

Leviticus 11:1-47 **Food Regulations**

Clean and Unclean Animals

¹ And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying to them, ² "Speak to the children of Israel, saying, 'These are the animals which you may eat among all the animals that are on the earth: ³ Among the animals, whatever divides the hoof, having cloven hooves and chewing the cud--that you may eat.

⁴ Nevertheless these you shall not eat among those that chew the cud or those that have cloven hooves: the camel, because it chews the cud but does not have cloven hooves, is unclean to you; ⁵ the rock hyrax, because it chews the cud but does not have cloven hooves, is unclean to you; ⁶ the hare, because it chews the cud but does not have cloven hooves, is unclean to you; ⁷ and the swine, though it divides the hoof, having cloven hooves, yet does not chew the cud, is unclean to you. ⁸ Their flesh you shall not eat, and their carcasses you shall not touch. They are unclean to you.

Water Creatures

⁹ 'These you may eat of all that are in the water: whatever in the water has fins and scales, whether in the seas or in the rivers--that you may eat. ¹⁰ But all in the seas or in the rivers that do not have fins and scales, all that move in the water or any living thing which is in the water, they are an abomination to you. ¹¹ They shall be an abomination to you; you shall not eat their flesh, but you shall regard their carcasses as an abomination. ¹² Whatever in the water does not have fins or scales--that shall be an abomination to you.

Birds

¹³ 'And these you shall regard as an abomination among the birds; they shall not be eaten, they are an abomination: the eagle, the vulture, the buzzard, ¹⁴ the kite, and the falcon after its kind; ¹⁵ every raven after its kind, ¹⁶ the ostrich, the short-eared owl, the seagull, and the hawk after its kind; ¹⁷ the little owl, the fisher owl, and the screech owl; ¹⁸ the white owl, the jackdaw, and the carrion vulture; ¹⁹ the stork, the heron after its kind, the hoopoe, and the bat.

Winged Insects

²⁰ 'All flying insects that creep on all fours shall be an abomination to you. ²¹ Yet these you may eat of every flying insect that creeps on all fours: those which have jointed legs above their feet with which to leap on the earth. ²² These you may eat: the locust after its kind, the destroying locust after its kind, the cricket after its kind, and the grasshopper after its kind. ²³ But all other flying insects which have four feet shall be an abomination to you.

Carcasses of unclean animals by which one may become unclean

²⁴ 'By these you shall become unclean; whoever touches the carcass of any of them shall be unclean until evening; ²⁵ whoever carries part of the carcass of any of them shall wash his clothes and be unclean until evening:

²⁶ The carcass of any beast which divides the foot, but is not cloven-hoofed or does not chew the cud, is unclean to you. Everyone who touches it shall be unclean. ²⁷ And whatever goes on its paws, among all kinds of animals that go on all fours, those are unclean to you. Whoever touches any such carcass shall be unclean until evening. ²⁸ Whoever carries any such carcass shall wash his clothes and be unclean until evening. It is unclean to you.

Creeping Things

²⁹ 'These also shall be unclean to you among the creeping things that creep on the earth: the mole, the mouse, and the large lizard after its kind; ³⁰ the gecko, the monitor lizard, the sand reptile, the sand lizard, and the chameleon. ³¹ These are unclean to you among all that creep. Whoever touches them when they are dead shall be unclean until evening.

Things Contaminated by Carcasses of Unclean Creeping Things

³² Anything on which any of them falls, when they are dead shall be unclean, whether it is any item of wood or clothing or skin or sack, whatever item it is, in which any work is done, it must be put in water. And it shall be unclean until evening; then it shall be clean. ³³ Any earthen vessel into which any of them falls you shall break; and whatever is in it shall be unclean: ³⁴ in such a vessel, any edible food upon which water falls becomes unclean, and any drink that may be drunk from it becomes unclean. ³⁵ And everything on which a part of any such carcass falls shall be unclean; whether it is an oven or cooking stove, it shall be broken down; for they are unclean, and shall be unclean to you. ³⁶ Nevertheless a spring or a cistern, in which there is plenty of water, shall be clean, but whatever touches any such carcass becomes unclean. ³⁷ And if a part of any such carcass falls on any planting seed which is to be sown, it remains clean. ³⁸ But if water is put on the seed, and if a part of any such carcass falls on it, it becomes unclean to you.

Unclean Carcass of Clean Animals

³⁹ 'And if any animal which you may eat dies, he who touches its carcass shall be unclean until evening. ⁴⁰ He who eats of its carcass shall wash his clothes and be unclean until evening. He also who carries its carcass shall wash his clothes and be unclean until evening.

Command and Reason to Avoid Contaminating Yourself with Unclean Things

⁴¹ 'And every creeping thing that creeps on the earth shall be an abomination. It shall not be eaten. ⁴² Whatever crawls on its belly, whatever goes on all fours, or whatever has many feet among all creeping things that creep on the earth--these you shall not eat, for they are an abomination. ⁴³ You shall not make yourselves abominable with any creeping thing that creeps; nor shall you make yourselves unclean with them, **lest you be defiled by them.**

Be Holy

⁴⁴ For I am the LORD your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I am holy. Neither shall you defile yourselves with any creeping thing that creeps on the earth. ⁴⁵ For I am the LORD who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.

