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LEVITICUS 11:2-47 BC 1490

² Speak unto the children of Israel, saying,

BEASTS

These *are* the beasts which ye shall eat among all the beasts that *are* on the earth.

- ³ Whatsoever parteth the hoof, and is clovenfooted, *and* cheweth the cud, among the beasts, that shall ye eat (i.e., no carnivores).
- ⁴ Nevertheless these shall ye not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the hoof: *as* the camel, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof (ass, horse); he *is* unclean unto you.
- ⁶ And the hare, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he *is* unclean unto you.
- 5 And the coney, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you.
- ⁷ And the swine, though he divide the hoof, and be clovenfooted,
- yet he cheweth not the cud; he is unclean to you.
- ⁸ Of their flesh shall ye not eat, and their carcase shall ye not touch; they *are* unclean to you.

IN THE WATER

- ⁹ These shall ye eat of all that *are* in the waters: whatsoever hath fins and scales in the waters, in the seas, and in the rivers, them shall ye eat.
- 10 And all that have not fins and scales in the seas, and in the rivers, of all that move in the waters, and of any living thing which is in the waters,

they shall be an abomination unto you:

¹¹ They shall be even an abomination unto you; ye shall not eat of their flesh,

but ye shall have their carcases in abomination.

¹² Whatsoever hath no fins nor scales in the waters, that *shall be* an abomination unto you.

BIRDS

- ¹³ And these *are they which* ye shall have in abomination among the fowls; they shall not be eaten, they *are* an abomination: the eagle, and the ossifrage (vulture), and the ospray,
 - ¹⁴ And the vulture, and the kite after his kind;
 - ¹⁵ Every raven after his kind;
- ¹⁶ And the owl, and the night hawk, and the cuckow (sea gull), and the hawk after his kind,

DEUTERONOMY 14:3-21 BC 1451

³ Thou shalt not eat any abominable thing.

BEASTS

- ⁴ These *are* the beasts which ye shall eat: the ox, the sheep, and the goat,
- ⁵ The hart, and the roebuck, and the fallow deer, and the wild goat, and the pygarg (white rumped antelope), and the wild ox, and the chamois (mountain sheep).
- ⁶ And every beast that parteth the hoof, and cleaveth the cleft into two claws, *and* cheweth the cud among the beasts, that ye shall eat.
- ⁷ Nevertheless these ye shall not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the cloven hoof; *as* the camel.

and the hare,

and the coney (rock badger): for they chew the cud, but divide not the hoof; therefore they are unclean unto you.

⁸ And the swine, because it divideth the hoof,

yet cheweth not the cud, it *is* unclean unto you: ye shall not eat of their flesh, nor touch their dead carcase.

IN THE WATER

- ⁹ These ye shall eat of all that *are* in the waters: all that have fins and scales shall ye eat:
 - ¹⁰ And whatsoever hath not fins and scales

ye may not eat; it is unclean unto you.

BIRDS

- ¹¹ Of all clean birds ye shall eat.
- ¹² But these *are they* of which ye shall

not eat (note: all are birds of prey and scavengers): the eagle, and the ossifrage, and the ospray (buzzard),

- 13 And the glede (red kite),and the kite (black or falcon) and the vulture after his kind,
 - ¹⁴ And every raven after his kind,
- ¹⁵ And the owl, and the night hawk, and the cuckow (sea gull), and the hawk after his kind,

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- ¹⁷ And the little owl, and the cormorant, and the great owl,
- ¹⁸ And the swan, and the gier eagle,
- ¹⁹ And the stork, the heron after her kind, and the lapwing, and the bat.

FLYING CREEPERS

- ²⁰ All fowls that creep, going upon *all* four, *shall be* an abomination unto you.
- 21 Yet these may ye eat of every flying creeping thing that goeth upon all four, which have legs above their feet (insects, 4 + 2 = 6), to leap withal upon the earth;
- ²² Even these of them ye may eat; the locust after his kind, and the bald locust after his kind, and the beetle after his kind, and the grasshopper after his kind.
- ²³ But all *other* flying creeping things, which have four feet, *shall be* an abomination unto you.

