he approves and does not have not changed because he does not change. See Hebrews 1:12 & 13:8 & James 1:17 and the second half of Matthew chapter 5.
Priesthood laws	No	The job of the priesthood in 1 Chronicles 23:13 c.f. many Anglicans! There is no longer any priesthood. See Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2; 9:6-10:14; 1 Peter 2:4-5, 9; Rev 1:6
Laws to set aside Israel as God’s special nation.	No	They are no longer God’s special nation. See Ephesians 2:11-22

The Thirty Nine Articles of Religion (modern English version)

Article 7 ... Although the law given by God through Moses is not binding on Christians as far as its form of worship and ritual are concerned and the civil regulations are not binding on any nation state, nevertheless no Christian is free to disobey those commandments which may be classified as moral.