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God's Dietary Commandments make a provision for man to consume insects. This article will discuss the dietary command concerning insects, will argue that 'beetle' is an English translation error in the King James Bible, and will declare beetles UNCLEAR.

Beetles are the most widely consumed insects in the world. Insects are eaten as human food in 80% of the world's nations [1]. About 344 different species of beetles are known to be consumed as food, and are usually eaten in the larvae stage [2]. The mealworm is the most commonly eaten beetle species. The larvae of the darkling beetle and the rhinoceros beetle are also commonly eaten.

The original King James Bible of 1611, which is still in print to this day, has numerous translation errors contained within its pages and one of those errors is in regard to a dietary command concerning the classification of clean and unclear insects.

#### **LEVITICUS 11:21-22 (KJV):**

**Yet these may ye eat of every flying creeping thing that goeth upon all four, which have legs above their feet, to leap withal upon the earth; 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.**

King James Bible Only believers fail to acknowledge or understand that the King James Bible is not the infallible English version written Scriptures given to us by the inspiration of God, but is a King James commissioned translation of His inspired word into the English language.

The 'beetle' is a translation error in the King James Bible. The King James Bible insect, mistranslated 'beetle,' and all the beetles after its kind, are described as having special hind jumping legs to leap upon the earth. No species of beetle has these rear jumping legs to leap upon the earth. Beetles are not the same kind of insects that locusts, bald locusts, and grasshoppers are. Locusts, bald locusts, destroying locusts, grasshoppers, *and crickets* all have jointed legs above their feet that they use for leaping upon the Earth.

The beetle error in the King James Bible was properly corrected to 'cricket' in the New King James Bible and is currently listed as cricket in most other modern English translated versions of Scripture.

**LEVITICUS 11:21-22 (NKJV):**

**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. 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.**

CLEAN INSECTS MUST HAVE WINGS, FOUR LEGS, AND TWO ABOVE-BODY JOINTED SPECIALIZED HIND LEAPING LEGS.

King James Bible authorization is not the final infallible authority in classifying beetles as clean insects. The Tanakh (Old Testament) Scriptures are the inspired word of God, written in Hebrew, and were given to His chosen people - the Jews. The English-speaking people of the world are not God's chosen people. God did not inspire King James Bible translators; King James of England commissioned them. King James translators were not infallible in translating God's inspired word to the English language. With a little study using proper discernment, it is evident that 'beetle' is a mistranslation of the King James Bible and beetles are unclean insects.

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