OTHER BEASTS

- 24 And for these ye shall be unclean: whosoever toucheth the carcase of them shall be unclean until the even.
- ²⁵ And whosoever beareth *ought* of the carcase of them shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even.
- ²⁶ The carcases of every beast which divideth the hoof, and is not clovenfooted, nor cheweth the cud, are unclean unto you: every one that toucheth them shall be unclean.
- ²⁷ And whatsoever goeth upon his paws, among all manner of beasts that go on *all* four (dogs, cats, lions), those *are* unclean unto you: whoso toucheth their carcase shall be unclean until the even.
- ²⁸ And he that beareth the carcase of them shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: they *are* unclean unto you.

CREEPERS ON THE EARTH

- ²⁹ These also *shall be* unclean unto you among the creeping things that creep upon the earth; the weasel, and the mouse, and the tortoise after his kind,
- 30 And the ferret, and the chameleon, and the lizard, and the snail, and the mole.
- ³¹ These *are* unclean to you among all that creep: whosoever doth touch them, when they be dead, shall be unclean until the even.

CLEANSING

- ³² And upon whatsoever *any* of them, when they are dead, doth fall, it shall be unclean; whether *it be* any vessel of wood, or raiment, or skin, or sack, whatsoever vessel *it be*, wherein *any* work is done, it must be put into water, and it shall be unclean until the even; so it shall be cleansed.
- 33 And every earthen vessel, whereinto *any* of them falleth, whatsoever *is* in it shall be unclean; and ve shall

- $^{16}\,\mathrm{The}$ little owl, (17c.) and the cormorant, and the great owl,
- and the swan,
 - ¹⁷ And the pelican, and the gier eagle,
- 18 And the stork, and the heron after her kind, and the lapwing, and the bat.

FLYING CREEPERS

- ¹⁹ And every creeping thing that flieth *is* unclean unto you: they shall not be eaten.
 - ²⁰ But of all clean fowls ye may eat.

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break it.

³⁴ Of all meat which may be eaten, *that* on which *such* water cometh shall be unclean: and all drink that may be drunk in every *such* vessel shall be unclean.

- ³⁵ And every *thing* whereupon *any part* of their carcase falleth shall be unclean; *whether it be* oven, or ranges for pots, they shall be broken down: *for* they *are* unclean, and shall be unclean unto you.
- ³⁶ Nevertheless a fountain or pit, wherein there is plenty of water, shall be clean: but that which toucheth their carcase shall be unclean.
- ³⁷ And if *any part* of their carcase fall upon any sowing seed which is to be sown, it *shall be* clean.
- ³⁸ But if *any* water be put upon the seed, and *any part* of their carcase fall thereon, it *shall be* unclean unto you.
- 39 And if any beast, of which ye may eat, die; he that toucheth the carcase thereof shall be unclean until the even.
- ⁴⁰ And he that eateth of the carcase of it shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: he also that beareth the carcase of it shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even.

MORE EARTH CREEPERS

- 41 And every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth $shall\ be$ an abomination; it shall not be eaten.
- 42 Whatsoever goeth upon the belly, and whatsoever goeth upon all four, or whatsoever hath more feet among all creeping things that creep upon the earth, them ye shall not eat; for they are an abomination.
- 43 Ye shall not make yourselves abominable with any creeping thing that creepeth, neither shall ye make yourselves unclean with them, that ye should be defiled thereby.
- ⁴⁴ For I *am* the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I *am* holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

THE REASON WHY

- 45 For I am the LORD that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.
- ⁴⁶ This *is* the law of the beasts, and of the fowl, and of every living creature that moveth in the waters, and of every creature that creepeth upon the earth:
- 47 To make a difference between the unclean and the clean, and between the beast that may be eaten and the beast that may not be eaten.

 21 Ye shall not eat of any thing that dieth of itself: thou shalt give it unto the stranger that is in thy gates, that he may eat it; or thou mayest sell it unto an alien:

(spiders, millipedes, cockroaches, etc.)

THE REASON WHY

for thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God.