Purpose for Food Regulation

⁴⁶ 'This is the law of the animals and the birds and every living creature that moves in the waters, and of every creature that creeps on the earth, ⁴⁷ **To distinguish between the unclean and the clean, and between the animal that may be eaten and the animal that may not be eaten.'** " NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ☆ Prior to the Great Flood the food for mankind was every herb that yields seed, and every Tree whose fruit yields seed. [Genesis 1:29]

- ✧ The food for every living creature was every green herb of the ground. There were no carnivorous animals, the lion, the bear, and the wolf ate herbs like the ox as it will be again during the Kingdom of God. [Genesis 1:30, Isaiah 11:6-9, 65:25]
- ✧ Flesh of animals was first allowed to be eaten when Noah came out of the Ark, At that time God said, “And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be on every beast of the earth, on every bird of the air, on all that move on the earth, and on all the fish of the sea. They are given into your hand. **Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as the green herbs. But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood.**” [Genesis 9:2-4]
 - ✧ Blood has been forbidden from the moment that flesh was allowed to be eaten because its life is in the blood. **“For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.”** [Leviticus 17:11]
 - ✧ This is consistent with the forbidding of blood in the law and the blood restriction still applies to the Gentile Church. [Acts 15:20, 29, 21:25]
- ✧ Blood is sanctified by God Himself from the beginning of Scripture to the end to emphasize the value of the sacrifice God had prepared for the cleansing of sin in the blood of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Therefore, God put a high value and worth on the blood of both animal and man at the time He allowed blood to be shed, namely when they came out of the Ark.

Clean and Unclean Animals

- ✧ You may eat only those animals that have Cloven Hooves and Chew the Cud.
 - Unclean among those that Chew the Cud, because they do not have Cloven Hooves:**
 - ✧ Camel, Rock Hyrax, Hare
 - Unclean among those that have Cloven Hooves because they do not Chew the Cud,:**
 - ✧ Swine

Water Creatures

- ✧ You may eat all in the water that have Fins and Scales.
 - ✧ Scales protect them from the contaminations around them.
 - ✧ Fins enable them to rise above the mire at the bottom and live in cleaner water as well as move against the current, not just drift with whatever current they are in.
 - ✧ All other water creatures are unclean to you and an abomination.

Birds

- ✧ All birds are clean and acceptable except those kinds specifically listed below:
 - ✧ Eagle, Buzzard, Kite, Falcon, Raven, Ostrich, Short-Eared Owl, Seagull, Hawk, Little Owl, Fisher Owl, Screech Owl, White Owl, Jackdaw, Carrion Vulture, Stork, Heron, Hoopoe, Bat.
 - ✧ These listed kinds are regarded as an abomination among the birds and not to be eaten.

Winged Insects

- ✧ You may eat the kinds of Flying insects that creep on four legs which have jointed legs above their feet with which to leap on the earth:
 - ✧ Locust, Destroying Locust, Cricket, and Grasshopper.
- ✧ All other flying insects which have four feet shall be an abomination to you.

Carcasses of unclean animals by which one may become unclean

- ✧ Any beast which divides the foot but is not cloven hoofed or does not chew the cud
- ✧ Whatever goes on paws.

- ✧ Whoever touches their carcass shall be unclean until evening.
- ✧ Whoever carries their carcass shall wash his cloths and be unclean until evening.

Unclean Creeping Things and things contaminated by their carcasses

- ✧ Unclean Creeping Things
 - ✧ Mouse, Mole, Large Lizard, Gecko, Monitor Lizard, Sand Reptile, Sand Lizard, Chameleon.
- ✧ These are unclean and whoever touches their carcasses shall be unclean until evening.
- ✧ Anything on which any of them falls, when they are dead, shall be unclean.
 - ✧ Any such contaminated item in which any work is done shall be put in water, and it shall be unclean until evening, then it shall be clean.
 - ✧ Any earthen vessel into which any of them falls, you shall break and anything in it shall be unclean.
 - ✧ Everything on which a part of any such carcass falls shall be unclean, whether it is an oven or cooking stove, it shall be broken down. They are unclean.
 - ✧ A spring or cistern in which there is plenty of water, shall be clean.
 - ✧ Whoever touches any such carcass becomes unclean.
 - ✧ If the carcass falls on seed that is to be planted, the seed which is to be sown remains clean.
 - ✧ If water is put on the seed and the carcass falls on it, it becomes unclean to you.

Unclean Carcass of Clean Animals

- ✧ Any creature that you may eat which dies of itself, its carcass shall be unclean.
 - ✧ Whoever touches its carcass shall be unclean until evening.
 - ✧ Anyone who eats its carcass shall wash his clothes and be unclean until evening.
 - ✧ Anyone who carries its carcass shall wash his clothes and be unclean until evening.

"You shall not eat anything that dies of itself; you may give it to the alien who is within your gates, that he may eat it, or you may sell it to a foreigner; for you are a holy people to the LORD your God." NKJV [Deuteronomy 14:21]

Unclean Creeping Things

- ✧ Every Creeping Thing that creeps on the earth shall be an abomination to you, it shall not be eaten:
 - ✧ Whatever crawls on its belly.
 - ✧ Whatever goes on all fours.
 - ✧ Whatever has many feet.
- ✧ These you may not eat, they are an abomination.
- ✧ You shall not make yourselves abominable with any creeping thing that creeps, nor shall you make yourselves unclean with them, lest you be defiled by them.

Be Holy

- ✧ Because God is Holy, He desires His People to be Holy.
- ✧ We therefore must sanctify (set apart) ourselves from anything that might defile us.
- ✧ "Because I am Yehowah Elohiym Who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God, you shall therefore be holy, for I am Holy." [Genesis 17:8, Exodus 6:7, 16:12, 20:2, 29:45-46, Leviticus 11:44-45, 19:36, 20:24, 26, 22:31-33, 25:38, 26:12, 45, Numbers 15:41, Deuteronomy 7:6, Jeremiah 7:23, 11:4, 30:22, Ezekiel 36:28]

Purpose for Food Regulation

- ✧ To distinguish between the unclean and the clean, between the animal that may be eaten and the animal that may not be eaten.