Why did God put this in His Book? What is He trying to show?

Leviticus 17 — The Life Is in the Blood

God's Word says not to eat anything with blood in it. But then Jesus said to eat His "flesh" and drink His "blood." What is this mystery? His flesh is the Word of God — the Word became flesh — and His blood is the Spirit. Only by His Word and Spirit can you have life in yourself. Also, "the life of the flesh is in the blood." That means that the Bible will be dead to you unless He opens and teaches it by His Spirit. (17:10-11,14)

Leviticus 18 and 20 — Homosexuality

God's laws show His thoughts and ways, which are in opposition to man's. Go to the Word to learn how God thinks, and do what He says. Forget what men think, say, and do. (18:22; 20:10-23; Rom 1:26-27 — "...women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men....")

Leviticus 23 — The Lord's Appointed Times

In Scripture, the Lord establishes seven "appointed times" that are to be honored forever. They are shadows of His great accomplishments. He fulfilled the first four in the spring months. The last three, He will probably fulfill in the fall months with His end-time events.

Below is a list of His feast days, which He calls "My appointed times." Why would anyone want to celebrate man-made holidays rather than the days that He calls holy? Why wouldn't you want to spend time with Him in His Word on His days? (chapter 23)

SPRING

<u>PASSOVER</u>: Jesus was born and died on Passover. He is the Passover Lamb of God.

<u>WEEK OF UNLEAVENED BREAD</u>: Jesus was buried and ascended during the Week of
Unleavened Bread. He is the Bread sent from heaven, who also ascended to heaven.

<u>FIRST FRUITS</u>: Jesus rose from the dead on the day of First Fruits. He is the First Fruits of the resurrection.

FEAST OF WEEKS / PENTECOST: Jesus told His disciples to wait for the Spirit. He poured out the Holy Spirit upon them on the Day of Pentecost.

FALL

TRUMPETS: God told Israel to use trumpets to call an assembly. The Day of Trumpets could signal the Lord's first assembly of believers in heaven. Contrary to church teaching and popular belief, of all people who have lived and died, only One is now in heaven: Jesus (Jn 3:13). **DAY OF ATONEMENT:** The Day of Atonement, also known as Yom Kippur, is probably the day Jesus was baptized and began His 3.5-year ministry. It's also likely the day of the Lord's return when He appears as either your Judge or your Atonement.

<u>TABERNACLES/BOOTHS</u>: The Lord's marriage feast will be held at the start of the millennium, and another will be celebrated at the start of eternity. These could be how He fulfills His Feast of Tabernacles/Booths.

Leviticus 25 — Jubilee

In a Jubilee year, the land reverts to its original owner. A jubilee is celebrated once every 50 years, and the count starts on Yom Kippur. Historically, Israel has yet to celebrate a Jubilee. However, in 1973, Israel's Yom Kippur War began on the Day of Atonement. Will something happen 50 years later, in 2023, to cause Israel to finally celebrate a Jubilee? (25:9-10,23)

Leviticus 26 — "Seven Times More"

This is a mystery that spans all of Scripture. God first struck Israel using the nation of Egypt. After Egypt, God told Israel He would punish them "seven times more" if they did not obey Him. The "seven times more" are the seven other kingdoms that would come against Israel. This coincides with the statue in Daniel, and the mystery of the mountains described in Revelation. The kingdoms, in order, are: Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome, the 10 nations under the antichrist, the 10 nations under satan. During the time of John's writing, the "one is" was the Roman empire. (26:18,24,28)

	Lev 26 "seven times more"	Dan 2 statue	Rev 17 mountains
1	[after Egypt]		"five have fallen" — Egypt
2	Assyria / first of seven		Assyria
3	Babylon	Head of gold	Babylon
4	Medo-Persia	Breast and arms of silver	Medo-Persia
5	Greece	Belly and thighs of bronze	Greece
6	Rome	Legs of iron	"one is" — Rome
7	10 nations under the	Feet of iron and clay	"the other has not yet
	antichrist (first 3.5 years)		come" — 10 nations under
			the antichrist
8	10 nations under satan		"also an eighth, and is one
	(second 3.5 years)		of the seven" — 10 nations
			under satan

Modern-Day Israel: Israel's modern history follows the same order as in the past. When Israel became a nation again in 1948, they were attacked first by Egypt. Then Syria [Assyria]. Then, in 1990, by Iraq [Babylon]. Next will come Russia-Iran [Medo-Persia] at the Battle of Hamon-Gog, which may occur in the very near future.

More if curious:

Leviticus 17 — Jn 6:53-56,63; 1Cor 12:13; Jn 5:39-40

Leviticus 18 and 20 — 1Cor 6:9 (NASB)

Leviticus 23 — Col 2:17; 1Cor 5:7-8; 15:3-4,20,23; Acts 2:1,4,33

Leviticus 26 — Dan 2:32-35,38-41; Rev 17:9-11