

This thesis called „References to the Book of Leviticus in the Gospel of Matthew“, deals with a problem, which has not been adressed as such so far. In the Gospel of Matthew about twenty allusions to the Book of Leviticus can be found, as suggested in the critical edition of the New Testament, edited by Nestle-Alland. In Matthew, some of the allusions are overshadowed by quotations from the books of Exodus or Deuteronomy, which are far more frequently used. Other allusions are unique, as seen in the example of the story of the cleansed leper. Allusions and echoes are dealt with, rather than direct quotations. In the introduction, the problem of the Old Testament quotations is introduced, followed by the first chapter describing telegraphically all the references to Leviticus in the Sermon on the mount. The author starts with the text from Leviticus, comparing Greek and Hebrew text. Exegesis of this scripture is followed by translation of the relevant scripture from Matthew, comparison of the text with other synoptics, exegesis and exposition of the relation between the two texts. The references to the book of Leviticus seem to enable us better understanding of some situations presented in the gospel. Majority of the allusions explain the cultural background. They explain to nowadays reader, whose cultural-historical background has moved considerably, some cues left unexplained in the gospel itself. The author of the gospel was probably himself unaware of them. Some allusions are quite irrelevant, such as dietary laws, or rather those texts which are only parallels to more important quotations. This is the case with the second chapter, explaining the sermon on the mount.